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The Sandwich Lions Tale

July 2009



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Greetings Sandwich Lions!

Welcome to Summer and a new Lions year.

Thanks to all who attended the installation dinner, I hope you had a good meal and a little fun. All of the officers and I appreciate your continued support as we begin this new year of service.

I have three main goals for the upcoming year. First, I would like to make sure that all the great things our club does throughout the year are well publicized, both in our Lions publications and in the local papers. I believe the publicity will help attract new members to our club, which is my second goal. My third goal is to institute a new "green" project. I have a few ideas, but would love to hear yours as well.

In the next few weeks we will be looking for members to chair and co-chair our various projects. I hope you will be thinking about those projects that interest you most, and will be ready to volunteer when called. Better yet, give me a call. I'll be happy to place you where you can serve best.

Please keep in mind our July projects. We are sponsoring the Lions of Illinois Foundation eye screening unit at the Valley West Hospital's Health Fair, on July 2, at 12:30. Contact Lion Beth Swanson to help. We will also be popping corn at the fireworks on Sun. July 5. We pop under the grandstand and start about 6:00. Contact me to help with popcorn. Also coming up is the Lions Fishing Derby at Shabbona State Park on July 16.

We have a busy summer ahead of us and the August steak fry and steer raffle at the fair will be here before you know it. Have a great summer!

Lion Sharon Adkin

COMING EVENTS

July 2 – Health Fair at Valley West
Community Hospital

July 4 – Freedom Days Parade

**July 5 – Freedom Days
Fireworks**

July 16 – Fishing Derby 9:00am at
Shabbona State Park

Aug 12 – Annual Steak Fry
6:30pm at Sanauk Forest Preserve

Sept 2 – Dinner Meeting 6:30pm at
The Fox Valley Community Center

Sept 9-13 – Annual Steer Raffle
8-10, at the Sandwich Fair



Congratulations Lion Pete

Secretary's Notes:

The Sandwich Lions Club does not have - a meeting or picnic in July, however, there are many projects and other types of support required. This is the reason for this Lions Tail.

The Freedom Days Health Fair - is held on Thursday, July 2nd from 1 to 4 pm on the north side of the Valley West Community Hospital. There is something for everyone at the Health Fair. In addition to the normal activities, the Sandwich Lions are hosting the LIF's mobile Eye Screening Unit, while the Somonauk Lions are hosting the Hearing Bus. If in the vicinity, stop in and have both your hearing and eyes checked. If there are any problems with either, they will recommend that you see your own doctor. If you have any available time between 12:15 and 4:40 to assist, contact Lion Beth Swanson.

The Freedom Days Parade - will be on Saturday morning, July 4th, the Sandwich Lions are going to have an entry in that parade. Anyone interested in riding on the float, please let Lion Bob Jones know as soon as possible. Lineup will be at 9:30 on Saturday morning at the Fair Grounds. The parade is scheduled to start at 10 am.

The 2009 John Deere Birdies - golf tournament will be held on July 16-19 in the Quad Cities. Money pledged by Lions helps the LIF endowment Fund. The 2008 tournament ended with a total of 1,921 birdies made, therefore, if you pledged a penny (.01 cents) you would owe \$19.21 cents. Our LIF Trustees ask that you consider rounding your commitment up to the next dollar. If you participate and are working for a Lions of Illinois Foundation Fellow (\$500), the amount of your donation can also be applied toward a Fellow. In other words, the amount of your pledge can be put to use in two different areas. If you need a form or additional information, please give me a call. If you correctly name the number of birdies this year, your name is put in with others who have also selected the correct number of birdies. From these individuals a grand prize is drawn, in past years it has been a car (not certain as to the prize this year).

Popcorn at Freedom Days - on Sunday evening, starting around 6 pm, the Sandwich Lions will be popping corn at the Fair Grounds for those that come to the Fireworks. If interested, contact Lion Sharon Adkins or just show up around the grandstand (I am not exactly certain as to where they setup).

Blood Drive at - Valley West Community Hospital will be held on August 11th from 2:30 pm till 6:30 pm. Sometimes the start and/or end times change a little, watch the August Lions Tail for any changes. If healthy and have about 45 minutes to 1 hour, please go to the hospital and see if you can donate a pint of blood. Walk-ins are welcome and a photo ID is required. Donating Blood saves Lives. The Heartland Blood Center in Aurora does the actual drawing of the blood. For additional information you can call: 1-800-786-4483, ask questions the day of the blood drive, or go to their web site at www.heartlandbc.org for additional information.

LIF 35 years of Service - The LIF has made available, a 35 year commemorative Foundation Fellow pin (\$500) and Sustaining Supporter pin (\$25) until the end of this calendar year. If you are planning on using your Sustaining Supporters (21 needed to convert) to convert to a Foundation Fellow in the future, your 25th and/or your 35th Anniversary pins do not apply to a Fellow.

Our annual picnic - will be on Wednesday, August 12th at the Sannauk Forest Preserve between Sandwich and Somonauk. Entrance to the Forest Preserve is on the south side of route 34 and west of the creek. The meeting is held at the enclosed shelter just after you enter. The picnic is counted as one of our regular dinner meetings with the start time being 6:30 pm. If you know of someone who would make a good Lion, bring them to the picnic. There will be additional information in the *August Lions Tail*.

Mark your September calendar - with our 1st dinner meeting of the new Lions year. Our September meeting **will not be** Wednesday, September 9th, 2009; **it has been changed to** Wednesday, September 2nd, 2009.

If you have an e-mail address, - please give it to me so that we can send your Lions Tail electronically. By eliminating most printing costs, postage, and sending the 'Tail' electronically it should help reduce the change of a Club dues increase. Except for Lions International when you are a Club officer, I do not send your e-mail address to anyone else.

If you have a change to - your Home Address or Phone, Cell Phone (if you give it out), or e-mail address please let me know. I attempt to keep all information up to date for Lions, but at times it is difficult (usually when you need it the most). I will forward this information to our Treasurer and Lions Tail editor.

The Handicapped Fishing Derby - is on the third Thursday, July 16, at the Shabbona State Park. I am not certain as to the start time, but Sandwich participates in putting this together and if you can attend please let Lion Sharon know.

If you have received a notice - from our Lions of Illinois Foundation (LIF) in the past several months that your Sustaining Support pledge is due and you have paid it, let Lion Rita, Sandwich Treasurer, know so that your matching funds (\$25) can be made. As in the past this match can only be made once each Lions year (July to June).

There is the possibly that - Lion Bob Jones will require assistance with the building /putting up of two (2) ramps sometime during July or early August. He currently is aware of the requirement, but all details have not been finalized.

Lion Ron Wigton
Secretary



June Meeting Notes:

President Lion Rick Siebert called the Meeting to order, Lion Gene Olson lead the pledge, Lion Scott Powell lead the song and Lion Bob Jones led us in prayer.

Lion Lou Brady was honored for his 60 years of service as a Sandwich Lion. (Congratulations Lion Lou.)

Lion Sue Carter reported that the Sandwich Lions raised \$75 at the annual Walk for Sight this year. Lion Sue also announced that the Annual Fishing Derby will be on July 16th and we would be helping at the Fishing Pier.

Lion Beth Swanson announced that she needs volunteers to help July 2 at the Health Fair, we will be sponsoring the Eye Screening and the Somonauk Lion will be sponsoring the Hearing Screening.

Lion Sharon Adkins announced that we would be selling Popcorn during the Freedom Days Fireworks and volunteers were needed.

Lion Bob Jones announced that we were registered for the Freedom Days Parade and he is looking for participation in support of our 60th anniversary this year.

Lion Bob also announced that he had 2 ramp projects lined up and would be needing help.

Lion Rick Siebert announced that the June Board Meeting would be held at Star 34 Restaurant. Lion Rick also presented a gift certificate to Lions Nora Norling and DG Nancy Rex in appreciation of the used of the Rex Agency for past Board Meetings.

Lion Ron Wigton passed out pins for perfect attendance to the following Lions: Larry Phillips – 40 yrs, Kyle Wallis – 15 yrs, Gary Lemke – 10 yrs, Grant Bonner and Rick Siebert 5 yrs.

Lion Rick Siebert passed out awards to the following Lions: Jerry Grommes – Lion of the Year, Jim Frantzen – Treasure’s Award, Ron Wigton – Secretary’s Award.

DG Nancy Rex presented Lion Pete Sprosty with a Melvin Jones Award. DG Nancy then installed the newly elected Officers for the 2009-2010 year.

Lion Sharon Adkins presented Lion Rick Siebert with the President’s Award.

Lion Jerry Grommes
Editor

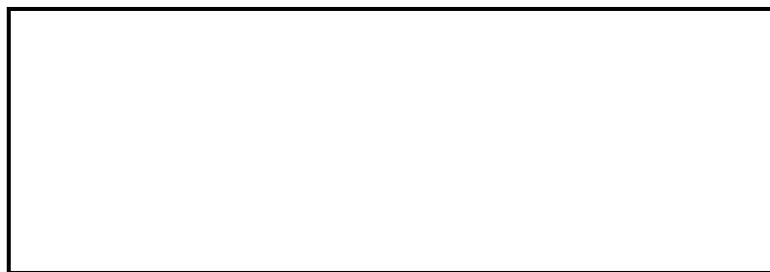
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***Anniversaries in Lionism
July 2009***

Lion Rick Siebert 5yrs



Congratulations Lion Lou on 60 years of Service