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The Sandwich Lions Tale



November 2009

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Fellow Lions,

November sees the start of another busy time for the Sandwich Lions. The Mall Project and getting the downtown decorations repaired and put up will require many hands and hours of time. The Thanksgiving/Christmas seasons are busy ones, but I hope you will find time to volunteer for these projects. Our time and efforts will help to bring the seasons' joys to many people. It's what Lionism is all about.

Our November meeting will be a guest night. Bring your spouse, a friend, or a prospective member. The program will be author J.D. Thorne, talking about his book The 10 Commandments of Baseball, a look at the lore and legend of baseball's most successful coach, Joe McCarthy. Mr. Thorne will have copies of his book for sale after the program.

We've had a great start to our Lions' Year. We're a great club! Let's keep up the good work and spread the word to prospective members.



Lion
Sharon
Adkins

COMING EVENTS

Nov 4 – Dinner Meeting 6:30pm at
The Fox Valley Community Center

Nov 11 – Veteran's Day

Nov 18 – Board Meeting 7:00pm at
Star 34 Restaurant

Nov 26 – Thanksgiving Day

Dec 9 – Dinner Meeting 6:30pm at
The Fox Valley Community Center

Dec Board Meeting Not Scheduled

Toys for Tots

Again this year the Sandwich Lions Club will support the DeKalb County Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.

We first adopted this project in December, 2000 under the leadership of the Lion President, Kyle Wallis. Roger Wiley, coordinator for southern DeKalb County Marine Corps Toys for Tots joins us at our regular dinner meeting to accept a the toys which will be distributed to community children.

Donated toys need to be new and unwrapped. The toys may be for children anywhere from age 0 - 18. *Toys collected in our area are distributed to needy children within our area.*

Secretary's Notes:

Reset your clock on Sunday – November 1st the time will fall back by one hour.

Our November dinner meeting date - has been changed from Wednesday, November 11th to Wednesday, November 4th. The change is due to a schedule conflict at the Fox Valley Older Adults. Mark your calendar that the first Wednesday in November, 2009, will be our normal dinner meeting. This will also be spouses' night and if you haven't been contacted about attending, please let Lion George Richter know immediately (630) 347-0022.

The Illinois Forum - will be held on Saturday, November 14th at the Chateau Hotel in Bloomington. This will be a one day event with six (6) possible sessions you might possibly attend and twelve (12) presenters - there are multiple presenters at each session. For additional information, contact Lion Ron.

November / December Board meeting - schedule change. With the Thanksgiving holiday rapidly approaching our normally scheduled board meeting **will be moved up** from the 4th Wednesday the 26th, to the 3rd Wednesday, November 18th. There is no scheduled board meeting for December

Membership is - always a challenge and the Sandwich Lions Club is not an exception. If you know of someone who would make a good Lion, bring them to our next Club meeting as a guest.

Sandwich Lions will again participate in the Toys for Tots - this year. At our December dinner meeting, bring an unwrapped toy for a child up to the age of 17 or 18. Toys donated by our Club will stay in DeKalb County and probably in the southern part of the County.

The next Heartland Blood drive - at VWCH will be on Tuesday, December 29th between 2:30 and 7:00 pm. To give a pint of blood usually takes about 1 hour. From information taken from the Heartland web site the only requirements: 'To be a blood donor, individuals must be at least 17 years old or 16 with written parental permission; weigh at least 110 pounds; be symptom free of cold, flu and allergies; and be in general good health. Donors who have traveled outside the United States within the past 12 months should contact Heartland at **1-800-7TO-**

GIVE (1-800-786-4483) to determine eligibility.' Lions, if you are healthy and have the time on Tuesday December 29th, consider donating blood, currently their supplies are down.

District 1-J Bowling - will be January 17th at the Stardust Bowl in Addison. This bowling is to have a good time and money is used in helping to reduce District 1-J expenses. A team is five (5) members and must include at least one (1) Lion. Family members and friends of Lions can participate (teams can be mixed). Bowling is at either 9 am or Noon. Cost is still \$75 per team.

The Ski for Sight weekend - is January 29th – 31st. Ski for Sight is a 3 day program hosted by the Southwestern Region of District 1-J where handicapped and blind people are brought to Lake Shabbona State Park and other locations for a variety of activities that weekend which include skiing for those that want to attempt it. I am only going to mention two activities, but if you want to know more contact PDG Ed Carter, or myself and we will see that you get the information.

- (1) The committee is always in need of skiers to assist the handicapped skiers. From the published documentation you do not need to be a real good skier. This assistance would be required on Saturday.
- (2) The Sandwich Lions provide hot chocolate and other snacks on Saturday, January 30th.

Mark this date on your calendar and more information will be available in the next Lions tail. Lion Larry Phillips can provide additional information on this phase of the project.

Lion Ron Wigton
Secretary

Request from the Sandwich Fair Lions Club

We in the Antiques and Collection Building are looking forward to the 123rd Fair next year (2010). That will be the Sandwich Lions Club's 50th year at the Fair. Please prepare a display for us, no wider than 44", to hang (with other Antiques) in our building.

Thank you,
Anne Hillard - Superintendent



October Meeting Notes:

President Lion Sharon Adkins called the Meeting to order and lead the pledge, Lion Ron Wallis led the song and Lion Bob Jones led us in prayer. Guests for the evening were Zone Chairman Chris Halsey, his wife Sharon, Lion Barb Slade, Tom and Gwen Troxell.

Lion Ron Wigton passed out Perfect Attendance Awards for the 2008 – 2009 year. This past year 32 out of a membership of 51 received perfect attendance awards.

Lion Sharon Adkins shared with us a Thank You letter she received from one of the Scholarship Winners. She also explained the process for getting credit for the cost of the meal if you know ahead of time that you will not be able to attend a meeting. You are required to fill out a form. Lion Ron Wigton has forms available and they will be available from our website also.

Lions Andy Grommes and Beth Nelson thanked all that participated in Candy Days. They reported that we collected over \$1,200 on the street and that underwriting was still coming in.

Lion Bob Jones reported that 9 Lions participated in Sandwich's Sesquicentennial Parade on September 25th. Our entry honored Lion Lou Brady as a Charter Member of our Club. He also reported that we did not participate in the Homecoming parade as planned.

Lion George Richter thanked all those that helped at our Annual Steer Raffle. Although not a record year, he said we did very well. He introduced the steer winners Tom and Gwen Troxell.

Tom & Gwen Troxell, steer winners, spoke about their good fortune and how they were sharing it with family members. They also stated that they have been buying thickets for many years and had never expected to win; Lion Jim Curran sold them the winning ticket.

ZC Lion Chris Halsey congratulated us on a good Candy Day and went on to speak about building membership. He emphasized the importance of recruiting baby boomers, as well as how to recruit and retain them.

Lion Jerry Grommes
Editor

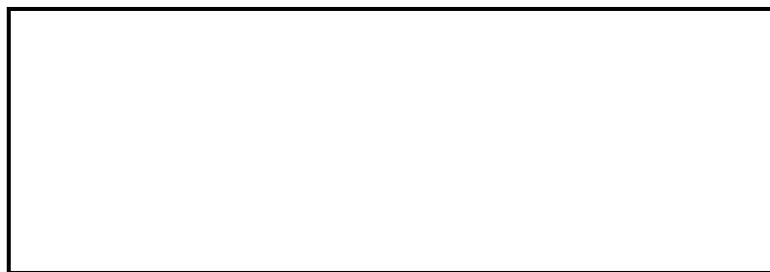
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Anniversaries in Lionism November 2009

Lion Sharon Adkins	20yrs
Lion Frank Vaisvilas	3yrs
Lion Vicki Schuler	1yrs
Lion Mickey Farley	1yrs

Go Green with the LIF

Everybody is trying their best to improve our environment making our world a better place to live. Lions are no exception. For decades Lions have recycled used eyewear, hearing aids, and related personal equipment such as magnifiers, "talking" clocks, and white canes.

But were you aware the LIF recycles other, more common, used articles? Currently we gladly accept:

- Cell phones,
- Metal keys,
- Aluminum cans & tabs, &
- Ink Jet cartridges

Any of these items can be given to your District Trustee or dropped off at the LIF offices in Sycamore, Illinois.