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The Sandwich Lions Tale

December 2009

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Fellow Lions,

Thanksgiving 2009 has come and gone. You remember Thanksgiving, that almost forgotten holiday a month before Christmas when we take time to give thanks for our many blessings. Christmas has a way of overshadowing everything for the two months prior to December 25. But it's Christmas time and all that the Sandwich Lions will be doing in the next month that puts me in a thankful mood. So, in honor of Thanksgiving,

I'm thankful for:

- men and women called Lions who have committed themselves to serving their neighbors near and far.
- all of you who have said "yes!" when asked to head a committee, serve as an officer, or work on a project.
- the man (and woman) hours put in by Sandwich Lions on all our projects this year.
- the loving, giving spirit of Frankie Mall reborn each year in this community.
- a special group of ramp builders.
- individual Lions who make a difference in people's lives.
- the tolerance, advice, help and friendship you have all shown me this year.

Happy Thanksgiving! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!



Lion

*Sharon
Adkins*

COMING EVENTS

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

Dec Board Meeting Not Scheduled

Jan 13 – Dinner Meeting 6:30pm at
The Fox Valley Community Center

Jan 27 – Board Meeting 7:00pm at
Star 34 Restaurant

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 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:

There is no scheduled December Board meeting – if there is something of extreme importance, either President Sharon or myself will contact the Board members.

Lion Barb Slade – has transferred from the DeKalb Noon Lions Club to the Sandwich Lions. Lion Barb who lives in Plano has been at our last couple of dinner meetings.

December / January dates - for decorations and the Mall project: Please mark your calendar. (The probable start times are listed, but are times used in previous years. More info at the dinner meeting.)

- Monday, December 7 (6:30) – at St. Paul's Parish center.
- Thursday, December 17 (8:30 / 9 am) - will put together boxes at the fire station.
- Thursday, December 17 (6:00 / 6:30) - will pack boxes for the Mall project at the fire station.
- Saturday, December 19th (8 am) - will deliver Mall food boxes.
- (unknown) - Pack Cheer Baskets at (unknown)
- Thursday, December 24th - deliver Cheer Baskets
- Sunday, January 10th (8:00 am) - take down Christmas decorations.

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 including 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 one of the Saturday activities.
- (2) The Sandwich Lions provide hot chocolate and other snacks on Saturday. Mark this date on your calendar. Lion Larry Phillips can provide additional information on this phase of the project. There will be a sign up sheet at our January dinner meeting.

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. In addition to Lion Barb transferring into our Club, we are scheduled to have a new member inducted.

The next Heartland Blood drive - at VWCH will be on Tuesday, December 29th between 2:30 and 6:30 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.

The New Officer selection committee - chaired by Immediate Past President Rick, is searching for Lions that would like to serve on the Sandwich Lions Club Board for Lions year 2010-

2011. Have an open mind when talking with Lion Rick and if interested about something special, contact him.

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 stay in DeKalb County and probably in the southern part of the County.

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. For additional information, contact Lion Sharon as she has the registration form and other bowling information received at the November Zone meeting

Our Lions of Illinois Foundation's 35th birthday - is this Lions year. Both a special 35th anniversary Foundation Fellow and Sustaining Supporter will be available through the end of 2009. These two (2) pins will only be available through December 31st 2009. The 35th anniversary Sustaining Supporter is special and will not count toward a Foundation Fellow.

The Sandwich Lions Club will again match - your first Sustaining Supporter donation for Lions year 2009-10. To prevent possible problems, give Lion Rita your donation to send in or at least let her know that you have sent it in. If you want additional information on this, give either Lion Rita or myself a call.

The new Lions vests have arrived - I will have them at the December dinner meeting.

Lion Ron Wigton
Secretary

More from the Pres!

Please join me in welcoming two special guests at our December dinner meeting. First, we're happy to welcome an old friend, Roger Wiley, who will be accepting our toy donations for the Toys for Tots program. The Sandwich Lions have enjoyed their participation in this program for many years. Don't forget that new unwrapped toy!

We are also looking forward to our program that night. John R. Corneille will be here to talk about his connection with *Vision Walk*, a foundation fighting blindness. Please join us on Wed. Dec. 9 for an evening of fun and information.

If anyone would like to order a copy of the book, *The 10 Commandments of Baseball*, that last month's speaker had written, it can be ordered from the publisher's website www.sportingchancepress.com, for \$20.00 plus \$4.00 S&H.

Lion Sharon Adkins
President



November Meeting Notes:
President Lion Sharon Adkins called the Meeting to order and lead the pledge, song and prayer. Guests for the evening were Bill Meyer, J.D. Thorne, Larry Norris and Barb Slade.

Lion Rita Ferguson announced that Candy making for the Christmas Cheer Baskets is scheduled for December 7th at St. Paul's Parish Center, help is needed.

Lion Mickey Farley announced that plans are under way for the Franklin Mall Project Food Boxes, but the dates had not been finalized.

Lion Kyle Wallis announced that homemade cookies and candy were needed for the Franklin Mall Project Cheer Baskets.

Lion Jim Frantzen announced that we will be repairing the Christmas decorations on November 15th and that they will be put up November 22nd.

Bill Meyer, representing the DeKalb County Marine Corps, spoke about the Toys for Tots program. They collected and distributed 10,000 toys in our local area last year and hope to do likewise this year.

Author J.D. Thorne spoke about the history of baseball and what motivated him on writing the book *The 10 Commandments of Baseball*. He stayed after the meeting to answer questions about his baseball memorabilia and to sign copies of his book.

Lion Jerry Grommes
 Editor

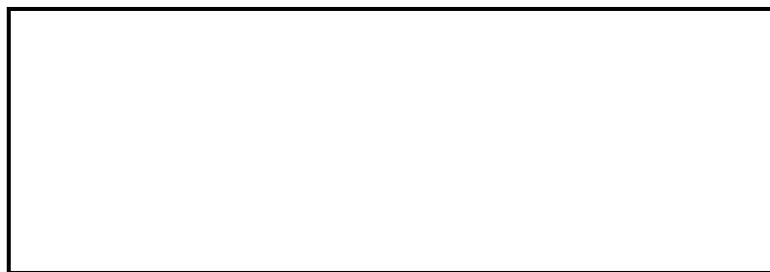
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Sandwich Lions Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Happy Birthday Lion Jim	4	5
6	7 Make Candy	8	9 Dinner Meeting	10	11	12 Hanukkah
13	14	15	16	17 Pack Groceries	18	19 Deliver Groceries
20	21	22	23	24 Deliver Cheer Baskets	25  Christmas	26
27	28	29 Happy Birthday Lion Mike	30	31 New Year's Eve		



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***Anniversaries in Lionism
 December 2009***

Lion Scott Powell 3yrs

***Request from the Sandwich Fair
 Sandwich 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 - Superintendant