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The Sandwich Lions Tale



February 2010

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Fellow Lions,

It's February already! This Lion's year is going fast, but there is still so much left to do. I'd like to start with a few reminders, then give you a heads up for events coming soon.

Most of you received Sweepstakes tickets at the last dinner meeting. If you did not, be sure to get some from Lion George this month. This is a fun, easy way to help out our Foundation, and wouldn't it be great to have a winning ticket sold by our club?

We are also looking forward to our February guest night on the 10th. IVT will be presenting "The Wedding from Hell." This will be an audience participation murder mystery. I hope to see you all there.

Up-coming dinner meetings include: Vision Walk speaker John Corneils, a game show competition to test your Lions Club knowledge, and a recycling party... start saving those used eyeglasses, hearing aids, and old keys!

Also, consider participating in the District and State Conventions, LCIF donations, Tootsie Pop Day, the Lou Brady Scholarship Draw Down, and Walk for Sight. All these events are coming soon. Thanks ahead of time for your participation. We are an active, caring club! Think Spring!

Welcome new member Darren Reboletti! With our recent new member Lion Amy and transfer, Lion Barb, we are growing. Spread the word Sandwich Lions. We are a great Club. I'm sure there are others out there who would like to join us.



*Lion
Sharon
Adkins*

COMING EVENTS

Feb 10 – Dinner Meeting 6:30pm at
The Fox Valley Community Center - (Guest
Night / Dinner and a Play)

Feb 14 – Valentine's Day

Feb 15 – President's Day

Feb 24 – Board Meeting 7:00pm at
Star 34 Restaurant

Mar 10 – Dinner Meeting 6:30pm at
The Fox Valley Community Center - (Election
of incoming 2010-2011 Officers)

Mar 24 – Board Meeting 7:00pm at
Star 34 Restaurant

1-J Convention Registration is On-Line

Eastern ZC Lion Perry Knutson has rolled out a new on-line Registration Site for our 2010 District 1-J Convention (April 9 - 11) and a Training Session was presented at all of the second round of Region Meetings.

<http://www.district1jlions.org/2010convinfo.htm> to gain step-by-step instruction for the on-line registration. Please note that there will also be a new paper Registration Form for the 2010 District 1-J Convention and it's available there, too.

If you have questions or concerns, contact Lion Perry Knutson at lionperry@hotmail.com or call 630-894-7394.

Secretary's Notes:

Membership is - always a challenge to any Club and the Sandwich Lions Club isn't an exception. Currently we have had two new members and a transfer member, let's double this before the end of the Lions year in June. If you know of someone who would make a good Lion, bring them to our next Club meeting as a guest. Another thought, would be a former Club member that may be willing to come back - approach them and ask..

Our Lou Brady Drawdown raffle

- will be held on Friday, May 7th at the Fox Valley Older Adults Center. Cost of a ticket for the drawdown raffle and the buffet is \$30. Money from this project is used to support the two scholarships presented at senior awards night at the Sandwich High School. Tickets will not be distributed until the March meeting, but if you need some before, Lion Leo might possibly have some available after the 1st of March.

The Heartland Blood Center - from Aurora will have their next blood drive at Valley West Community Hospital on Tuesday, February 23rd. If available, please try to attend.

Sight & Sound Sweepstakes ticket - books will again be distributed by 2nd Vice President George Richter at the February dinner meeting. The Lions of Illinois Foundation's Sweepstakes raffle helps to support the 13 activities and services of our Foundation. Some of the services include: the hearing and eye screening buses, Camp Lions, and the other programs of the Foundation. If needed, the Sandwich Lions could retain money to be used in the Club's sight and hearing programs. Hopefully, each member will sell a least two books to help support these programs. If a Lion will complete the back of each Sweeps ticket they sell and one of those tickets is a winner, they also would be a winner. If you require additional Sweepstakes tickets, contact Lion George or myself.

District and State conventions - are scheduled for April and May this year. The District convention will be in Lisle (same hotel as last year) on April 9th through 11th. If at all possible, attempt to attend part of the District convention. The hospitality room will be open both Friday and Saturday evenings. I will have convention registration information in the March Lions Tail.

- The State convention is in Peoria later in May and I will have information on that in the March Tail.

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 program, give either Lion Rita or myself a call. If you have been involved in this program in the past, I can provide you with detailed information on the current level that you currently have.

For better communications - if you have an e-mail address or have changed you e-mail, please give it to me. On a monthly basis we receive the *District 1-J Journal*, about 9 or

Sandwich Lions 2010-11 Slate of Board Members - for the coming Lions year has been provided by Immediate Past President Rick. These Lions will be announced at the February dinner meeting and any additional nominations can be made at that time. Immediately following the announcement or additional nominations, the nominations will be closed. During our March 10th dinner meeting, we will vote on our incoming officers for Lions year 2010-11.

President Sharon Adkins	Secretary Ron Wigton	Treasurer Rita Ferguson
1st Vice George Richter	2nd Vice Bob Jones	3rd Vice PDG Nancy Rex
Directors: Grant Bonner	Gary Lemke	Rick Lindner
Gene Olson	Kathy Potter	Scott Powell
Tail Twister Beth Swanson	Lion Tamer Pete Sprosty	Editor Jerry Grommes

10 times a year we receive the Lions of Illinois Foundations *Share*, and occasionally I get something from Lions Club International that can be passed on. Normally, there is nothing else. If you do not receive either the State Lions magazine **and** / **or** the Lions International magazine, please let me know.

Lions Membership Advancement keys - are received for Lions who have sponsored a set number of 'new' members that have remained a Lion for at least a year and a day. Membership Key Awards acknowledge the importance of effective recruitment in membership growth by recognizing the number of new members a Lion has sponsored. There are 17 available Membership Keys available for sponsoring anywhere from two members, then they move in multiples of five to twenty-five, then onward to 500 in larger multiples.

Record Maintenance - is always a problem. If you have a change of address, phone number(s) e-mail address - **let me know**. I pass this information to those that need it, and update the appropriate records. In the past, there have been changes given to others and this information doesn't always get forwarded. I also have a field to maintain spouse information, which is also included on our roster.

The Lions Roar - for VG Lion Bob Jackson will be Wednesday, March 31st in Wonder Lake. Attitude adjustment will start at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00 pm. Price is \$22 per person with March 24th being the cutoff date for reservations. There will be a \$10 raffle with three very good prizes. For additional information, give me a call.

Lion Ron Wigton
Secretary



PDG Lion Nancy Rex presents Lion Gary Lemke Key Member Award.



January Meeting Notes:

President Lion Sharon Adkins called the Meeting to order, Lion Pete Sprosty lead the pledge and we all joined in song. Lion Bob Jones lead us in prayer. Guest for the evening was Darren Reboletti.

Lion Mickey Farley reported that 200 Food Boxes were delivered to 175 families for the Franklin Mall Project. She thanked all those that helped make it a successful project, along with special thanks to Pat Wallis, for the publicity, the Sandwich Fire Department and the local schools.

Lion Kyle Wallis reported that 320 Cheer Baskets were delivered Christmas Eve. He thanked all those that helped, along with special thanks to Truby & George Szewczyk for assisting.

Lion Jim Frantzen reported that the Christmas decorations were down, and he thanked all those that helped repair and put up as well as those that took down. Thanks also went to the City of Sandwich and their workers who helped.

Lion Sharon Adkins announced that January 26th was the zone meeting, February would be Guest Night (with a play by the Indian Valley Theater Group) and that John Corneils would be our speaker in

March. She also shared the various Thank You notes that were received over the Holidays.

Lion Larry Phillips announced that we were serving hot chocolate in the morning and lunch at noon on January 30th for the Ski for Sight Project. He also announced that he would buy breakfast for those that showed up at the restaurant at 7:30.

Lion George Richter spoke about the Sight and Sound Sweepstakes and passed out tickets for us to sell.

Lion Gary Lemke thanked those that contributed to the family that was in great need of our help. He also announced that the Company he works for matched our contributions. **(Great job Lion Gary & fellow Lions.)**

PDG Lion Nancy Rex spoke about LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation). Since LCIF was founded in 1968, it has awarded more than 9,000 grants, totaling more than \$640 million.

Lion Gary Lemke received a "Key Member" pin and award, presented by PDG Lion Nancy Rex, for sponsoring two Lions, Lion Rick Lindner and Lion Joe Lemke.

Lion Jerry Grommes
Editor

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Anniversaries in Lionism February 2010

Lion George Richter	43yrs
Lion Tom Martin	34yrs
Lion Larry Dannewitz	19yrs
Lion Gene Kinsel	17yrs

Four Stars for LCIF

An updated review on Charity Navigator, an independent charity evaluator, recently awarded LCIF four stars, the highest ranking a charity is able to receive. More than 5,400 of America's largest charities are ranked on the Web site, where LCIF received higher rankings than both the Red Cross and Feeding America. The four star ranking demonstrates LCIF's commitment to using funds as effective and efficiently as possible, and remaining committed to serving those in need.

PDG Lion Nancy Rex spoke about the 5 pillars of LCIF service (Preserving Sight - Combating Disability - Promoting Health - Serving Youth and Providing Disaster Relief) at last month's Dinner meeting.