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The Sandwich Lions Tale

March 2010

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Fellow Lions,

As I write this, I note that March has come in like a lamb. A few rays of actual sunshine have been spotted. The temperatures are warmer, if not actually warm. Can spring be far off?

For the Sandwich Lions, who are busy in all seasons, the next few months will bring many opportunities to serve and learn.

- **March 10:** Dinner Meeting- Lion John Corneils will speak about retinal disease research.
- **March 30:** Rosati's fundraiser for Diabetes Awareness
- **April 9-11:** District 1J Convention
- **April 14:** Dinner Meeting- Everything you ever wanted to know about Lions: local, district, state, international.
- **April 18:** Pancake Breakfast, Thanks Lion Pete Sprosty for volunteering to head this project!
- **May 7:** Lou Brady Scholarship Draw Down
- **May 12:** Dinner Meeting- Recycle Extravaganza! Are you saving those eyeglasses, hearing aids, and keys?
- **May 14,15:** tentative dates for Tootsie Pop Days
- **May 20-23:** State Lions Convention

March indeed came in like a lamb, but I hope you will join your fellow club members in making it go out like a Sandwich Lion, full of energy and purpose, ready to take on the projects of spring.



Lion

Sharon

Adkins

COMING EVENTS

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

Apr 14 – Dinner Meeting 6:30pm at
The Fox Valley Community Center

Apr 28 – Board Meeting 7:00pm at
Star 34 Restaurant

Fundraiser for Diabetes Awareness

Again this spring we will be having a pizza fundraiser to raise money for Diabetes Awareness. This year we will be partnering with Rosati's. They will be donating 20% sales on March 30, to our club. Forms to hand out to family and friends will be available at the dinner meeting.

Recycle Extravaganza!

Scour the house. Scour the neighborhood. Get your family and friends in on it. Start collecting those old eyeglasses, hearing aids, and keys. We'll be collecting these at our May dinner meeting. **Fabulous prizes will be awarded to the Lions who bring in the most!**

Secretary's Notes:

The District 1-J annual convention - will be on April 9th through the 11th at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville in Lisle. There are many different activities starting with the hospitality rooms on Friday night, followed by schooling on Saturday morning, a special lunch at noon, the plenary session, and finally the banquet and another hospitality room on Saturday evening. There is a breakfast Sunday morning followed by other events to close the convention. A Lion, including spouses and / or guests of Lions, can attend as many of the events as they want, but everyone attending the convention (except Leos) must be registered. Additional information will be presented at the March dinner meeting.

Sorting eye glasses - at our Lions of Illinois Foundation (LIF). If you would be interested and/or available on either a Tuesday or Thursday to go to our LIF to sort eye glasses, let either President Sharon or myself know. This would be a small group of Lions and possibly spouses (three to six) to assist in sorting of glasses. Sorting would be in the time range of nine am to until four with a maximum time of probably 4 hours, depending on our schedules and what we could arrange with LIF. Any additional ideas, please let us know.

Our annual Pancake Breakfast will be - on Sunday, April 18th, at St. Paul's Parish Center. Lion Pete Sprosty is chairperson and will require assistance. Lion Pete will probably provide additional information at the March dinner meeting.

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.

Sight & Sound Sweepstakes ticket - books have been distributed by Lion George Richter at our last two dinner meetings. Lion George has additional books available. Sweepstakes sales from this Lions of Illinois Foundation help to support the 13 activities and services of our Foundation. These services include the hearing and eye screening buses, Camp Lions, and the other programs and services of our Foundation. If needed, the Sandwich Lions could retain money to be used in our sight and hearing programs. Hopefully, each member can sell at least two books and help support these programs. If a Lion will complete the back of the Sweeps tickets that they sell and one of those tickets is a winner, they also would be a winner.

Foundation Sustaining Support program - allows a person to make \$25 donation(s) to our Lions of Illinois Foundation (LIF) Endowment program where only the interest earned may be used. All current Sandwich Lions, except those who have become Sandwich Lions following the Lions year 2006-07, have at least one donation to the endowment fund from the Sandwich Lions Club. Again this year, the Sandwich Lions Club will match (in your name) your 1st Sustaining Support donation of this Lions year to our LIF. If there are any additional questions on this program, give me a call or ask at our dinner meeting. If you submit your annual donation to our LIF directly, please let Treasurer Rita know, otherwise you may not receive your matching donation. You do not have to be a Lion to make a donation to the LIF Endowment fund, but only Sandwich Lions will receive the matching amount.

State convention events - will be held over a period of four (4) days starting on Thursday, May 20th and ending on Sunday, May 23rd with the Foundation Breakfast. The convention will be at the Holiday Inn Center in Peoria. For those interested there will be golf on Thursday and other items of interest on Friday. If interested, let me know, as I have web site links to assist in your planning. Information has also

New Board Members - for Lions year 2010 - 2011 will be voted on at the April dinner meeting. Nominations for these positions were made at the February dinner meeting. The following Lions have agreed to serve on the board during the coming Lions year.

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

been in our last Lions of Illinois newsletter and more should be in the next issue.

The Lions of Illinois Foundations - 17th Annual Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, August 8th, at the Railside Golf Course (just off of route 47) in Gibson City, IL. Money raised from this golf outing is used to support the LIF Low Vision Programs. Cost of \$75 per individual includes golf with a cart, lunch, very good dinner that evening, and selected individual prizes.

Our drawdown raffle - will be at the Fox Valley Older Adults center on Friday night, May 7th (the drawdown starts about 6:30, with dinner starting sometime between 7 and 7:15). Money from this drawdown, silent auction, and dinner provide the required funds for the two (2) scholarships the Lions present to a pair of graduating Sandwich seniors at awards night later this spring. Lion Leo will have tickets at our March dinner meeting with an update on the project. If you are not present at the meeting, contact Lion Leo for tickets. Tickets are \$30 each and include the cost of the meal.

Tootsie Pop Day's - will be in May, if interested in assisting with this project please talk to President Sharon on Wednesday. In addition to giving the tootsie Pop's out in May there are a number of other activities that you might assist within the next 3 months.

The Freedom Days Health Fair - is at Valley West Community Hospital on Thursday afternoon, July 1st. Please mark your calendar.

The annual District 1-J golf - outing will be Thursday, July 22nd at Hughes Creek Golf in Elburn. Cost is \$75 which includes cart, golf, lunch, and a steak dinner. Golf will be a scramble format with a shotgun start at 10 am followed by a steak dinner. Proceeds from this event will go to funding the charitable programs of Lions District 1-J. For Reservations, contact Lion Bob Fowler at (847) 370-1621 and leave a message.

Lion Ron Wigton
Secretary

For Lions Life's a Beach

Each year at the District 1J convention, a silent auction is held to raise money for the Lions of Illinois Foundation. Our club's Minnesota themed basket won second prize last year. This year's basket theme will be "For Lions Life's a Beach" For the next few months Lion Sharon will be accepting any donation of beach essentials or money to cover the cost of items purchased.





PDG Lion Nancy Rex (left) installs Lion Darren Rebolette (right) sponsored by Lion Ron Wallis (center).



February Meeting Notes:

President Lion Sharon Adkins called the Meeting to order, Lion Walt Farley lead the pledge and Lion Ed Carter lead us in song. Lion Bob Jones lead us in prayer. Guests for the evening were spouses, significant others and Truby & George Szewczyk.

Lion Larry Phillips reported that we served hot chocolate to approximately 70 skiers in the morning and lunch at noon on January 30th for the Ski for Sight Project. He acknowledged all the Lions that helped and gave special thanks to Joe Duy for his donations.

Lion Larry Phillips announced that he was accepting donations for "Bowl for Kids Sake".

Linda Johnson announced an upcoming chili supper fundraiser to be held at Prairieview School, all were invited to participate.

Lion Sharon Adkins announced that "Walk for Sight" would be June 6th at Peck Farm Park. She also announced that John Corneils would be our speaker in March, April we would find out everything you want to know about Lions and May would be a Recycle extravaganza.

PDG Lion Nancy Rex installed our newest Lion, Darren Rebolette who was sponsored by lion Ron Wallis. *Welcome Lion Darren.*

The Program for the evening was an interactive play, "Wedding from Hell", presented by the Indian Valley Theater Group.

Lion Jerry Grommes
Editor

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Anniversaries in Lionism March 2010

Lion Ron Wallis	45yrs
Lion Jim Curran	41yrs
Lion Les Redden	27yrs
Lion Dennis Miller	27yrs
Lion Bob Knight	27yrs
Lion Jerry Grommes	27yrs
Lion Jim Frantzen	27yrs
Lion Pete Sprosty	21yrs
Lion Andy Grommes	3yrs

Canine Companions for Independence

Lion Bob Jones will have raffle tickets available for the Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence. Tickets are \$5.00 each for a chance to win a travel certificate from anywhere to anywhere (up to \$2,500, or \$2,000 cash)