

# The Lions Tale

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Hello Elgin Lions,

Thank you everyone for making Rose Day such a success this year. This is why I love being a Lion! Everyone pitched in and did what they could, whether it was getting orders, or delivering. We got it done! That's what we do. We serve!

We are excited to be partnering with the Fox Valley Young Marines. They are a great group of kids!

Looking forward to the summer events!

Lion Sue



## SERVICE INITIATIVES

**Eyeglasses Program** - Our Eyeglasses Program has been active for many years and is arguably our primary service activity in Elgin. There are many students and individuals in Elgin that cannot afford to buy their own eyeglasses. We work with the U46 School District nursing staff and the Elgin Crisis Center to provide eye examinations and glasses based on an individuals' financial needs. To date we have provided **35** adults and **78** children with eye exams and glasses.



**Food Drives** – Our members continue to work with the Northern Illinois Food Bank at their food distribution events. In addition, we have food collection bins for nonperishable food items at a number of Elgin schools during the school year. The food collected at the schools is donated to the Elgin Crisis Center in support of their food distribution program.

### Regular Meeting

Our next dinner meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 0615 pm at the American Legion Post 57 located at 820 N. Liberty Street, Elgin, IL.

### Board Meeting

Our next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 0615 pm at the American Legion Post 57 located at 820 N. Liberty Street, Elgin, IL.

## OUT AND ABOUT

### **March 20-22 and March 27-29 – Rose Day Delivery**

A BIG thanks to Lions Sue Bruneau and Gary Hearn for spearheading the annual rose day event. Also, a big thanks to all the Lions who helped deliver the roses.



### **March 23, 2024, Health Fair at the Gail Borden Library**

Thanks to Lions Gary Hearn, Sue Bruneau, Mary Merrell, Bill Klawitter and Bonnie Kleinmark for manning the booth



## **Let's Celebrate April Birthdays!!**

Lion Lynne Dusel – April 5

Lion Janet Deal – April 16



## **Let's Celebrate April Service Awards!!**

Lion Bob O'Connor – 40 years

Lion Ed Bates – 20 years

## **Important Dates**

- April 5-6, 2024 - District 1-J Convention – Carol Stream Holiday Inn (5<sup>th</sup> is after 5:00 p.m., 6<sup>th</sup> is from 8:00 to 3 or 3:30 with Banquet dinner in the evening). Mark your calendars! More to come!!
- April 12, 2024 – EPEL event at the Elgin Museum.
- April 20, 2024 – Drug Free Dash sponsored by CHSE – for info go to the website – [cshelgin@gmail.com](mailto:cshelgin@gmail.com)
- April 20, 2024 – Charitable Gaming to be held in Bridgeview.
- April 26, 2024 (1000 am – 0200 pm) Kane County Wellness Fair at ECC (volunteers needed)

## **Fundraisers**

**Elgin Valley Fox Trot** – Registration is up and running. We have over 450 runners registered and multiple sponsors for the event.

### **Rose Day – March 13, 2024**

A **Very Successful** event!!! We sold all of our roses (400 dozen). Big thanks to Lions Sue Bruneau and Gary Hearn for spearheading this event.

**Miscellaneous Items** - Appropriate Lions clothing and insignia are required at our monthly meetings. The vest is always appropriate as is the Lions lapel pin. Our Tail Twister has been advised to fine all offenders.

Members are also reminded to keep the housing committee chairperson advised of their plans to attend the monthly dinner meeting to ensure that food is available for all attendees and that no food is wasted.

**Membership** - Attention all Elgin Lions! The number of charitable endeavors we can become involved in as a club depends on how many active members we have in our club. Many non-profit organizations are having a challenging time regarding the recruitment of new members. We are no different but, as Elgin Lions, we have a responsibility to do what we can to recruit new members.

## Welcome Aboard!!!!

The Elgin Lions Club inducted two new members in March – Nadine Lipp and Angie Mirante



## Lions of Illinois Annual Convention

Deadline to register is May 1<sup>st</sup>  
Abraham Lincoln Hotel & Conference Ctr.  
May 17-19, 2024

Register:

[Lions of Illinois MD-1 103rd State Convention \(regfox.com\)](https://regfox.com)

## USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Louisville KY, Sept 5-7, 2024

3 days of seminar sessions, great speakers and meeting other Lions from all over the world! Over 70 seminar training sessions related to developing quality Lions Clubs.

Hundreds of Lions Leaders share their experiences.

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## **DID YOU KNOW?**

April is a great month for meteor showers. One of which is the Lyrids meteor shower, which appears from April 16<sup>th</sup> to April 26<sup>th</sup> each year. There's another one called the Eta Aquariids meteor shower that can be seen onwards from April 21<sup>st</sup>.



There are quite a few notable historical people born in April, such as Leonardo da Vinci, Shakespeare, and Queen Elizabeth II.

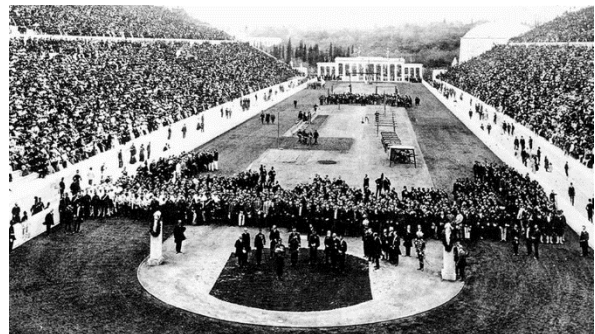


On April 14, 1912, the famous Titanic ship hit an iceberg and sank on her first and only voyage.

On April 11, 1970, Apollo 13 was launched and ran into difficulties about two days later. It was then that the famous line "Houston, we've had a problem here" was said, and is today usually misquoted.



After a 1,500-year break, the first Olympics of the modern era took place on April 6, 1896, in Athens.



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**Doings At Other Clubs – please see the District IJ Journal for upcoming events**

