

The Lions Tale

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Hello Elgin Lions,

Greetings!

Well, January was a surprise with that winter blast that we had!
Thank you to everyone that participated in the January service project in making the no-sew blankets (9 small ones, and 3 larger ones) for the Anderson Animal Shelter (Janet, Bonnie, myself and my friend Angie.

Here are a few pics of what we gave them.



We still have a few larger ones that I will donate to Pads. In the following months, if we aren't volunteering, I'd like to see us do a service project.

We also volunteered at Salvation Army on January 17, 2024, (Wes, Mary, Ed B., Angie (I need to get her to join!), and myself) and Mary has spent several days helping out in the months of December and January answering phones for them.

Thanks to all for your service!

I look forward to Spring and what we can do in the community. Rose Day is coming up!!

Best,

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 24 adults and 32 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.

Salvation Army – Big thanks to Lions Wes, Sue, Mary, Ed and Angie (friend of Lion Sue for their service to the Salvation Army on Saturday, January 17, 2024.

Regular Meeting

Our next dinner meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 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, February 20, 2024, at 0615 pm at the American Legion Post 57 located at 820 N. Liberty Street, Elgin, IL.

Out and About

January 14, 2024 - District IJ Bowling – A good time was had by all



January 24, Elgin Hispanic Network Luncheon



Fundraisers

Salvation Army Bell Ringing – Our Club raised over \$1,600 for the Salvation Army.



Fundraisers (cont'd)

Swags – The Club had a very successful first year selling swags, making over \$600 in profit. Looking forward to a successful 2024.

January 6, 2024 – Charitable Gaming – St. Andrews Golf Club in West Chicago. Another successful event for the club. Thanks to Club members who worked the event.



Elgin Valley Fox Trot – Registration is up and running. We have over 150 runners registers and multiple sponsors for the event.

Rose Day – March 13, 2024

Roses are ordered and info is on our website. Nurse orders for U-46 will be 3/20 to 3/22. Public orders will be 3/27 to 3/29.

Let's Celebrate February Birthdays!!

Lion Mario Martinez – 02/20

Lion John Sheehan – 02/26



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.

Important Dates

- March 23, 2024 – Health Fair at the Gail Borden Library – more info to follow.
- 04/05-06/24 - District 1-J Convention – Carol Stream Holiday Inn (5th is after 5:00 p.m., 6th is from 8:00 to 3 with Banquet dinner in the evening). Mark your calendars! More to come!!

Did You Know?

It's always number two - Interestingly, February remains the second month of the year in both Gregorian and Julian calendars. It's also the only month to have fewer than 30 days.

February gets affected by leaps - It's also the only month to be affected by the 'leap year' – which takes effect when there are 29 days in February, and 366 days total in the year.



Show some love! - One of the main holidays celebrated in February is St Valentine's Day, which takes place on the 14th. You'll often see plenty of red hearts and cuddly toys in February time.



What are February flowers? -

February, just like all other months in the calendar, has its own flowers. February flowers are primroses and violets.

And what's the color of February, anyway? - February also has its own theme colors, which are often yellow and purple. However, pale blue sometimes represents February, too!

Thomas Edison was a February-born innovator - One of the most famous people to be born in February was inventor Thomas Edison, who was born on February 11th. He's responsible for the phonograph and the lightbulb, as well as countless other creations!



Darwin, too, celebrated in February. - Other famous February-born historical figures include Charles Darwin. Born on February 12th, he is considered the father of the theory of evolution.



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



We Serve
