

THE LIONS TALE

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REGULAR MEETINGS

There are no regular meetings scheduled in July or August.

BOARD MEETINGS

Traditionally, we have met at a Lion's home or a forest preserve or some other venue during these two summer months to have a relaxed meal with our friends. This year the covid-19 virus is calling the shots. We will see what we are permitted to do under these circumstances.



If we are able to meet, July 21 and August 18 are the likely dates. All members in good standing are welcomed and encouraged to attend board meetings. Only officers may vote, but input from all members is welcome. This is where the heavy lifting of the club is done. Stay tuned; We'll let you know.

OTHER STUFF

Message from our president

Lions,

I hope everybody is doing well; your family members and close friends are healthy and trying to get back to some form of normalcy. Times are understandably in a flux with covid-19, unemployment, limited available shopping and restaurants, and most important is that "All Lives Matter". Freedom of speech has been heard, from here is questionable; hopefully this the dawn of reconcilable.



As of July 1st, new officers will be unceremoniously installed – congratulations. As Lion Bob said in the June's newsletter that

the Awards and Installation ceremony will take place as soon as possible after phase 4. I have been working on the Committee/Activities assignments for 2020-21. Let me know what you would like to do or change assignments. The Richter scale on the budget hasn't moved much in the last 3 months; might need to look at membership fees for 2020-21, there has been 3-4 dinner meetings cancelled – maybe those dinners meeting can be carried over to reduce membership dues. There were 2 donations approved by the Lions Club for Lions of Illinois Foundation – 1) Adult Low Vision for \$400.00 and 2) Leader Dogs for the Blind for \$500.00, our sponsor puppy is Cheyenne – black lab.

Hopefully in the near future we all can get together with or

without face masks, I would like to get together on July 21 at my place, social distancing being outside weather permitting. I know there are many items that need our attention and to get back on some form of a schedule. Need to discuss about Rose Day, Candy Day, Poker nights, Fox Trot, and 100th Anniversary scheduled for August 2021. Lion Ed Bates informed me that the Fox Trot did better than expected along with the help from Boy's and Girl's Club. There were 210 runners signed up then another 83 runners signed up after the race went "virtual", hopefully this will be a staple for the Elgin Lions Club.

We have a winner in our second annual (1st for Larkin High School) Elgin Lions Club Foundation Memorial Scholarship – Alondra Nunez – congratulations. Hey Hey!!!! Other news; the Inaugural Lion Mario J. Gumino Memorial Golf Classic has been cancelled and reschedule for August 7, 2021.

My goals for 2020-21: push membership – any ideas for some interactions, more involvement in Northern Illinois Food Bank via the schools, crisis centers or other outlets. SponsorShips – (it is) getting stressful for members to seek donations for all events, maybe we can look at one time donations that would carry us throughout the year. That way we aren't hitting the same sponsors for multi-events. 100th Anniversary – any input, thanks to Lion Bill Klawitter for overseeing this project.

Please stay vigil; we will get through this, need to be uplifted – call a fellow Lion and ROAR. Dilly, dilly.
Gary Hearn
Elgin Lions President

New Officers for 2020-2021

These guys are going to need a lot of help. Do what you can to make thier jobs easier.

President.....	Gary Hearn
First Vice President	Bob Fowler
Second Vice President	Mario Martinez
Third Vice President	Ed Deal
Membership Director	Wes Tredup
Secretary	Lynne Dusel
Recording Secretary.....	Jim Beam
Treasurer.....	Bill Klawitter
Tail Twister	Mary Merrell
Lion Tamer	None
Two Year Director.....	Ed Bates
One Year Director	Jim Beam
Ex Officio.....	Bob Fowler

Foxtrot

The virtual Elgin Foxtrot came off very well. Almost 300 runners registered for the event that was conducted between May 30th and June 13th. With runners turning in their times for running the course. It will be different next year. Our club will be one of the main hosts, and the race will have a more traditional format and the date will be June 13, 2021--Father's Day.



Elgin Lions Club Foundation

The Elgin Lions Foundation scholarship was awarded to Alondra Lizbeth Nunez, a graduate of Larkin High School this year. All of the many applicants were magnificently impressive. **Lion Bates** and his staff had a tough time determining the best candidate. They were all deserving of aid for their academic careers.



Our phone number is 847 289 4206

Miscellaneous Items

Our members are reminded that they need to wear appropriate Lions insignia at our regular meetings. The vest is always appropriate as is a Lions pin on the lapel of a suit coat or sports coat. Our tail twister has been advised to viciously enforce this requirement.

Members are requested to keep the housing committee chairperson apprised of their attendance or non-attendance at meetings. We want to be assured that sufficient food and seating is available and not wasted on no-shows.

Information

Check out what the Lions District 1-J is doing by logging on to their website and pulling up the journal. The address is: <https://www.district1jions.org>. Our club also has a web site that is a major improvement over what we have had in place. Now, more information and photographs can be posted. Take a look at it. The address is: <https://elginlions.org>. Entering elginlions.org, will get you to it. You might see your picture!. Bookmark both of them.

Membership

We need new members. The amount of good that we can do for our community is dependent upon having willing hands to work on our projects. Bring someone to one of our meetings--ask a friend, a neighbor, a family member, a co-worker, etc. Give someone else the opportunity to help others. **Lion Merrell, Lion Bates, and Lion Tredup** are doing their part and we hope to add several members this Lions year.

You didn't ask, but...here's some information that you can easily do without:

Tomorrow is the National Home School Tornado Drill. Lock your kids in the basement until you give the all clear. You're welcome!
I was so bored I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone. He asked me what I was wearing.
2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.
The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
You think it's bad now? In 20 years our country will be run by people home schooled by day drinkers...
This virus has done what no woman had been able to do: cancel all sports, shut down all bars, and keep men at home!!!
Do not call the police on suspicious people in your neighborhood!
Those are your neighbors without makeup and hair extensions!
Since we can't eat out, now's the perfect time to eat better, get fit, and stay healthy. We're quarantined! Who are we trying to impress? We have snacks, we have sweat pants – I say we use them!



Day 10 at home and the dog is looking at me like, "See? This is why I chew the furniture!"
Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands???
I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6 foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!
Me: Alexa what's the weather this weekend? Alexa: It doesn't matter – you're not going anywhere.
Can everyone please just follow the government instructions so we can knock out this corona virus and be done?! I feel like a kindergartner who keeps losing more recess time because one or two kids can't follow directions.
I swear my fridge just said "what the hell do you want now?"
When this is over...what meeting do I attend first...Weight Watchers or AA?
Quarantine has turned us into dogs. We roam the house all day looking for food. We are told "no" if we get too close to strangers. And we get really excited about car rides.

Doings at other Clubs

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| Jun. 27 | Re - Scheduled Date — Batavia Lions Club's INAUGURAL GLENN R. MINER MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING Registration and Check In: 9:00 am, Tee Times Start: 10:00 am, Golf Fee - \$100 per Golfer includes: 18 Holes of Golf with Cart, Steak Buffet and Golf Gifts, Golf Prizes and Raffles. Contact : Lion Mike Minella – 630 - 215 - 8963 | Aug. 03 | 100th Anniversary of Elgin Lions Club at Randall Oaks Country Club. Details later! |
| Jun. 27 | Warrenville Lions Club is hosting a Blood Drive at 7 AM to 11:30 AM, St Irene's Catholic Church 28W441 Warrenville Rd, Warrenville, IL | Aug. 15 | Algonquin Lions Club's 11th Annual Bags Tournament at Buffalo Wild Wings. |
| Jul. 18 | Elgin Lions Club Poker Night — venue will be announced later. | Aug. 22 | Elgin Lions Club Poker Night — venue will be announced later. |
| | | Aug. 30 | The 15th Annual Bartlett Lions Day Dash will kick off on at 8:00 AM at the James "Pate" Philip State Park, 2050 W Stearns Rd, Bartlett, IL 60103 |
| | | Aug. 31 | Re - scheduled date for Crystal Lake Lions Golf Fund-raiser. Details later! |
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