

THE LIONS TALE

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REGULAR MEETINGS

There are no regular meetings scheduled in 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 meet on August 18 if at all possible. We'll tell you where. 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,

Still in that 'lukewarm' stage of COVID-19; hopefully everybody is still in a healthy mode along with your immediate family and friends. I just felt as Lions we need to Roar and we will at our July 21 meeting that will be held at my house; need to find some form of normalcy. Also within the state of Illinois, we might take a step backward to phase-3 and that would hurt meetings in the near future. At this meeting new Officers will be installed and Awards will be presented.



Assignments have been arranged, thank you for assuming new roles or continuing with your committees. July 31st will be our first encounter with Elgin Farmers Market being held downtown on Spring Street between 3-7:00 pm. We will have a booth to monitor incoming traffic and making sure customers are wearing a mask; this will allow us to promote our club, pass out bookmarks and pamphlets. Hopefully, we can find some new members. Thank you to Lion Lynne, Wes, and Bob for volunteering;; could use a couple more volunteers after 5:00 pm – thanks.

July 28, I am having a budget meeting with the Finance Committee about membership dues, donations and where we stand with upcoming programs.

Poker night was more successful than I thought on July 18; with COVID-19, and didn't know what to expect. We have an-

other poker night on August 22 at the Max in McCook, could use a couple of volunteers to help Lions Bill and Bonnie, it is a very long day. Also we need to discuss about renewing our Poker licenses for the upcoming new season.

I have a training season schedule for July 25 with International Lions Club for club presidents via virtual. Some updates from both International and District Lions;:

1) Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service has been extended to June 30, 2023, 2) Camp Lions Virtual Summer Camp – 4 1 week sessions M-F from July 13, August 7, 3) District 1-J Lions Bad Pants Open on Oct. 1st at Hughes Creek G.C., and 4) congrats to Lion Bob Fowler for a being a Trustee for District 1-J.

So hopefully we can all get together on Tuesday July 21 at 6:30 PM at 252 Longview Dr. so we can discuss our goals, ambitions, Concerns, finances, and to celebrate our togetherness and hope.

Hopefully our next meeting will be August 18, site unknown. Everybody stay vigilant, be safe, and lets all ROAR on Tuesday. Peace. Dilly, dilly.

Gary Hearn
Elgin Lions President

New Officers for 2020-2021

These officers were installed at the board meeting on July 21. they will have plenty to do. Give them a hand if you can.

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

Poker Night

The Poker Night that we concluded on July 18 was better than expected with all of the coronavirus protections that were in force. Lions Bill Klawitter, Bonnie Kleinmark, and Gary Hearn did yeoman work to make it happen as well as it did. The next Poker Night will be August 22nd at the Max in McCook.

Foxtrot

We are committed to be a primary sponsor for next year's Fox Trot. A lot was learned from this year's event that will be helpful on June 13, 2021--Father's Day. That is projected to be the day of the race.



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.

Board Musings

We were able to stay dry and discuss our goals, ambitions, concerns, finances, and to celebrate our togetherness and hope at the board meeting in Lion Hearn's garage on July 21.

Rose Day is abandoned for this year, but we are already talking about Candy Day. That will be on October 9th and 10th. A lot of details need to be worked out still. Lion Tredup is taking the reins for Candy Day this year.

Lion Klawitter is looking for a good pin design for our anniversary celebration in August, 2021.

Consider recycling. A whole list of items can be donated to the Lions of Illinois Foundation. They have a flyer listing all the items that they will take. It is too extensive to fit in this space, but you can look it up at www.LionsOfIllinoisFoundation.org

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:

The Washington Post has published the winning submissions to its yearly neologism contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternative meanings for common words.

1. Coffee (n.), The person upon whom one coughs. (Editorial note. Special significance these days)
2. Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. Willy-nilly (adj.), impotent.
6. Negligent (adj.), describes a condition in which you absent-mindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.
8. Gargoyle (n.), olive-flavoured mouthwash.
9. Flatulence (n.), emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
10. Balderdash (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.
11. Testicle (n.), a humorous question on an exam.
12. Rectitude (n.), the formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.

13. Pokemon (n.), a Rastafarian proctologist.
14. Oyster (n), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.
15. Frisbeetarianism (n.), (back by popular demand): The belief that, when you die, your soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.
16. Circumvent (n.), an opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men.

The Washington Post's Style Invitational also asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition.

The winners are:

- Bozone (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
- Cashtration (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.

Doings at other Clubs

- Aug. 3 The scheduled Inaugural Lion Mario J Guimino Memorial Golf Classic at Seneca Ridge Golf Course will NOT be held in 2020. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 7, 2021 at the course.
- Aug. 3 100th Anniversary of Elgin Lions Club at Randall Oaks Country Club. Details later!
- Aug. 15 Algonquin Lions Club's 11th Annual Bags Tournament at Buffalo Wild Wings.
- Aug. 19 Wheaton Lions Club Annual Golf Outing at Cantigny Golf Club. Ask a Wheaton Lion for details.

- Aug. 22 Elgin Lions Club Poker Night — venue will be announced later.
 - Aug. 30 The 16th 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 — click on the running lion image to sign up. Contact for the event is Lion Carrie Sypherd. Funds raised are used by the Bartlett Lions to help those in need in our community.
 - Aug. 31 Re-scheduled date for Crystal Lake Lions Golf Fund-raiser. Details later!
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