

THE LIONS TALE

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REGULAR MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 6th at the American Legion Post at 820 N. Liberty St., Elgin, IL at 6:15 PM, Our speaker will be Tony Sanders, the Superintendent of Schools for U-46. He will present a certificate to the winner of our scholarship this year to Larkin student, Alondra Nunez.



Superintendent Sanders runs the day-to-day operations of School District U-46, a place he has called home since 2007. Supt. Sanders oversees the implementation of all Board and District policies and procedures as well as the alignment of resources to all District initiatives and improvement plans for the state's second-largest school district. He works in close collaboration with an administrative staff that manages a balanced district budget of more than \$500 million, and he helped lead a successful state-wide effort to pass equitable state education funding.

This meeting will be an excellent chance for our members to bring someone Education is a really hot subject in these troublesome times.

BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday October 20th at the American Legion Hall on Liberty St. 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 if something changes.



OTHER STUFF

Poker Night

The Poker Night that we concluded on August 22nd 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 December 20th in Bridgeview. Lion Klawitter is a little frustrated in his attempts to get state of Illinois permits for 2021. The proceeds from these events buy a lot of glasses for the kids that need them in our community.



Message from our president

Dear Lions,

"If you want to go quickly, go alone; if you want to go far, go together." – African proverb



Together – WE SERVE! Times are very stressful with the constant bombardment of COVID-19, outbreak of brush fires that is consuming vast lands in the west, causing poor air quality and tropical storms battering the gulf coast states. Time to step up and serve your community; with programs to raise funds being either cancelled or reduce, we need to reach out to various organizations to see if they

need our help.

I know we have been trying to make a statement at the Elgin Farmers Market, going to try again on October 9; hopefully we can have a Food Drive and push candy. Candy Day is October 23 & 24 (Fri/Sat) hopefully at Jewel on Larkin Avenue, volunteers need to see Lion Wes. I know Lion Ed Bates is trying to work with Northern Illinois Food Bank to see if they need help passing out food at the warehouse.

Membership news: Mr. Miguel Gonzalez will be inducted to our Lions Club at our next dinner meeting. Received a letter from Lion Tom Wright's daughter informing us that his health is declining – keep Tom in your prayers. A sad note in the passing of Lion David Gross, David just left the Club last year due to health issues.

At the next dinner meeting will have a guest speaker in Mr. Tony Sanders (U-46 Superintendent) and our scholarship winner – Alondra Nunez. This would be a good time to talk about getting the Leo program started. Other items that will be discussed at the dinner meeting; membership drive ideas, interaction with Instagram and Tweeter accounts to aid in visibility and push for younger members.

Looking for additional information or programs? Go to Lions Virtual.org – Learning Beyond Limits.

October 1, the 3 amigos Lion Jim, Bob and me are playing in the District 1-J Lion Bad (ugly) Pants Open at Hughes Creek G.C. Everybody stay vigil and safe; stay healthy; we will get through this as long we serve together. See you all at the dinner meeting on October 6 at American Legion.

Gary Hearn

President



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 6th or June 13. The city of Chicago will be conducting a race on the 13th, making the 6th better for us.



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.

Our phone number is 847 289 4206

Board Musings



With school being so confused about the coronavirus and worrying about infections, the demand for vision help in our community has taken a back seat. We have received no applications for eyeglasses, but that is sure to pick up as the school year gets into full swing. Membership is a big topic in the board meetings, and it was at this last one.

Lion Bates is in discussions with the City of Elgin on next year's Foxtrot.

Food collections will be started up as soon as the schools get a grip on how this next school year will go. The need hasn't decreased.

You didn't ask, but...here's some actual signs that might get your attention:

A sign in a **Shoe Repair Store** in Vancouver :We will heel you We will save your sole We will even dye for you.
Sign over a **Gynecologist's Office** :“Dr. Jones, at your cervix.”
In a **Podiatrist's office** : “Time wounds all heels.
On a **Septic Tank Truck** : Yesterday's Meals on Wheels
At an **Optometrist's Office** :“If you don't see what you're looking for,You've come to the right place.”
On a **Plumber's truck** : “We repair what your husband fixed.”
On another **Plumber's truck** : “Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber.”
At a **Tire Shop** in Milwaukee :“Invite us to your next blowout.”
On an **Electrician's truck** :“Let us remove your shorts.”
In a **Non-smoking Area**: “If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and will take appropriate action.”
On a **Maternity Room door** :“Push. Push. Push.”
At a **Car Dealership** :“The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment.”

Outside a **Muffler Shop**: “No appointment necessary. We hear you coming.”
In a **Veterinarian's waiting room** : “Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!”
At the **Electric Company**: “We would be delighted if you send in your payment on time. However, if you don't, YOU will be de-lighted.”
In a **Restaurant window**:“Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up.”
In the front yard of a **Funeral Home** : “Drive carefully. We'll wait.”
At a **Propane Filling Station**: “Thank Heaven for little grills.”
In a Chicago **Radiator Shop**: “Best place in town to take a leak.”
And the best one for last... Sign on the back of another **Septic Tank Truck**: “Caution - This Truck is full of Political Promises”

Doings at other Clubs

- Oct. 1 District 1J Lion Bad Pants Open today at Hughes Creek Golf Club, 1749 Spring Valley Drive, Elburn. Lion Lori Chassee will need volunteers, sponsors, gift baskets, and auction items. Contact her at 630-231-8709 or Lion.loric@gmail.com. Lion Lori says that Fox River Grove has won the contest for “best bad pants” the last two years — anyone want to end their run!
- Oct. 4 Elburn Lions Club's All Wheel Car Show — starts at 8 AM—3 PM.
- Oct. 6 The Bartlett Lions Club's National Night Out from 5 to 9 PM. Lions serve hot dogs and chips, join us and the Bartlett Police.
- Oct. 9 & 10 Lions of Illinois Foundation Candy Days — Get Out & Shake Your Can!!! Villa Park Lions will be at Jewel, Walmart, Kuppie's Bakery and Mike's Meat Market.
- Oct. 10 Elburn Lions Club's Annual German Dinner — serving from 3—7 PM. Come see what “The German Dinner Crew” has for you!!
- Oct. 11-14 32nd Annual Western States PIN SWAP at Circus Circus in Reno, Nevada. Pin trading as well as a 9-Hole Golf Tournament, Pin Auction, 50/50 Raffles, Hospitality and Breakfast. Registration fee is \$40, but first-timers do not have to pay registration. Contact Lion Joe Trezza at 925-864-2927 or email jetlion@comcast.net. Look on MD1 Council of Governors 2020-2021 Facebook page 4 for more information.
- Oct. 20 Elmhurst Lions Club's 80th Anniversary Party. Check with an Elmhurst Lions for details.