

# THE LIONS TALE

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## REGULAR MEETINGS

**Our meeting scheduled for December 1st has been**

**cancelled.** The dreaded coronavirus has struck again, and it's "back into the bunkers, boys," and hope for better luck in the new year

Anyway, it is what it is, but if you are going to go to the American Legion Hall on New Years Day, bring something to eat because you will likely be alone--with no food.

The cancellation takes away one of our favorite meetings with the Christmas music being

played by the marvelous music students from U-46. This virus hurts in more ways than we anticipated.



## BOARD MEETINGS

**Tuesday December 15th 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. There is a good possibility that we can get this one in. Fewer people will be involved and social distancing can be almost

automatic.



## OTHER STUFF

### Poker Night

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, and he should be applauded for his efforts. The proceeds from these events buy a lot of glasses for the kids that need them in our community.



### Our 100th Anniversary

It isn't until next August, but it is not too early to start collecting interesting items about our club. The design of the pin made specially for the celebration is still in discussion. If you have an idea, please let Lion Klawitter know. Old photos from past functions are needed, and stories about mis-behavior would also be welcome.

Dear Lions,

"If you have health, you have hope, you have everything" – African Proverb

Happy Holidays!! Giving thanks for this Thanksgiving

for what we all have gone through since early March with the pandemic, economy crisis, and destruction done by 'Mother Nature'. With Operation Warp Speed, vaccinations should be on the horizon and hopefully in early 2021 we get back a little bit of normalcy, it will be a slow process. As we enter Tier 3 of mitigation; patience and hope are heavily needed.



Our Holiday gathering has been postponed until January or February; thus, our next

meeting has been cancelled for December 1. Our Board meeting for December 15 will probably be a 'zoom' meeting, but I will check with American Legion Hall for updates. In our last Board meeting, we had an Induction

ceremony for our new member – Mr. Miguel Gonzalez. Our involvement with community is getting stronger; in November we did 2 Food drives with Northern Illinois Food Bank at Elgin Comm. College dealing out food to about 2700 families. Thanks to Lion Ed Bates for setting that up, we have another on December 5 at the same location. We are going to be Kettle Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army on December 12 at Walmart store. We also made a donation to the Salvation Army for their project called WARM, children from the Elgin area will receive a new coat for the holidays.

Odds and ends: 1) Over the holidays when purchasing items from Amazon, go to Amazon smile and enter Elgin Lions Club as your favorite charity, we will receive a small donation. 2) Looking to get involve with Trivent to seek grant money for any programs or fundraisers. 3) Elgin Farmers Market results – more people attended the event during the months of June and July, but more vendors were on site from late July thru middle of September. 4) Lions of Illinois Foundation are moving to a new site in DeKalb near the airport, (gaining) a smaller footprint and more streamlining.

Hopefully you all can spend time with family and friends over the holidays; hoping you all get the gifts you want and everybody stay healthy.

Gary Hearn, President



Our phone number is 847 289 4206

## 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.

## 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.district1jlions.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](https://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. The Membership committee, chaired by **Lion Tredup**, is doing its part, and we hope to add several members this Lions year.

## Board Musings

We are pretty much marching in place at the board meetings. The pandemic seems to interfere with everything we do. It is hoped that we can do some kind of substitute for our annual Christmas program sometime in the New Year.. We will find out.

A lot of what we can do as a club revolves around membership. We inducted new Lion, Miguel Gonzalez at the November board meeting, and would love to induct others. The Elgin Lions Clubs has a lot to offer to those in our community who enjoy helping out their neighbors.

The number of applications for eyewear are still way down. That is most certainly because the school district is not up to speed because of the coronavirus.

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### You didn't ask, but...here are some comments about our current situation:

New monthly budget: Gas \$0 Entertainment \$0 Clothes \$0 Groceries \$2,799.

It may take a village to raise a child but I swear its going to take a vineyard to home school one.

You know those car commercials where there's only one vehicle on the road - doesn't seem so unrealistic these days ...

They can open things up next month, I'm staying in until July to see what happens to you all first.

The spread of Covid-19 is based on two things:

1. How dense the population is.
2. How dense the population is.

Appropriate analogy: "The curve is flattening so we can start

lifting restrictions now" = "The parachute has slowed our rate of descent, so we can take it off now".

I was in a long line at 7:45 am today at the grocery store that opened at 8:00 for seniors only. A young man came from the parking lot and tried to cut in at the front of the line, but an old lady beat him back into the parking lot with her cane. He returned and tried to cut in again but an old man punched him in the gut, then kicked him to the ground and rolled him away.

As he approached the line for the 3rd time he said, "If you don't let me unlock the door, you'll never get in there."

Enjoy your day. You don't have anything else to do.

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## Doings at other clubs

Dec. 04 The Bartlett Lions Club Operation Santa Clause. Every year, the Bartlett Lions pull some strings to get the big man to visit the Log Cabin. This year, Santa will visit the Log Cabin on Friday, Dec 4, 2020 from 5:00 PM until 6:30 PM. The Village's tree lighting ceremony will follow at 7:00 PM. Bring your camera and take your own picture.

Dec. 05 Geneva Lions & Leos' Annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa at Geneva High School Cafeteria, 416 McKinley Ave., Geneva IL. Serving from 7:30- 11:30 AM. Tickets will be available one month prior to the event. You could win up to \$5000 with the Chance For Sight Raffle while helping those in need. Purchases must be made by Friday, December 4th.

Dec. 05 - 19 Wheaton Lions Club's 9th Annual Reindeer Run is different this year == it's VIRTUAL!! To register visit: [runsignup.com/Race/IL/Wheaton/ReindeerRun](https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Wheaton/ReindeerRun) Pick a route or jump on your treadmill in your best Santa hats or

assortment of jingle bells and Run Rudolph to the finish line of your choice! Runners receive a long-sleeve tech t-shirt. Shirts will be mailed in late December to the address used during race registration. A finisher certificate is available for download after the runner sub-mits their time online.

Dec. 06 Elburn Leo Club Breakfast With Santa at Elburn Lions Clubhouse. Children ages up to 3 FREE, Children ages 4- 11 \$6.00, Adults \$10.00. Made-to-order omelet, additional \$2.00 per omelet. One of the Leo Club's most popular fundraisers! Come on down for a good breakfast, bring your camera, and take a picture with Santa. Dec. 12 Johnsburg Lions Club's Golf Cart Raffle — \$10 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$50 look on the club's Facebook page for how to buy tickets. Drawing will be after the Christmas Parade.

Dec. 20 Elgin Lions Club Poker Night in Bridgeview.

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