

THE LIONS TALE

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REGULAR MEETINGS

Our meeting scheduled for January 5th at the American Legion Hall on Liberty St at 6:15. It will take some doing to pull this off due to the pandemic.



The Legion can't legally provide food, but we can obtain food from local restaurants, and bring it to the meeting. Please notify Lion Mary Merrell of hour attendance;

We don't have a speaker--The possibility of the meeting happening is not great. We will keep you informed.

BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday January 19th 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 naughty pandemic has struck this aspect of our club. Events like the Poker Night have been prohibited due to the pandemic. We will still have four dates for the coming year, but the event scheduled for the 20th of December has been cancelled. I think you would have won a bet if you had anticipated this cancellation.



Our 100th Anniversary

Another victim of the virus: Randall Oaks can't cater the celebration of our 100th anniversary. We can find another caterer, but it's just another hassle from Mother Nature or maybe China. We will let you know when we get this straightened out.

Message from our President

Dear Lions,

Happy Holidays!! Merry Christmas!! and Joyous New Year!!



Hoping your holidays will be awesome and memorable, along with being safe and COVID-19 free. Let's remember and pray for all that have passed away and going through or have gone through this pandemic. Vaccinations are on their way and hopefully by next May or June that most people would have had been vaccinated.

Pandemic has made a dent in our Lions Club events; our traditional Holiday party with music provided by our local high school has been cancelled. A few dinner meetings with our guest speakers have been put on hold; hopefully we can have a dinner meeting on January 5, but no guest speaker. Our poker event for December 20 had to be cancelled, but we still have 4 poker events coming up when the Governor can give clearance.

Thanks to Lion Ed Bates; we have done 1 food drive for the Northern Illinois Food Bank in December and hopefully again on January 2 at Elgin Comm. College. We had a Kettle bell ringing at Sam's Club and raised about \$793.00 for the Salvation Army – no gold coins. Thanks to all the volunteers for these 2 events.

Elgin Lions Club is going to nominate Lion James Beam for the Jim and Joyce Davis Lifetime achievement award; Lion Jim has been a member since 1981 and at his very young age is still very active in our Club – Good Luck Jim.

Club approved in donating \$1000.00 to the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) for the Campaign 100: Empowering Service; our goal is to donate \$3000.00 to this program, we have already donated \$1000.00. As of June 2020; \$155.6 million globally has been raised towards a commitment of \$300 million.

Lion Bob Fowler is still working on finalizing pin designs for our 100 Anniversary and Lion Bill Klawitter is working on the arrangements that will be held at Randall Oaks Golf Club in August 2021.

Lion Bob F. and I attended the Fox River Region Meeting on December 2 via Zoom, Lion John Neinhuis from Union Lions Club has been installed as a new Zone Chairperson to help Lion Terri Pasternik.

I want to wish you all happiness, pandemic free and hopefully you all can spend time with your family and friends over the holidays and into the new year.

Gary Hearn

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. 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.

Amazon Smiles

Amazon Smiles – Use Amazon Smiles for all your amazon orders. Especially since many people order online anyway. Did you know that by using AMAZON SMILES when purchasing any Amazon items, you can also donate a % back to the Lions of Illinois Foundation for Vision and Hearing programs and Services? How do you Sign Up for Amazon Smiles? To add the Lions of Illinois Foundation as your charitable donation of choice, all you have to do is type in SMILE.AMAZON.COM to your web browser. When you first use the site, you will have to select the Lions of Illinois Foundation for your charity. Do you need more details?

Contact Trish Fisher at the foundation. LIFoffice@lifnd.org You could also contact Trustees Lion Bob Fowler or Lion Ed Kelley.

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, 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.

1J Environmental Photo Contest

Send in to lions1jphoto@yahoo.com up until Jan. 31 your photos of nature or a subject that pertains to the environment. No photos of Rover or Fluffy looking at you won't do. Only one entry per person is allowed. Provide your name, title of the image, where it was taken in Illinois in 2020-2021. JPEG file size must be 5 MB or smaller. You can get your questions answered at the same address as above.

Board Musings

The main thing is that we actually had a board meeting.

A lot of items were considered, and almost everything is dependent on how the pandemic progresses, and that is unknown, now. Having the vaccines available will help us get back to some sort of normalcy, but there is no telling when that will occur.

You didn't ask, but here are some interesting contemplations on our present situation and other things:

CONTEMPLATIONS....

"The only mystery in life is why the kamikaze pilots wore helmets." – Al McGuire
"The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits." – Albert Einstein
"War is God's way of teaching Americans geography." – Ambrose Bierce
"It would be nice to spend billions on schools and roads, but right now that money is desperately needed for political ads." – Andy Borowitz
"At every party there are two kinds of people – those who want to go home and those who don't. The trouble is, they are usually married to each other." – Ann Landers
"My opinions may have changed, but not the fact that I'm right." – Ashleigh Brilliant

Have you noticed that all the people in favor of birth control are already born?" – Benny Hill
"The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us." – Bill Watterson
"As a child my family's menu consisted of two choices: take it or leave it." – Buddy Hackett
"My favorite machine at the gym is the vending machine." – Caroline Rhea
"All right everyone, line up alphabetically according to your height." – Casey Stengel
"Never under any circumstances take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night." – Dave Barry
"The duty of a patriot is to protect his country from its government." – Edward Abbey
"How many people here have telekinetic powers? Raise my hand." – Emo Philips

Doings at Other Clubs

Jan. 24 District 1J Bowling Tournament signing up three team times: 9 AM; Noon; and 3 PM.
April 16 - 17 DISTRICT 1J CONVENTION at Holiday Inn, Carol

Stream. Details later!
May 14 - 16 MD1 STATE CONVENTION at Springfield IL.
Details later