

# THE LIONS TALE

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## REGULAR MEETINGS

**Our meeting scheduled for February 2nd at the American Legion Hall on Liberty St. at 6:15 is cancelled. The virus wins again.**



We can hope that the pandemic will not last forever, and we can take some solace in the vaccines that are currently being used, and maybe we can all get together for food and companionship in March. Let's all cross our fingers.

## BOARD MEETINGS

**Tuesday February 16th 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**

There is still come confusion in the scheduling of our Poker Night. The dates are still up in the air, but we have received authorization for four dates in the upcoming year. It will all be straightened out, but don't bet on it (that is a feeble attempt at humor, folks--Ed)



### **Our 100th Anniversary**

Another victim of the virus: Randall Oaks can't cater the celebration of our 100th anniversary. We are looking for other sites and caterers who can do the job and not cost so much that attendees can't afford to come.

We are finalizing the order for pins to be distributed at the anniversary celebration.

## **Message from our President**

Dear Fellow Lions,

As we usher in a new President that supposedly will unite America and bring some normalcy back into the fold. We can see vaccines being given to our first responders and some senior citizens. The light at the end of the tunnel is becoming much brighter and our Governor is starting to lift restrictions; thus, allowing us to have poker events, allowing Elgin Lions Club to perform our normal duties to serve our community and in the near future dinner meetings/gatherings. Unfortunately wearing a mask and social distancing will be a daily reminder that the pandemic is real.



Again thanks to Lion Ed Bates for keeping us involved with the Northern Illinois Food Bank, just did one on January 16 and another one scheduled for January 30. Lion Bill Klawitter has informed us that Poker event will start soon as the Governor has lifted some restrictions. We have voted for the 100th Anniversary Pin; it was designed by Lion Bill K.; Lion Bob Fowler is entertaining prices for the development of pin. As of now Dinner/Monthly meetings will be put on hold because of some restrictions and retaining speakers for this event, respecting COVID concerns. Our Board meetings will continue and everybody is welcome, had a very good turnout on January 19, it was great to see everybody.

Winter is half over and Spring is just around the corner; that means "Rose Day" will be upon us. After our discussion at the Board meeting, go to try to get some roses out early for the school district before Spring break, then continue on March 31 thru April 2 to our community, going to need volunteers to deliver roses to our residents. Another important date is June 6 - Elgin Foxtrot, registration for this event starts on January 24.

Going to nominate Lion Mary Merrell (Go Packers) for "George Lazansky Distinguished Service Award" for outstanding contribution and accomplishments within the community, she has 24 years of service. Also, I would like to reiterate the nomination of Lion Jim Beam for the "Jim and Joyce Davis Lifetime Achievement Award" for 40 years of service. Good luck for both of our fantastic members.

We have a very strong membership, small in numbers but very visible and active to serve our community. I am very proud in our involvement with the Food Drives, Candy Day and Elgin's Farmers Market; now as restrictions are starting to be reduce or lifted, our involvement we by at a demand with Rose Day and the Elgin Foxtrot. Please continue volunteering and serving our community, there will be better days ahead. Thank you for time, service and volunteering. Stay vigilant, be safe and stay healthy.

Gary Hearn

## Foxtrot

Things are going forward for the race. A web site has been established, it is [www.elginfoxtrot.org](http://www.elginfoxtrot.org) A well-respected outfit has been obtained to do all the busy work, and registration opens on the 24th of this month. Lion Ed Bates is not looking for sponsors and volunteers for the event..



## 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

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.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

## You didn't ask, but here are some comments that you can probably do without:

When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.

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To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.

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Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.

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The older I get, the earlier it gets late.

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When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 25 years ago.

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I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.

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I had my patience tested. I'm negative.

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If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to

you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"

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When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it doesn't mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.

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I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but Whatever.

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I run like the winded.

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I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.

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When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"

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## Doings at Other Clubs

Jan. 31 Deadline for the George Lazansky Award today. Post-marked or emailed to IPCC Jerome Perez, 33133 Frank Lor Dr., Kingston, IL 60145, [sycamorejerry@gmail.com](mailto:sycamorejerry@gmail.com) or 815 - 501 - 0101. The Nomination must include a cover sheet detailing the reasons why the club believes their Lion deserves to receive this extraordinary honor and the application form signed by either the Club President or Club Secretary. Keep in mind the information and qualifications you write down will help the panel of judges to make their decision. Please be very detailed on your comments.

Feb. 10 DEADLINE FOR THE JIM & JOYCE DAVIS AWARD to District Governor Lion John Barsanti at [jebarsanti72@gmail.com](mailto:jebarsanti72@gmail.com). Qualifications are: 10 years Lions Club mem-

bership; still active in club affairs; held club offices and committee chairs (list them); and has made a significant contribution to the club and/or district (list achievements)

Feb. 13 Naperville Noon Lions Club Blood Drive from 9 AM to 2 PM at Fort Hill Activity Center, Multipurpose Room at 20 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville. Appointments greatly appreciated; walk-ins welcome as the schedule and social distancing allow. To schedule, go to [www.versiti.org/IL](http://www.versiti.org/IL), load the Versiti Donor app, or call (800) 7TO - GIVE. Photo ID is required. Every attendee must wear a mask and every donor will save up to three lives! Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.