

# THE LIONS TALE

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## REGULAR MEETINGS

**Our meeting is scheduled for March 2nd at the American Legion Hall on Liberty St. at 6:15.** Let's hope we can make this work. A speaker for the event has not been selected; if you have a candidate, please let Lion president Hearn know. We need to get to some subjects other than the pandemic.

## BOARD MEETINGS

**Tuesday March 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.



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## OTHER STUFF

### **Our 100th Anniversary**

After all of the problems associated with the pandemic and a total upsetting of our plans for the anniversary, a new place has been booked for our August celebration of our 100th anniversary as a Lions Club. We will hold it at the Haight in downtown Elgin. The address is 166 Symphony Way. Pins have been ordered for us to pass out at the event.

### **Message from our President**

Dear Lions,



An Irish saying "Don't miss all the beautiful colours of the rainbow looking for that pot of gold".

March is upon us and hopefully Spring is just around the corner unless you believe in the groundhog.

Winter has been brutal since the end of December with about 14" of snow still on the ground hopefully this doesn't lead to flooding. Elgin Lions is coming out of hibernation with a recent Poker event (February 19) and upcoming events that will allow us to SERVE our community.

Recently had a Board meeting; with a few items discussed, but I would like to welcome a new member who transferred from

Roselle Lions Club – Susan Bruneau.

Items that were discussed; the 100th Anniversary being held on August 3 at The Haight hopefully, a couple items need to be ironed out. For this awesome event going to purchase 300 pins and the pins are about 7/8" wide.

Having a dinner meeting on March 2 at American Legion Hall, I want to get back into this routine and hopefully we will have some form of entertainment, please attend.

We Serve! One of our favorite events is coming late March early April – Rose Day; didn't have one last year because of the pandemic, looking forward to this one. Please contact Lion Ed Bates or check us out on Facebook to make an order - \$15.00/dozen.

Lion Ed B. is trying to schedule another food drive for March 13th at Elgin Comm. College. Thank you to all our volunteers for helping Northern Illinois Food Banks since October 2020.

Our Poker events are starting up, had one on Feb 19 in Bridgeway, thanks to Lion Wes for working this event. Lion Bill and I are discussing about changing charitable group to get a closer location; causing some stress. There will be another Poker event in early April at King's Hall in Lombard.

Lions of Illinois Foundation (LIF) are having its yearly Sight & Sound Sweepstakes, early bird drawing dates – Mar 3, Apr 7 and May 5. Please contact Lion Lynne to receive your booklet of tickets.

March 1 through May 31 will be the Campaign for Diabetes Awareness, going to check with the local library to see if there are any health fairs or events that we can participate. I attended Fox River Region meeting on Feb 17th via Zoom items discussed: 1) relocation of LIF – new building, sweepstakes & Camp Lions, 2) membership – down 50 members & remembrances of past Lions lost, 3) leadership – officer training, and 4) conventions – all going virtual this year.

Days are getting longer, soon temperatures will start to climb, pandemic will be slowly suppressed and getting involved with our community will be in view. I am getting excited about serving our community with Rose Day, Foxtrot, Northern Illinois Food Bank, Farmers Market, and vision/hearing buses will be active again. We will need all our volunteers to aid in all these events, we need everybody to get involved and bring a friend and maybe they want to be a Lion member. Stay vigilant, stay healthy and

Peace. We Serve.

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.

## Rose Day

Roose Day is a little more complex this year with the pandemic, and the U-46 Spring Break interfering with our deliveries, but it is a go for the event. Members will be able to get tickets at the meeting in March. If a poster is needed, let Lion Jim Beam know what you need and he will provide it. The price is the say-\$15 for a fine dozen roses. We all need to get busy selling those roses.

## Food Drives

Our club has been active in aiding those organizations that are passing out food. on January 30th, seven of our members showed up to pass out food for the Northern Illinois Food Bank, and we are looking forward to doing the same on March 13th.

## 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](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. We are pleased to add Lion Susan Bruneau to our club. She is a transfer from the Rosselle Lion Club. The Membership committee, chaired by **Lion Tredup**, is doing its part, and we hope to add several members this Lions year.

## Elgin Lions Club Foundation

We are doubling our scholarships! We will now grant scholarships to both Elgin high schools. That's just one more thing that we are doing to benefit our community. Mention that when you are talking to a prospective member.

## Poker Night

We are finally getting to hold our poker nights again. We successfully had a Poker Night on February 19th and are looking forward to more. Stay tuned for dates, times, and locations. We are trying to get locations a little closer to us; that would be very helpful in gaining members to help Lion Klawitter and the



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

I'm on two diets. I wasn't getting enough food on one.  
Apparently RSVP'ing to a wedding invitation "Maybe next time," isn't the correct response.  
Don't irritate old people. The older we get, the less "Life in prison" is a deterrent.  
Aliens probably fly by earth and lock their doors.  
I really don't mind getting older, but my body is taking it badly.  
It turns out that being an adult now is mostly just googling how to do stuff.  
I miss the days when bread was still good for you and no one knew what kale was.  
Do you ever get up in the morning, look in the mirror and think "That can't be accurate."

I want to be 14 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.  
As I watch this new generation try to rewrite our history, one thing I'm sure of....it will be misspelled, have no punctuation and not written in cursive.  
I told my wife I wanted to be cremated. She made me an appointment for Tuesday.  
Confuse your doctor by putting on rubber gloves at the same time he does.  
My wife asked me to take her to one of those restaurants where they make food right in front of you. I took her to Subway.

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## Doings at Other Clubs

Mar. 3 1st LIONS OF IL FOUNDATION EARLY BIRD DRAWING must be here today!  
Mar. 10 20th Anniversary of Huntley Area Lions Club. Lions are planning an Ice Cream Social at a later date, depending on COVID restrictions — stay tuned!!  
Apr. 2 2nd LIONS OF IL FOUNDATION EARLY BIRD DRAWING must be here today!

Final date for LIONS OF IL FOUNDATION SWEEPSTAKES TICKET to be at the Office today! DISTRICT 1J CONVENTION — Planning for a VIRTUAL Convention!  
May 13-16 MD1 STATE CONVENTION at Springfield IL. This will be a VIRTUAL Convention, too!

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