

# THE LIONS TALE

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## REGULAR MEETINGS

**Our meeting is scheduled for April 6th 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 yet 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 April 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.



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

### **Rose Day**

Rose Day was a little more complex this year with the pandemic, and the U-46 Spring Break interfering with our deliveries. The price was the say--\$15 for a dozen roses. The quality of the roses was great, and we received several compliments on their beauty. Lion Ed Bates is to be thanked for putting together a great Rose Day under unusual conditions.

### **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 the 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.

### **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 can be made now. The very nice write-up of the event appeared in the Dailey News and that will help. Lion Ed Bates is still looking for sponsors and volunteers for the event.



## **Message from our President**

Dear Lions,

"Believe nothing, and trust no one this April Fools' Day."



HAPPY EASTER, hopefully you can spend time with your family and friends during this pandemic 'recovery'. Spring is upon us; plants are breaking ground, trees are budding, and the grass is getting green. Coming out of the doldrums of winter and isolation from the pandemic; Spring allows hope and resurgence, it feels great to be outside and time to play GOLF.

Enjoying the success of Rose Day; a great feeling in serving the community after last years' no go, thanks to Lion Ed B., Wes and Mario for a great event. Thank you to all the volunteers that help in delivering all the roses to designated addresses. CHEERS! Lion Ed B. and myself picked up donated food from Otter Creek School for the Elgin Crisis Center. Have another involvement with Northern Illinois Food Bank schedule for April 10 at Elgin Comm. College, thank you for volunteering for this event.

On March 2, we had a regular dinner meeting with a couple dignitaries in the audience along with our guest speaker – First Vice District Governor Lori Chassee. She talked about retaining and engaging present members, getting new members, and being more visible in your community (her power point presentation was awesome). It was a very satisfying gathering; sharing some ideals, passing some 'bull', and nice just to mingle – a healthy feeling. Having another dinner meeting on April 6 – Lion Mary is in charge of the 'entertainment' hope to see you all that night. Lion Bill scheduled a Poker event for April 30 at King's Hall in Lombard, looking for volunteers; at the last Board meeting a discussion was brought up about looking at Rockford Charitable to host Poker events closer to Elgin. The February event brought in about \$1400.00 this is a great money maker.

Thanks to Lion Bill and Bonnie for working long hours, also thanks to Lion Wes for working the February event.

At the last Board meeting I am putting an emphasis on recruiting new members; talk to your neighbors, friends and co-workers. Bring them to a dinner meeting, our events, and any gatherings like concerts in the park and farmers market. We need more members so we can volunteer to do more community events. Thank you for your support. I will be attending a Virtual District Convention on April 16/17; other happenings in April are Earth Day on the 22nd and Lions Worldwide Induction Day on the 25th.

We are here to SERVE our community as the weather becomes warmer and the pandemic is subsiding; please get involve and volunteer. Thank you all for participating and please continue; stay vigil, stay healthy. Recruit, recruit, recruit....

Gary Hearn

## Poker Night

We are finally getting to hold our poker nights again. We have scheduled a Poker Night on April 30 at King's Hall in Lombard, Lion Bill Klawitter is looking for volunteers to help. 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 few other members who have been helping him.



## Food Drives

Our club has been active in aiding those organizations that are passing out food. Many of our members have assisted Northern Illinois Food Bank food distribution, and we have another session scheduled for April 10th at ECC. We are still helping elementary schools in their food drives.

## 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

## 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. We are pleased to add Lion Susan Bruneau to our club. She is a transfer from the Rosselle Lions 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

Our foundation is awarding Laura Villagomez with our scholarship to Elgin High School this year. Congratulations, Ms. Villagomez. The other applicants were impressive, also, and maybe sometime in the future we can award several scholarships to deserving students. The Larkin High recipient is still being determined.

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

Don't irritate old people. The older we get, the less "Life in prison" is a deterrent.

I'm on two diets. I wasn't getting enough food on one. It turns out that being an adult now is mostly just googling how to do stuff.

Do you ever get up in the morning, look in the mirror and think "That can't be accurate."



I told my wife I wanted to be cremated. She made me an appointment for Tuesday.

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.

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.

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## Doings at Other Clubs

Aoe, 3 Aurora Noon Lions Club will host its Annual Easter Bunny Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 to 11 AM at Luigi's Pizza and Fun Center, 732 Prairie St., Aurora. Proceeds will benefit Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry and Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry, both in Aurora. Dine-in only with masks and social distancing required. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children from age 4. Tickets available at the door of from Aurora Noon Lions. A plush bunny will be raffled.

Apr, 13 Roselle Lions Club Community Blood Drive at Roselle American Legion Hall, 344 E. Maple Ave., Roselle from 1-6 PM. Please make an appointment online at: <http://bit.ly/Lions-BloodDrive-4-13-21>. Appointments preferred; walk-ins taken as schedule permits. COVID-19 Antibody Test (CAT) will be performed on all blood donations as part of the standard testing. Visit [versiti.org](https://www.versiti.org) to see all COVID safety precautions being taken.

Apr. 16/17 DISTRICT 1J CONVENTION — Planning for a VIRTUAL Convention!

Apr. 21 Sycamore Lions will host a Drive-Through Pork Chop Dinner on April 21. Cost is \$12 per meal and it will contain a pork chop, baked beans, applesauce,

snickerdoodle salad, and a dinner roll prepared by the County Store in Sycamore. Meals must be picked up at the United Methodist Church located on Johnson Avenue between 4:30 and 7:00 PM on April 21. Tickets must be purchased by April 14. They are available from any Sycamore Lion Member, or by calling Pete Springmire at 815-761-7553.

Apr. 24 Elmhurst Lions Club's 35th Annual Pizza Party/1st Virtual Pizza Party & 50/50 Raffle. Go to Elmhurst Lions Club's Facebook page to order food & drink from one of the club's partners (mention Elmhurst Lions Club when ordering). Enter in the 50/50 Raffle from the same Facebook page.

May 8 Batavia Lions Club's Annual Plant Day from 8 AM to 2 PM. Every Mother's day weekend the Batavia Lions host a Plant Sale. Watch for more details as pre-sales on line may be an option this year!! Public gathering guidelines will prevail, all health considerations will be in place. Watch for more details!

May 13/16 MD1 STATE CONVENTION at Springfield IL. This will be a VIRTUAL Convention, too!