

THE LIONS TALE

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REGULAR MEETINGS

Our meeting is scheduled for May 4th at the American Legion Hall on Liberty St. at 6:15. If you have a candidate for a speaker, please let Lion president Hearn know. We need to get to some subjects other than the pandemic.

BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday May 18th 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.



OTHER STUFF

Rose Day

It wasn't easy, but we did it. Thanks to Lion Ed Bates for a job well done. We sold all of the roses that we ordered, and the event netted nearly \$3,000 that we will use to help people in our community. The quality of the roses was extraordinary and we received many favorable comments on them.

Our 100th Anniversary

As noted before, the site of our celebration will be The Haight in downtown Elgin. The address is 166 Symphony Way. Arrangements have been made to accommodate 100 diners. The menu has been selected, A cash bar will be provided, and plans for raffles and games of chance are being finalized. So far, the speaker that Lion Fowler requested some months ago from Lions International hasn't been obtained.

Foxtrot

Things are falling into place with a few things yet to be worked out with the city of Elgin. So far, 255 runners have registered for the race, and sponsors have been generous. Our club will need volunteers to populate (we can't say "man," anymore) a water stop and to provide marshalls along the race route to keep the runners going in the right direction. Let **Lion Bates** know if you can do either.



Message from our President

Dear Lions,



"Give your hands to serve and your hearts to love". Strengthen membership month, check in on your Lions; give a fellow Lion a call just to see how they are doing, check on a past Lion – they might rejoin our club. It was great to see Rodney Roberts for a brief moment at our Board of Directors meeting on April 20. Really pushing for new members talk to your fellow workers, friends and neighbors; with 31% of Americans having received at least 1 shot of vaccine and the weather getting warmer, might be easier to get out and socialize. Recruit, recruit, recruit....

"Ordinary people, amazing things". At our Dinner meeting on April 6, new officers were nominated and approved for the 2021-22 season, Congrats and thanks. At the April 20th meeting, we finalized the committee/activities assignments; thank you all for volunteering. Also looking for program entertainment/speakers for next season starting on September 7th and throughout the season except for December and June.

Lion Bob and I attended the virtual District 1-J convention on April 17, my 1st convention and the programs went well, real good Keynote speaker – PIP Jimmy Ross. He talked about strengthening and using your membership skills to their full potential and looking for new members. FYI – MD-1 State Convention via virtual is on May 15 and its free – 100th state convention. Early registration for LCICon for June 25-29 is \$50.00, after May 1st it is \$75.00 for Lions Club International Convention and this event is also virtual. Another virtual event is the 2021 Camp Lion Open House and Camp Lions in late June thru July.

We have 2 winners from each high school; Elgin H.S. is Laura Villagomez and Larkin H.S. is Jonathan Aguinaga for the Elgin Lions Club Foundation Scholarship, both each won \$500.00. Congratulations!!

Need volunteers: May 8 (Sat) at ECC for Northern Illinois Food Drive; J

June 6 (Sun) is the Elgin FoxTrot – contact Lion Ed B. for both events; the Elgin Farmer's Market tentative schedule for June 11 (Fri) 3-7:00 pm downtown and Two Rivers Head Start Agency Food Pantries on Airport Road by the Holiday Inn could use some help – contact Lion Gary for more information.

...Together We SERVE Better – so thank you all for volunteering and taking time out of your busy schedule to get involved and SERVE; so please get your required vaccine shots, be safe and stay healthy.

To our "Lioness" and to all Mothers, have an awesome Mother's Day, we love you all.

Gary Hearn

Poker Night

I don't know how **Lion bill Klawitter** maintains any composure at all. The King's Hall in Lombard notified him that the Poker Night could not take place at their site. A substitute site has been obtained for the event at the Hilton Garden Inn in Mettawa, IL on April 30. It's not all bad. The Hilton Garden are a lot closer than the King's Hall. We have two more events before the end of August on our state permit.



Food Drives

Our club will assist the Northern Illinois Food Bank distribute food at Elgin Community College on May 8th, and we will pick up food at Coleman Elementary School on April 30. We will deliver the Coleman pickup to the Elgin Community Crisis Center.

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.

Elgin Lions Club Foundation

The winner of our scholarship to an Elgin High graduate is Laura Villagomez this year. Congratulations, Ms. Villagomez. The winner of the Larkin High School scholarship is Jonathan Aguinaga. Congratulations, Jonathon! These are amazing young people and we are glad to help them in any way we can.

You didn't ask, but here are some odd things that you probably don't know or care about:

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.
A 'jiffy' is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.
A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
A snail can sleep for three years.
Almonds are a member of the peach family.
An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain. (I know some people like this)
Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.
February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.
In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.
If the population of China walked past you, 8 abreast, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.

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.

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.

We will take part in the Farmer's Market in downtown Elgin again this year. The next one is on June 11.

We are 2/3 the way to fulfilling our pledge to Campaign 100.

April 29th is Lions International Flag Ceremony for LCIC 2021 in Oak Brook. Participants to bear flags are wanted. The participants will get a T-shirt and a mask to keep. Participants should wear black: Black pants, socks, and shoes. The event starts at 9:30 AM.

Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.
Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite!
Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.
The cruise liner, QE 2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.
The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.
The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.
There are more chickens than people in the world.
Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.
Women blink nearly twice as much as men.
Now you know more than you did before!

Doings at Other Clubs

May 5-6 Huntley Area Lions will be doing it Annual Tootsie Pop Fundraiser in town.
May 6 Drawing for Bloomingdale Lions Club's "We Serve Raffle" at tonight's meeting. Only 200 tickets will be sold so the odds of winning are much better than the norm. Grand Prize is \$5,000 with lots of other cash prizes! Winners will be notified by mail or phone. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, contact Lion John Argyrakis at 630-529-7505.
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 LIONS CONVENTION — This will be a VIRTUAL Convention, too!
May 29 Huntley Farmers Market from 8 AM to 1 PM outside near the American Legion. Huntley Area Lions Club will have a table with arts, crafts, and cookies.