

THE LIONS TALE

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REGULAR MEETINGS

Our meeting is scheduled for June 1st at the American Legion Hall on Liberty St. at 6:15. This is our annual Awards and Installation meeting. Bring a spouse if you have one. The dress is casual, but not casual enough to wear those flip flops or Bermuda shorts. Take your guidance from the Mrs.

BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday June 15th 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

Foxtrot

Things are falling into place with a few things yet to be worked out with the city of Elgin. It is anticipated that a total of 600 runners will participate in this event. 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. If you have volunteered to help, plan on meeting on June 5th to set up and to learn the marshalling duties. **Lion Bates** will let us know where we should meet.



Our 100th Anniversary

As noted before, the site of our celebration will be August 3 at 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. The cost for the meal is \$40. Pay at the next meeting or mail it to Elgin Lions Club, P.O. Box 276, Elgin, IL 60121.

Message from our President

Dear Lions,

"Vision is the art of seeing what is invisible to others." REFLECTION – what a year! The light



at the end of tunnel is becoming much brighter and getting back to some form of normalcy.

Our 1st meeting as President in my garage sitting in a large circle to keep our distances and wearing a mask in following all the guidelines to meeting twice a month, I want to give thanks to all our Lion members for adjusting and being vigilant during this pandemic. We did have some success in getting back to our regular programs: 1) Elgin Farmers Market gave us some exposure, 2) Candy Day was very successful, 3) Rose Day was back on schedule and that was successful, 4) our dinner meetings with guest speakers took a hit because of the pandemic, 5) poker events did better than expected, and 6) our service to the community became a blessing in disguise with food drives at ECC I felt that we made a difference. THANK YOU to our dedicated members.

Getting ready for another event on June 6 – 44th Annual Elgin Fox Trot, this will probably be a staple for us; thanks to Lion Ed B. and all our volunteers in making this event very successful. Elgin Farmers Market starts again on June 4 we will have a booth on June 11 from 3-7:00 pm on Spring Street. On June 19 we have another food drive at Elgin Comm. College.

The 103rd Lions Clubs International Convention is being Virtual from June 25-29, cost is \$75.00. June 1 is "Helen Keller Day." At the 1925 International Convention, Keller asked "Lions to become Knights of the Blind."

We made donation of \$500.00 to the Leader Dogs for the Blind and our puppy is from Tennessee and its name is Benton. The Committee/Activities Assignments for 2021-22 have been assigned, thanks for volunteering and being a Chair person.

A very large event is coming up on August 3 at The Haight – 100th Anniversary of the Elgin Lions Club, Lion Bill K. has done a great job in organizing this event, please provide payment at the next dinner meeting or no later than June 10. Our next dinner meeting on June 1 is our annual Awards night, dress casual.

My 1st term as President has been very rewarding and humbling; trying to deal with pandemic guidelines, food preparations for dinner meetings, interactions with our members (socializing), getting our programs back on line and being successful, getting new members and staying vigilant and healthy.

I want to thank you all for taking time out of your busy schedules and away from family members to make my Presidency successful and enjoyable. Looking forward to a better, successful, and healthy 2021-22 year, WE SERVE!! ROAR!

Gary Hearn

Poker Night

Lion Klawitter informs us that we have two more Poker Nights for this year. They will be on July 23rd and August 28th. Of course, the venue is still to be determined. The event of April 30 in Metttawa was a little disapointing.



Food

Our pickup of foodstuff at Otter Creek School yielded 350 items, and Coleman Elementary produced 920 units. We are committted to providing 6 volunteers at the Northern Illinois Foodbank food dispensing on June 19th at ECC..

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.

Food Drives

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.

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 appraised 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.

Elgin Lions Club Foundation

Lion Ed Bates will confer the scholarship to Elgin High graduate Laura Villagomez on May 21st, and **Lion Gary Hearn** will do the same to Larkin High graduate, Jonathan Aguinaga. 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 laments about year 2020

1. The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.
2. I was so bored I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone. He asked me what I was wearing.
3. 2019: Stay away from negative people.
2020: Stay away from positive people.
4. The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house & their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
5. This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her dog. It was obvious she thought her dog understood her. I walked into my house & told my cat. We laughed a lot.
6. Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
7. Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
8. This virus has done what no woman has been able to do. Cancel sports, shut down all bars and keep men at home!
9. I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!
10. I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.
11. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the Backyard. I'm getting tired of the Living Room.

Doings at Other Clubs

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| June 3 | In celebration of Darien Lions Club's 50th Anniversary, five \$1,000 prizes have been added to its Annual Raffle and 100 additional tickets will be made available. Tickets are available for purchase from any of the 150 Darien Lions with the draw- ing to be held at the annual golf outing at Carriage Greens Country Club at 7 PM. Winner does not have to be present at the drawing. | June 18 | Algonquin Lions are hosting the Charity Golf Tournament at Whisper Creek Golf Course, Huntley, IL, with a 9 AM Shotgun Start, Scramble Format. A Box Lunch will be provided after 9 holes of play |
| June 6 | Elgin Lions Club is the primary sponsor of the 44th Annual Fox Trot Race today. See the the website at: https://elginfoxtrot.org/ for more details. | June 25-29 | THE 103RD LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION will be in Montréal. LCI has announced this will be a VIRTUAL Convention! Early Bird Rate was gone on April 30, 2021! It's \$75.00 each now until June 25th. |
| June 7 | Crystal Lake Lions Club's Steve Haugh Memorial 2021 Golf Outing at Boone Creek Golf Club. | June 27 | Huntley Area Lions Club is hosting a "Helen Keller Day" event at 3 PM at Deicke Park Cole Pavilion. This will be a com- memoration of her life and mission to service the blind and visually-impaired. There will be interactive activities and an ice cream social. |
| June 11 | NEW DATE -- NEW TIME -- The Bartlett Lions' Golf Outing, 9 AM Shotgun start at Bartlett Hills Golf Club, 18 Holes of Scramble Golf -- Silent Auction. Lunch included -- Hole-in-One Prizes, Betting Holes -- 50/50 Raffle, Early | | |
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