

THE LIONS TALE

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REGULAR MEETINGS

There are no regular meetings in July.

BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday July 20th at the home of Lions Bill Klawitter and Bonnie Kleinmark. They live at 1145 Annandale Dr. 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. There will be food and something to drink so show up hungry and thirsty. Some mosquito repellent might be useful, also. These summer board meetings can be a lot of fun, and there will be a lot to discuss in this one.

OTHER STUFF

Our 100th Anniversary

As noted before, the site and date 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. A



vice president of Lions International, Brian Sheehan, will speak to us at the celebration. This should be an interesting, informative, and fun event. 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.

Foxtrot

The mayor of Elgin, David Kaptain, was very complimentary when asked what he thought of our sponsorship of the Foxtrot this year. Of the 700 or so runners that signed up, 611 actually



strapped on their sneakers and stepped up to the starting line. This event can surely be an annual thing now that we have gotten our feet wet. **Lion Ed Bates** did a magnificent job, and all the members who helped prepare for the race, pass out water, and direct the stream of runners during the race deserve a big thank-you for jobs well done.

Message from our President

Dear Lions,

“I’d like to be remembered as a person who wanted to be free and wanted other people to be also free.” – Rosa Parks. Starting my 2nd term as President of this awesome Lions Club and hoping that most of our pandemic problems are in the rearview mirror and we can get back to normalcy. It will be nice to get our standard programs back on line, serving our community without any barriers, and providing social gatherings at our monthly meetings. Dilly, dilly!!!



We did accomplish a lot last year considering being handicapped; 1) successful Candy Day, 2) Poker events did better than expected considering half participated, 3) Rose Day was successful, and 4) Foxtrot bigger than expected and will grow. Our involvement with the community was much improved considering the pandemic – Elgin Farmers Market (being visible), Northern Illinois Food distribution at Elgin Comm. College handing out food to needed families, and Kettle Bell ringing at Sam’s for Salvation Army. You as volunteers did this, congratulations and thank you.

This past month we installed new officers and I thank you for volunteering, we will do a great job together. Also I gave out awards to some awesome members who went beyond their capacity and contribute very highly considering what just happened in the last 15 months. Congrats to you all and thank you for your support.

Next month we have a celebration of 100 years as an organization, this will be something to remember and reflect, so please join your fellow, other district clubs and community members on August 3 at The Haight. It is time to ROAR and socialize.

Our goals for 2021-22; push membership – did get 2 new members, but need more; more involvement with the community – concerts in the park, working with other non-profit organizations, Northern Illinois Food Pantry, local schools, Elgin Crisis Center and Elgin Farmers Market. As we start a new year, be vigilant, stay healthy, be aware of your surroundings; this pandemic isn’t over yet, but I think it’s pretty much suppressed. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the USA!! BOOM!! BOOM!!**

Gary Hearn
Elgin Lions President



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.

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, will be doing its part, and we hope to add several members this Lions year.

Board Musings

There will be a "Roar-in" in September on Peace Road, Dekalb. this has something to do with cars and it is hosted by Lions of Illinois Foundation. There will be more news on this event.

A press release for our anniversary meal ran in the Sunday edition of the Daily Herald on June 20th.

We agreed to donate to Eversight because of their work the do in improving the sight of children.

Committee assignments are being changed due to Lion Beam stepping back from a more active membership.

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, 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.

Food Drives

Our members helped the Northern Illinois Food Bank opass out food on Saturday, June 19 at Elgin Community College.

You didn't ask, but here is some insight on aging.

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later.

I don't have to go to school or work.

I get an allowance every month.

I have my own pad.

I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver's license and my own car.

Life is great!!!

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.

I decided to stop calling the bathroom the "John" and rename it the "Jim." I feel so much better saying "I went to the Jim this morning."

When I was a child, I thought "Nap Time" was a punishment.

Now, as a grownup, it feels like a small vacation.

The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

I don't have gray hair. I have "wisdom highlights!" I'm just very wise.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.

Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

Of course, I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.

Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers.

Now they drink like their fathers.

Doings at Other Clubs

Jul. 3 Bartlett Lions' Parade starting at 10 AM at the Log Cabin in Bartlett and follows South Bartlett Rd to Stearns Road.

Jul. 4 Independence Day Celebration at Ty Warrner Park in Westmont. Activities (food trucks, crafts, games, & music) begin at 4 PM and Fireworks at 9:30 PM. Look for Westmont Lions at the beer concession stand.

Jul. 5 The 50th Darien Lions' 4th of July Parade will be on Monday, July 5th, in Darien, starting at 9:30 AM in the Jewel parking lot and proceeding north on Cass to 71st street.

Jul. 11 People's Resource Center Open House at 104 Chestnut Avenue, Westmont, open tent in the parking lot from 2—4:30 PM. RSVP required at peoplesrc.org or 630-682-5402.

Jul. 15 LIONS FISHING DERBY at Lake Shabbona State Park. Information will be forwarded as soon as it is available.

Jul. 17 Starting at 7:00 AM, Waterman Lions Summerfest and Antique Tractor & Truck Show, at Lions Park in

Waterman. Activities all day long. See schedule on <http://watermanlionstractorshowandsummerfest.com>

Jul. 21-23 4TH USA/CANAA LEO LEADERSHIP FORUM 2021 — VIRTUAL — Registration is \$30 for each Leo/\$35 for each Lion/Guest. Register at leosforum.org. Leos will receive a Certificate of Completion to demonstrate their proficiency on the seminar topics

Jul. 22 DISTRICT 1J GOLF OUTING, 4th Annual Bad Pants Open, at Hughes Creek Golf Course, 1749 Spring Valley Drive, Elburn. A new Lion is in Charge this year — Lion Frank Lennart. Entry fee is \$125 per golfer and it includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch on the course, and a tremendous steak dinner. Checks, made payable to District 1J, are due by July 1st and need to be sent with the Entry Form to Lion John Churillo, 443 Woodhill Drive, Carol Stream, IL 60188. Registration is at 8 AM with Bad Pants Contest at 9:15 AM, Putting Contest at 9:30 AM and Shotgun Start at 10 AM. Dinner & Prizes at 3:30 PM.