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| **Message from our President**Dear Fellow Lions,“Candy Man, Hey, Candy Man, Alright everybody, gather around, the Candy Man is here” – Sammy Davis Jr. Candy days are upon us; I want to thank all of our volunteers in supporting this terrific event that will be held at Country Donuts (October 9 &10) and Larkin Jewel (October 16). Hopefully the weather will be fantastic.Our guest speaker for the October Monthly Dinner meeting is State Representative Suzanne Ness representing the 66th District, giving us a legislation update. Our September speaker was Jerry Turnquist – Elgin Historian – giving us a brief history about Elgin. The last time that American Legion Hall served food for our monthly dinner meeting was March 3, 2020; current pandemic and Mo (American Legion cook) had a medical procedure. It was great to see Mo after her road to recovery.Elgin Farmers Market on Friday September 17 was shortened by rain and wind, we did have about 200 people come by our table along with a few 4-legged friends. I signed us up for October 8, probably can pass out some candy with a donation.  |  | Lion Sue has Food Drives scheduled tentatively for November 6 and December 4 through the Northern Illinois Food Bank.The poker event on August 28 was a BIG success, thanks to Lions Bill, Sue and Bonnie for the fantastic job. Another event is scheduled for December 3 – here comes the snow storms (inside joke).Congratulations to Lion Rodney Roberts for being a 50-year member of the Lions Club.Gary HearnElgin Lions President |
| **REGULAR MEETINGS**Our next dinner meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 6:15 pm at the American Legion Post 57 located at 820 N.**Liberty Street Elgin, IL. Our speaker will be** State Representative Suzanne Ness who will provide a legislative update. Representative Ness is a **s**mall business owner; founded non-profit organization to help local teens develop leadership skills; B.S. in Communications from Arizona State University; M.A. from University of Phoenix; former employee of Maricopa County, Ariz.; former member, McHenry County Board and Northern Kane County Board; grew up in Marengo and resides in Crystal Lake; married, with three adult children and a granddaughter.**BOARD MEETINGS**Our next board meeting will be held Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 6:15 pm at the American Legion Post 57 located at 820 N.**Liberty Street Elgin, IL.****SERVICE INITIATIVES** **Eyeglasses Program -** Our Eyeglasses Program has been active for many years and is arguably our primary service activity in Elgin. There are many students and individuals in Elgin that cannot afford to buy their own eyeglasses. We work with the U46 School District nursing staff and the Elgin Crisis Center to provide eye examinations and glasses based on individual needs. |  | **MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS**We recently adopted a puppy (Benton) that will be trained as a service dog for the blind and made a donation to help with associated training costs.A donation was made to help sponsor a Beep Baseball organization that allows the blind to actually play competitive baseball against other teams of blind players.A donation was made to the Lions of Illinois Low Vision Program.**FOOD DRIVES**Our members continue work with the **Northern Illinois Food Bank** at their food distribution events at Elgin Community College. In addition, we have food collection bins for nonperishable food items at a number of Elgin schools during the school year. The food collected is donated to the Elgin Crisis Cener in support of their food distribution program. |
| **FUND RAISERS****Candy Day -** The Elgin Lions Club will be collecting Candy Day donations on Saturday, October 9th & Sunday, October 10th at **Country Donuts** on Route 20 and on Saturday, October 16th at the Jewel on Larkin Ave.See the source imageSee the source imageSee the source image**Poker Night -** Our Saturday, August 28, 2021, poker event held at The Max in McCook, IL was **our best ever.** Our next event is scheduled for Friday, December 3, 2021, will be held at the Bridgeview Community Center in Bridgeview, IL. |  | **Rose Day** - Even though this fund raiser is a Spring activity the initial planning begins relatively soon. Every year the club sells a dozen roses at a very attractive price with the proceeds going to support the Eyeglasses Program mentioned under **Service Initiatives**. The U46 Nursing Staff and our club’s Lions work hard to ensure the success of this fund raiser. Last year over 450 dozen roses were sold and we hope to do better next Spring.**BOARD MUSINGS**The Elgin Lions helped the West Dundee Lions Club by manning one of the water stops for the Heritage Fest 5K Race. |
|  |  | **MEMBERSHIP**The number of charitable endeavors we can become involved in as a club is dependent on how many active members we have in our club. As members we have a responsibility to do what we can to recruit new members. Bring a family member, a friend or acquaintance to one of our dinner meetings so they can see how we respond to our “We Serve”. |
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| **Information**Check out what Lions District 1-J is doing by logging into their website and pulling up the journal. Their address is <https://www.district1jlions.org>Our club also has a website and it is a major improvement over what we had in the past. Now more information, photos, etc. can be posted. Take a look at it. The address is <https://elginlions.org>**Miscellaneous Items**Members are reminded that they are required to wear appropriate Lion’s clothing and insignia to our monthly meetings. The vest is always appropriate as is the Lions lapel pin. Our Tail Twister will fine all offenders.Members are also reminded to keep the housing committee chairperson advised of their plans to attend the monthly dinner meeting to ensure that food is available for all attendees and that no food is wasted. |  | See the source imageSee the source imageSee the source image**HALLOWEEN TIDBITS****Halloween**'**s** origins date back to the ancient [Celtic](https://www.bing.com/search?q=Celtic+F.C.&filters=sid%3a9e6cf8d6-fe33-8541-16eb-30e45bfc2ca1&form=ENTLNK) festival of Samhain, when it was believed the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead become blurred. It has since evolved into a holiday when spooky legends, myths and folklore take center stage.The Jack-O-Lantern borrows its name from a stingy man named Jack. According to an old Irish legend, the practice of carving produce for Halloween comes from a man named Stingy Jack who once invited the devil for a drink. True to his name, Jack didn’t want to pay for his drinks, which led to a series of tricking the devil. After some years, Jack passed away and had his soul left in the dark using only a carved turnip to light his way. How’s that for dark Halloween facts?The fear of Halloween is called Samhainophobia.The word witch comes from the Old English word ‘Wicce’. In the Old English [language](https://facts.net/history/culture/language-facts), Wicce referred to a wise woman, which also relates to Wicca. Halloween scarecrows symbolize the ancient and agricultural roots of the holiday.Candy Corn was originally made in the 1880’s and called Chicken Feed. |

**DOINGS AT OTHER CLUBS** (details can be found on the various Club websites)

**Algonquin**

10/19/21 Charter Celebration – 80th Anniversary

**Dundee Township –** no events for October

**Crystal Lake –** no events for October

**Elburn**

10/03/21 All Wheels Car Show

10/09/21 German Dinner

10/26/21 Free Community Spaghetti Dinner

**Fox River Grove** – no events for October

**Huntley –** no events for October

**Huntley Sun City** – no events listed for October

