

The Lions Tale

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Message from our President

Dear Fellow Lions,

"Lions are ready whenever and however our communities need us." WE SERVE!! Our 100 Anniversary Celebration was spectacular with a large contingent of Lion's members from Elgin and the surrounding communities, honored guests and international dignitaries. Our guest speaker Lion Brian Sheehan (1st Vice President Lions International) had our audience glued to the power point presentation with humor and motivation. The Haight was an awesome venue and our appetizers and dinner provided by Cuisine America was scrumptious. I want to sincerely thank all the volunteers who brought all this together and all the members that attended this "out-of-the-world" event.

Also in attendance was Illinois State Senator Cristina Castro; she presented a Proclamation that proclaimed "By the Senate of the 102 General Assembly of the State of Illinois, that we hereby honor August 3, 2021, as the 100 Anniversary of the Elgin Lions Club, and be it further". What an honor, I was flabbergasted!!

We had a Board of Directors meeting at Sue Bruneau and John's home on August 17th - thank you both for hosting the meeting and providing food, it was a great evening under the trees. The September 7th meeting will be at the American Legion Hall with food (hopefully) and our guest speaker provided by Lion Jim Beam – hopefully you all can attend.

Elgin Farmers Market on August 20th, was somewhat disappointing, probably too hot; but did entertain a few possible new

members. Another one scheduled for September 17 and maybe October 1, thanks to all the volunteers.

Lion Sue is checking with Northern Illinois Food Bank to see if there is any food drives coming in the near future, we will need some volunteers.

Please send your dues to Lion Bill that helps with administrative expenses like international/state/district dues that we have paid already.

We need volunteers; candy day is coming in October and Lion Wes is going to need some help, please.

Members – talk to a friend, colleague, co-worker or a neighbor; bring them to a dinner/monthly meeting. Thanks.

If you are interested in the new 1-J District Directory, go to district1jlions.org.

Gary Hearn
Elgin Lions President

REGULAR MEETINGS

Our September meeting will be held on September 7, 2021, at 6:15 pm at the American Legion Post 57 located at 820 N. Liberty Street Elgin, IL.

Our speaker will be **Jerry Turnquist** a fourth-generation resident of Elgin. He is a recently retired math teacher from Ellis Middle School in Elgin. For years he has authored a history of Elgin column in the newspapers and has spoken to our club on several occasions about Elgin historical facts and events.

BOARD MEETINGS

September 21, 2021, at 6:15 pm to be held at the American Legion Post 57 located at 820 N. Liberty Street Elgin, IL.

POKER NIGHT

Our last Poker Event held on Friday July 23, 2021, at The Max in McCook, IL was very successful. Our next event is scheduled for Saturday August 28, 2021, and will be held at the same venue.



MEMBERSHIP

Members, members, members! We need new members! 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 all need 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".

BOARD MUSINGS

The Elgin Lions Club continues to assist the City of Elgin at The Farmers Market held on Fridays on Spring Street in downtown Elgin.

The **2021 Elgin Farmers Market** Season will run for a total of twenty (20) weeks, beginning on Friday June 5th until mid-October. Attending vendors have many interesting things for sale.



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 - <https://elginlions.org>

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Our members are reminded that they are required to wear appropriate Lions' clothing and insignia to our monthly meetings. The vest is always appropriate as is the Lions lapel pin. Our Tail Twister has been advised to 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.

FOOD DRIVES

Our members continue to help the Northern Illinois Food Bank at their food distribution events at Elgin Community College. In addition, we have placed food collection bins at a number of Elgin schools during the school year.

SHOPPING ON AMAZON

Did you know that by using AMAZON SMILE when purchasing items using your Amazon account - you can also donate a percentage back to the Elgin Lions Club Foundation?

How Do I Sign Up for Amazon Smiles? To add the Elgin Lions Club Foundation as your charitable donation of choice, all you have to do is type in:

SMILE.AMAZON.COM to your web browser. When first accessing the site, you will have to select the **Elgin Lions Club Foundation** as your Charity.

First Time Users. Please follow these 3 easy steps:

Step 1: Type in Smile.Amazon.Com to your preferred web browser.

Step 2: Will take you to the next page where you select the charity of your choice, Lions of Illinois Foundation. Make sure you are always using the extension of AmazonSmile, otherwise it will not donate the 0.05% of eligible purchases to LIF. Top left of page will say AmazonSmile to check.

Step 3: Click on "Get Started."



COMMON AND NOT SO COMMON PHOBIAS

- **Nomophobia:** The fear of being without your mobile phone. People with nomophobia experience excessive anxiety about not having their phone with them, their battery being low or their phone being out of service.
- **Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia:** The fear of long words. Ironically, it is also the longest word in the dictionary.
- **Phobophobia:** The fear of phobias. This can be described as free-floating anxiety, where a person spirals in a circle of anxiety from fearing fear itself.
- **Decidophobia:** The fear of making decisions. Making any kind of decision can seem impossible for someone with decidophobia. We had a real hard time deciding to include this one or not!
- **Pogonophobia:** The fear of beards. This usually stems from an alarming incident with a bearded person.
- **Linonophobia:** The fear of string. A person with linonophobia will have an extreme reaction when even thinking of string, let alone seeing it in person.
- **Arachibutyrophobia:** The fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth.

DOINGS AT OTHER CLUBS

September 10 - Fox River Grove Lions will hold their 2021 Golf Scramble at Chalet Hills Gold Club, 943 Rawson Bridge Rd., Cary, IL. 10:30 AM Registration / Noon Shotgun Start / 6 PM Dinner / Prizes & Raffle. Cost is \$125 per player, \$500 per team. Entry includes Hot Dogs at Tee Off, 18 holes golf with a cart, and Pig Roast Dinner.

September 11 - Lions of Illinois Foundation will hold the LIF ANNUAL ROAR-IN CAR SHOW On Sep. 11 from 10 AM—3 PM at 700 N. Peace Road, DeKalb, IL. \$10 registration begins at 9 AM. Pre-Register to be placed into a Special Drawing. Contact LIF Office at lifnd.org or call 815-756-5633.

September 11 – Algonquin Lions Club 8th Annual Wine & Beer Tasting will be held at the Village Vintner – 2380 Esplanade Drive from 1200 pm to 0300 pm. Cost is \$20/ticket. For tickets call Deb at 847-421-5165 or Carolyn at 224-713-4039.

September 25 - Huntley Area Lions Club will be serving pancakes again at the Huntley Fall Fest on

OUR 100th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Our 100th year anniversary dinner was a huge success. Keynote speaker, First Vice President of Lions Clubs International Lion Brian Sheehan, mesmerized attendees with a powerful and interesting speech. In attendance were Illinois State Cristina Castro, several Elgin officials, Lion notables, Lions from several other clubs and fellow volunteers from many other nonprofit organizations in the Elgin area. See more in the message from our President.

