

The Lions Tale

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Hello Elgin Lions,

Thanks everyone for participating in the Rose Day event. We raised just over \$2700 this year to help students and adults with free vision testing and glasses if needed.

Events coming up:

Lions of Illinois Foundation

- Deaf Awareness Night – Kane Count Cougars, Friday June 21st 6:30 p.m.
- 30th anniversary Charity Golf Classic – anyone is welcome – August 3 Senicas's Oak Ridge Golf Course in LaSalle.

Facts: Lions and Leos of Illinois helped fulfill the wishes of eye donors to provide 7,743 people a second chance at sight last year.

Environmental Impact Report- sneaker recycling

- 93 bags of sneakers received
- 2879.8 pounds of sneakers displaced
- 39,442 pounds of carbon dioxide displaced
- 2,967,311 gallons of water saved

Lion Sue



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 an individuals' financial needs. To date we have provided **37** adults and **70** children with eye exams and glasses.



Food Drives – Our members continue to work with the Northern Illinois Food Bank at their food distribution events. In addition, we have food collection bins for nonperishable food items at a number of Elgin schools during the school year. The food collected at the schools is donated to the Elgin Crisis Center in support of their food distribution program.

Regular Meeting

Our next dinner meeting will be held on Tuesday, 7, 2024, at 0615 pm at the American Legion Post 57 located at 820 N. Liberty Street, Elgin, IL.

Board Meeting

Our next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 06:30 pm at the American Legion Post 57 located at 820 N. Liberty Street, Elgin, IL.

OUT AND ABOUT

April 4-5, 2024, District 1J Convention

Attended by Lions Sue Bruneau, John Sheehan, Bill Klawitter, Bonnie Kleinmark and Bob Fowler

April 12, 2024, EPEL – Elgin Public Museum

Attended by Lions Mary Merrell, Nadine Lipp, Sharry Blazier and Bonnie Kleinmark



April 20, 2024 – Charitable Gaming

OUT AND ABOUT (cont'd)

Attended by Lions Bill Klawitter and Bonnie Kleinmark



April 26, 2024 – Kane County Senior Wellness Fair – ECC

Attended by Lions Mary Merrell, Gary Hearn and Bonnie Kleinmark



April 20, 2024, Drug Free Dash

Attended by Lions Sue Bruneau, Gary Hearn, Lynne Dusel and a host of wonderful volunteers



Fundraisers

Elgin Valley Fox Trot – Registration is up and running. To date, we have over 500 runners registered and multiple sponsors for the event.

Charitable Gaming – TBD July

Let's Celebrate May Birthdays!!

No May Birthdays

Let's Celebrate May Service Awards!!

No May Service Awards

IMPORTANT DATES:

Congratulations!!!! (cont'd)

May 4, 2024 – Fox River Clean-Up

Congratulations!!!!



Lion Sharry Blazier - Elgin Mayor's Award - For promoting Elgin history by creating the popular "Elgin Nostalgia & History" Facebook page; "My Elgin," a podcast and videos of songs about Elgin; and for writing "Elgin's White Elephant," a detailed history of the Elgin Public Museum.

Lion Bonnie Kleinmark received the George Lazansky award at our District 1-J convention. This is a distinguished service award and is very deserving of Bonnie for her outstanding contribution to Lionism at the Elgin Lions Club over the years.



Lion Bonnie Kleinmark, Lions International Director Steven Middlemiss and Governor Jim Worden

Huntley Lion Pam Palmer was also awarded the George Lazansky. Lion Pam Palmer is the wife of our very own Lion Bob Fowler.



Miscellaneous Items - Appropriate Lions clothing and insignia are required at 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.

Membership - Attention all Elgin Lions! The number of charitable endeavors we can become involved in as a club depends on how many active members we have in our club. Many non-profit organizations are having a challenging time regarding the recruitment of new members. We are no different but, as Elgin Lions, we have a responsibility to do what we can to recruit new members.

DID YOU KNOW?

A double rainbow occurs when sunlight is reflected twice inside a raindrop. Look closely, and you'll see that the colors of the secondary rainbow appear in reverse order.



Blood makes up about 8% of your total body weight.



According to a Japanese study, looking at cute animal pictures can boost your focus.



An Oscar trophy has a raw value of about \$600.



A 1907 ad campaign for Kellogg's Corn Flakes offered a free sample of cereal to any customer who would wink at their grocer.



It once took 27 hours to create a single Peeps Marshmallow Chick. Today, it takes six minutes.



Doings At Other Clubs – please see the District IJ Journal for upcoming events



We Serve
