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| Message From the President:  *"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 our volunteers in supporting this terrific event that will be held at Larkin Avenue Jewel (Oct 3), Big Apple Bagels (Oct 4), and Country Donuts (Oct 11 & 12).  Lion Wes needs volunteers especially on Oct 12 at Country Donuts.  DUES:  Please pay your 2025-26 dues, our club has paid your dues in July to the International, state and district lions clubs.  Thank you in advance.  Please get involved - Again, we are here "TO SERVE"  President Gary Hearn  A person standing next to a car  AI-generated content may be incorrect.  **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 individual’s financial needs. To date we have provided 8adults and 7children with eye exams and glasses.  See the source image  **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, October 7, 2025, at 0600 pm at the American Legion Post 57 located at 820 N. Liberty Street, Elgin, IL.  A big thanks to Jen Keller of PADS who was our guest speaker. Also, a big thanks to the Lions who donated much needed supplies for PADS.    **OUT AND ABOUT**  September 13, 2025 – Heritage Fest  Another fun outing helping the West Dundee Lions Club  A group of people standing next to a table of water bottles  AI-generated content may be incorrect.  A group of people walking on a path  AI-generated content may be incorrect.  A big thanks to Lions Bill Klawitter, Sue Bruneau, Lyn Dusel, Andy (friend) and Bonnie Kleinmark (not pictured)  **Important Dates**   * October 18-19 – Heal Elgin * October 3, 4 and 11– Candy Day   If there is something that you would be interested in doing as a service project, let one of the Board members know.  **This and That**  People who travel to see the vibrant leaf colors are called “leaf peepers”.  To prepare for winter, squirrels bury up to 3,000 nuts during fall.  Falling back for daylight savings time leads to fewer heart attacks.  More relationships bloom in the fall.  The smell of pumpkin pie is an aphrodisiac.  The largest pumpkin ever weighed nearly 3,700 pounds.  Zombie walks take over towns worldwide.  It’s the only time you can watch all of the major sports at one time.  **Doings At Other Clubs – please see the District IJ Journal for upcoming events**  Port Dover Lions Club | |  | **Board Meeting**  Our next Board Meeting will be held on  **Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 0600 pm.** The meeting will be held at the American Legion at 820 N. Liberty Street, Elgin.  **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.  **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.  **LET’S CELEBRATE**  clipart party blowers 20 free Cliparts | Download images on Clipground 2024clipart party blowers 20 free Cliparts | Download images on Clipground 2024clipart party blowers 20 free Cliparts | Download images on Clipground 2024  October Anniversaries  Ron Heider – 44 years  October Birthdays  Jose Cuerras – 10/30  Ed Bates – 10/31  September 17, 2025  Lurie’s Children Hospital is opening an outpatient clinic in Schaumburg in October. Lion Sue Bruneau dropped off four full bags of stuffed animals and Beanie Babies for the clinic. This will put a smile on the kid’s faces that are going through a tough time.  A group of women holding stuffed toys  AI-generated content may be incorrect.  September 24, 2025 – Candy Day Jamboree  Lions Bonnie Kleinmark and Bill Klawitter picked up the Club’s candy and attended the dinner.  A white van parked in a parking lot  AI-generated content may be incorrect. |