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Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974

The Official Newsletter of the Lions of Illinois Foundation



A Little Bird Told Me.....

A graphic of a sweepstakes ticket stub. On the left, it says '40TH ANNUAL POCKETFUL OF MIRACLES' in a stylized font. Below this is an illustration of a money bag with gold coins and the number '\$20,750'. To the right of the bag, it says 'DO NOT REMOVE COVER FROM THE TICKET STUBS' with arrows pointing to the top and bottom edges. In the center, there is a banner that says '20 LIONS 20' and below it, 'Sight & Sound Sweepstakes'. Below the banner is the Lions of Illinois Foundation logo and the text 'Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974'. To the right of the logo are two circular icons: one of an ear and one of an eye. Below these icons, it says '3 TICKET BOOK \$10 - INDIVIDUAL TICKETS \$4'. At the bottom, there is a yellow box with the text 'HELP THE LIONS HELP PEOPLE WITH VISION AND HEARING NEEDS' and a Facebook 'f' logo. On the far right, it says 'DO NOT REMOVE COVER' vertically.

SIGHT AND SOUND SWEEPSTAKES

Early Bird Drawing is Almost Here!

Sweepstakes Tickets, that are turned in early for the months of February, March, and April with ticket monies will be placed into a special **EARLY BIRD DRAWING** for an additional **\$1,500** in prize money! Details inside this edition

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Thank You to all of our Lions for Your Continued Support

**Lions of Illinois Foundation
Celebrating 45 years of
Serving People with
Vision and Hearing Needs**

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LIF THOUGHTS

Lion Chip Farrington, PDG Foundation President

Hello Fellow Lions,

It was with great sadness that I had to report the passing of Mario Gumino our Foundation Executive Director. Lion Mario was one of the most caring and dedicated Lions I have ever known. If you knew Mario, you probably feel the same way.

As Lions, our motto is "We Serve" and it is time for our Foundation to continue to serve the people of Illinois. Thank You to everyone who took advantage of the FREE shipping for our LIF Gift Card Campaign for some of your holiday shopping this Holiday Season. It is one way to generate extra income for our Foundation and our Clubs to better serve our Communities.

On February 29, 2020, we will be having a free Children's Handheld Vision Screener Training session at the Holiday Inn in East Peoria, Illinois, from 10:00am until 3:00pm. I would like to see representatives from every District attend. I would like to thank all of you for your support in this difficult time and wish you a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season. Yours in Lionism,

PDG Chip Farrington,

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2020

February 22, 2020

Board of Trustees Meeting

Holiday Inn, East Peoria, IL

February 29, 2020



Children's Vision Screener Training

Holiday Inn, East Peoria, IL

101 Holiday St., East Peoria, IL



March 1- May 31, 2020

Diabetes Awareness Campaign

March 16-17, 2020

Jacksonville Low-Vision Clinic



Children's Vision Screener Training Session

Saturday February 29th 10am-3pm

It does not matter what brand of camera your district is currently using, or if your district has not purchased a camera. If you are interested in being a **SCREENER FOR YOUR DISTRICT**, then this event is for you!

The goal of the training session is to have Lions available in each district who are able to administer screenings using the Handheld Children's Vision Screener.

We will be presenting the Lions of Illinois Foundation complete administrative plan for this program at this event. Lunch will be provided so please **RSVP by February 14th**

Please contact Jyllann Torres at the Foundation Office

Jtorres@lifnd.org 815-756-5633 x 231

SIGHT AND SOUND SWEEPSTAKES

Tickets have been Mailed out to your Club Secretary



How to take Advantage of the Early Bird Drawing

Sweepstakes tickets, with ticket monies, that are turned in early for the months of February, March, and April will be placed into a special **EARLY BIRD DRAWING** for each month. This is a cumulative drawing with a total of \$1,500 in additional prize money. Each month there is a chance to win \$500 split 50/50; \$250 going to the Club and \$250 going to the Seller listed on the back of the ticket. **All tickets, with ticket monies**, received for the three **EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS** will also be placed into the main Sweepstakes drawing in May. A Club/Seller has a chance to win each month. The same Club/Seller has a chance to **WIN ALL THREE DRAWINGS**. The more tickets, with ticket monies, received; the more chances there are of winning.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Turn in as many Sweepstakes tickets and money as you can, to LIF no later than February 28, 2019. The tickets will be placed into an **"EARLY BIRD DRAWING"** for a chance to win \$500, \$250 going to the Club and \$250 going to the seller. The first drawing will take place on the first Wednesday in March. Turn in more tickets for the next drawing, with ticket money, by March 31, 2019, and those tickets will be placed in the **"EARLY BIRD DRAWING"**, along with all of your tickets that were sent, with your ticket money, from the February drawing. Once again, you have a chance to win \$500, \$250 going to the Club and \$250 going to the seller. The second drawing will take place on the first Wednesday in April. Turn in more tickets, with the ticket monies, by April 30, 2019, and those tickets will be placed in the **"EARLY BIRD DRAWING"** with those that were received in February and March. Once again, you have a chance to win \$500, \$250 going to the club and \$250 going to the seller. The third drawing will take place on the first Wednesday in May. **GOOD LUCK!** Please contact [Dianne Ortega](mailto:DOrtega@lifnd.org) if you need more tickets or have question regarding the fundraiser. DOrtega@lifnd.org 815-756-5633 x250

**THE SIGHT AND SOUND SWEEPSTAKES DRAWING TAKES PLACE
SUNDAY MAY 17TH AT THE BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL MARRIOTT HOTEL
201 Broadway, Normal, IL 61761 309-862-9000**

RAFFLES AND FUN

SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS!

PARADE OF PLEDGES

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



MOBILE SCREENING UNITS: Our Mobile Units are done screening for 2019. Units run from March 1st thru the 2nd week in November. The Club Rotation Schedule and Invitations for next year's screenings has been mailed out, check with your Club Secretary to review that information with your club. out from the Foundation office on December 15th. **Scheduling will open on January 15th for the 2020 Calendar Year.** Clubs will be invited for either the Retinal or Hearing Screening Unit. If they would like to utilize the other unit they can request it. Hosting forms can also be found on our Website. LionsOfIllinoisFoundation.org

Clubs will be encouraged to sign up on-line using our newest on-line system. Just go to our website www.LionsOfIllinoisFoundation.org and hover over programs tab and click on mobile screening units and **"CLICK HERE"** to fill out the mobile unit request form.

NEW this year in the mailer the clubs will be receiving, will be information on scheduling our second **Free Standing Retinal Camera** for club events. This camera is for **INDOOR** events and will allow clubs to have access to a retinal screening if our Mobile Unit is booked.

If there is an opportunity at a screening event to use the **Children's Vision Screener**, Jyllann will make every effort to locate a Lions member who has been trained and can attend and screen at the scheduled event.

WEEKEND EVENTS: We will do our best to schedule the units from each district. **Weekend events** will be offered the use of **ONE screening unit only**. This will allow each club to schedule and host a mobile unit on a weekend date, exceptions would be a larger Health Fair. We will do our best to post the Screening Schedules on our Website in a timely manner.

Mobile Hearing Screening Unit Schedule 2020

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	
	Hearing Unit A	Hearing Unit B
March	Overflow	Overflow
April	East - M	CS
May	East - H	CN
June	East - D	West - D
July	J	West - M
August	F	West - H
September	A	G
October	BK	Overflow
November 1st-14th	Overflow	Overflow

Mobile Retinal Screening Unit Schedule 2020

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>
March	Overflow
April	CN/CS
May	M
June	G
July	A/BK
August	D
September	F/J
October	H
November 1st-14th	Overflow

JYLLANN TORRES IS OUR PROGRAMS ASSISTANT AND WILL BE SCHEDULING ALL MOBILE UNITS AND ALSO THE FREE STANDING RETINAL CAMERA BEGINNING JANUARY 15, 2020 jtorres@lifnd.org **Ext. 23**

DIABETES AWARENESS: March 1st - May 31

There are several new items that you need to be made "aware" of for this campaign. This year, when you turn in your 60% Diabetes Awareness Campaign contribution you will receive our **NEW Diabetes Awareness Patch and Chevron.**

Sugar Free Candy: NEW THIS YEAR The sugar free suckers, that were used for Candy Day will also be used for our Diabetes Awareness Campaign and be priced the same for this campaign.

Along with the Small box (350 suckers) priced at **\$45** and the Large box (1,050 suckers) priced at **\$95**, there will be a medium size box available (525 suckers) priced at **\$60**.

Information for this campaign will be mailed to club secretaries in January. You can also find order forms and information on our website.

Please contact Dianne Ortega for Sugar Free Candy Orders and supplies. dortega@lifnd.org Ext. 250

DIABETES AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

March 1- May 31



Educational Center
For the Visually
Impaired



Second Sense
Beyond vision loss



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Adult Low Vision - Orientation and Mobility Training

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of Adults with Low Vision

O&M Training costs \$65 an hour, with a minimum of 10-15 hours needed for a completion of an initial session.

Sponsorship Levels: Bronze \$200 ___ Silver \$400 ___ Gold \$700 ___ Platinum \$1,000 ___

Other Amount \$ _____

Club Name/or Individual Donor Name: _____

Club Address / Individual's Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Contact Phone number(____) _____

Please make your check payable to: LIF
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Submit form & donation to:

Lions of Illinois Foundation

2254 Oakland Drive

Sycamore, IL 60178

Phone: 815-756-5633

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Facebook.com/LionsofIL



Orientation and Mobility Training focuses on instructing individuals who are blind or low vision with safe and effective travel skills through their environment.

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our Adult Low Vision Clients

Thank You for Your Donation



OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2019 TRIBUTE DONATIONS

MEMORIALS

PDG, Richard Sellers

- Mario and Karen Gumino
- John Allsworth
- Ron and Ann Wigton
- George and Patricia Durbin
- Chip Farrington
- Richard and Barbara Bark
- Al Gort
- David and Rita Griffin
- John and Joycelyn McCann
- Richard and Sheila Schrupf
- Pekin Lions Club
- Rick and Rose Tonozzi
- Milan Lions Club
- Derrald Taylor
- Ron and Lucy Chamberlain
- John and Elizabeth Thien

Janice Fruit

- Wayne Fruit
- Curtis and Cynthia Fruit
- Mario and Karen Gumino
- Phillip and Amanda Montgomery
- Carl Dumoulin
- James and Patricia Kloepping
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- Troy and Mildred Pate
- Al Gort
- Gagewood Lions Club
- Steve Tesdahl
- Susan Hastings

Donald Borgwardt

- Scott Nelson
- Chip Farrington
- Lori Khanuk
- Winthrop Harbor Lions Club
- Susan Hastings
- Clarice Pushee

GET WELL WISHES

Marlene Jachim

- District 1-A PDG Club

Wes and Marcia Salsbury

- District 1-A PDG Club

IN HONOR OF

Charter Members 1979

- Union Lioness Club

Kirkland Lions Club

- Marvin and Wanda Bernhardt

RECYCLING REPORT

7-1 to 11-30 2019

LIF is compiling a Recycling Report

Please be sure to fill out a Recycling form to receive a Thank You letter and to be placed on our RECYCLING REPORT.

Forgot to place a recycling form with your dropped off items?

No, worries, just fill out a form and e-mail it to office@lifnd.org

Go Green

District	Eyeglass	Hearing Aids	Ink Cartridges	Cell Phones	Wire/String Lights	Tabs Lbs.	Metal Keys Lbs.
1-A	15,004	90	382	94	10	9	5.55
1-BK	34,772	367	1,832	580	319	36.2	21.6
1-CN	6,097	94	158	107	7	51.84	1
1-CS	3,570	8	90	11	2	2	5.14
1-D	15,541	203	2,073	673	353	44.1	42.76
1-F	34,896	193	1,825	574	102	63.3	20.06
1-G	980	64	30	34	5	192.2	0
1-H	5,512	85	172	40	8	4.25	1
1-J	41,237	373	2,176	779	113	54.5	44
1-M	15,972	101	1,054	442	7	15.63	54.16
TOTAL	173,581	1,578	9,792	3,334	926	473.02	195.27

Please fill out a RECYCLING FORM if you wish to have your district included in this report.



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Lions of Illinois Foundation Recycling Program Donation Form

Please complete **ALL** the information below to receive a thank you letter by email which can be used for tax purposes.

The LIF is a non-profit charitable organization. Please note that the LIF does **NOT** count any donated items, so please fill out the quantities on this form to the best of your knowledge.

Date: _____

Lions Club Name: _____ District: _____

Please clearly print the name of whom you want the thank you letter sent to below:

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Number of used eyeglasses: _____ Number of hearing aids: _____ Number of ink cartridges: _____

Number of cell phones/chargers: _____ Pounds of metal keys: _____ Pounds of tabs: _____

Pounds of lighting wires/strings: _____ Other items: _____

Please enclose this form with your donation and send to:

Lions of Illinois Foundation, 2254 Oakland Drive, Sycamore, IL 60178

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DROP OFF HOURS ARE FROM 10AM-3PM M-F PLEEEASE CALL AHEAD OR CALL IF YOU NEED TO MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS