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Lions Share

Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974

The Official Newsletter of the Lions of Illinois Foundation



DIABETES AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

March 1- May 31

What is Diabetes?

Type 2 Diabetes

body cannot use insulin properly
Can develop at any age
Most common type in adults
Most causes can be prevented

Type 1 Diabetes

body does not make enough insulin
May develop at any age
Must take insulin for life
Most common juvenile diabetes

**Once you have Diabetes, you have it for life.
There is no cure for diabetes, only control.**

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The Lions Share will be "GOING GREEN" 7-1-2020

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LIF - SPRING 2020

By Lion Trish Fisher, Executive Director



Greetings Lions of Illinois,

Spring is a busy time for your Foundation. **Diabetes Awareness** kicks off March 1st. Please contact **Dianne Ortega ext. 250** for Risk Strips, Sugar Free Candy or any supplies you may need to run your campaign. We have added a 'bag stuffer" onto our website to use as an informational tool. All order forms and final reporting forms are also on our website. Our first **Early Bird Drawing** is March 4th please keep sending in your sweepstakes tickets for more opportunities to WIN! **Live Facebook feed of the drawing at 1:15pm.**

The **Mobile Screening Units** roll out March 1st, our Programs Assistant Jyllann Torres has already had several requests for screenings from Lions Clubs throughout the state. We welcome Lion Gary Wilson as our newest driver covering the Southern districts. We have our Free Standing retinal camera, for any scheduled indoor events, in addition to our mobile retinal screening unit. This will allow more opportunities to utilize screenings with our retinal camera. Please view the screening schedule on our website under the "CALENDAR" tab. We are also partnering with community Health Fairs. If you know of a Health Fair in your community please contact **Jyllann Torres at ext. 231**

March 16th and 17th is our **Low-Vision Clinic in Jacksonville**, please mark this on your calendar and plan on attending this life changing clinic.

Campers are already signing up for our signature **Camp Lions Summer Camps**. We have added an online form for our Youth Camps to streamline the registration process and all forms and information including the wish list and treat night schedules, are on our website. We are filling up our treat night/open house schedules please contact **Denise Domanico at ext. 222** to reserve your night.

Tootsie Pop Day is in May, please contact Dianne Ortega to order supplies and Candy. Order Forms and Final Reporting Forms are also on our website.

We will be taking **pre-orders for Candy Day**, as we had done last year. We have 3 box sizes of our sugar free suckers available this year for our clubs. Please view the Candy Day order form located on our website or contact **Dianne Ortega at ext. 250.**

Thank you to all of our Lions for all that you do to serve the people in your communities.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2020

March 1- May 31, 2020	Diabetes Awareness Campaign	May 1- 2, 2020	Tootsie Pop Day
May 15-17, 2020	State Convention/Board Meeting Marriott, Bloomington, IL	March 16-17 2020	Jacksonville Low-Vision Clinic

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 has been mailed to club secretaries in January. You can also find order forms and information on our website.

SIGHT AND SOUND SWEEPSTAKES

Return tickets each month for a chance to win \$\$ in our early bird drawings



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 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**

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Lions of Illinois Foundation 45th Anniversary Pin

Just \$2.50 each, additional cost for shipping ,

Supplies are very Limited

E-mail the Foundation to reserve your pins today!

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Or Call

Dianne Ortega at 815-756-5633 x250





Please Adopt a Camper to attend Camp Lions this Summer!

By adopting a camper you insure that all deserving children and adults can experience what Camp Lions can offer them.

Your Lions of Illinois Foundation is asking every Lion, Lioness, and Leo Club to help by "adopting" at least one camper to attend Camp Lions with a **Donation of \$525 or more.**

These donations will help to defer some of the total costs associated with our Camp Lions program including lodging, food, and qualified staff, including a nurse, to care for and inspire the attending campers.

Mail Form To:

Lions of Illinois Foundation
Camp Lions Adopt-A-Camper
2254 Oakland Drive, Sycamore, IL 60178

Camp Lions Adopt-a Camper 2020

Club Name: _____ District: _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ to adopt _____ Camper (s) to Camp Lions Summer Camps

Club Contact Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Camper's Name (not required) _____

For Credit Card Donations please visit our website or contact accounting at 815-756-5633 x351

If you would like to place a birdies guess, please fill your number here _____



Congratulations Wheaton Lions Club for reaching 1,000 Children's Eye Screenings

The **Wheaton Lions Vision Screening Committee** has been working with the Wheaton Public Library very closely now for the past three plus years.



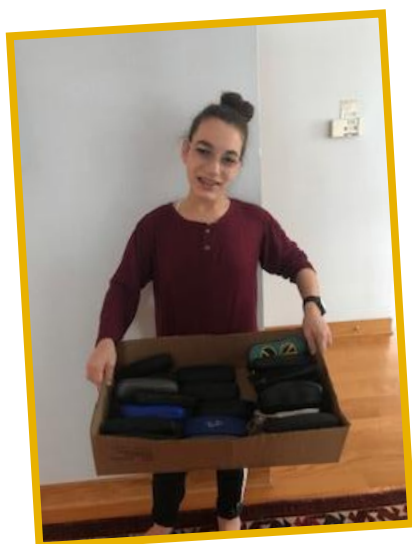
Standing - **John Tagye** (pictured left) and **Ken Intihar**
Seated - from left to right **Jim Jakubiec**,
Richard Boyle and **Bob Clavel**

The WP Library's Executive Director, Ms. Betsy Adamowski who is also a member of the Wheaton Lions Club and serves as the Club Secretary, has been VERY supportive of this effort at the Library.

Two times a week about every third month, the Lions Vision Screening Committee, headed up by Mr. John Tagye, sets up a table downstairs in the Children's Department at the Library and gives **FREE** public eye screenings to as many children as possible in a 3 hour window.

Dr. Jim Jakubiec, the Lions Club Director of all Sight and Hearing matters sits on the Board of Directors, and the committee reports to him.

Congratulations!
Thank You for your Service



8th Grade Philanthropy Project Rockford Christian Middle School

Thank You to
8th grader **Maria Heinsch**
And her mom for dropping off these
pairs of eyeglasses as part of Maria's
Philanthropy Project at school.
The Lions of Illinois Foundation
Thanks You for your Donation

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More information will be mailed
to your club secretaries







Local Pearle Vision Franchisees Give Back to Needy Children

October 17, 2019 Calumet City, IL

Pearle Vision volunteers with their not-for-profit organization, *ABSEE*, met at a Calumet City elementary school to donate eye exams and prescription glasses to needy schoolchildren.

ABSEE was founded by Pearle Vision in cooperation with OneSight and has a mission to provide corrective eyewear to children in need, as well ensure that every child gets the eyecare they need to unlock their true potential. The program is hosted in the *ABSEE* Vision Van (dubbed IRIS) which travels the country to underserved markets. Most recently, the van traveled from Minneapolis and New York. The *ABSEE* Vision Van is equipped with an optometrists' office and a fully functional lab to manufacture prescription eyeglasses.

The school serves as a base for the Vision Van. Once a student has their paperwork processed and their pretesting done the process on the van takes 10-15 minutes. Within an hour, they have new prescription glasses custom made just for them.

During the 3-day clinic, *ABSEE* volunteers saw 310 patients and provided corrective eyewear to those who required prescriptions on the spot. Nearly 1 in 4 children has an undiagnosed vision problem. It is critical to discover these issues early on as 80% of what children learn is through their eyes.

Volunteer, Rory Zimny from *Pearle Vision Crest Hill* said ***"Today, was such a great experience and an opportunity to grow your heart! It means so much to be able to provide prescription glasses to kids who need it the most!"***. Dawn Maginity of *Pearle Vision Crystal Lake*, Timothy Webb from *Pearle Vision Bolingbrook* and volunteers from other Chicagoland Pearle Vision locations enjoyed the opportunity to help kids in need as well.

IRIS, the vision van is scheduled to return to Ohio for servicing before accepting its' next mission in Atlanta, Georgia. If you would like to donate to *ABSee*, visit www.onesight.com.



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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2020 FOR**

**AT THE WESTIN CHICAGO NORTHWEST
400 PARK BLVD, ITASCA, IL 60143**



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AT 6PM**

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coming your way!**

Please contact
Dianne Ortega if
you are interested
in volunteering.
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