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Lions Share

Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974.

The Official Newsletter of the Lions of Illinois Foundation



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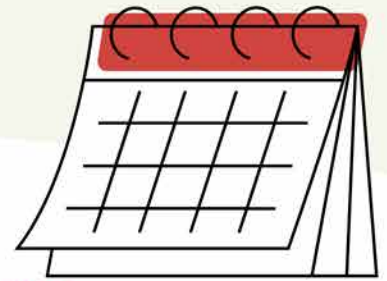
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Mark Your Calendar



Club Officer Reporting Forms Due-NOW

Forms are included in this Lions Share



July 15, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting

Holiday Inn East Peoria, 101 Holiday St, East Peoria, IL 61611



July 15, 2023 (11:30am-3:30pm) Coordinators Meeting

Holiday Inn East Peoria, 101 Holiday St, East Peoria, IL 61611



June 25, 2023 Camp Lion Begins

We still need Clubs for Treat Nights



Turn in your Golf Classic Sponsorship/Foursome Form

Become a Golf Hole Sponsor for \$290



August 10-14 State Fair

Contact Dave Johnson or Terry Knollenberg to volunteer with Screenings at the Fair

Upcoming Events



August 5, 2023

29th Annual Golf Classic
To Support
Student Low Vision

September 9, 2023

LIF Car Show
To Support
Vision Services



September 30, 2023

Bingo Night
To Support
Adult Low Vision



LETTER FROM...

Lions of Illinois Foundation President

Well Lions, another year is almost over and my presidency comes to an end June 30th. Soon, Lion David Johnson, current Trustee will take over as the LIF President and I'm sure that he will do a very good job. Along with the executive officers and trustees, they will form a great team to keep the Foundation moving forward. Even though the Foundation has a great team, they will still need your support to keep the LIF programs going forward.

One of the programs that is happening this month is the Tootsie Pop Day Campaign. The Recycling Program is ongoing with the recycling of eyeglasses, cell phones, pull tabs, used hearing aids and metal keys to help the Foundation. The new Mobile Unit is in the process of being made to incorporate vision and hearing screenings for the community. The current Mobile Unit can be reserved on the LIF website along with the schedule of events already made. The Lions State Convention in Springfield was held on May 20 and 21. There were lots of the usual raffles and auctions, training seminars, big meals and a few big announcements. A great time was had by all. As we did in the last Lions Share, please help us find Leo the Lion. Email LIFoffice@lifnd.org and let us know what page you found him on and what information was on that page, to be placed into a drawing to win a gift card.

Thanks to all the trustees for all their volunteer work and time on the committee's and special committee's that were formed during the year. Thanks to all the Lions for their continued support to the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

Please add
LIFoffice@lifnd.org
to your contact list
to receive Foundation information through



2023-2024 Board of Trustees



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LIF/LIEF Board Meeting



LIF Ambassador Dinner



87 Ambassadors,
Lions, Special
Guests and LIF
Staff Attended
the Ambassador
Dinner Friday
Evening



LIF Breakfast Meeting





FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS TROPHY WINNERS!

CANDY DAY CAMPAIGN

- Presented to the Lions that remits the largest dollar amount to the Foundation.

22-23 CANDY DAY STATE CONTRIBUTOR'S TROPHY- **DARIEN LIONS CLUB 1-J** \$26,372.70

- Presented to the Lions Club that remits the largest dollar amount per capita to the Foundation.

22-23 CANDY DAY STATE RECOGNITION TROPHY- **CHICAGO BEVERLY RIDGE LIONS CLUB 1-A** \$272.80 PER MEMBER.

SIGHT AND SOUND SWEEPSTAKES CAMPAIGN

- Presented to the Lions Club that remits the largest net dollar amount to the Foundation.

21-22 SWEEPSTAKES STATE CONTRIBUTOR'S TROPHY- **DARIEN LIONS CLUB 1-J** \$2,040.00.

- Presented to the Lions Club that remits the largest per capita to the Foundation.

21-22 SWEEPSTAKES LIONS CLUB RECOGNITION TROPHY- **OLNEY LIONS CLUB 1-CN** \$288 per member

TOOTSIE POP DAY CAMPAIGN

- Presented to the Lions Club that remits the largest dollar amount to the Foundation.

21-22 TOOTSIE POP STATE CONTRIBUTOR'S TROPHY- **WHEATON LIONS CLUB 1-J** \$3,679.28

- Presented to the Lions Club that remits the largest dollar amount per capita to the Foundation.

21-22 TOOTSIE POP STATE LIONS CLUB RECOGNITION TROPHY- **WESTCHESTER LIONS CLUB 1-A** \$88.24 per member



50th Anniversary Foundation Fellow Awards





Parade of Pledges 2023

LIF Total Amount Pledged = \$ 37,491.92								
District	Adult Low Vision	Camp Lions	Diabetes Awareness	Golf Classic	Leader Dog	Mobile Unit	Student Low Vision	Walk / Run
1-A	\$ -	\$ 1,575.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 5,000.00
1-BK	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 290.00	\$ -
1-CN	\$ 440.00	\$ 11,400.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 175.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 490.00	\$ -
1-CS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,114.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 290.00	\$ -
1-D	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -
1-F	\$ -	\$ 1,050.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 590.00	\$ -
1-G	\$ 25.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ -	\$ 682.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 290.00	\$ -
1-H	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-J	\$ -	\$ 1,050.00	\$ -	\$ 540.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,450.00	\$ -
1-M	\$ 90.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 555.00	\$ 22,775.00	\$ 1,814.92	\$ 2,397.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 5,000.00

LIEF Total Amount Pledged = \$ 10,975.00				
District	Foundation Fellows	Memorials	Sustaining Supporters	Tree of Service
1-A	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-BK	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$ -
1-CN	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,675.00	\$ -
1-CS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-D	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-F	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
1-G	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-H	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-J	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 3,000.00
1-M	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 3,175.00	\$ 4,000.00

Programs and Services

\$37,491.92

Endowments \$10,975.00

**Thank You for Your
Generous Donations!**



Congratulations to Lion Mike Verzal
and the
Huntley Area Lions Club!



March Winner
Huntley Area LC
Drawn By
Foundation Clerk
Nicole Burke

April Winner
Elburn LC
Drawn By
Associate Director
Ron Fruit, PDG



Congratulations to the
Elburn Lions Club
on winning the April Early Bird drawing!



Congratulations to the
Lena Lions Club
on winning the April Early Bird drawing!



May Winner
Lena LC
Drawn By
Property Manager
Jeff Richardson

Congratulations to our Early Bird Winners!



Club Officer Reporting Form FOR 2023-2024 Lions of Illinois Foundation

700 N Peace Road, Suite B
DeKalb, IL 60115
Phone: 815-756-5633 Fax: 815-748-9087

LIFoffice@lifnd.org
lionsofillinoisfoundation.org

****Please note: This and
any other paperwork
MUST still be sent into
Lions International**

Return to Lions of Illinois Foundation by May 1, 2023
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

District _____ Club _____

Club Name _____

Club Address or PO Box _____

Club Email (if available) _____

PRESIDENT

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

SECRETARY ****THIS MAILING ADDRESS CANNOT BE A PO BOX DUE TO UPS REGULATIONS**

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

TREASURER

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

****LIF updates our records annually, please send us your active
membership roster with complete names, addresses, phone
numbers, and emails.**



2023 Lions of Illinois Foundation Sight & Sound Sweepstakes Winners List

1st place \$5,000.00 winner William Brad Cooper
Seller None listed Club & District Danville LC 1-M

2nd place \$1,000.00 winner Philip Crosby
Seller Randy Ferguson Club & District Johnston City LC 1-CS

3rd place \$1,000.00 winner Larry Smith
Seller Larry Smith Club & District Darien LC 1-J

4th place \$1,000.00 Julie Bracken
Seller Joe Bracken Club & District Lisle LC 1-J

5th place \$1,000.00 Mike Rizzi
Seller Rob Bremner Club & District Naperville Noon LC 1-J

6th place \$1,000.00 Kim Hartigan
Seller Kathy Deram-Clark Club & District North Chicago LC 1-F

7th place \$500.00 St. Jacob Lions Club
Seller St. Jacob Lions Club Club & District 1-CN

8th place \$500.00 Jonathan Feryance
Seller Wauconda Lions Club Club & District 1-F

9th place \$500.00 Stephen Keppner
Seller John Gunther Club & District Coatsburg LC 1-G

10th place \$500.00 Rick Keller
Seller Gary Moeller Club & District Nashville LC 1-CN

11th place \$500.00 Christina Haugnauer
Seller Sherry Cates Club & District Waterloo LC 1-CN

12th place \$500.00 Jim Martin
Seller Jim Martin Club & District Glenview LC 1-F

13 th place \$500.00	Marian Peregoy	
Seller	Mary Ann Lennon	Club & District Burbank LC 1-A
14 th place \$500.00	Ken Johnson	
Seller	None listed	Club & District Yorkville LC 1-BK
15 th place \$500.00	Derek Barton	
Seller	Derek Barton	Club & District North Aurora LC 1-J
16 th place \$500.00	Bill Kloepping	
Seller	None listed	Club & District Pearl City LC 1-D
17 th place \$250.00	Riley Englehart	
Seller	Joe Bracken	Club & District Lisle LC 1-J
18 th place \$250.00	Therese O'Connor	
Seller	Ed O'Connor	Club & District Darien LC 1-J
19 th place \$250.00	Roselle Lions Club	
Seller	Roselle Lions Club	Club & District 1-J
20 th place \$250.00	Carole Frank	
Seller	Carole Frank	Club & District Grayslake LC 1-F
21 st place \$250.00	Greg Coleman	
Seller	Greg Coleman	Club & District Burbank LC 1-A
22 nd place \$250.00	Michael Scheck	
Seller	Michael Scheck	Club & District Darien LC 1-J
23 rd place \$250.00	Robert E. Perry	
Seller	Luanne Ragland	Club & District Waterloo LC 1-CN
24 th place \$250.00	Rodney Small	
Seller	Rodney Small	Club & District Nashville LC 1-CN
25 th place \$250.00	Gwendolyn Murphy	
Seller	None listed	Club & District
26 th place \$250.00	Hugh Hardman	
Seller	Hugh Hardman	Club & District Darien LC 1-J



Greetings Lions,

Spring 2023

As I travel throughout the state speaking on our student low vision program, I'm sharing an old proverb about how "It Takes a Village". This simply means that: **"an entire community of people must provide for and interact positively with children for those children to experience and grow in a safe and healthy environment"**.

Lions and Lions Clubs throughout Illinois have been working tirelessly for over 40 years along side of the Lions of Illinois Foundation and our partnering clinics to do just that, to "provide" hope for those children with Low-Vision through the **Jacksonville Clinics** and the **Seeing is Believing Program**.

For a donation of just **\$290** a child receives over \$1,000 dollars worth of services which includes: a comprehensive visual exam, telescopic eye glasses and prescribed optical tools and devices. In addition, the team assists each child as they address their daily challenges of growing up with vision loss.

Please join us with your donation today to the Seeing is Believing Program and provide hope to those children we pledge to serve.

Lion Trish Fisher
Executive Director



Low Vision Program for Students



Dear Lions Members & Friends,

The Lions of Illinois Foundation partners with Spectrios Institute for Low Vision, the Illinois College of Optometry, and the Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind to provide a FREE comprehensive visual evaluation to Illinois students in grades K-12.

Students are referred by special education staff employed by the Illinois Board of Education. The exams are performed by licensed optometrists that travel to the different screening locations throughout the state.

The LIF **"Seeing is Believing"** Low Vision Program for Students provides a visually impaired child with the optical tools and training necessary to help prevent further vision loss or even blindness. But more importantly, these are the children we have promised to help by preserving what sight they have left. Their future is in our hands.



YOU
FOUND ME!



In 1991 Lions made a pledge to the children of Illinois.

We Believe that No Child Needs to Face Blindness as their Future.

Please help to preserve that pledge with your donation.

Enclosed is our check/money order to sponsor _____ student(s) at a cost of \$290 each.

Amount of donation \$ _____

Club Name or Individual Donor Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Phone number(____) _____ E-Mail _____

Submit Form & Donation to:
Lions of Illinois Foundation
700 N Peace Road, Suite B
DeKalb, IL 60115

Please make your
check payable to: LIF
We also accept credit
cards, please call us.
Phone: 815-756-5633

**Please Join Us With
Your Donation Today.**



Lionsofillinoisfoundation.org
Facebook.com/LIFnd

*Remember, we are not just
asking for a donation, we
are asking for the
opportunity to provide a
student with low vision a
chance to excel in school, in
society, in job placement
and in their future.*

Lions of Illinois Foundation 29th Annual Golf Classic

In Memory of PDG, Lion Mario J. Gumino



Saturday, August 5, 2023
Registration open: 10:00 AM
Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM

SPONSORSHIPS:

\$1,000 — Golf Classic Sponsor
(Includes one paid foursome)
\$290.00 — Golf Hole Sponsor
Includes hole sponsor sign on the green
(\$290 Sponsors one child through the Low Vision Clinic)
\$100.00 — Driving Range Sponsor
\$75.00 — Beer Cart Sponsor
\$50.00 — Golf Cart Sponsor

4-Person Scramble

\$98.00 per golfer
\$392.00 per team
(unless Club/Team
Golf Classic Sponsor)

A Round of Golf will include:

-  Cart
-  Lunch
-  Buffet Dinner
-  2 **FREE** beverages on the course
-  50/50 Raffle and More!

FOURSOME REGISTRATION

Please complete and return by July 8, 2023

Club/Team Name _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

NAMES OF GOLFERS:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

SPONSORSHIPS:

___ **\$1,000 ~ Golf Classic Sponsor**
(Includes one paid foursome)

___ **\$100.00 ~ Driving Range**

___ **\$290.00 ~ Golf Hole Sponsor**
Includes hole sponsor sign on the green
(\$290 Sponsors one child through the Low Vision Clinic)

___ **\$75.00 ~ Beer Cart Sponsor**

___ **\$50.00 ~ Golf Cart Sponsor**

Total: \$ _____

Make Checks payable to:

Lions of Illinois Foundation
700 N. Peace Rd, Suite B DeKalb, IL, 60115
Memo: Golf Outing

Camp Lions Summer Camp



JUNE 25th-JULY 1st

Youth Week

Camp Red Leaf Village

(Formerly known as Henry Horner)

26710 W Nippersink Rd, Ingleside, IL 60041

JULY 2nd-JULY 8th

Helen Keller Week

Camp Red Leaf Village

(Formerly known as Henry Horner)

26710 W. Nippersink Rd, Ingleside, IL 60041

JULY 16th-JULY 22nd

HoH/Deaf Week

East Bay Camp

24248 Ron Smith Memorial Highway, Hudson, IL 61748

JULY 23rd-JULY 29th

LV/Blind Week

East Bay Camp

24248 Ron Smith Memorial Highway, Hudson, IL 61748

JULY 30th-AUGUST 5th

Youth Week

Camp Dubois Center

2651 Quarry Road, DuBois, IL 62831

VISIT US AT

LIONSOFILLINOISFOUNDATION.ORG



Adopt-A-Camper

Children and adults who are deaf/hard of hearing, or blind/partially sighted, share in the fun of swimming, boating, nature walks, archery, crafts, music, campfires, and more fun camp activities with friends at Camp Lions. One thing has never changed at Camp Lions is the idea of providing a safe, positive place for youth and adults to enjoy summer camp with their peers. This philosophy has given thousands of campers a chance to grow self-confidence in a fun, sports & nature program.

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.

A Thank You note with a picture of your camper, will be sent to your club along with our gratitude.

If you have a specific camper you would like to adopt please include their name below.

Make a donation online to the Lions of Illinois Foundation programs

at: www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org

Mail Form To:

Lions of Illinois Foundation
Camp Lions Adopt-A-Camper
700 N Peace Road, Suite B
DeKalb, IL 60115

OR E-mail Form to camplions@lifnd.org



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Camp Lions Adopt-a Camper

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 _____





The Lions of Illinois Foundation Presents

CAMP LIONS

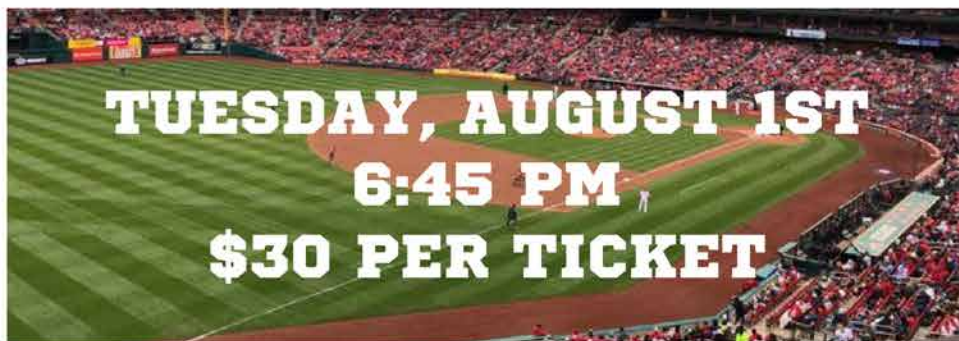
CARDINAL BASEBALL DEAF NIGHT



CARDINALS



TWINS



COME JOIN THE CAMP LIONS CAMP DUBOIS CAMPERS
FOR A FUN NIGHT OF BASEBALL!

SPONSOR A CAMPER FOR \$100!

\$100 DONATION WILL PROVIDE



ADMISSION



BUS RIDE



SNACK



BASEBALL T-SHIRT

(WITH LAST NAME ON BACK)



**ALL SPONSORS WILL
RECEIVE A SPECIAL
ACTIVITY SPONSOR PATCH**

BUSCH STADIUM 700 CLARK STREET, ST. LOUIS, MO 63102

Email Lion Guideon Richeson at griche@msn.com or

Lion Joe Hrabusicky at joe8750964@outlook.com for tickets

Questions? Contact us at (815) 756-5633 or LIFoffice@lifnd.org



LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION DIABETES AWARENESS CAMPAIGN 2023 FINAL REPORT



OFFICIAL REPORT of Diabetes Awareness Fund Raising for Humanitarian Services (Blind & Deaf).

____ Yes, our Club participated in Diabetes Awareness on _____
(Dates)

____ NO, our Club was **unable** to participate but enclosed is our donation of \$ _____ to
The Lions of Illinois Foundation Diabetes Awareness Campaign.

CLUB NAME: _____ DISTRICT _____ CLUB # _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ E-Mail _____

DIABETES AWARENESS RESULTS: (Please answer ALL questions ONLY if Club participated in Diabetes Awareness)

Number of (Lion) Workers/Volunteers _____

Number of Cases of Candy Purchased _____ Has candy been purchased & paid for w/ LIF: Yes [] No []

Collections from DIABETES AWARENESS \$ _____

Collections from UNDERWRITERS \$ _____

GROSS TOTAL COLLECTION FROM ALL SOURCES \$ _____

COST OF CANDY \$ _____

COST OF APRONS (-) \$ _____

OTHER COSTS Please explain & list other costs _____ (-) \$ _____

NET _____ \$ _____

CONTRIBUTIONS TO: (Please make all checks payable to the Lions of Illinois Foundation)

THIS MUST EQUAL 60% of NET OR MORE to Lions of Illinois Projects \$ _____

Date: _____ Signature _____ Title: _____

Your contributions to the Foundation will make the following projects possible:

Camp Lions for Children and Adults, Low Vision Program for students and adults, Mobile Retinal Unit, Mobile Hearing Unit, Social Services and Referral, LIF Used Hearing Aid Collection & Hearing Aid Bank (H.A.B.), Used Eyeglass Collections, LIF Fund for Emergency (L.I.F.E.).

SUBMIT THIS REPORT AND CONTRIBUTIONS NO LATER THAN JUNE 1ST 2023

LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION

700 N PEACE RD SUITE B

DEKALB, IL 60115

815-756-5633 - TELEPHONE 815-758-8157- FAX dortega@lifnd.org - EMAIL

Sneaker Recycling Campaign

How Do I Participate?



COLLECT PAIRED SNEAKERS TIED BY THE LACES

Your Local Lions Club will have information about the program or contact The Foundation Office Directly for collection Information.

LIFOffice@lifnd.org

DESIGNATED DROP-OFF POINT DROP OFF SNEAKERS



**ALL SNEAKERS WILL BE
COLLECTED AT THE
FOUNDATION OFFICE FOR
BAGGING UNLESS OTHERWISE
INSTRUCTED.**



Important Things To Know

✓ **ALL SNEAKERS MUST BE PAIRED:**

TIE YOUR SHOES TOGETHER

It is important to ensure your sneakers are paired together in order to qualify for compensation.

All pairs not shipped together in the same bag will be categorized as non-paired and will not be eligible for payment.

✓ **PLEASE DO NOT SEND:**

Dress shoes, heels, rain boots, sandals, slip-ons, water socks, wedges, and work boots of any kind.

✓ **YOUR LOCAL LIONS CLUB** will have information about the program or contact The Foundation Office Directly for collection Information. **LIFOffice@lifnd.org**

WORK WITH YOUR LOCAL: Schools, Gyms, Food Pantries & Community Centers for collecting.

GotSneakers will not accept any footwear shipped in other types of packaging including but not limited to boxes of any kind.

LIF has Partnered with Shoe Sensations in DeKalb, IL. They are Offering a 20% Coupon Off a New Pair of Shoes for anyone who donates an old pair of Sneakers...



Thank You to Chicago Ridge Lions Club for Hosting a Drive-Up - Drop Off Sneaker Collection Event



LETTER FROM...

Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund President

Fellow Lions,

The State Convention & the annual Foundation Breakfast is now complete & we are finishing another year. It is so heartwarming to hear all these donations and pledges made during the parade of pledges at the Foundation breakfast. At the convention, ED Trish welcomed Ron Fruit to the Foundation, who will take over as Executive Director

on July 1, and explained how she believes she was put in the right place at the right time to be able to see the Foundation through the transition after the passing of past Executive Director, Mario Gumino and through the pandemic. She has done a fantastic job. I look forward to seeing what the future holds with their team work.

A couple special Foundation Fellow awards were given out, one to long-time LIF employee, Dianne Ortega and one to Camp Lions lead counselor, Jamal Garner. Congratulations - both well deserved. Lion Jamal Garner also spoke at the Foundation Breakfast. Lion Jamal is deaf and attended Camp Lions as a child for a couple years. He was moved by the counselors that he had. They were mentors to the campers and as Jamal got a little older, he wanted to be like them - be a counselor and have the chance to change other children's lives by being a positive mentor. Very heart-warming & inspirational!

This coming year, we will start to celebrate the Lions of Illinois Foundation's 50th Anniversary. We are wanting to increase the number of Foundation Fellows awarded this year. A special 50th Anniversary Foundation Fellow has been created and our goal is to present over 500 of these. Consider honoring a Lion or community member with the 50th Anniversary Foundation Fellow in recognition of their great service, or purchase one for yourself. All monies from a Foundation Fellow goes directly into the Endowment Fund. The principle of the Endowment Fund will never be touched. By following the Endowment Fund guidelines, set by the board of directors, in accordance with the overall risk and return objective of the portfolio, as well as the spending policy, allows for the programs and services to continue in the future.

Donations made through the Sustaining Supporter program also help build the Endowment Fund. An individual can donate \$25 a year or anytime to work towards the Foundation Fellow status. Also, clubs can donate annually \$25 per member and be a 100% Sustaining Supporter Club.

I have been thinking about the many programs over the years made available to clubs and how many people we have served over the past 50 years through Camp Lions, hearing & vision screenings, low vision clinics, recycled eyeglasses sent thru mission trips, reconditioned hearing aids, plus so much more. Wow, the Lions & Foundation have made a BIG impact in many ways.

We have done a lot of great things to help our Illinois communities. Let's keep up the great work & we are looking forward for ways to improve our services offered and for new ways to expand help those in need.

Sincerely,
Barbara Taylor
LIEF President



**International President Brian Sheehan
receiving his 8th Level Sustaining Supporter from
Lion Chris Coleman Memorials and Endowments
Coordinator District 1-A, Burbank Lions Club**



Lions of Illinois Foundation

Celebrating 50 Years of Service



A Foundation Fellow is the greatest level of recognition that can be bestowed by the Lions of Illinois Foundation and can honor anyone (Lion or non-Lion).



The Lions of Illinois Foundation is reaching its 50th year of serving people with vision and hearing needs. The Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund is celebrating the Foundation's 50 years of service with a 50th Anniversary Foundation Fellow Award and 50th Anniversary Foundation Fellow Pin.

A Foundation Fellow can be presented to a person who donates \$500 to the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund, or it can be used as a way for others to honor a person's dedication to the club, community, Lions District, Lions of Illinois Foundation, and/or Lionism in general.

This Special Edition 50th Anniversary Foundation Fellow is progressive and counts towards your Laureate Level. 100% of the contributions will go directly to the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund.

The wording on this 50th Fellow reads:

"For Your Ongoing Dedication and Support to Serving Those in Need."

What a perfect opportunity to award those Lions in your clubs or people in your communities who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Our goal is to award over 500 of these special 50th Anniversary Plaques during the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 fiscal years. Please fill out an award form or contact the Foundation office for more details.



E-mail: knathan@lifnd.org or call 815-756-5633

How does someone become a Foundation Fellow?

To become an "initial" Foundation Fellow, contribute \$500 (in partial payments or in one payment) to the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund and attach the form provided below. Subsequent "progressive" Foundation Fellows are \$500 each.

- Foundation Fellow Application -

Check one: Initial Foundation Fellow ☐ Progressive Foundation Fellow ☐

Name of Foundation Fellow as it should appear on certificate (*please print*):

Check one: ☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ PDG ☐ DG ☐ DT
☐ Other (*specify*: _____) ☐ Do NOT include title

Is Foundation Fellow to be presented posthumously? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please select one of the following:

- ☐ Special 50th Anniversary Plaque and Pin
☐ Special 50th Anniversary PIN ONLY

Foundation Fellow's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

District: _____ Club Name: _____

Contact Person's Name (if different than Foundation Fellow): _____

Daytime Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Shipping Address: _____

Date to be presented: _____ Is this a surprise? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you like a Foundation representative to present the Foundation Fellow? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

To learn more about Birdies for Charity, please visit www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org

Special Instructions: _____

☐ Full Payment (\$500) enclosed ☐ Funds on Account ☐ Partial Payment Enclosed \$ _____

Make check payable to LIONS OF ILLINOIS ENDOWMENT FUND.

Mail to:

LIONS OF ILLINOIS ENDOWMENT FUND 700 N Peace Road, Suite B • DeKalb, IL 60115

MARCH—APRIL 2023 TRIBUTE DONATIONS

MEMORIALS

Anne B. Hopkins

- James Price

Bob Quinn

- Bolingbrook Lions Club

Carl Hall

- Steve and Kathy Ferguson
- Leann Brackney

David Griffin

- Milan Lions Club

Dianne Lilly

- Morris Lions Club

Dick Whittington

- Russ and Susan Sarver

Douglas Snell

- Jerry and Mary Beasley

Jack Stults

- Kenneth Jackson
- FJ Colbrook
- Nashville Lions Club

James Zack

- Tom and Jane Martin
- Robert Carmean
- Carolyn and Russell Godby
- Robert and Susan Adams
- Jerry Clemens
- John Allsworth
- Jerry and Mary Beasley

Janet Ryerson

- Stan and Mary Vorhies

Joe Riggio

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- Lurene Knight
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- Kimberlee Carew
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- Gerald Grommes
- Sycamore Lions Club

Shawn Kane

- LaHarpe Lions Club

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- Mark Turk

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- Robert and Linda Jilke, Sr.
- Roselle Lions Club

HONOREES

John Simpson

- Mark Turk

Margaret Smith

- Russ and Susan Sarver

GET WELL WISHES

David Hansen

- District 1-A PDG Club



LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION TOOTSIE POP DAY 2023 FINAL REPORT



OFFICIAL REPORT OF FUND-RAISING BY LIONESS & LIONS CLUBS FOR VISION & HEARING SERVICES.

____ Yes, our club participated in Tootsie Pop Day on _____
(Dates)

____ No, our Club was **unable** to participate, enclosed is our donation of \$ _____ to
The Lions of Illinois Foundation Tootsie Pop Day Campaign

CLUB NAME: _____ DISTRICT: _____

TOOTSIE POP DAY CHAIRPERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

ZIP: _____ PHONE#: _____ EMAIL: _____

TOOTSIE POP DAY RESULTS: (Please answer ALL questions ONLY if Club participated in Tootsie Pop Day)

NUMBER OF (LION) WORKERS: _____ NUMBER OF (NON LION) VOLUNTEERS: _____

OF CASES PURCHASED: _____ HAS CANDY BEEN PAID FOR: YES [] NO []

COLLECTIONS FROM TOOTSIE POP DAY \$ _____

UNDERWRITER DONATIONS COLLECTED \$ _____

TOTAL DONATIONS COLLECTED \$ _____

COST OF CANDY (-) \$ _____

COST OF APRONS (-) \$ _____

OTHER COSTS (-) \$ _____

NET \$ _____

60% MINIMUM DONATION TO THE LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION PROJECTS \$ _____

(AS REQUIRED FOR TAX DEDUCTIBLE STATUS)

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ TITLE: _____

THIS REPORT MUST BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 15, 2023
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION AND MAIL TO:

LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION
700 N PEACE ROAD SUITE B
DEKALB, IL 60115
815-758-2041 - TELEPHONE 815-758-8157- FAX dortega@lifnd.org - EMAIL

LIF is Celebrating 50 Years of Service

Please Send any Pictures Related to the Foundation and it's 50 Years of Service.



WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS...
PLEASE SEND THEM TO TRISH FISHER
tfisher@lifnd.org

