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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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Upcoming Events

September 9, 2023

LIF Car Show-North
To Support
Vision Services
DeKalb, IL

October 1, 2023

LIF Car Show-South
To Support
Vision Services
St. Jacob, IL



September 30, 2023

Bingo Night
To Support
Adult Low Vision
Pekin, IL



Mark Your Calendar



August 10-14 State Fair

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



September 16th C.O.G. Meeting

Marriott Hotel, Bloomington Normal, IL



October 13-14 Candy Day 2023



October 16-17 Jacksonville Clinic

Low-Vision Clinic for Students



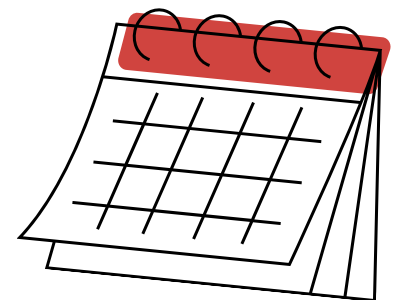
October 30th, 2023

Request your Sight and Sound Tickets to Sell over the Holidays



November 11th Board of Trustees Meeting

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





LETTER FROM...

Lions of Illinois Foundation President
David Johnson, PDG

Greetings to my fellow Lions,

I am excited for this next adventure of becoming Lions of Illinois Foundation President. I will continue being the Mobile Unit Tech. I believe we have a great team of officers, but we will need everyone's support to keep the LIF programs going forward.

I have had so many memorable opportunities to serve different communities with: Candy Day; Children's Eye Screening; several Eye and Hearings Screenings; Delivered Peace Meals; Lions Camp; and Visited Leader Dog Headquarters. I have been blessed to serve as a Lion since 2009. It is my commitment to continue to serve Illinois communities with all that Lions do: "WE SERVE!"

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support. The Lions are needed more than ever. It's time we all do our best, let the world know what Lions represent, and let them hear us coming, "I ROAR!"

*Don't forget to look for our little lost Lion. Tell us you found him, the page number and what was on that page to be placed into our drawing to win a Gift Card. Just E-mail us
LIFoffice@lifnd.org*

**The Lions of Illinois 50th Anniversary Gala
Celebration will be held on
September 28th 2024**



LIF Board of Trustees Meeting

July 15, 2023 Holiday Inn East Peoria, IL



**LIF President
Lion David Johnson, PDG
addressing the
Board of Trustees**

Welcoming Our Incoming Trustees 2023-2025

Lion Carol Anderson, PDG 1-G

Lion Helen Ferguson, PDG 1-CS

Lion Gary Meyers, PDG 1-D

Lion Terry Scherman 1-F



Coordinators Meeting

July 15, 2023 Holiday Inn East Peoria, IL

Thank you to everyone who attended the Coordinators Meeting which took place directly after the Board of Directors Meetings.

Coordinators arrived around 11:30am for a "Meet and Greet" had lunch at noon and then headed into their break-out sessions. It ended with everyone returning to the main room to review fundraising and development lead by E.D. Ron Fruit.

It was great to have everyone meet in person. Coordinators will continue to meet quarterly via Zoom 3x per year, or more as needed, with an annual yearly "Boots on the Ground" Meeting



**Camp Lions Meeting
Lead by Trustee
Guideon Richeson**



**Leader Dog Meeting
Lead by
Howard Swacker, PDG**



**Vision Services and Health
Services Meeting
Lead by State Chairs
Gail Anton, PCC,
and Bob Gilke, PDG
also Associate Director
Trish Fisher**

Candy Day is October 13-14 2023

**Order your Candy and
Supplies Today!**













**Attend your District Candy Day Jamboree
to Pick-Up Your Candy and Supplies.**



Lions of Illinois Foundation 2023 Candy Day Jamborees



Recycling will be accepted at locations marked with Recycling Icon

District and Date	Location
 1-CS Wednesday August 9th	Sparta Lion Den 5:30pm- 6:30pm Social Hour 6:30pm Buffet Dinner \$18.00 Per Person
 1-M Tuesday August 15th	Yoder's Kitchen & Family Restaurant 1195 E. Columbia St. Arthur, IL 61911 6:00pm Buffett \$15.00 Per Person
 1-CN Thursday August 17th	Central City Lion's Den 300 S. Morrison St. Central City, IL 62801 6:00pm-Pictures / 6:30pm Dinner \$10.00 Per Person
 1-H Monday August 21st	Gibson Woods Golf Course 5pm-7pm 1321 N. 11th St., Monmouth, IL Dinner Served at 6:00pm / \$9.00 Per Person Pork Chop Sandwich, Chips, Salad, Drink
 1-D Tuesday August 22nd	Lena Community Hall 5:00pm Candy Pick-Up 6:00pm Jamboree
 1-F Thursday August 24th	Lake Zurich Lions Den 81 E. Main Street, Lake Zurich, IL 60047 6:00pm / \$10.00 Per Person
 1-J Wednesday August 30th	American Legion 820 N. Liberty St. Elgin, IL 60120 5:30pm / \$15.00 Per Person
 1-G Sunday September 10th	Greenfield Lions Park 2pm-4pm Light Refreshments
 1-BK Wednesday September 13th	Marseilles Lions Den 511 Commercial Street, Marseilles, IL Candy Pick-Up 5:00pm-6:00pm Dinner 7:00pm-8:00pm 8:00pm Program
 1-A Thursday September 14th	115 Bourbon St. 6pm-9pm 3359 W. 115th Street, Marionette Park, IL 60803 \$30.00 Per Person Includes Beer and Wine



LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION 2023 CANDY DAY ORDER FORM

****NEW Volunteer
Buttons &
Stickers**

CLUB REQUESTS

(CLUB NAME & DISTRICT)

INNER BOX PEPPERMINT DROPS- 750 per box \$16.67 **LIMITED SUPPLY**

CASE PEPPERMINT DROPS- 4,500 per box \$100.00 **LIMITED SUPPLY**

CASES OF WINTERGREEN CANDY 576 ROLLS PER CASE \$110.00 + shipping

LARGE CASE SUGAR FREE CANDY 1,050 SUCKERS PER BOX **FREE**

CANDY DAY APRONS @ **20.00** COUNTER TRAYS @ \$7.00

(INCLUDES 2 TRAY BACKINGS)

WILL PICK UP CANDY AT DISTRICT JAMBOREE? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(If NOT picking candy up at Jamboree, please contact your local Trustee)

Our Club will hold Candy Day on the following date .



CANDY DAY SUPPLIES (WE SUGGEST YOU ORDER ONLY THE AMOUNT YOU ARE POSITIVE TO USE)

WINDOW POSTERS (11X17)

VOLUNTEER BUTTONS

MILK CARTON STICKERS

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

UNDERWRITER LETTERHEAD

SPECIAL NOTE: PLEASE READ AGREEMENT CAREFULLY

WHEREAS; Illinois Lions Candy Day is perhaps the greatest state-wide fund-raising activity EXCLUSIVELY BENEFITING SIGHT, HEARING, and HUMANITARIAN SERVICES in Illinois; and WHEREAS: Illinois Lions Clubs work together to ensure success and benefits; and WHEREAS; Lions have directed their Lions of Illinois Foundation to provide extensive Services, Programs & Grants, like our award-winning Camp Lions, Mobile Retinal Unit, Mobile Hearing Unit, Our Low Vision Program, and our design for research and much more and WHEREAS; recognizing that each individual Lions Club also has a real responsibility to its own sight, hearing, and humanitarian services in their own community, often to a degree that cannot be met from retained Candy Day funds alone, but must be supplemented by other club fund-raising activities; so, THEREFORE, By signing this agreement. Our Lions Club AGREES TO PARTICIPATE in FULL MEASURE in this Lionistic activity; **AND MUST CONTRIBUTE A MINIMUM OF 60 PERCENT OR MORE OF THE NET PROCEEDS** to your Lions of Illinois Foundation for your provided projects, and services; and we FURTHER AGREE that ALL FUNDS RETAINED by our Club shall be used EXCLUSIVELY for aid to sight, hearing, and humanitarian services in our own community. It is FURTHER AGREED that a full accounting of funds shall be made to the Lions of Illinois Foundation before December 1st of this calendar year.

SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

EMAIL

ONLY DELIVERIES TO A HOME OR BUSINESS LOCATION PO BOX NUMBERS ARE NOT ACCEPTED

DELIVER TO

PHONE ()

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

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CAMP LIONS

Summer

CAMP



Camp Lions Camp Counselors

Camp counselors are positive role models as many are visually or hearing impaired themselves. Counselors encourage every camper to reach for new goals, strengthening their abilities & self-esteem. Most Camp Lions counselors are fluent in American Sign Language. All Counselors are 18 years or older & are trained in CPR & First Aid.

Visit our website www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org

Email us at camplions@lifnd.org



CAMP LIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Our goal is to create a scholarship program for the directors and counselors that operate the Lions of Illinois Foundation, Camp Lions Summer Camp Program.

The scholarships would be awarded to all camp staff that complete the year.

The camp directors are currently in the process of completing their advanced degrees. All the camp counselors are just starting their education paths.

These scholarships are intended to aid the recipients in furthering their education and personal development.

Each recipient will get a scholarship of \$500. There are two (2) camp directors and 10-12 counselors yearly.

“Growing Camp Leaders”
The cost of the program would be \$7,000 per year. Clubs throughout IL can support the program with donations that would be specific to these scholarships.

Bronze Level \$50-\$250

Silver Level \$251-\$500

Gold Level \$501 and Up

Send donations to
St. Jacob Lions Club
PO Box 242 St. Jacob, IL 62281

Sneaker Recycling

Lions of Illinois Foundation



is partnering with...

Local Lions Clubs



**To Benefit
Camp Lions**

**A Free Summer Camp for
Deaf and Blind
Students and Adults**

**Just Donate Your Old Sneakers...
That's It!**

BINGO BONANZA

To Benefit Vision Services in Your Communities

Saturday, September 30, 2023

PEKIN VFW

1232 Veterans Drive Pekin, IL

11am-4pm

LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION HOSTS:

10 Rounds of Classic Bingo for \$20
\$75 Payout for each game

- ➡ **Doors Open at 11am**
- ➡ **Food/Drink Available at 11:30am**
- ➡ **Bingo Begins at 12:50 pm**
- ➡ **Early Bird Game**
- ➡ **Additional Special Games**
- ➡ **Giveaways**
- ➡ **Raffles**

Bring your Friends and
Family for a Day of
Laughter and Excitement.

Get Ready to Shout
"BINGO!" and Win some
Amazing Prizes at this
Fun-Filled Event.

Must be 18 years old to play





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Lions of Illinois Foundation

700 N. Peace Rd. Suite B, DeKalb, IL 60115

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Greetings Lions and Bingo Enthusiasts,

That's right, our partner, the Center for Sight and Hearing, is heading to Peoria and The Lions of Illinois Foundation will be holding a Bingo Bonanza Fundraiser to welcome them. All proceeds from this event will support the Vision Services that the Center provides, which includes Orientation and Mobility Training.

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT VISION SERVICES IN YOUR COMMUNITY:

- **BECOME A GAME SPONSOR**

Our Goal is to Have Each of the 10 Games Sponsored for this Event.

- **MAKE A DONATION TO ADULT LOW-VISION**
- **ATTEND THE EVENT AND PLAY BINGO!**

YOU
FOUND ME!



YOU
FOUND ME!



Please detach and send completed form to LIF at the address above. Make checks out to LIF or go to our website www.LionsOfIllinoisFoundation.org to donate on-line.

Name: _____

Address: _____



\$100.00 — BINGO GAME SPONSOR

A Donation of **\$100** will support the payout for one of the 10 Classic Bingo Games as well as some of the special games that will be played that evening. Each Sponsor will also be placed on our Sponsor Board as well as be announced as the Sponsor of the Game.



\$75.00 — ADULT LOW-VISION DONATION

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____



July 2023

The Center for Sight & Hearing is coming to Peoria!

CSH is proud to announce our expansion into Central Illinois. We have been providing low-cost hearing and vision services to our region for over sixty years, in partnership with the Northern Illinois Lions Clubs. Now, we hope to bring that same level of service and dedication to Central Illinois.

What does CSH do exactly?

First, we are committed to providing low-cost hearing and vision services. This includes everything from exams and glasses, to social and support groups, to hearing aids and sign language classes. The Center strives to make these affordable for all, and we accept most major insurances, including Medicaid, the only provider in our region to do so.

Second, CSH provides vision rehabilitation services. This free training allows people who have little or no vision to live independently in their own homes. We currently partner with the Central Illinois Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired (CICBVI) to provide no-cost white-cane training, support groups, low vision aids, devices, and information sessions on low vision.

Finally, CSH hopes to be a builder of community. We are affiliated with like-minded agencies in Central Illinois, as well as the Illinois Department of Human Services, health departments, and universities. Our mission is to provide the best quality care at the lowest possible cost to our patients. We are passionate about serving people with vision and hearing loss, and we are excited to expand in Central Illinois.

We believe that with the help and support of the local Lions Clubs, we can provide more services to the region than ever before. As Hellen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

Thank you for supporting the Center for Sight & Hearing!

Best,

Maureen Koch
President

A Little Bird Told Me...



Sight and Sound Sweepstakes Individual Seller Cash Prizes Are Back!

Fourteen (14) individual prizes will be awarded to the Lions meeting the qualification listed below. The rules governing eligibility for the “Individual seller prizes” are displayed along with the breakdown of the prizes. There are no exceptions to the eligibility requirements.

Eligibility for Individual Seller Prizes:

- 1. Only Individual Lions are eligible to participate, clubs or groups are not eligible.**
- 2. A minimum of twenty-five (25) complete books of three Sweepstakes tickets must be sold by the individual and listed on the bottom of the seller form to qualify for and award.**
- 3. All completed Sweepstakes ticket stubs, related money and the completes “Individual Seller Form” must be returned together to the Foundation Office no later than May 1st.**

Prizes are:

- Four (4) State Top sweepstakes seller prizes of: \$500, \$350, \$250, and \$200.**
- There will also be one top district seller prize of \$100 for each district in MD-1 lions.**
- If a tie results among any of the top state seller prizes, those individuals involved will split the associated prizes.**
- The winner in each district will be the top seller of sweepstakes tickets not receiving a state top seller prize.**

**Sweepstakes Tickets will be Available Again this Year for the Holidays.
Contact Dianne Ortega dortega@lifnd.org to receive your Tickets**

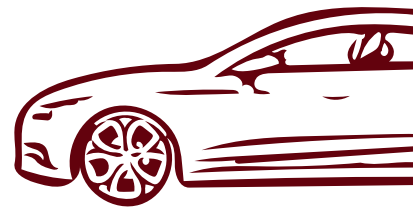
Early!



LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION

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"Roar-In" Car Show



Dear Car Enthusiasts,

Drive your Car, Truck or Motorcycle out to the Lions of Illinois Foundation's **5th Annual "Roar-In" Car Show**. We will hold the show this year on **Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 10am to 3pm at the Foundation Office 700 N. Peace Road in DeKalb, IL**. The proceeds of this event will support our **Adult Low Vision/Orientation and Mobility Program**. Music will once again be provided by **3-D Sound**. We hope you are all planning on attending this year. Please see the enclosed flyer for details.

LIF is also offering you an opportunity to **Sponsor a Car, Truck or Motorcycle for \$65**, or the approximate cost of 1 hour of Orientation and Mobility {O&M} Training for individuals experiencing loss of vision . Typically it takes 10-12 hours to complete a session of O&M training. Please see our enclosed Brochure.

The need for these services has been overwhelming. Together we can help provide confidence, security and peace of mind for those people who desperately need our help.

We hope to see you at the event and we ask that you also consider sponsoring a Car, Truck, or Motorcycle to support the Adult Low-Vision {O&M} Program.

Lions of Illinois Foundation Car Show Committee

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

Please Make Checks Payable to LIF

To Donate online, go to our website LionsOfIllinoisFoundation.org

_____ **Yes, I would like to Sponsor a Car(s) for \$**_____

the cost of Orientation and Mobility Training is approximately \$65 per hour.

Contact Name _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____

Email _____

5th Annual **ROAR-IN** CAR SHOW

Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show

September 9, 2023

Raffles

700 N. Peace Rd.

DeKalb, Illinois

Food

Guest Judging

Prizes

Music by 3-D Sound



**Lions of Illinios Foundation
Annual Car Show to Support
Student Low Vision**