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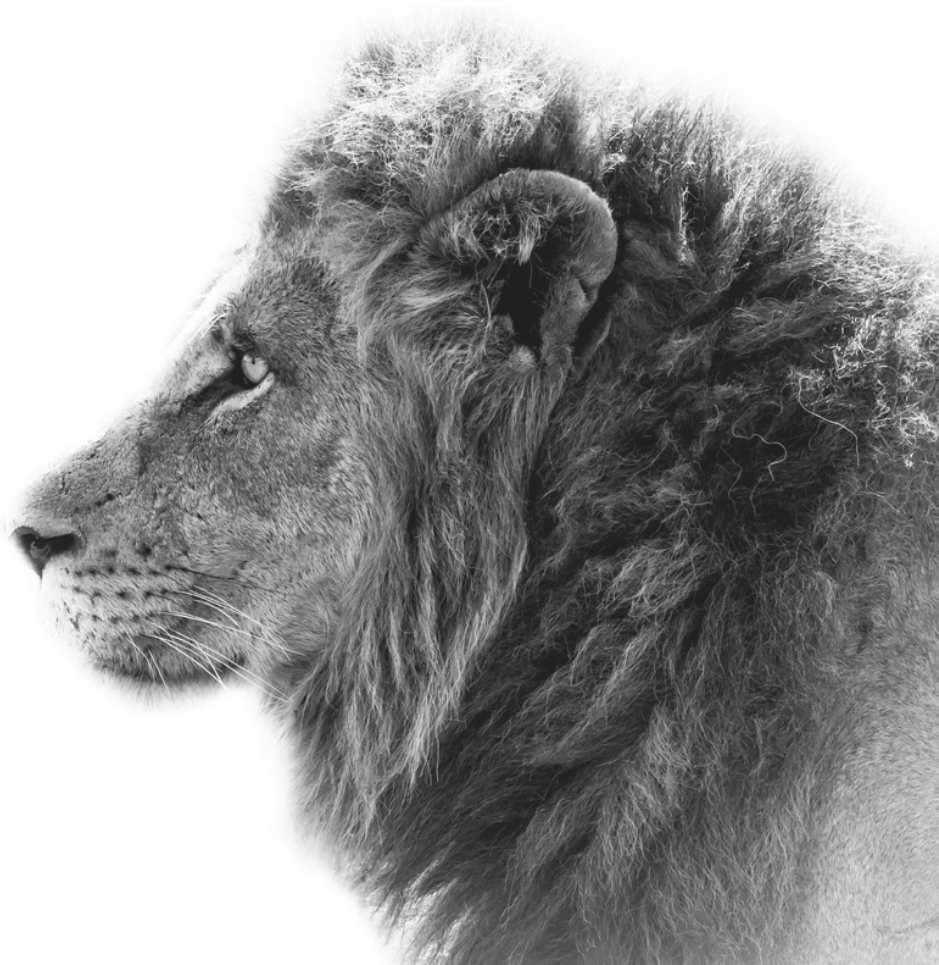
Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund

Creating a Present Day Capability for Future Unmet Needs... Est. 1983

The Official Newsletter of the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund

Vision Statement

The Vision of the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund is to create a fund of sufficient quantity and quality to provide a steady and adequate stream of revenue to the Lions of Illinois Foundation and other organizations embracing similar charitable purposes.



Mission Statement

The Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund exists for the sole purpose of creating a consistent and permanent stream of revenue to fund the programs and services provided by the Lions for the visually and hearing impaired. It is recognized that future unmet human needs may need to be addressed and the Lions may not be able to affect those needs directly. Therefore, the Lions of Illinois through this fund are creating a present-day capability for those future needs.

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LETTER FROM...

Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund President

Greetings Fellow Lions,

It is a great honor to serve as President of our Endowment Fund this year. We held the first board meeting on Saturday, July 15th and got off to a great start. I am excited for what we have going on this year. We have many great opportunities to increase our Endowment Fund.

You can become more involved by becoming either a Foundation Fellow recipient, a Sustaining Supporter or a Legacy Supporter. Being a Sustaining Supporter allows you to become a Foundation Fellow without making that \$500 initial outlay. A contribution of \$25.00 at a time makes it an easier method to become a permanent part of the Endowment Fund. You can make a \$25.00 commitment when you desire. This can be done by simply sending your contribution to the Foundation office or you can arrange for your bank to set up an automatic payment. Another method is to set up bank pay to the foundation and you make a payment when you wish.

As part of the new Endowment Supporter Campaign, you can make a five year commitment of \$50.00 a year to become a Legacy Supporter. Legacy Supporters receive a special pin and dangler for each year of support. Just like the Sustaining Supporter Program these funds are bankable towards becoming a Foundation Fellow.

As we begin our 50th year of service, I want to express my gratitude to the founders of our Foundation for their vision of creating our Foundation as it provides the services to the visually and hearing impaired. I also want to recognize the work of our Board of Trustees as they work to keep our Foundation going forward. I would be remiss if I did not recognize the hard working staff at our office in DeKalb. Their work behind the scenes is critical to our success.

Finally, I wish to recognize our Executive Director Ron Fruit and Assistant Director Trish Fisher for their leadership.

Yours in Service,

Rich Gordon, PDG
Endowment Fund President

Endowment Supporter Programs

Making a donation to ensure our future.

Legacy Supporter



Our Newest addition to the Endowment Supporter Programs.

The **Legacy Supporter** program is a **5 year commitment** with an **annual contribution of \$50**.

Our goal is to add one-million dollars to our Endowment Fund over the next 5 years.

The Legacy Supporter program is a method of giving in which anyone (Lion or non-Lion) is encouraged to give a tax-deductible donation on an annual basis to help support the many programs and services of the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

With the **annual contribution of \$50** (less than 14¢ per day) through the **LEGACY SUPPORTER** program, an individual is able to demonstrate a commitment to the Lions of Illinois Foundation and to its vision of creating a permanent vehicle for the delivery of programs and services to people with vision and hearing needs.

Sustaining Supporter



The **Sustaining Supporter** program is a method of giving in which anyone (Lion or non-Lion) is encouraged to give a tax-deductible donation on an annual basis to help support the many programs and services of the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

With the **annual contribution of \$25** (less than 7¢ per day) through the **Sustaining Supporter** program, an individual is able to demonstrate a commitment to the Lions of Illinois Foundation and to its vision of creating a permanent vehicle for the delivery of programs and services to people with vision and hearing needs.

Endowment Supporter Programs Q & A

Can Contributions be Applied Toward a Foundation Fellow?

Yes! Sustaining Supporter contributions and Legacy Supporter Contributions are completely convertible to Foundation Fellows

How are Funds Used?

Contributions are pooled and invested in the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund – a restricted fund of which the principal remains intact. Only the income from the Endowment Fund can be used to support Lions of Illinois Foundation programs and services for the visually and hearing impaired. The Endowment Fund provides contributors with an opportunity to give a gift that keeps on giving.

How do I Become a Supporter?

Sustaining Supporter

Contribute \$25 to the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund and attach the form below. Renewals are \$25 each. (Or, contribute \$25 to give someone a Sustaining Supporter as a gift or award/recognition.) Sustaining Supporter receive an initial pin and then a dangler.

Legacy Supporter

Contribute \$50 to the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund and attach the form below. Renewals are \$50 each. (Or, contribute \$50 to give someone a Legacy Supporter as a gift or award/recognition.) Legacy Supporters receive a special pin or dangler for each of the 5 years of support.

Application and Renewal Form

- ☐ \$25 Sustaining Supporter ☐ Other Amount _____
- ☐ \$50 Legacy Supporter
- ☐ Initial Pin already received

Supporter: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Club: _____

Donor Name (if different than supporter): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Club: _____

If you would like to pay with a Credit Card, please visit us online at www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org and click the Donate Now button. Under "Select Donation Type," click "Endowment" and fill in the remaining fields as appropriate.

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Endowment Fund Board Meeting

July 15, 2023 Holiday Inn East Peoria, IL



Endowment Fund President
PDG, Rich Gordon
addressed the Endowment Fund
Board of Trustees



Eric D. Graue
Senior Vice President
Merrill Lynch
Reviews Endowment Fund
Portfolio



Associate Director Lion Trish
Fisher and Her Partner in
Service Lion Ralph Fisher
Receive a 50th Anniversary
Foundation Fellow from
Executive Director
Lion Ron Fruit



Memorials and Endowments Coordinators Meeting

July 15, 2023 Holiday Inn East Peoria, IL



On Saturday, July 15, 2023 the Memorials and Endowments Coordinators met at the Holiday Inn in East Peoria.

The Committee reviewed all things related to the Endowment Fund. It was a great group of Lions lead by the State Chair, Lion Dick Bark, PDG and E.D. Lion Ron Fruit, PDG.

The Coordinators arrived around 11:30am for a meet and greet, directly after the Board of Trustees Meeting, had lunch and moved right into their break-out session.



Lion Carol Anderson, PDG was the winner of the raffle drawing during the day's event. Lion Carol won a framed Poster, with the LIF 50th Anniversary slogan..."Moving Forward...Looking Back"

Foundation Fellow Award

Executive Director Lion Ron Fruit presented a 50th Anniversary Foundation Fellow Award to PIP, Judge Brian Stevenson at the Sunday Breakfast in Boston. The monies for the award were donated by the Lions who attended the LIF State Breakfast in May of this year.



Lion Ron and PIP, Stevenson explain the significance of the award to International PIP, Al Brandel

What is a Foundation Fellow?

For the initial \$500 donation, the person named as a Foundation Fellow receives a pin, patch, chevron and beautiful engraved plaque. For every progressive level, the person will receive a pin, chevron and certificate.



Foundation Fellow - Laureate Award



Executive Director, Lion Ron Fruit addresses the Durand Lions Club concerning the Lions of Illinois Memorials and Endowments Fund.



Executive Director, Lion Ron Fruit presents PID, Lion Russ Sarver with his Foundation Fellow Laureate at the Durand Lions Club meeting

What is a Laureate?

An additional recognition that is bestowed with the achievement of the 25th Foundation Fellow level, with a chevron, certificate and diamond studded medallion.

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

Year End Reports 2022-2023

Tributes, Foundation Fellows, Sustaining Supporters

<i>District</i>	<i>2022-23 Tributes</i>	<i>2022-23 Foundation Fellows</i>	<i>2022-23 Sustaining Supporters</i>
1-A	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,375.00
1-BK	\$ 1,725.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 50.00
1-CN	\$ 780.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 3,025.00
1-CS	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00
1-D	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7,250.00	\$ 25.00
1-F	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 900.00
1-G	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,919.70	\$ 50.00
1-H	\$ 400.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 650.00
1-J	\$ 3,375.00	\$ 4,950.00	\$ 400.00
1-M	\$ 400.00	\$ 5,648.00	\$ 570.00
Private Donations	<u>\$ 9,948.54</u>	<u>\$ 37,359.96</u>	<u>\$ 8,033.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 21,428.54	\$ 73,627.66	\$ 15,153.00

<i>District</i>	<i>2021-22 Tributes</i>	<i>2021-22 Foundation Fellows</i>	<i>2021-22 Sustaining Supporters</i>
1-A	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 25.00
1-BK	\$ 2,125.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,750.00
1-CN	\$ 967.50	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 3,050.00
1-CS	\$ 620.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00
1-D	\$ 675.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ -
1-F	\$ 3,225.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,175.00
1-G	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,540.00	\$ 50.00
1-H	\$ 2,475.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 700.00
1-J	\$ 2,395.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 300.00
1-M	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 550.00
Private Donations	<u>\$ 13,596.85</u>	<u>\$ 14,944.47</u>	<u>\$ 10,740.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 27,829.35	\$ 39,634.47	\$ 18,415.00

Historical Data

2017-18 Donations	\$ 21,477.52	\$ 60,360.88	\$ 21,473.00
2018-19 Donations	\$ 14,986.06	\$ 65,057.57	\$ 20,345.00
2019-20 Donations	\$ 41,278.00	\$ 38,931.52	\$ 12,520.00
2020-21 Donations	\$ 23,981.54	\$ 33,319.63	\$ 12,945.00
2021-22 Donations	\$ 27,829.35	\$ 39,634.47	\$ 18,415.00

Did You Know?

You do not need to wait until someone has passed to show your admiration, respect, or gratitude.

You can do it now in the form of a Tribute.

TRIBUTE...

An Act, Statement, or Gift that is Intended to Show Gratitude, Respect or Admiration

The Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund Tribute page was designed to do just that.

Donations may be given in the name of someone who has passed on or to honor a special occasion such as a becoming a Foundation Fellow...

- Birthday
- Graduation
- Anniversary
- Promotion
- Retirement
- Thank You
- Holiday Wishes
- Get Well Wishes

Each Time you Make a Tribute Donation, a Letter is Sent to the Tribute Honoree (see Example Below)

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and all the Lions of Illinois, we would like to take this opportunity to notify you of the generous contribution we received in honor of your Birthday which was graciously donated by Jane Smith.

These donations have been placed in the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund. Only the earnings from this Fund are used to support the programs and services provided to people with vision and hearing needs by our Lions of Illinois Foundation. The principal will remain untouched and increase forevermore.

You will also receive a Thank You notification for your Tribute Donation.

May-June 2023 Tribute Donations

MEMORIALS

Betty DeWolfe

- Wyoming Lions Club

Bill Kelley

- Wayne Fruit
- Glenn Long
- Rick and Rose Tonozzi

Claudia Grantland

- Willow Springs Lions Club

Daniel Byford

- Rick and Rose Tonozzi

Don Forni

- Geneva Lions Club

Dorothy Zimmerman

- Russ and Susan Sarver

Douglas Snell

- Pekin Lions Club

Erich Zwolfer

- Itasca Lions Club

Ezra Millspaugh

- Larry and Ann McGuire

Florence "Flo" Jaenke

- St. Jacob Lions Club

Jack Stults

- Valmeyer Lions Club

Jacqueline Pilarski

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

James Kloepping

- Russ and Susan Sarver
- Wayne Fruit

James Zack

- Pekin Lions Club

Kathie Long

- Aurora Noon Lions Club

Linda Johnson

- Russ and Susan Sarver
- Durand Lions Club

Loren Harms

- Red Bud Lions Club

Max Rudolph

- Highland Lions Club

Roger Day

- Lawrence Bruckner
- Capron Lions Club

Roy Roberts

- Gifford Lions Club

Shirley Masters

- Joliet Noon Lions Club

Steve Willett

- Pamela Fisher
- Winthrop Harbor Lions Club

Susan St. Jacques

- Robert and Linda Jilke, Sr.
- Ed and Sue Carter

Trish Greenwell

- Russ and Sue Sarver

Warren Wascher

- Union Lions Club

HONOREES

John Nienhuis

- Huntley Area Lions Club

Lynda Middle Calf

- Linda Hall

Teresita Zaretsky

- Bob and Brenda Block
- Ralph and Sue Zarada

GET WELL WISHES

John Coleman

- District 1-A PDG Club



The Tree of Service Stands for Our Various Service Programs



The Branches are symbolic of how Lions Clubs reach out into the community through their services.

The Leaves are symbolic of the communities in Illinois.

The Trunk of the tree is symbolic of the programs and services the Lions of Illinois support through the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

How your Gift Grows

The contributions for the Tree of Service are deposited into The Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund.

This Fund will continue to grow like the tree it represents.

Only the interest from the donation is used to help support the programs and services of the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

Levels of Involvement

Leaf \$1,000

Cluster of Leaves \$3,000

Rocks Start at \$5,000

rocks progress
to larger rocks and boulders

The inscription you choose can honor or memorialize another person or event, or it can simply reflect that you gave a gift.