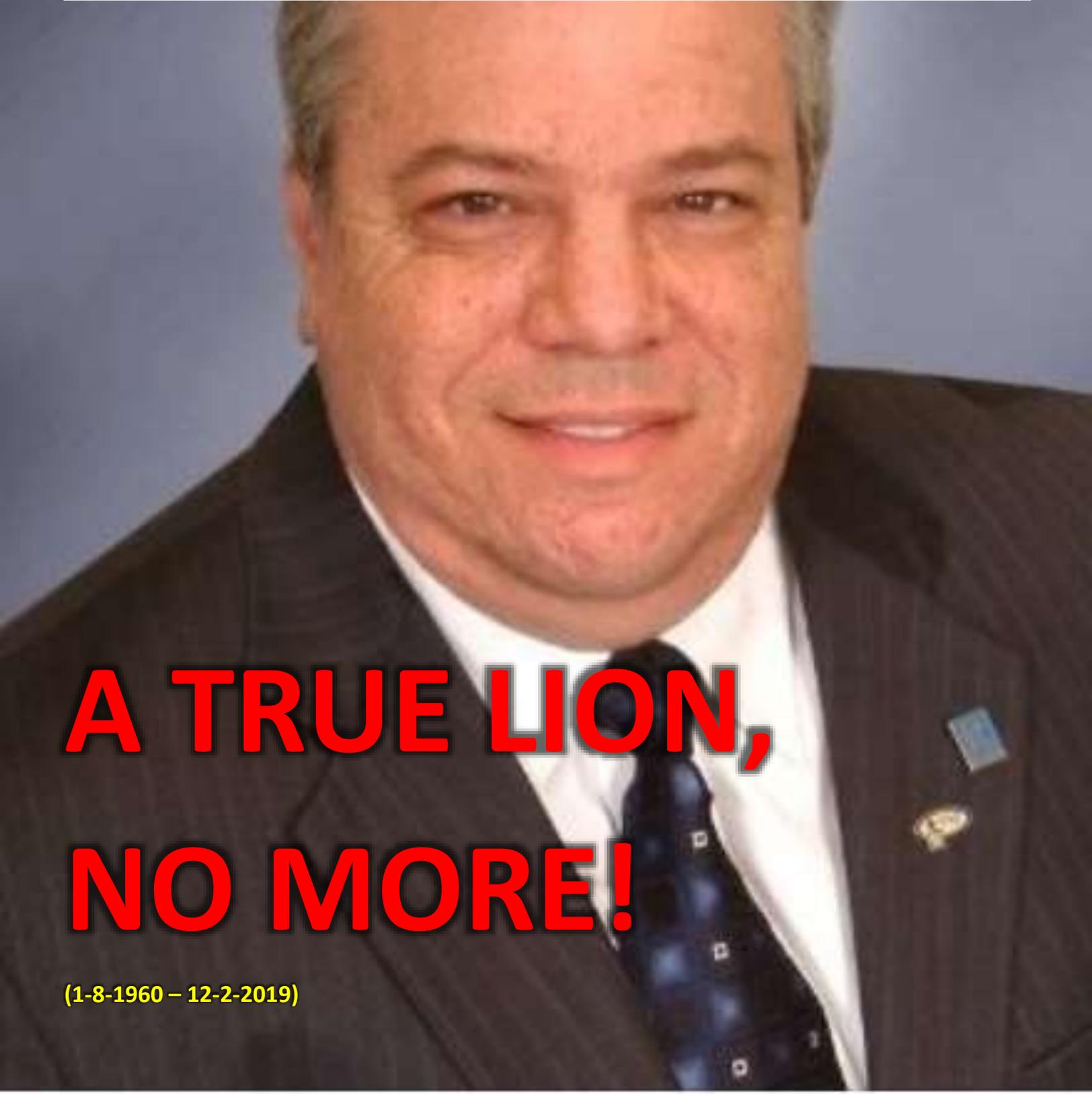


The Illinois Lion & Leo

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A close-up portrait of a middle-aged man with short, light-colored hair, smiling slightly. He is wearing a dark pinstriped suit jacket, a white dress shirt, and a dark blue patterned tie. A small blue and gold pin is visible on his lapel. The background is a plain, light blue color.

**A TRUE LION,
NO MORE!**

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Ideas, determination and commitment these three words explain everything about our Late PDG Mario Gumino, Executive Director of Lions of Illinois Foundation.



He joined Lions of Illinois Foundation during the years of Late PID Norm Dahl in October 1979 and worked diligently for 39 years and 3 months rising from a simple employee



to it's Executive Director. He had only one goal in his life – Lions of Illinois Foundation.



In recent years he had come up with new ideas to grow LIF statewide. Every lion in Illinois knew him as he was attending all District Conventions and also Candy Day Jamborees. Though he was Executive Director of LIF, he used to work as a simple



Lion – carrying candy boxes, collecting used eyeglasses bags, etc., etc.

Every one in the office or as a lion in Illinois, loved him for his simplicity and humbleness. We, the lions of Illinois will be missing him dearly.

-Editor

Council Chair Speaks:



Lions of MD-1,

I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving Holiday with your families and friends. We Lions have much to be thankful for! We are a great service organization changing lives every day. Our Lions Clubs International Foundation was named a 4-star Charity for the 10th year in a row by Charity Navigator. Through October the Lions in MD1 have contributed just under \$60,000 to LCIF, and \$35,000 of that if from just two of our 10 districts. Currently about 15% of the clubs, or a Lion in those Clubs, have contributed to LCIF this year. MD1 currently has 13,740 Lions on our rolls. If every Lion contributed just \$10 this year, we would increase our contribution to LCIF by \$137,000 dollars in MD1!

January is World Hunger Month, and it is one of our focus areas. If your club has not participated in a hunger related cause over the holidays, I would encourage you to work on supporting a hunger initiative in January. The United Way last month stated that 41 Million people in the United States worry about where their next meal will come from. That is one out of every 8 families, including 12 million children.

Please support your local food bank or another hunger initiative over the next several months if you have not done so already.

Remember your peace poster winners and any entries into the state pin contest need to be brought to the next Council Meeting on December 14th so they may be judged.

Finally, your council is conducting interviews for the State Secretary Treasurer position the first weekend in December. We have some good candidates to interview, so hopefully by the Council Meeting on December 14th we will have some news to share on the process. We will keep you posted.

Until next month, enjoy the holidays and keep up the good work that you do.

-Lion Jerome Perez,
MD-1 Council Chair

MD1 Leadership Chair (GLT)

Lions of MD1,



A couple of days before Halloween, I was in a local store. It was all decorated for the festivities with costumes, scary masks and, of course, candy. When I went back

a few days later, the store was all decked out for Christmas. In one tiny corner was a display for Thanksgiving plates and napkins.

The Hardscrabble Lions of Streator participated in the Labor Day Parade. Lion Jim Olmsted is shown with the signs he made to promote the club's local service projects. PID Bud Wahl warms up one of the two peddle cars made by Lion Mark Ferguson. The club gets ready to march!



Donald I. Borgwardt, 75, passed away on November 20, 2019 in Waukegan, IL. He was born August 14, 1944 in Libertyville where he lived for many years prior to moving to Vernon Hills. He was a current resident of Fox Lake. He was dedicated to community service for over 50 years. He began his service with the Libertyville Jaycees and transitioned to the Lions Club where he was recognized with numerous awards. He served as President of the

Libertyville Lions Club three times and became Trustee and then President of the Lions of Illinois Foundation with a level 13 Foundation Fellows. He served on the board for the Libertyville Civic Center for six years where he was president for three. He was also involved with the Libertyville Days celebration for 50 years and served as Parade Chairman for many of those years. He also served on the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals for 13 years in Libertyville.

Don graduated from Libertyville High School in 1962 and was a graduate of the College of Lake County. He held numerous Sales Management positions throughout his career. He was a former employee of International Harvester, Bernard Chevrolet, Haines Directory and was currently working at Reading Electric. He served in the US Air Force as Staff Sergeant for 4 years in Madrid, Spain.

Surviving are 5 children, Rich (Megan) Borgwardt, Susan (Geoff) Borgwardt Spaeth, Steve (Jen) Vezensky, Dan (Betty) Vezensky and Jim Vezensky; 7 grandchildren, Jacob, Molly, Stephanie, Leone, Amanda, Danielle, and Nick. His sister Ann (Pete) Baldino, his nieces Vicki and Valerie, his first wife Maria Pilar Schroeder and dear friend Barb Lahtinen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Irwin and Edna Borgwardt and his wife, Darlene Borgwardt in 2012.

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MD1 website refreshed for the 2019-2020 Lion Year!
Prior information can be found in ARCHIVES section and PAST News & Information section.

Council of Governors



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Int'l President's Program

2019-2020
Council Chairperson
Jerome Perez (1J)

- 1-A Joan McMillan (Secretary)
- 1-BK Joe Vinyard (Vice Council Chair)
- 1-CN Ann Ragsdale
- 1-CS Helen Ferguson
- 1-D Richard Delp (Tail Twister)
- 1-F Susan Hastings
- 1-G Kathy Dieker (Chaplain)
- 1-H Tony Holland
- 1-J Jerome Perez (Council Chair)
- 1-M Dave Johnson (Treasurer)

District & Club Websites



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News, Info & Events



Service Stories

Each Lion and every club is changing lives in ways both great and small. Service is a personal journey that impacts the people serving and the people we serve. These are some of their stories, right from the frontlines of service.



Diabetes

Grow Your Vegetables!

One community garden blossoms into a cutting-edge sustainability center.



Environment

From Trash to Cash

New Zealanders bring fundraising to a fashionable new level.



Vision

Lions Make Historic Donation to Fund Genetic Research

San Diego Lions made a US\$400,000 gift to support the UC San Diego Shiley Eye Institute's BioBank.



Hunger

Skills, Meals, and Hope

Lions worked to help the nation's growing number of homeless children by taking them off the street and providing them a safe place to stay, along with food and education.



LCIF

Lions Protect Indonesian Children from Measles and Rubella

Working toward a goal of immunizing 70 million children.



Vision

A Way to Say 'I Love You'

A New York father joins the Lions to help his sight-impaired daughter.



Leos

Leo Sees a Future of Giving Back

A young girl helped by Lions decides to become a Leo.



LCIF

Team Up for Beach Games in Brazil

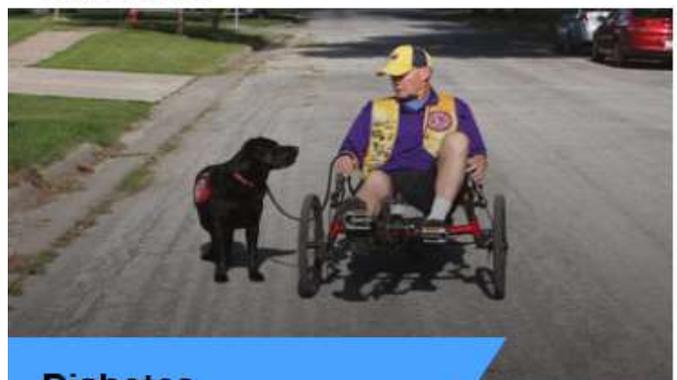
Lions and Leos help out at the Special Olympics Beach Games.



Vision

She Doesn't Do Eyeballs

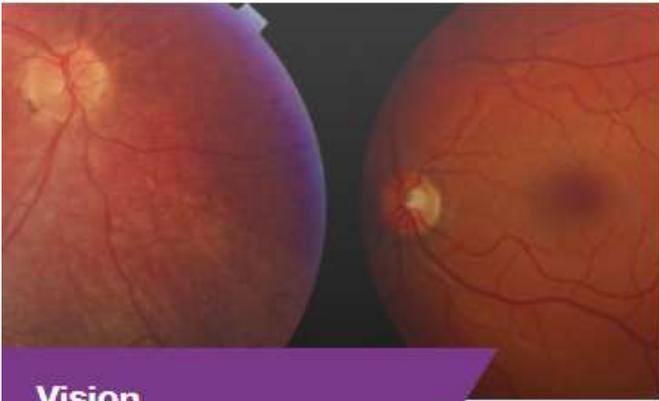
Diabetic Retinopathy "Dictator" Uses New Technology to Screen more than 6,500.



Diabetes

Keeping Watch

Dog sniffs out deadly drops in blood sugar.



Vision

Lions' Efforts in 2007 Result in New Therapy in 2018

Working with the University of Iowa to help conduct important eye research.



Vision

Saving Sight with Lions KidSight USA

Helping provide eye screenings to children across the United States.



Vision

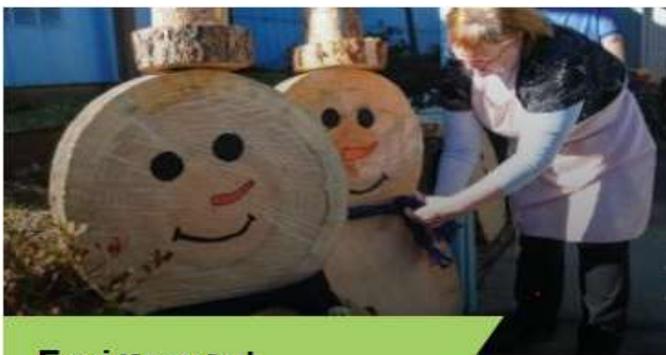
New Technology Helps the Blind to "See" Through Touch

Lions help create state-of-the-art printing house for the blind.



LCIF

LCIF And Partners To Provide Gender Equity Intervention



Environment

Recycling, Service and Creativity Come Together

Lions help remove and recycle trees for those in need.



Vision

Sensory Courtyard Awakens Children's Abilities



A special invitation to experience the life-changing technology that can help people who are blind or visually impaired live more independent lives!

OrCam MyEye2

Product Demo and Information Session

Wednesday, December 4th, 2019

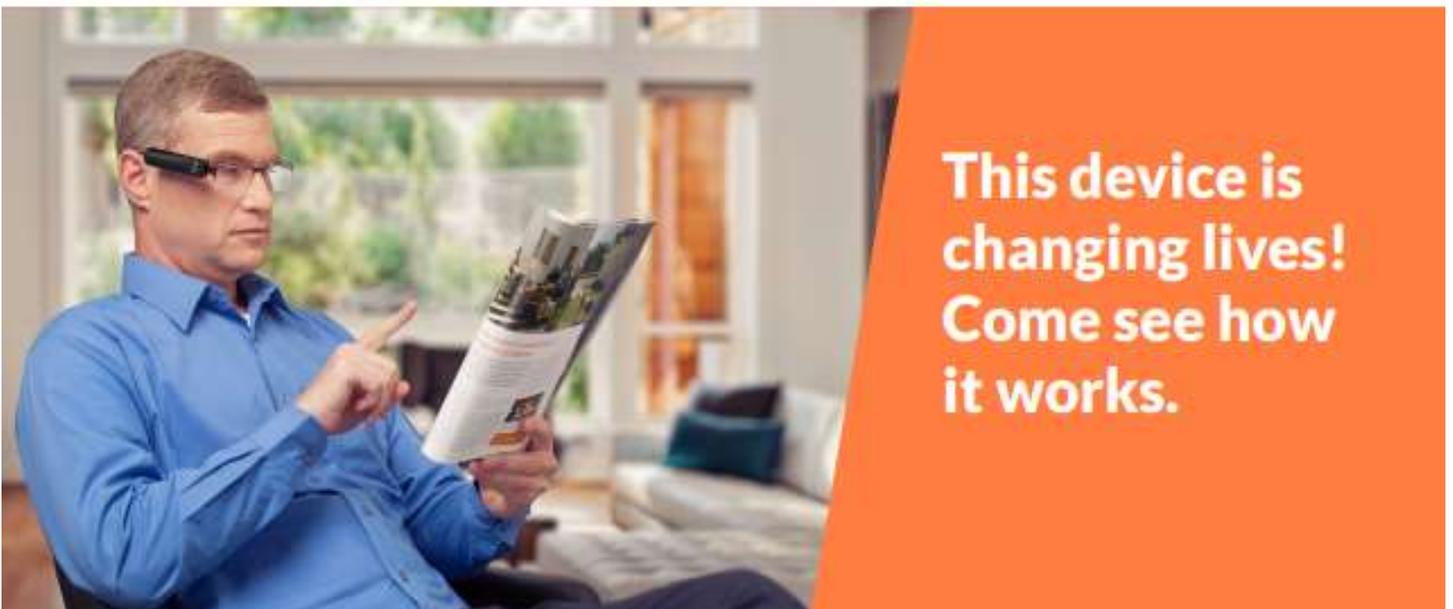
5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The Chicago Lighthouse | 1850 W. Roosevelt Road | Chicago, IL 60608

Free food! Gift card giveaways!

RSVP to events@chicagolighthouse.org or call: (312) 447-3447

Orcam's MyEye2 enables people to read text documents (including books, magazines, newspapers and websites), recognize products and faces and navigate the wider world—all through a lightweight smart camera that attaches to any pair of glasses! **Learn more at: chicagolighthouse.org/orcam**

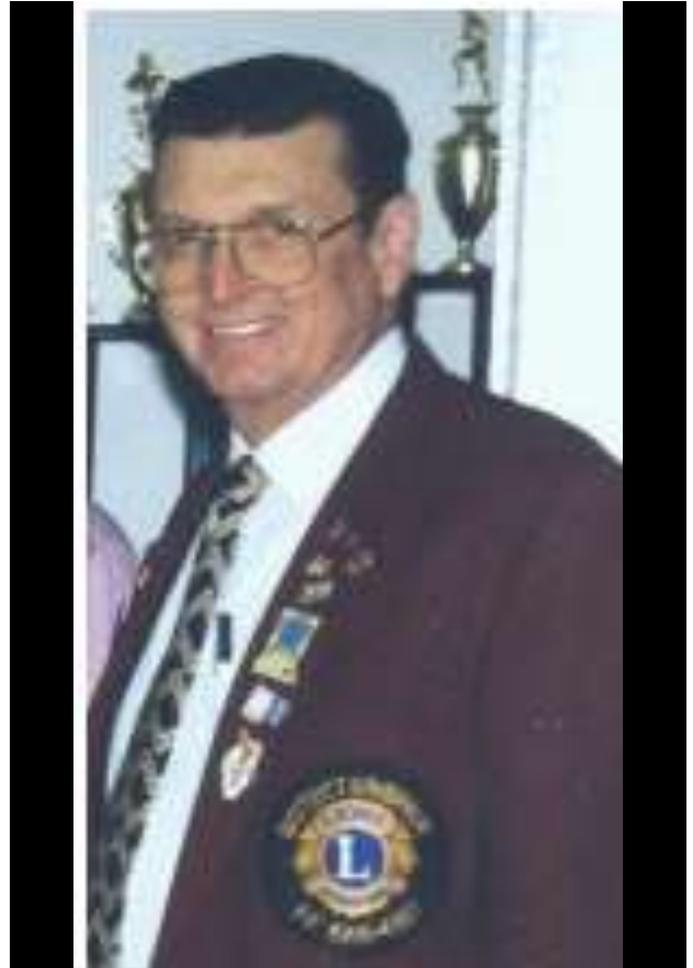


Hardscrabble Lion Mark Ferguson



helps with the Light Up Streator efforts. Local volunteers put the lights up in the City Park and throughout town for the holidays.

The Lighting Ceremony is Friday night of Thanksgiving weekend.



by all. Please keep Lion Joycelyn and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



Past International Director Bud Wahl inducted the newest member of the **Streator Hardscrabble Lions**, Tyler Ringle at our October meeting. Lion Tyler works for Liptak Insurance.

It is with great sadness that we inform you that our friend and fellow Lion John McCann PDG, has passed away. He was the best example of a great Lion and true friend. He will be sorely missed



Morrison Lions Club members completed the fall cleanup of the one mile stretch on Route 30. Eleven

volunteers made quick work filling 10 bags of garbage for the Highway Department to load. The volunteers included: Back Row: Steve Wroble, Keith Hamstra, and Aaron Johnson. Middle Row: Beth Wroble, Ken Jansma, and Kelvin Tenboer. Front Row: Darlene Smith, Jim Blakemore, Lynne Wiebenga, and Bob Countryman. Denny Countryman also volunteered and was the photographer.



The Pumpkin Smash was a big hit at the **Waterman Lions Club's** Halloween Party. Lion Phil Nielsen watches a participant take a swing at the poor pumpkin.



The **Wheaton Lions Club** has partnered with the Wheaton Park District since 2012 and is now playing a major role in the construction of Lions Terrace, a project underway in the revitalization project underway in Memorial Park. The project includes a modernized band shell, a new path lay-out, a permanent concession stand and restrooms, enhanced sound and lighting, a new larger Petanque Court, and a designated memorial location. Lions Terrace will be located adjacent to the Mary Lubko Center Building and will provide elevated VIP seating during special events with a direct view of the new band shell. Memorial Park's revitalization project is expected to be completed in the summer of 2020.



The **Dundee Township Lions** enjoyed being a part of Dundee Township Park District's "Halloween."

Aurora Noon Lions heard Jody Cantey, Director of Lifespring Ministries, speak about the Aurora-based transitional program for women and children. It is a six-month program where clients typically have lost their housing due to addiction, abuse, or financial crisis. Clients are encouraged to face their problems, plan their future,



and work towards self-sufficiency. Children find a safe place to play and grow while their Moms get the help they need.



During the **Lombard Senior Health Fair** on October 5th, Lion Bob Lehan directed seniors out the door to the Lions of IL Foundation Hearing Screening Bus. That's a neat way to do it when you're relegated to the inside!! A total of 35 were screened and 16 had a hearing loss.



Elburn Lions Jeff Walter and Bruce Aderman are making homemade Potato Pancakes at Elburn Lions Club's Annual German Dinner. YUM!!

District 1J Governor Lion Jerome Perez assisted at Westmont's Hearing Screening early last month. (l to r) PDG Lion Jim Addington, Lions Pauline Osman and Shanu Ansari, and Gov. Lion Jerome Perez.

Naperville Noon Lions Club relocated its main eyeglass collection box to the Naperville Bank & Trust, located on North Washington Street in downtown Naperville. It was previously located at the Naperville Township Offices. It took some heavy lifting by the Lions to



transport the box to its new location. (l to r) Lions Jim Woodring, Paul Rewerts, Steve Hertzberg, and Bill Bleecker.



A new member for the **Naperville Noon Lions Club!** (l to r) Club President Lion Ken Strugalla, new Lion Kathy Lukavsky, and her sponsor, Lion Maria Wilson.

Darien Lion Steve Wernecke, a Club Chairperson for the Darien Lions' Halloween Party, reported he purchased 5,000 prizes and 1,500 pieces of candy —AND THEY WERE ALL GONE AT THE END OF THE PARTY!! Weather on the 31st definitely contributed to there



being more adults & kids in costume for the Annual Party.



Aurora Noon Lion Jim Scott (r) receives the Lions Club Key Award from Club President Lion Rodrigo "Bobby" Menendez. The award recognizes Lions who successfully open the door to Lionism to at least two individuals.



The first female Lion member in the **Algonquin Lions Club** in its 80-year history. New Lion Renee Hofer is sponsored by Club President Lion Kevin Hofer. Also pictured is Lion Bill Moore (l) who performed the induction and Past President Lion Bob Cummins.



Waubensee Community College Lions Club hosted a Chili Cook-off on Wednesday, Nov. 13, from 10:30 AM to 1 PM at the Student Center Lobby at WCC in Sugar Grove.



Naperville Noon Lions Club, with the leadership of Lion Donna Kearney, helped to facilitate the donation of a SARA scanning device from friends of the club, George and Linda Villa, to Little Friends. This device scans documents and reads them aloud to the user who is blind or vision-impaired. Little Friends was very thankful for the donation. That's what Lions do — THANKS!!



(l tor) Son Georgie with his mother, Tracie, New **Algonquin Lion** George Bergman, and Lion Bill Moore who performed the Induction Ceremony, and also was Lion George's sponsor.

District 1J Southwest Region Lions after they completed a Feed My Starving Children session last month.



PDG Mario Gumino's last official e-Mail:

Fellow Lions,

This morning Karen lost her Dad. I will be with my family until further notice. Trish will keep the office going until I get back. I will keep her posted so she can keep you all posted. Please keep Karen and the family in your prayers. Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Lion Mario J. Gumino, PDG
Executive Director**

Reply to: mjg@lifnd.org

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Hearing Needs. Since 1974"**





The Beecher Lions Club served 400 hot dogs, chips, water, pop, hot chocolate and coffee to the community. They also had a great pumpkin smash ! Over 25 pumpkins were smashed!! The new slide is ready at Lions Park. Thanks to all the hard work that Beecher public works did. The Beecher Lions club donated the slide to the village from the money it made at the 4th of July festival.

The club also planted a tree and memorial brick for Joe Cook.



Channahon Lions Club delivered six Thanksgiving dinners to local families in Channahon. Pictured are Lions Tina, Jackie, Lara, Julie and Connie.



Coal City Lions Club was honored to receive a donation from the Sulphar

Springs Gleaners for letting them use our hall. Other volunteer organizations received donations as well for their outstanding community involvement and outreach!





The **Frankfort Lion's** put together food baskets and delivered them to those in need in their community. They also inducted new members this month!



The club held their annual Chili dinner and meat raffle. Along with their **Leo Club, Lemont** held a food drive to support the Bethany Lutheran

Community Open Food Pantry. They also planted a memorial tree and stone in honor of Lion Clem and Dorothy Goushas. →







Volunteers from the **Joliet Noon Club**, Lion John Joseph Honiotes and Al Kaveney worked with four other Food Bank volunteers in November and made 225 - 5lb bags of potatoes during their 2 hour shift. The potatoes will be sent out as part of the many food items for the Thanksgiving and Christmas season****



Hardscrabble Lions joined forces with other Streator volunteers for Blessing in a Backpack. 600 bags were filled in one hour. Thank you!!





Milford Lions Clun held a Trunk or Treat for Halloween.

The **Lions of the Watseka Club** recently made their donation to Campaign 100. President Richard Arie presented LCIF District Chair John Joseph Honiotes with a check for \$500.00. A \$500.00 donation to Campaign 100 can be used for: 10



cataract surgeries, screening 90 people for diabetes, providing immediate relief for 20 victims of a natural disaster, providing clean water for 70 people, helping buy equipment to diagnose/treat 40 kids with Cancer, providing regular access to food for 70 people, providing 500 children with measles vaccination. Every dollar donated means a dollar given to provide relief; there are no administrative expenses taken from donations to LCIF.



While making his Governor's visit to the **Gardner Lions Club**, DG Joe had the opportunity to present International Chevron recognition to Club President Michael Engfer for his 15 years as a



member of LCI and Club Secretary and SVDG Shelia Perkins for her 10 years as a member of LCI.

Greetings Lions,

Lion Mario's Memorial Service Information:

**Sunday December 8th
2-5pm will be visitation,
5pm will be a memorial
Service, with a meal served
after the service. Let me
know how many of you stay
for meal.**

Thank you,

Lion Trish Fisher

*Executive Assistant Manager
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Convention Booklet Advertising Form (CLUBS ONLY)

For District 1-D's
62nd Annual District Convention
March 6th & 7th 2020
Days Inn
2105 1st Ave • Rock Falls, IL 61071



This year clubs are asked to put together a 1/2 page ad in the Convention Booklet highlighting what your club does for your community. This Ad is **FREE** for the club, and they can be in color! So don't miss this chance to boast about what your club does!

Any additional Ads will need to be purchased using the other advertising form.

Any club looking to use last year's Ad will still need to send an electronic or paper copy.

Please fill in the following:

Name and/or Company: _____

Address: _____

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Contact Phone Number: _____

Ad Requirements

1. JPG, or PDF Files done at Ad Size (if sent electronically)
2. A business card or letter head can be submitted to be scanned. (Could lose clarity)
3. Enclose this form with payment and include a paper copy of the ad if sent electronically

Ads can be in Color or Black & White!!

All Ads MUST BE in no later than January 4th, 2020.

Please send to:

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We Appreciate Your Support!

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AD Size & Quantity

Full Page: _____ Qty: _____ (5" x 8") \$65

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Total Enclosed: _____

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