

# From the Lion's Den

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## Dates to remember:

Nov 1 – Buffalo Bills Game vs. Houston @ Ralph Wilson Stadium

Nov 3 – Annual Election Day Spaghetti Dinner

Nov 5 - Regular Mtg

Nov 7 – Fall Conference at Batavia Holiday Inn & Albion Lions 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Hickory Ridge CC

Nov 19 – Regular Mtg

Dec 3 – Regular Mtg

Dec 19 – Annual Lions Christmas Party at Firehall – 6:00 PM – bring a dish to pass

## Annual Election Day Spaghetti Dinner - Tuesday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

The planning is done – now time to cook and serve our delicious spaghetti to the community .  
Be sure to tell everyone – the spaghetti dinner will be served from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at the Firehall.  
Cost is \$6.00 for Adults.

## District 20E-1 Fall Conference – Saturday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>

Our annual Fall conference will be held at the Batavia Holiday Inn on Sat., Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>.  
This is a great opportunity to meet Lions from across the District, learn more about Lions through seminars, and hear International Director Debra Wasserman speak. The event costs \$23 per person and includes lunch and continental breakfast, but our budget allows us to reimburse those who attend. This is a wonderful opportunity, especially for new Lions, so please contact Lions Debbie or Terry if you would like to attend. I'm sure carpool arrangements will be made.

## Albion Lions 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> (following the Fall conference).

The Albion Lions Club, the 2nd oldest club in our district, is celebrating it's 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary.  
This event will be held at the Hickory Ridge Country Club (cash bar at 6 PM and dinner at 7 PM).

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Anyone interested in working on our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee should contact  
Lions Randy and Helen Unterborn.

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Welcome ! Congratulations ! Welcome ! Congratulations !

To our Newest Lions

Becky Charland (sponsored by Helen Unterborn) and Karen Keller (sponsored by Debbie Ryan).

We look forward to SERVING with you !

### Sight Night: Scaring up Eyeglasses for those in Need

OAK BROOK, IL, September 29, 2009 – October means falling leaves, trick-or-treaters and plenty of apple cider, but for thousands of volunteers, it's also an opportunity to provide the gift of sight to those in need. Every year on Sight Night (trick-or-treat), volunteers take to the streets in an effort to collect used eyeglasses. The used eyewear is then recycled by Lions club and OneSight® volunteers and hand delivered to those in need around the world. This eyewear provides the opportunity for many to see clearly – some for the first time. Over the past ten years, more than 165,000 volunteers have collected more than 1 million pair of eyeglasses. "Sight Night is a ton of fun, and I'm helping people at the same time," said Jordan Kingsbury, who partnered with his siblings, parents and the Roseville Host Lions Club in California to collect 350 eyeglasses. What types of eyeglasses are needed? Complete pairs of prescription eyeglasses in all shapes and sizes for children and adults, as well as non-prescription sunglasses. Good places to inquire about collecting eyeglasses include schools, places of worship, local businesses, recreation centers, senior citizen centers and lost and found collections at malls, movie theaters and airports.

### LIONS in the News

#### **Sheboygan Press (Wisconsin, USA) - October 15, 2009**

VFW Post 9156 gave Lions in Sheboygan a helping hand by collecting more than 20,000 glasses for the club.

**Keyser Mineral Daily Tribune (West Virginia, USA) - October 14, 2009** – Local missionaries will bring 1,000 pairs of sunglasses to Haiti with them on their next trip, courtesy of the Keyser Lions Club

#### **Daily Sentinel (Ohio, USA) - October 11, 2009**

Pomeroy Lions hit the streets to post flags in the community for Columbus Day as part of their 50-year patriotic tradition.

#### **Leesville Daily Leader (Louisiana, USA) – October 8, 2009**

Leesville Lions tighten their bootstraps in preparation of hosting their 60th annual rodeo event. The club's event has raised more than \$600,000 for Louisiana Lions Camp through its history.

#### **New Richmond News, Wisconsin, USA) – October 4, 2009**

Roberts Lions held their annual "Run What Ya Brung" truck and tractor pull to raise funds for the purchase of food to donate to the local food shelf.

#### **Jornal Live (Morpeth , England) - Sept. 29, 2009**

Morpeth Lions, who lead the relief efforts after severe flooding in Morpeth last year, have been nominated for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. The club's appeal fund raised 208,000 Euro in emergency financial help for flooded families.

## Reminder - DUES are DUE

Over 90% of our membership has paid and is up to date, but we still have a few more to collect.

If you have not already done so, please send Lion Terry your payment ASAP. The club must pay the International dues by the end of June, and State dues by end of July, regardless of whether you have paid. Thank-you !

**By the numbers** – you may have seen these in you Lions Magazine, but worth repeating.

6 – on the average, the amount of US dollars to restore someone’s sight or save them from blindness.

72 – number of thriving premature children who attended a 2008 birthday party sponsored by Lions in Elkhart, Indiana, who funded equipment for the neonatal unit at the local hospital.

1M – number of children screened through Lions vision screening program that prevents blindness through early detection and treatment of lazy eye and other vision disorders.

7.6M – number of cataract surgeries performed as part of the Lions Sightfirst program, restoring sight to millions of people.

131M – the number of doses of Mectizan distributed by LCIF to 15 countries around the world to treat and control River Blindness.

## Thanksgiving Reflections

I decided to forego my usual “Funnies” segment this month in favor of some Thanksgiving reflection.

I am thankful to have grown up in a loving family in a small town filled with friendly, caring people.

I am thankful to have attended a small school system with quality teachers who cared about you.

I am thankful that I was able to marry my high school sweetheart, and raise a family here.

I am thankful our children had the opportunity to grow up here and enjoy everything as much as I did.

I am thankful I joined the Kendall Lions Club, which has allowed me to give back to this community which has meant so much to me.

I am thankful for the many friendships and the opportunity to serve with such dedicated Lions who are, without question, among the finest anywhere. It is an honor to serve with you.

I am thankful (and very proud) to be a **Kendall Lion**.

What are YOU Thankful For ?

Lion Editor Terry

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone !

