



# The Lions Share

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## LIF Upcoming Events

**October 14 2011**

**Lions Candy Day**

**October 16, 2011**

**Walk for Sight**

*Districts 1-H*

**November 5-6, 2011**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

*The Chateau*

*Bloomington, IL*

**February 10, 2012**

**Candidate Orientation**

*The Chateau*

*Bloomington, IL*

**February 11-12, 2012**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

*The Chateau*

*Bloomington, IL*

**May 18-20, 2012**

**State Convention/Board Meeting**

*Decatur, IL*

**July 20-22, 2012**

**Incoming/Board of Trustees Meeting**

*The Chateau*

*Bloomington, IL*

**August 4, 2012**

**19th Annual Golf Classic**

*Railside Golf Course*

*Gibson City, IL*

**Call 1-815-756-5633 for info on any of the events above.**



# In My Opinion...



*Van C. Stone*  
*LIF Executive Director*

## ***BOLD AND COURAGEOUS!***

Throughout the history of the world, people have revered and supported those who boldly and courageously advanced noble causes. No cause can be advanced unless those who believe in the righteousness of that cause are willing to boldly and courageously articulate, advocate and work on behalf of that cause. The timid will never see their efforts reach a successful conclusion. If we as Lions choose passivity as opposed to courageous action or choose to quietly sit on the sidelines, the people who suffer (and those who will suffer) the ravages of blindness, deafness, visual and hearing impairments will pay a tremendous price for our timidity.

What does this have to do with Illinois Lionism? Simply put, many of our Lions seem to have disappeared (retreated) from the battle against blindness and deafness

fearing that they may annoy or even possibly anger others. Many club meetings see others as supporting their causes by seeking funding from the club depleting critically needed funds for the people needing our help with eye and ear issues. Please do not misunderstand. No one is suggesting that Lions ignore genuine community needs. What is being suggested is that we are bold and courageous in our advocacy on behalf of our causes. If we work hard to raise money for our clubs and the Foundation which all of the clubs own and operate (LIF) and make sure that we marshal our assets so that we can respond to the challenge so eloquently articulated by Helen Keller, we will truly make a difference. For example, if an local organization comes to your Lions club looking for a \$2,000 donation to support some worthwhile cause, why not give them \$500 or \$1,000 of what they seeking, reserving the balance for kids who cannot see or hear as they should. If a blind child goes to the Leukemia Society for assistance, he or

she will be told to go see the Lions as they provide programs and services for those who suffer Leukemia. To whom does a visually impaired kid turn to if the local Lions have depleted their resources for every other cause in the community?

With hundreds of thousands of visually and hearing impaired children and adults in Illinois, I pray that our Lions will boldly and courageously proclaim their support to their cause.



## For Sale

1982 Blue Bird Bus, formerly the Lions of Illinois hearing Unit.

It has a rebuilt caterpillar engine replaced in 2006.

Asking price is \$5,000 or best offer.

For more details, please contact Van or Mario at:

815-756-5633. or e-mail

[fnd@lifnd.net](mailto:fnd@lifnd.net) to leave your question.



## Omission

In the last issue of the Lions Share a list of great Lions who had received the Recognition of Lifetime Service was provided. Regrettably, the name of PDG, PDF Jack Stults was omitted. Our apologies for this oversight of listing the name of this outstanding Lion.



## General Information

This is written to provide the great Lions some current general information about their Foundation. It is intended to cover a few topics of interest.

Diabetes Awareness (Alert Day) has been approved by the Board of Trustees to be 100% administered by the Lions of Illinois Foundation. Packets will be mailed out by the Foundation and all reports and money raised will be made payable to the Foundation and mailed to the Foundation. The Board of Trustees then will disperse the net proceeds in the campaign to fight the effects of Diabetes.

Candy Day Reports are due December 1, 2011. Good cash flow is important to any business and our Foundation is no exception. Please help by submitting your club's final report and money as soon as possible.

The Diabetic Retinopathy mobile unit has been ordered and we anticipate at this writing completion and delivery in late December or early January. We are looking forward to next year's screenings with this new unit and new camera.

The annual audit is complete and will be published in a future Lions Share. It will support the fact that our Foundation is a well run, efficient "vehicle for delivery of programs and services to the visually and hearing impaired".

We are proud to announce that the investment performance of our Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund (LIEF) continues to far exceed the various averages and far surpasses most eleemosynary institutions' comparable performance.

Now is the time for our creators, owners and operators (we the Lions of Illinois) to plan our effective participation in the fundraisers for the remainder of this year. Remember, the choices we make affect children and adults throughout Illinois.

## EYEGLOSS COLLECTION REMINDER

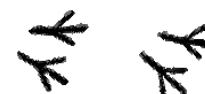
Your Lions of Illinois Foundation wants to recognize each and every Club who sends used eyeglasses, aluminum tabs, cell phones and hearing aids to their very own Foundation. If you want a thank you letter sent to the Club, a form **must** be filled out and put with the eyeglass donation. If a slip is not filled out completely, **a letter will not be sent**. The form is on our web page, just click on the forms tab. Writing numbers on the boxes will not generate a letter because boxes get separated when delivered to the Foundation. The Lions of Illinois are the greatest Lions in the world and we want them to receive the recognition they deserve if they so wish. Please help us by filling out the required form.

## Plan Now!

In this very difficult economy, planning by all of the leaders of our great Illinois Lions clubs is essential. For some months now, I have been highlighting the choices that we, as Lions face every day. Our choices have names, faces and critical needs. To make healthy choices and to truly make a difference in improving the lives of precious children who cannot see or hear as they should, we need to dedicate ourselves to planning on successful fundraisers so that we can continue our great work. Planning is the *sine qua non* of success. Planning takes organization, perseverance, and dedication. More than these ingredients, good planning takes courage and passion. Courage to stand and articulate the righteousness of our cause and courage to solicit the support of others is absolutely essential. Without the courage to stand and vocally urge others to support our great Foundation in its excelsior quest to achieve greatness by helping the visually and hearing impaired. To exhibit the courage required to move our agenda forward requires a passion for our cause's). Passion is a prime determinative of whether an individual or group will be remembered. Passivity determines who will be forgot and sadly, who will not be served.

To help in planning here are some reminders of things to occur during this fiscal year *vis-à-vis* our Foundation:

Diabetes Awareness (Alert Day)—Spring  
 Sight and Sound Sweepstakes—January-May  
 Lions Walk for Sight—Spring  
 Parade of Pledges—State Convention  
 Camp Lions—Summer 2012



These are a few of events/programs/fundraisers that need our focus and attention. We hope that we see many of the Foundation's owners (the Lions of Illinois) participate in all of these events as well as at our programs and services provided to the people of Illinois.

### Contact Us...

Main Line : 815-756-5633

TTY: 815-748-9088

Fax: 815-748-9087

The LIF Office is open

8:30am to 4:30pm,

Monday through Friday,  
 except holidays.

Visit the LIF online at:

[www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org](http://www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org)

For LIF program & service descriptions, forms, and the latest news!

### LIF Staff: (WITH NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES!)

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### What is the Sustaining Supporter program?

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 the visually and hearing impaired.

### How does someone become a 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.)

### What does the Sustaining Supporter receive?

*The initial \$25 contribution entitles the Sustaining Supporter to receive a pin. Upon renewal, the Sustaining Supporter receives a numbered tab that may be attached to the pin.*

### How are the 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.

### Are contributions tax-deductible?

Yes! Contributions to the Endowment Fund are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

### Can Sustaining Supporter contributions be applied toward a Foundation Fellow?

Yes! Sustaining Supporter contributions are completely convertible to Foundation Fellows. For more information, contact the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund at 815-756-5633 or 800-955-5466.

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## — Sustaining Supporter Application & Renewal —

Name of Sustaining Supporter (*please, print*): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Donor (*if different than Sustaining Supporter*): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to *LIONS OF ILLINOIS ENDOWMENT FUND.***

**Mail to:**

**LIONS OF ILLINOIS ENDOWMENT FUND, Attn.: Sherry Radek, 2814 DeKalb Ave., Sycamore IL 60178**

**— 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Special Instructions (*who you would like to present Foundation Fellow, etc.*): \_\_\_\_\_

Full Payment (\$500) enclosed \_\_\_ Partial Payment enclosed \_\_\_ (Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_)



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**Need some reasons  
 to donate & recycle  
 with the LIF?**

**How about these:**

Recycling creates cash to help those in need with vision & hearing health, in Illinois and around the world.

Used glasses give adults & children in third world countries better sight and a new view of life.

Donated used hearing aids are rehabbed and made available to people in Illinois.

Plus, everything we recycle & reuse benefits our planet.

**Thank you** for thinking beyond yourself to the **bigger** picture!

**Lions of Illinois Foundation Recycling Program Donation Card**

Please complete **ALL** the information below to receive a thank you letter which can be used for tax purposes. The LOIF is a non profit chartable organization. Please note that the LIF does **NOT** count eyeglasses, so please fill out this form to the best of your knowledge.

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

**Please clearly print the name of whom you want thank you letter to go to:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Donated items:**

# of used Eyeglasses \_\_\_\_\_ # of used Hearing Aids \_\_\_\_\_

# of Ink Cartridges \_\_\_\_\_ # of Cell Phones \_\_\_\_\_

Lbs of Keys \_\_\_\_\_ Lbs of Tabs \_\_\_\_\_ Lbs of aluminum cans \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_



Please enclose this card with your donation and send to:  
 Lions of Illinois Foundation, 2814 Dekalb Ave, Sycamore, IL 60178  
 Questions? Please call 815-756-5633