



In My Opinion

by Van C. Stone, LIF Executive Director

THOUGHTS AND CONTEMPLATIONS!

As I sit in my recliner, surrounded by the thunderous sounds of silence, my faithful friend Blackjack (our Labrador retriever) at my feet, and the portentousness of my thoughts clouding my brain, I contemplate how a Lion might choose to be remembered when his journey through life is finished. Of course, all of us wish to garner the admiration of family and friends. But, in a much larger sense, how will those who do not know us, remember us? How will history record our presence on earth and does today's efforts relate to that record?

We all presumably joined a service organization because of some commitment to help others. In 1974, as a response to that motivation, Illinois Lions created a foundation dedicated to helping a segment of society with visual and/or hearing impairments. If we put our motivation to help others together with the creation of our foundation, we have the opportunity to build something that will help those with special needs today and generations to come. If we accomplish this, if we build such a foundation, we will be remembered in a way that will honor our presence. I do not want to be remembered for the superficial accomplishments of life. I do not want to be remembered for things best suited for resumes. No, I want to be remembered as being part of a group of people who cared enough to view their destiny in terms of people served—today and in the future.

So, the question to be decided by every single Lion in Illinois is, "Will you dedicated yourself to the work required to help build a Lions of Illinois Foundation into a monument of hope for others?" The answer to that question is not rhetorical or passive. It requires your affirmation expressed in action. Join me and others who have chosen to commit ourselves to creating a legacy for which we will be proud to be remembered.

And at the end of the day I bowed my head and said,
"Thank You Lord for everything".

Life has no limits if you believe!

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*Ever
wonder...*

*How
will you
be
remembered?*

DISTINGUISHED SERVICES AWARD RECIPIENTS

By Lion Van C. Stone, LIF Executive Director

Over the past few years, a number of truly outstanding Lions have received the honor of being designated as a Distinguished Service Award recipient. This award is recognized as one of the most prestigious in the panoply of Lions awards and recognitions because of the objective way they are selected. This award is based solely on what a Lion has done, not on who they may know.

The District Trustees may nominate, but a committee known only to myself determines if the nomination measures up to the high standards required by this award. In a spirit of continuing to recognize these individuals, the following is a list (in no particular order) of previous recipients:

Angela Hanson Tom Harpst Priscilla Hedrick Jerry Clemens Stevie DuPriest Martha Harpst
 John McCann Charles Grewe Charles Steuer Ed Carter Bob Gustafson Dick Sellers
 Bruce Summers Joyce Schroeder Richard Gordon Joe Hendel William Villont Russ Sarver
 Robert Zavorka Jan Ringler Mary Truitt Martha Garlock John Greener Bob DePaolo
 Jim McCaslin Jim Wilson Maurice Vahle Doc Brewer William Leisher Dan Pressler
 Bob Sudbury Ray Jachim Bob Brown Bob Waters J. B. Settle Earl Steiner Frank Cramer
 Howard Simmons Chris Luttrell Patty Jordan Ben Dodge Ken Novak Gene Smith
 Dennis Regan Robert Plock Ron Newsome Glenn Long Francis "Snap" Hornung Irv Collins
 George Durbin Dick Eberhardt Don Robey Ron Maly Ron Wigton, Ernie Turcotte
 Steve Litchfield

Continuing congratulations to each of these great Lions. If I have missed anyone, please let me know.

Be A "Hero" In Your Home Town

Lions! Every Club has a tremendous opportunity to become real "heroes" in their respective communities. How, you ask?

Easy, simply by informing every service & humanitarian, church, and school organization that the local Lions are providing a fundraising event which these organizations can

participate in **ABSOLUTELY FREE** and receive 40% of the funds they raise.

That's right, the local Lions can offer to the organizations in their communities the chance to raise significant revenue by participating in our Walk for Sight with no costs, no volunteer gathering, no event planning, no initial capital outlay. All that will be done for them! The public relations value to the local Lions Clubs is

enormous and every Club should encourage its membership to solicit the other organizations in their communities to raise money for themselves as well as for the visually and hearing impaired throughout Illinois. For more information, contact your District Trustees or call the Foundation office at 1-815-756-5633.

Spread the news, it can make a difference in your community!

Great Holiday Gift Idea



Why not give a gift this holiday like no other? The 35th Anniversary Foundation Fellow is just that unique gift from the heart that shows you care. Especially when they realize how the funds raised will benefit those with vision & hearing impairments in Illinois. This special Foundation Fellow may be obtained (by making a \$500 donation) until December 31, 2009. They will not be available after that date.

In addition, a plaque will remain on permanent display at the Foundation office to commemorate the special person who receives it. Your Foundation hopes that every Lion will take this opportunity to be a 35th Anniversary Foundation Fellow or give one to a friend or loved one. *In the same manner as the 25th Anniversary Foundation Fellow, the 35th will not count towards a Foundation Fellow Laureate.*

Recycling Donations - help fund the gift of sight, hearing, and hope

While we trust most Lions, Lioness, & Leos are all aware of the donations of glasses & hearing aids the LIF accept, we would like to remind you of the other "recycling" done to raise funds to continue the thirteen programs & services your LIF provides in Illinois.



Ink Cartridges - Yes, those pesky cartridges from your personal computers are worth something even when empty. While they can't provide the fluid to print, they do offer a chance to create cash when recycled. Funds raised all go to assist LIF programs & services in Illinois.



Aluminum pull tabs - Admittedly nearly every youth group and classroom in America has at one time requested you to save pull-tabs. We still would love to have yours! Every tab is recycled to add more monies to provide vision & hearing programs. Perhaps since so many youth are already familiar with this fund-raiser maybe you could recruit their help. That would give them a project to earn credit and help the LIF all at the same time.



Keys - We all have keys that are lining a drawer somewhere. You know, ones you can't remember what they unlock. Or how about old car keys, skate keys, office machinery keys? Now they can be brought to the LIF for recycling. Any type, any metal, all keys are welcome.



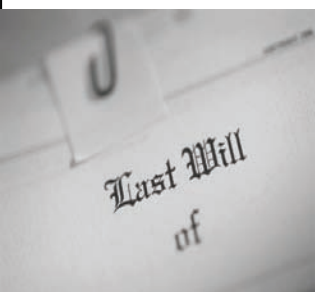
Cell Phones - Donated phones are also a money maker for recycling. Every phone generates cash that could be used to fund a child for a hearing screening, or have their eyes tested, which can help them in their school work.

Please consider sending any of these items to the LIF to recycle. Each donation makes a difference. Plus with each donation you have taken another step to being "greener" in your own life.

Special note - If you do have a group, club, church, or business that wants to host a collection drive let us know. We can try to provide you with posters, news release forms, and labels for receptacles. This is an opportunity to connect with your community and network some new volunteers and even members!

NEED COLLECTION BOXES OR HAVE A LARGE AMOUNT THAT NEEDS A PICK-UP?

CALL 1-815-756-5633 EXT 224 & ASK FOR MARIO TO HELP YOU GO GREEN WITH THE LIF.



***HAVE YOU REMEMBERED YOUR
LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION IN YOUR WILL????***

**TALK TO YOUR DISTRICT TRUSTEE OR LIF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TO ASSIST YOU TO CREATE YOUR LEGACY OF CARING!**

Mark Your Calendar... LIF Upcoming Events

November 1 – 2, 2008

Board of Trustees Meeting
The Chateau, Bloomington, Illinois

January 4, 2009

Coordinators Meeting
The Chateau, Bloomington, Illinois

February 13, 2009

Candidate Orientation
The Chateau, Bloomington, Illinois

February 14 – 15, 2009

Board of Trustees Meeting
The Chateau, Bloomington, Illinois

June 14, 2009

Lions Night Walk
SIU,, Edwardsville, Illinois

July 24, 2009

Incoming Board of Trustees Meeting
The Chateau, Bloomington, Illinois

July 25 – 26, 2009

Board of Trustees Meeting
The Chateau, Bloomington, Illinois

August 2, 2009

Coordinators Meeting
The Chateau, Bloomington, Illinois

October 9 (10), 2009

Lions Candy Day



November 2009

Board of Trustees Meeting
Hotel TBD, Illinois



The time has come for the Mobile Hearing Screening units to retire for the winter. They will return to service in March 2009. In 2008, Drivers/Techs Lions Joe Krenkel & Gene Miller screened over 8000 people for hearing loss with many being referred to a local audiologist or hearing clinic for further care. This is an increase in screenings by approximately 2000.

District	# Screened	# With Hearing Loss	# Without Hearing Loss	% With Hearing Loss
A	1025	190	836	19
B	520	106	414	20
CN	445	240	205	54
CS	103	62	41	60
D	396	100	296	25
E	486	250	236	51
F	1362	259	1103	19
G	641	342	297	53
H	587	133	454	23
J	1166	244	922	21
K	283	62	221	22
L	587	279	306	48
State Fair	409	236	173	58
Randhurst Health Fair	133	28	105	21
TOTALS	8144	2531	5609	31

E-mail address update requested

Please help us keep up with your current e-mail addresses so the Lions Share, bulletins, and breaking news can be sent electronically to you. This also helps us to be greener and operate at less expense. Please use the form below to mail to the LIF attention Alan at 2814 DeKalb Avenue, Sycamore, IL 60178 or copy and paste the info into an e-mail to Alan Wilson at adwilson@tbc.net. Thank you!!

Name: _____ Title: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

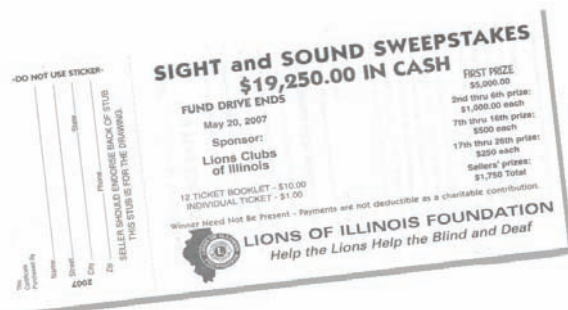
Preferred e-mail address: _____

A 'No' Cost Fund Raiser For Your Club

By Lion Ron Wigton, DSA
State Chairperson S&S Sweepstakes

Sight and Sound Sweepstakes (SWEEPS) tickets will be shipped to your Lions and Lioness club before your first Club meeting of the New Year. SWEEPS tickets are not sent to Leo Clubs as most Leo Club members do not meet the legal age level for raffles. If for some reason your Club has not received their Sweepstakes tickets by the middle of January, contact Joanne at our Lions of Illinois Foundation at 800- 955-5466 ext. 222. The SWEEPS project is our Lions of Illinois Foundation's second largest fundraiser and a 'no' cost fundraiser for your Club's eye and hear-

ing related projects. The drawing for the 2009 SWEEPS winners will be held during the annual Lions of Illinois Foundation Breakfast at the State convention in May.



This ticket from 2007 is a reminder of the potential income & reward offered to both Clubs & the LIF.

Now is the time to start planning. Appoint a club chairperson who will keep the SWEEPS project in motion each month until tickets are returned to our Foundation's office in early May. A 'How to Manual', explaining most phases of this pro-

ject, will be sent with your initial batch of SWEEPS tickets. Additional SWEEPS tickets are available by contacting our Foundation. If your club does not wish to sell tickets, have the club purchase the tickets, or have a special fund raising project and designate these funds for Sweepstakes. Your club could also be a Sweepstakes winner. Sweepstakes tickets will sell if they can be seen.

When selling Sweepstakes tickets you must remember that we are assisting others and not ourselves or our Foundation. Each District has a goal which is printed in the '2009 How to Manual'; let's see how much each District can exceed that goal. For additional information contact your District Sweepstakes coordinator or one of your District Trustees.

2009 Lions of Illinois Sight & Sound Sweepstakes Campaign

The 2009 LIF Sweepstakes campaign runs from January 2009 until the Foundation Breakfast at the State Convention in May. Better yet, plan on attending the Foundation Breakfast at the State Convention. Each Lions and Lioness Club should receive Sweepstakes tickets and a *2009 How to Manual* prior to their first Club meeting in January 2009. If your Club does not receive Sweeps tickets by the middle of January, contact Joanne at our Foundation. Additional Sweepstakes tickets are available after the 1st of the year from our Lions of Illinois Foundation by calling 1-800 955-5466, then enter ext. 222 for Joanne.

Club Involvement

Appoint an enthusiastic / ambitious Sweepstakes chairperson. Distribute Sweepstakes tickets to Club members at your first club meeting in January. Also, get tickets to those members not in attendance at this meeting. Explain How and Why this is a very important fundraiser for both our Lions of Illinois Foundation and your Lions / Lioness Clubs hearing and sight related projects. Keep information on both the Sweepstakes program and our Foundation in front of your Club members each month of the campaign (this is the only way that SWEEPS tickets will be sold). Collect money and tickets and return to our Lions of Illinois Foundation during the first week of May **or** bring to the State Convention (no later than 10 am on the morning of the breakfast). If your Club does not sell raffle tickets, consider purchasing your Clubs tickets (Club's have **also** been winners) **or** send a dollar donation to our Foundation and 'mark' for the 2009 Sweepstakes campaign. Basically, this project is cost free to participating Clubs.

The Sweepstakes Program

Winners will be drawn toward the end of our Foundation Breakfast at the State Convention. First prize is \$5,000 with (5) \$1,000, (10) \$500, and (10) \$250 prizes. If the seller will complete the back of each ticket they sell, they can also be a winner. In addition to the prizes listed above many children and adults are Sweepstakes winners, as the money raised from sweepstakes is used to support the various programs and services of our Lions of Illinois Foundation. If your Club would like additional information on the Sweepstakes or on our Foundation, contact your District Sweepstakes Coordinator or your District Trustees (contact information should be in your District directory).



Candy Day Wrap-Up

Members of the Lawrence County Lions Club of 1-CN prepared for Candy Day 2008. Pictured L - R are Lions Joe Eggebrecht, Sec.; Stewart Hawkins, Charter Pres.; Bill Johnson, Tail Twister; and 1-CN Gov. Jerry Ellis. Candy Day was the Club's first fundraiser having been established with 30 members on Sept. 4, 2008.

And while Lions Candy Day may be over, there is still one vital step-submitting your final report and donation to the Foundation. For questions please call Joanne at (815) 756-5633.

Please mail the form below with donation to:

Joanne Delby: LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION, 2814 DE KALB AVENUE SYCAMORE, IL 60178.

FAX- (815) 748-9087, or by e-mail at JDelby@TBC.net

FINAL CANDY DAY REPORT - 2008

OFFICIAL REPORT of Fund Raising for Humanitarian Service (Blind/Deaf).

PLEASE RETURN BY DECEMBER 1, 2008

CLUB NAME: _____ DISTRICT 1- _____ CLUB #: _____

CANDY DAY CHAIRPERSON: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

CANDY DAY RESULTS: (please answer all questions)

Number of Members: _____ Number of Volunteers: _____

No. of Cases of Candy Used: _____

Collections from CANDY DAY.....\$ _____

Collections from UNDERWRITERS..... \$ _____

Collections from COUNTER CARDS. . . . \$ _____

GROSS Total Collections from ALL SOURCES.....\$ _____

COST of Candy & Aprons.....\$ _____

OTHER COSTS.....\$ _____

NET \$ _____

CONTRIBUTIONS TO: (please make all checks payable to the Lions of Illinois Foundation)

Lions of Illinois Foundation Projects (60% of NET OR MORE).....\$ _____

Date: _____ (Signed) _____ Title: _____

Your contribution to the Foundation will make the following LIF projects possible:

Camp Lions for Blind & Deaf Children and Adults, Low Vision Program, Mobile Diabetic Retinopathy/Macular Degeneration Program, Mobile Hearing Unit, Infant Hearing Screening, Cochlear Implant Program, Social Services & Referral, Used Hearing Aid Collection & Hearing Aid Bank (HAB.), Used Eyeglass Collection, Funds for Emergency (L.I.F.E.).

By now, I hope that every Lions Club in Illinois has filed the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) new 990 or 990EZ (if applicable) as the due date is November 15th. The form (e/postcard) can only be filed electronically and is very simple to fill out. It is primarily informational and should not take more than five (5) minutes to fill out.

DO NOT FAIL TO FILE THIS FORM ON TIME—THE PENALTY IS SEVERE!

This filing is a new requirement of the IRS. Before this year, if a Club had less than \$25,000 in gross revenue, no federal filing was required. Now, all Clubs must file a federal tax return (990 or 990EZ) regardless of the amount (unless you are already filing a 990T or EZ). If you have any questions, please call your Foundation (Van Stone).

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