



The Sycamore Lions Tracks

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Sycamore Tail Twisters get the Lion back



Sycamores Lion Tail Twisters finally get their lion back. Lions Joe, Dan and Rich try to figure out how to free their lion from a cement block. How would you free the lion?

1. Slowly chisel out the lion with care.
2. Use a large maul.
3. Cut it free with a cement saw.

I will not give away the answer, but suffice it to say the 60 year old lion needed a surgeon skilled in brass welding when they were through freeing the lion.

Earth Day Project - Bike Path Clean-up

On April 11th the Sycamore Lions spent the morning out on the Great Western Trail conducting its annual trash clean-up. Lion Gene Listy chaired the event this year and brought great weather for a change. It was a cool sunny day which was perfect for working outdoors. Lion Gene procured new



Dates to Remember:

July 16th Lions Fishing Derby

Held at Lake Shabbona
from 9AM – 2 PM

July 26th Car Show

Help the Lioness Club raise funds at California and Elm

July 31st Lions Camp Ravenswood open house

Aug. 12th Board Meeting

Held at Lion Jim's 6PM

Aug. 26th Steak Fry

Held at the Lions Pavilion in Sycamore Park – 5PM

Sept. 9th Meeting

Board Meeting at 6 PM
Regular Meeting at 7 PM
Held at the Fargo

Sept. 11 & 12th Candy Day

Sept. 20-26th Deaf Awareness Week

Sept. 23rd Meeting

Regular Meeting at 7 PM
Held at the Fargo



"grabbers" for picking up the trash this year, and they worked great. The day started at 8:00 in the morning and by 11:30 we were finished having picked up over 20 bags of trash.

Thanks to Gene and all of the lions who supported the event.

March of Dimes Walk - April 25th

On April 25th the Sycamore Lions once again supported the March of Dimes "March for Babies Walk" by cooking hot dogs and brats for the walkers. Lion Sid Johnson once again chaired the event with Lions Clarion Clausen,



Darrell Hepker, Gene Listy and his son Matt, Jerome Perez, John Toles, and Wayne Schmidt working.

Sycamore Lions gain two members

In April Lion Lilly Rose Fator who lives in Sycamore transferred her membership from the DeKalb Evening Lions Club to Sycamore.

At the May 13th meeting Jim Bailey joined the Club as a new member. In the picture is Lion Jerry Malmassari (sponsor) and Lion John Swedberg (membership chair) welcoming the new Lion Jim Bailey to the Sycamore club.



International President
Eberhard Wirfs theme is:

Move to Grow

As part of that effort he announced a new awards program to recognize individual lions who move the organization to grow in the following areas; Increased Membership, Developing new Lion Leaders, Increasing Social Understanding, Improving Public Awareness of what Lions do, Growing the youth of today into Lion leaders of tomorrow, and Growing our Foundation.



The Ginkgo Awards are designed to recognize Lions who exemplify the attributes needed to move our association forward – who have planted the necessary seeds for our future.

As I travel around the world I will, at the recommendation of a committee composed of specified international directors, recognize those Lions who have initiated and executed programs

Lions of Illinois Foundation Eye Glasses

On Wednesday morning, June 3, 2009, Sycamore Lion Bud Wallace, Lion Ed Kuhn, Joan (Lion Bruce) Wallace and Brandon Lyon (son of Sycamore Lion President Lion Jim Lyon) spent the morning sorting glasses for the Lions of Illinois Foundation Used Eye Glass Program. The staff estimated that the volunteers sorted approximately 5000 pairs of glasses during their morning session. The Sycamore Lions have volunteered to help the Foundation get caught up on the back log of glasses received in recent months.



If you are interested in helping out give Lion Bud Wallace a call to find out when the next sorting session will be held.

Installation of Officers for 2009-2010

On May 27th the new officers were installed at the Fargo. Lion Jerry Malmassari performed the honors installing Lion Jim Lyon as the new president. Pictured at left in Lion Lyon lighting a candle for each of the new officers. Officers (Lions All) are:



President – Jim Lion

1st VP – Al John

2nd VP – Clay Kloster

3rd VP – Jerome Perez

Secretary – Tom Fewell

Treasurer – Craig Brannstrom

Membership – Dave Finney

Lioness Liaison – Jerry Malmassari

Lion Tamer – Jerry Schultz

Director – Ken Hirschbein

Director – Ed Kuhn

Director – Steve Aghababian

Director – Barb Schultz

Director – Sharon Foster

Director – Tom Foster

Tail Twister – Bruce Wallace

Tail Twister – Chuck Christensen

Lion Tamer – Bill Gulke

which complement the International Theme – Move to Grow. This will be a mark of my personal appreciation for such individuals. Each award shall be personally presented by me.

At the international convention in Sydney, Australia, Lions from all over the world will also be recognized at a gala celebration, in the following categories:

- Most women members added by a club and district
- Most new club web sites added by a district
- Highest donation to LCIF by a club and district
- Outstanding service projects by a club or district
- Lions who best exemplify the international theme

Lion by Lion, service project by service project, ginkgo by ginkgo, we are creating momentum. We must continue this momentum, working together every step of the way.

Lions can achieve the unthinkable if they are committed to the task at hand. Such has been our past. Such can be our future.

So how many ginkgos do we need to plant? How many new clubs should we extend? How many new members must we induct? How much service should we provide? That depends on us collectively. Needs continue to escalate all over the world. Lions must be ready to answer the call.

As an association, we are the global leader in humanitarian and community service. By planting a Lions ginkgo, we can provide the shade of love, the warmth of friendship, and a healing touch-that will last for a long time. Isn't that what being a Lion is all about?

Lions Fishing Derby is featured on the Lions International web site

The Lions fishing derby held every year in July is one of the Lions in action stories posted on the Lions international web site month. You can view it by going to the Lions International web site and clicking the Fishing Derby link under the picture.

