



The Sycamore Lions Tracks

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Sycamore Welcomes Two New Members



Bruce Wallace and Joe Huml were inducted into the Sycamore Lions club. Bruce was inducted in November, Joe in January. Be sure to welcome both when you see them at the meeting.

District Bowling

On January 18th two teams from the Sycamore Lions Club, and one team from the Sycamore Lioness Club participated in at the district bowling event. The event is a time for lions from many clubs to get together at an event and raise some money for our Lions District to help them cover their expenses throughout the year. Lion Russ Sloniker once again rocked with an average over 200 per game. The rest of the lions in attendance were slightly behind his pace, but we all had fun. Thanks to Lion Joe Woodward for chairing the event.



Dates to Remember:

Jan. 27th Southwest Region Meeting

Feb 11th Partners Night

Held at Carl's Fargo 7PM

Feb. 25th Meeting

Held at Carl's Fargo
Board meeting at 6PM
Regular Meeting at 7PM

Mar. 11th Meeting

Held at Carl's Fargo
Board meeting at 6PM
Regular Meeting at 7PM

Mar. 25th Meeting

Held at Carl's Fargo
Regular Meeting at 7PM

Apr. 8th Meeting

Held at Carl's Fargo
Board meeting at 6PM
Regular Meeting at 7PM

Mar. 17-19th

District 1-J Convention

Mar. 22nd Meeting

Held at Carl's Fargo
Regular Meeting at 7PM

2009 Ski for Sight



Sycamore Lions once again worked the Friday night Pizza Party for Ski for Sight. Lion Kevin Brint coordinated the pizza delivery to insure hot pizza was available as the guests arrived. In all 45 pizzas were consumed by the skiers.

In addition to the Pizza party some of the Sycamore Lions helped on Sunday with the bowling event.

Unfortunately Lion Kevin partnered with a blind bowler who threw a 220 game. Maybe next year Kevin, oh wait that is what we said last year.

Lion Jerome Perez of Sycamore was the chairman for the event this year, and Lion Kevin Brint is the Treasurer for the Ski-for-Sight Committee.



47th Annual Pumpkin Festival

The 47th Pumpkin Festival was another successful event this year, even though the weather was not as pleasant as we would have liked.

Thanks to this years Committee Chairs for their hard work; Lion Jerry Schultz (Raffle), Lion Loren Krout (Display), Lion Rich Diehl (Trailer/Fence setup and cleanup), and Lion Jim Lyon (Food Trailer) and all the Sycamore lions that supported them. Also thanks to the may Lions and their family members who worked at the festival. Without their support it would not be successful.

Finally, thanks to the Lions members who were on the Pumpkin Festival Committee. Lion Jerome Perez (President), Lion Randy Panzer and Al John who Chaired the Parade Committee, and Lion Jerry Malmassari who is the Festival's historian.

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter Dedicates "Gift of Sight" Statue at Lions Clubs International Headquarters in Recognition of Lions' Blindness Prevention Efforts

On January 27, 2009—Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter dedicated the "Gift of Sight" statue at Lions Clubs International headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois. The statue symbolizes Lions Clubs International Foundation's (LCIF) ongoing collaborative efforts to combat preventable blindness and is a gift to Lions from The Carter Center. The bronze statue depicts a child leading a man blinded by river blindness, or onchocerciasis, in Africa and Latin America. The dedication of the statue is part of a two-day symposium at Lions Clubs International headquarters where leading sight and health organizations from around the world will gather to discuss positive youth development and blindness prevention. A Lions club member, President Carter has long joined Lions in their fight to save and restore sight.

"Rosalynn and I have seen the devastating effects that blinding diseases have on individuals and their families. The Carter Center and Lions Clubs International Foundation, along with other vital partners, are working to preserve the vision of millions of people in Africa and the Americas," said Carter Center Founder President Carter. "Thanks to these coordinated efforts, river blindness is nearly eliminated from the Western Hemisphere."

LCIF recently completed a three-year global fundraising campaign, raising \$203 million to continue and expand LCIF's SightFirst program worldwide. Fifty million will fund projects to combat emerging threats to sight in the U.S. and other developed countries, such as conditions related to diabetes, low vision and glaucoma. More than \$100 million will support programs that control and eliminate the major causes of blindness, such as river blindness, cataract and trachoma. The remaining \$50+ million will fund support new research initiatives and rehabilitation.



Lion Wally Throw
"Mr. Pumpkin"
riding in the parade

Lion Loren
contemplating a
sea of pumpkins



Customers at
the Lions
trailer waiting
for a world
class hot dog

Chefs' of the Lions
Trailer preparing
the brats and chops





Lions Green Teams are ready to help save the planet by:

- **cleaning the environment** - 32% of clubs organize a community clean-up project.
- **planting trees** - if every club planted a tree, there would be more than 44,000 new trees on the planet; if every Lion planted a tree, there would be more than 1.3 million new trees on the planet.
- **recycling** - eyeglasses, paper, computers, and car batteries can be recycled.
- **educating others** - a hybrid car exhibit and an environment contest help educate others about the environment.

Lions made a **commitment to the environment** in the same year (1972) that the United Nations General Assembly created the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Sycamore Lions Club Great Northern Trail Bike Path Cleanup will be held in April.

District 1J has instituted a Green Team Event Contest this year for the best environmental project.



Lion President Dave, Sue and District Governor Nancy Rex in the Pumpkin Festival Parade

Lions Ken, Ed and Bill weighing in a very big pumpkin



Lions working in the food trailer

Lions Tom and Jerry looking for customers at the raffle trailer

