



The Sycamore Lions Tracks

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Sycamore Lions Christmas Party

The Sycamore Lions wound up another successful calendar year with a Christmas Party held at the Kishwaukee Country Club.



The food was excellent and everyone enjoyed the chance to visit with other Lions and their spouses in a very festive setting. The entertainment for the event was provided by members of the NIU Steel Drum band. They were awesome! Thanks to Lions Al John and Clay Kloster for setting up a wonderful event.



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Dates to Remember:

Mar. 10th Meeting

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

Mar. 24th Business Meeting

Held at Carl's Fargo
Regular Meeting at 7PM

April 4th Meals on Wheels

April 24th March of Dimes

Walk America Event

April 9-11th District 1J Convention

At the Lisle/Naperville Hilton

April 17th Bike Path

Cleanup of litter

May 1st Flower Day

May 12th Meeting

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

May 26th Installation

Installation of next year's
Officers and board

2010 Ski for Sight

Sycamore Lions once again helped pull off a successful Ski for Sight event with Lions from 12 other clubs in the area. There were approximately 70 visually impaired skiers and 20 guides at the event this year. Sycamore Lion members Jerome Perez (Chairman), Lilly Fator (Registration) and Kevin Brint (Treasurer) and DeKalb Evening member Carolynn Werline were officers on the Ski-for-Sight board this year helping to plan coordinate the various activities. In addition to these 4 members a lion from each of the 13 participating clubs chaired one of the activities throughout the weekend. During the event many Lions and Lioness members from the participating clubs were there to lend a hand to insure all the activities were successful.

The event starts off with the Friday Night Pizza Party hosted by Sycamore. It was followed Saturday with breakfast provided by Big Rock, outdoor activities in the morning and afternoon that included skiing, walking, ice fishing, hay rides, and a lunch served at the Shabbona State Park. Saturday evening has a banquet hosted by the Waterman Lions, followed by a dance in the evening with music and a DJ.

Sunday starts with breakfast at Courtland hosted by the Courtland and Genoa Lions, followed by bowling, ATV rides and Bingo. The event is wrapped up by a lunch cooked by the Elburn Lions and an open microphone for the skiers to make comments about their experiences during the event.





Support the Sycamore Lions Flower Day

Flower Day is the clubs primary fund raiser in spring. The members in the past have sold at least 300 tickets for a dozen carnations which are delivered personally by a Lions Club Member.

Lions Sharon and Tom Foster are this year's chairman. Please give him your support for this important fund raiser, and remember to sell, sell, and sell some more.



Sight and Sound Sweepstakes Tickets due

Lion Randy Panzer is this year's Sight and Sound Sweepstakes chairman. Remember to return your tickets to Randy as soon as possible so he can return them to the foundation. Please support this fund raiser for the foundation. A portion of the ticket sales come back to the club to support out eye glass and hearing aid programs.



Ski for Sight Weekend is a wonderful example of the good things Lions can do when they work together.

2010 District Bowling

Congratulations to the Sycamore Lions and Lioness clubs who took home prizes at the District bowling this year. Lion Russ Sloniker did a great job of putting together 2 teams from Sycamore who made a good showing at the event.

Well at least one of the teams did.

The other team just had fun. Lots of fun.



Bike Path Clean-up

On April 17th the Sycamore Lions will once again coordinate with the DeKalb County Forest Preserve to pick up the trash along the Great Western bike trail on the east end of town.

The club covers from Airport road out to County Line road. Make sure you dress for the occasion, and bring some rubber boots if it is wet, your feet will appreciate it. If you are interested call or speak to Lion Gene Listy for details.



More Volunteers in More Places than Any Other Service Club Organization

When it comes to meeting challenges, our response is simple: We serve. In 205 countries, in hospitals and senior centers, in regions battered by natural disaster, in schools and in eyeglass recycling centers, Lions are at work, helping, leading, planning and supporting. Because we're local, we can serve the unique needs of the communities we live in. And because we're global, we can address challenges that go beyond borders.

We want everyone to see a better tomorrow. That's why we support sight programs and services including vision screenings, eye banks and eyeglass recycling. Provide eye care services to those at risk of losing their sight. And raise donations through campaigns like Sight First and Campaign Sight First II.

We believe everyone deserves a healthy life. From providing health programs that focus on hearing loss to supporting efforts to control and prevent diabetes, we're working to improve the health of children and adults around the world.

We empower the next generation. Whether it's providing volunteer and leadership experiences in a Leo club or sharing a message of peace through our Peace Poster contest, our youth programs invest in the future by reaching out to young people.

We serve local communities – and protect the planet. From performing hands-on service projects to providing emergency assistance, our community and environment programs improve our communities – and protect the environment.

March of Dimes



Walk America

On April 24th Lion Sid Johnson and his crew will serve lunch and refreshments to the walkers in the DeKalb Walk America event for March of Dimes held at Hopkins Park. Drawing on years of hot dog cooking skill, honed over the years some of the Sycamore Lions will serve hot dogs, snacks and drinks. The Sycamore Lions have been doing this event for a number of years.

What is this event about? It is a fund raiser to fight premature birth which is the leading cause of newborn death and many lifelong disabilities. DeKalb walkers will cover 3.7 miles and join a million walkers in 900 communities. If you are free and want to help, give Lion Sid Johnson or Lion Dave Finney a call.



To an internet near you

Sycamore Lions Web Site gets a makeover

Sycamore Lions Club

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About the Lions

The Sycamore Lions Club is dedicated to improving the quality of life for the handicapped, the poor, the sick and the aged. Its primary focus since Helen Keller challenged the Lions to be "Knights of the Blind" has been preventing blindness, and supporting programs for visually impaired individuals. In addition to vision programs, the Sycamore Lions Club supports or sponsors a number of humanitarian, civic and charitable projects through Sycamore Lions Charities, Inc. Projects include the Pumpkin Display and the Pumpkin Festival, Scholarships awarded to high school seniors pursuing careers in vision, hearing or medical fields, and for seniors who have demonstrated a commitment to volunteer activities and giving back to their community. Since 1948, the Sycamore Lions club has offered people in Sycamore the opportunity to give something back to their community.

Sycamore Lions members are involved in a number of projects. Some benefit the local community such as cleaning up the Great Western Trail or as far-reaching as eye glass collections and sorting at the Lions of Illinois foundation in a continuing effort to prevent blindness and bring sight to people around the world. The Sycamore Lions club has always embraced programs and activities committed to building a brighter future for our community. Our programs are continually changing to meet new needs and ever greater demands, but our mission has never wavered: "We Serve."

Lions Community Sign Request

Lions Links:

- Lions Clubs International
- Lions News Network
- Lions Learning Center

Connect with Us Online

YouTube, Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, RSS

Lions of Illinois Foundation

Lions District 1-J

By the end of March the Sycamore Lions Club Website will be updated making it easier to navigate and link to other lions sites. Improvements will include a monthly calendar that can be scrolled to find out what is happening in the club, a web form that can be filled out on line for the community sign and mailed to the sign chairman, and an updated style similar to the Lions International e-clubs sites.

We Serve
