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The Official Newsletter of the Lions of Illinois Foundation

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# 30TH YEAR CELEBRATION



## Lions of Illinois Eye Research Institute

### You're Invited!

**Saturday,  
September 10, 2016  
11AM -2PM  
Program@12PM**

**1905 W. Taylor St.  
Chicago, IL**

Please join us for a celebration of the partnership between the Lions of Illinois Foundation & the Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago as we celebrate 30 years of innovation in vision research & dedicated patient care at the Lions of Illinois Eye Research Institute. There will be tours of the laboratories and demonstrations of the impact that the Lions of Illinois' investment thirty years ago is still fostering today.  
**Guided & self-guided tours will be offered!**



## LIF THOUGHTS

*by LIF Executive Director Lion Mario Gumino, PDG*

**Greetings Fellow Lions,**

As we move forward into this New Year, we need to reflect on the past year and all of the **GREAT** accomplishments that our Foundation has completed. Without your support we would not have been able to improve our programs and help the many individuals in our communities.

Speaking of our programs, they are doing **FANTASTIC!** Last year our Foundation improved the Hearing Unit Program by adding a new generator to Unit A. With this improvement, we were able to have the hearing unit screen in towns where we were not able to conduct screenings in the past. Our Diabetic Unit also saw improvements with the purchase of a new camera. This new camera is very user friendly, quick, and the results time back from the doctor to the client has been cut down tremendously. The Social Services Program has seen an increase in the number of individuals we have helped with our Reconditioned Hearing Aid Program. Our Foundation has assisted 80 new individuals over the past two years, moving our total close to 300 clients. Camp Lions 2016 had another **GREAT YEAR!** Every camper was sponsored and we need to thank all of the clubs for their continued support with sponsorships. Our Low Vision Program sponsored over 300 students this past year. For the cost of \$290, those students were given an eye exam, glasses and or special vision aids to help them with their everyday lives. As you are setting up your club's budgets, please consider setting aside at least \$290 to sponsor one or more Low Vision students.

Candy Day is just around the corner and will be held on **Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**. I look forward to meeting and visiting with each of you at your Candy Day Jamborees. All the jamborees have been scheduled. Please speak with your district trustees to get your date and location. This year we are going back to the winter green flavored candy roll. There are 576 rolls in a case and the cost of a case is \$95.00. If you need more information on Candy Day or need to order supplies, please contact Dianne Ortega at the Foundation office at 815-756-5633, ext. 250.

The Endowment Fund is **GROWING!** Congratulations! Due to all of your hard work and support we have hit the **\$10-million-dollar mark!** Our Illinois Lions have seen a need to keep our Foundation growing and to keep our programs and services moving forward. Our next goal is **\$20 million, and beyond.** Our Foundation is so close to that permanent legacy.

I want to thank all of you for your continued support of our Foundation. Without each and every one of you, our Lions of Illinois Foundation would not exist. We are the shining light to all that need our help.

### **RSVP TO LIERI 30th Year Celebration - BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2016**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will be attending. \_\_\_\_\_ Number of guests (including yourself)

Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title and District:

Names of any guests: \_\_\_\_\_

To complete your RSVP please contact:

Trish Fisher, Executive Assistant Manager ; E-mail: [tfisher@lifnd.org](mailto:tfisher@lifnd.org) ; Phone: (815) 756-5633 ext. 240

or return by mail to: **Lions of Illinois Foundation**

ATTN: Trish Fisher, 2254 Oakland Drive, Sycamore, IL 60178



## Camp Lions Comes to a Close

Another summer of friends will end on August 6th for Camp Lions of Illinois. It is sad to say the season is over. Sad because friends will part and may not be together again for a full year. However, those feelings are quickly forgotten by the happy energy campers share as e-mail addresses or social network names are exchanged so they can reach out to each other. They are also excited to relate their Camp tales to family & hometown friends. Many parents remark how their child has matured and is more helpful after attending Camp Lions. For sure It is a week of growth for all the boys and girls.

We thank every Club and Friend of Camp Lions for making this experience possible for free to our deaf/HoH and blind/partially sighted youth and adults in Illinois.

## CAMP LIONS PINS

ONLY \$5.00 EACH PIN!  
Order today & wear the pride of Camp Lions for all to see!

Contact Lisa at:  
1-815-756-5633 ext. 221,  
or e-mail [lmk@LIFnd.org](mailto:lmk@LIFnd.org).

Funds benefit Camp Lions .

## Camp Lions is on Facebook

Our page is camper-powered & welcomes all photos, comments by current & past campers, plus Lions who also have a special memory to share. Be sure to "Like" the page with every visit.

## Deerfield Lions Club Adopts Campers

The Deerfield Lions Club considers itself the "Biggest-Little Club in Illinois". Like all Lions Clubs the Deerfield Lions main focus is helping the sight and hearing impaired. Since 2006, Deerfield has donated over \$25,000 to Camp Lions Projects.

For the last six years, the Club has been making monetary donations to Camp Lions, and also providing an annual picnic dinner for the Lions campers and staff at Camp Henry Horner in Ingleside, Illinois.


Last fall Lion Phil Bettiker and Lion John Sciarretta suggested this year that the Deerfield club consider sponsoring the entire children's program at Camp Henry Horner. After the suggestion, member participation in their fundraising events increased. Last April, after a review of their current funds and speaking to Camp Coordinator Alan Wilson about the total cost of the camp, a motion was made to sponsor the entire camp. The motion was unanimously approved.

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, during the Deerfield Club's annual picnic at the camp, a check for the amount of \$14,700.00 was presented to LIF Executive Director Mario Gumino.



From left to right:  
Lion Jim Zaio, Lion David Pearlstein, LIF Executive Director Mario Gumino, Lion Phil Bettiker, Lion Wally Dunn, Lion Mark Villano and Lion Club President Michael Butera.

## Please Adopt a Camper



Club/Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes, we want to adopt a camper!** Enclosed is our donation of:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt \_\_\_\_\_ camper(s).

Donors, please include the name of specific camper(s) you are adopting, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address to send receipt of donation: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St.: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make donation payable to:**  
**LIF Camp Lions Adopt-A- Camper.**  
Submit form to: Lisa Kaczmarczyk, LIF Camp Registrar:  
2016 Camp Lions Adopt-A-Camper  
Lions of Illinois Foundation, 2254 Oakland Dr., Sycamore, IL 60178





## A Few Words From Our President

By Lion Don Borgwardt, LIF President 2016-2017

**Dear LIF Members and Friends,**

I am so honored to be the President of your Foundation and have the opportunity to work with each of you to continue to grow our Foundation. My goal is to improve communication with the Lions of Illinois, your Foundation wants to know what you think. *So often I hear a rumor and ask where did you hear that and they say someone told them.* Please ask your LIF Trustee or call the Foundation office when you have a question. We also want to hear your concerns or suggestions. If you have not visited the Foundation, please take advantage and see the new and improved office. We now have an office that we can all be proud of and a staff that is there to help you with any situation.

**Candy Day Jamborees** will be starting soon and we hope you will attend and be excited about the opportunity we have to raise money for our clubs and our Foundation. I want to give you an example of what can be accomplished. A club in District 1-F was planning on participating in Tootsie POP Day and didn't have the opportunity until the weekend of 7-22-16 thru 7-24-16. As you are all aware that was 3 days of 90+ degrees and very humid. One member (maybe crazy or very devoted) spent 24 hours in front of the Jewel and collected \$1800.00, I am not suggesting that anyone do this, but this is an example of what can be accomplished where there is a desire. The same end can be accomplished by a group of Lions working together.

**Your Trustees and Coordinators** are here to serve you and would love to come and speak at your Club, please invite them. We also want to hear if you have any suggestions on how the Foundation can raise money by some other means. I am sure you are aware that we now have the **scrip program, Chili's program, and License plate frames**. These are additional opportunities for Lions to participate. We are trying to provide options for every Lion to find something that excites them. Remember we are not asking for money, we are asking for the opportunity to send a child to camp, provide the Hearing Unit, the Macular Degeneration Unit and other services we provide. **Your Foundation needs to be held accountable to Lions of Illinois, please let us all work together to help our Foundation grow.** We want to thank all of you for the help and hard work you have given the Foundation over the years and look forward to your continued support of your Foundation.

## Help Us Welcome the Newest Face to LIF

submitted by Nancy Wisniewski, LIF Marketing Coordinator

**The Lions of Illinois Foundation has a new face for your viewing pleasure.**

Go to <http://www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org> to see our newest addition! We now have a QR (quick-response) code that links directly to our website. These odd-looking, black-and-white, pixelated designs were originally used by the automotive industry, but today they are most often found in magazines, newspapers, ads, and now on our Lions of Illinois Foundation website.



QR codes offer an efficient way to create links to websites, but they can also store text, phone numbers, email addresses, calendar events, or send SMS messages. Here are some tips on how to use a QR app to access the data you want.

First, you need a QR-code app and a smartphone or tablet equipped with a camera. Here's the website address to download the FREE app to your Apple device. <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/quick-scan-qr-code-reader/id483336864?mt=8>

There are several others to choose from, but this is free and offers the following review: "Simple, elegant and non-annoying," by Laser D. "Want a simple app that allows you to easily scan QR-codes without fuss? Well look no further. Quick Scan is appropriately so named. It's so easy, it's unreal. Great for folks who just want to scan, not learn the secrets of the universe."

Android users can try either Red Laser or QR Droid, and BlackBerry users will like QR Code Scanner Pro. All of these apps are free to download, and each one should handle any standard QR code just fine.

When you launch your app of choice, you'll see that your phone's camera is activated, with an on-screen framing guide. Line up the camera on your device with the QR code you want to scan, and hold the device steady until the app can read the code in front of it. It's that simple. Impress your friends, your family, and your coworkers with your newly acquired tech savvy skills.





**Thank You Volunteers!**

50 Lions & friends dared the near 100° heat to sort and separate nearly 300,000 pairs of used eye-glasses on Saturday, July 23th. Volunteers were treated to lunch as our thanks for their labor. The majority of these glasses will be used on missions worldwide giving sight to thousands in need of decent eyewear.



Summer's almost over and school is back in season! Before you send those kids back onto the bus, get your scrip and make sure they're ready for the first day of class with new clothes, supplies, and everything else a student needs. Use Scrip to shop:

- |                       |            |                    |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Adidas                | Gap        | Old Navy           |
| Aéropostale           | iTunes     | Sports Authority   |
| Amazon.com            | Kohl's     | Staples            |
| American Eagle        | L.L.Bean   | Target             |
| Barnes & Noble        | Macy's     | Under Armour       |
| Bed Bath & Beyond     | Nike       | Walmart            |
| Best Buy              | Office Max | <b>&amp; More!</b> |
| Dick's Sporting Goods |            |                    |

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**

- August 5, 2016 - Open House at Camp Lions Manitowa, 12770 N. Benton Rd., Benton, IL
- August 6, 2016 - Golf Classic, Senica's Oak Ridge Golf Club, 658 E. Hwy 6, LaSalle, IL
- August 8 - 14, 2016 - John Deere Classic/"Birdies for Charity", Moline, IL
- September 10, 2016 - 30 Year Celebration at the LIERI, 1905 W. Taylor St., Chicago, IL
- October 14 - 15, 2016 - Lions Candy Day, Statewide
- November 5, 2016 - Board of Trustees Meeting, The Chateau, Bloomington, IL
- November 6, 2016 - Coordinators Meeting, The Chateau, Bloomington, IL
- February 18, 2017 - Board of Trustees Meeting, The Chateau, Bloomington, IL

**JAMBOREEES - A place to catch the FIRE & DESIRE for a great Candy Day!**

District	Date
<b>1-A</b>	<b>September 7, 2016</b>
<b>1-BK</b>	<b>September 21, 2016</b>
<b>1-CN</b>	<b>August 23, 2016</b>
<b>1-CS</b>	<b>August 24, 2016</b>
<b>1-D</b>	<b>August 27, 2016</b>
<b>1-F</b>	<b>August 25, 2016</b>
<b>1-G</b>	<b>September 11, 2016</b>
<b>1-H</b>	<b>August 29, 2016</b>
<b>1-J</b>	<b>August 29, 2016</b>
<b>1-M</b>	<b>August 11, 2016</b>



# LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION 2016 CANDY DAY

## ORDER FORM

**★ EACH CASE CONTAINS  
576 ROLLS OF MINTS  
& COSTS \$95.00**

Get all the necessary forms for Candy Day on the LIF website: [www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org](http://www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org).  
Simply click the Forms tab & scroll to your choice.

\_\_\_\_\_ **CLUB REQUESTS** \_\_\_\_\_ **CASES OF CANDY**  
(CLUB NAME & DISTRICT)

**WILL PICK UP CANDY AT DISTRICT JAMBOREE?** [ ] Yes [ ] No (IF NOT PICKING CANDY UP AT JAMBOREE, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL TRUSTEE)

**CANDY DAY APRONS** \_\_\_\_\_ **@ \$12.75 ea.**      **COUNTER TRAYS** \_\_\_\_\_ **@ \$4.00 ea.**

**Our club will hold Candy Day on the following date** \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_.

### CANDY DAY SUPPLIES (WE SUGGEST YOU ORDER ONLY THE AMOUNT YOU ARE POSITIVE TO USE)

<b>WINDOW POSTERS (11X17)</b>	_____	<b>CERTIFICATION OF APPRECIATION</b>	_____
<b>COUNTER CARDS, FOR CANISTER</b>	_____	<b>VOLUNTEER BUTTONS</b>	_____
<b>UNDERWRITER LETTERHEAD</b>	_____	<b>MILK CARTON STICKERS</b>	_____
<b>FUNDRAISING CANISTERS-PLASTIC</b>	_____	<b>FUNDRAISING CANISTERS-METAL</b>	_____

### SPECIAL NOTE: PLEASE READ AGREEMENT CAREFULLY

WHEREAS; Illinois Lions Candy Day is perhaps the greatest state-wide fund-raising activity EXCLUSIVELY BENEFITING SIGHT, HEARING, and HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS in Illinois; and WHEREAS: Illinois Lions Clubs work together to ensure success and benefits; and WHEREAS; Lions have directed their Lions of Illinois Foundation to provide extensive Services, Programs & Grants, like are award-winning Camp Lions, Mobile Diabetic Eye Unit, Mobile Hearing Unit, Our Low Vision Program, and our design for research and much more and WHEAREAS; recognizing that each individual Lions Club also has a real responsibility to its own sight, hearing, and handicap residents in their own community, often to a degree that cannot be met from retained Candy Day funds alone, but must be supplemented by other club fund-raising activities; so THEREFORE, By signing this agreement. Our Lions Club AGREES TO PARTICIPATE in FULL MEASURE in this Lionistic activity; and to contribute a minimum of 60 percent or more of the net proceeds to our Lions of Illinois Foundation for our provided projects, and services; and we FURTHER AGREE that ALL FUNDS RETAINED by our Club shall be used EXCLUSIVELY for aid to sight, hearing, and handicapped individuals in our own community. It is FURTHER AGREED that a full accounting of funds shall be made to the Lions of Illinois Foundation before December 1st of this calendar year.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

CLUB TO CHARGE \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB DISTRICT 1- \_\_\_\_\_

**ONLY DELIVERIES TO A HOME OR BUSINESS LOCATION PO BOX NUMBERS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.**

DELIVER TO \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS : \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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**Had an address change?** Contact [adwilson@LIFnd.net](mailto:adwilson@LIFnd.net) to keep up to date with all the LIF mailings and alerts.

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

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 charitable 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/Donor \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_  
**Please clearly print the name of whom you want thank you letter to go:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

# of Used Eyeglasses \_\_\_\_\_ # of Hearing Aids \_\_\_\_\_ # of Ink Cartridge \_\_\_\_\_

# of Cell Phones \_\_\_\_\_ Lbs of Keys \_\_\_\_\_ Lbs of Tabs \_\_\_\_\_ Lbs of lighting wires/strings \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**YES, please send by Email to** \_\_\_\_\_  
Please enclose this card with your donation and send to:

Lions of Illinois Foundation, 2254 Oakland Drive, Sycamore, IL 60178

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