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Wheaton LIONS Club Den
Established October 23, 1923
Candy Days 2007: October 12 & 13

**WHEATON LIONS CHARITIES CONFERS
OVER \$50,000 TO LOCAL CAUSES FOR
THE VISUALLY AND HEARING IMPAIRED**

Our 84th Year Helping the Wheaton Visually and Hearing Impaired Community

WHEATON, IL: Wheaton Lions Charities, Ltd., and the Wheaton Lions Club have awarded over \$50,000 during the past 12 months for sight and hearing projects performed by the following organizations: American Diabetes Assoc, Wheaton Lions College Scholarship, Deicke Center for Visual Rehabilitation, DONKA, Glasses & Hearing Program for Wheaton Schools, Hadley School for the Blind, Humanitarian Service Project, Lions Clubs International Foundation, Sight First II, Lions of IL Foundation, Lions Hearing Bus, Camp Lion, Diabetic Retinopathy Screening, Candy Day Sharing, Eye Bank, Recordings for the Blind, Phillip Rock Center for Deaf & Blind and the Wheaton Public Library for a Reader.

The Wheaton Lions Club is a local service club affiliated with The International Association of Lions Clubs which has over 45,000 clubs located in 197 countries and represented by over 1.3 million men and women members. The Wheaton LIONS raise money primarily to assist the visually and hearing impaired who otherwise would not be able to obtain needed service for their impairment and in recent years provided scholarships to assist qualified students to attend college.

The Wheaton LIONS have long maintained their LIONS Eye Care Program within the community, working with local schools and local eye physicians, for the purpose of screening needy

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individuals, especially children, who have visual impairments. This program includes eye exams, glasses and other devices such as magnifiers . The Wheaton LIONS also strongly support the Deicke Center for Visual Rehabilitation. The college scholarship program was introduced in 2001. Funding for these and other causes come primarily from the annual “ Night Walk” in June, the Golf and Steak Fry in August, Candy Day collection in October and a Christmas auction .

The local Wheaton LIONS Club began its charter on October 23, 1923. Our President this year is Dr. Terri Lightbody, registered audiologist. Individuals interested in joining the Lions Club may obtain further information from the club’s website www.WheatonLions.org or by calling Membership Chairman, Jim Ellingson at 665-9471. Prospective members are invited to attend our weekly luncheon meetings held on Tuesday s at Noon to 1:00PM in the Masonic Building, 120 W. Wesley, Wheaton, IL 60187.

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The following is a description of the Wheaton Lions Club background information:

Name: LIONS CLUB OF WHEATON, Ltd.

Motto: "We Serve"

Our Mission: Serving the visual and hearing impaired while enjoying good fellowship.

Typical Member: Business and professionals sharing their success by helping those less fortunate.

President: Dr. Terri Lightbody, Audiologist, 630-580-5777

Membership: Jim Ellingson, 630-665-9471

Meeting Time & Place: Masonic Temple Building, 120 Wesley Avenue, Wheaton.

Tuesdays at 12:00 Noon to 1:00PM.

Lunch followed by speaker program covering a variety of subjects.

Fundraising Activities: Candy Days, Golf Outing and other fundraising/social activities.

Association: The Lions Club of Wheaton, established on October 23, 1923, is a local den of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest such organization, with 1.4 million members serving in more than 180 countries and areas. The association is both non-political and non-sectarian.

Founded in Chicago, Illinois, USA in 1917 by insurance agent Melvin Jones and others, LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL has ever since offered business and professional people a way of sharing their success by helping those less fortunate than themselves. The association became international when a club was formed in Canada in 1920. A highlight of its early history was a speech at the 1925 convention, when the legendary Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." They responded, and Lions are now best known for their sight-related programs, including SightFirst, the world's largest blindness prevention program.

Wheaton Lions Club Officers

- PresidentDr. Terri Lightbody . .630-580-5777
- Vice PresidentJim Atten. . . . 630-260-1500
- SecretaryBob Clavel.....630-668-1515
- TreasurerChristopher Barton...630-933-0900
- Tail TwisterJim Mathieson...630-653-1616
- Lion TamerEd Lambke....630-668-8688

Board of Directors

- One year Directors: Gary Dewel, Tom Yule
- Two Year Directors: Pat McEvoy, Martin Finding
- Three Year Directors: Bob Haeger, Ern Kovacs

Committees

- Sight & Hearing Director Neil Pollock 630-665-8400
- Fund-raising John Sheahin 630-653-0078
- Scholarship Bill Davis 630-668-1167
- Membership..... Jim Ellingson 630-665-9471
- Program Director Dorothy Troyer 630-690-7115
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