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Wheaton LIONS Club Den
Established October 23, 1923

**WHEATON LIONS CLUB CONFERS *Melvin Jones Fellow Humanitarian*
AWARD TO CLEVE CARNEY
December 15, 2009**

Our 86th Year Helping the Wheaton Visually and Hearing Impaired Community

WHEATON, IL. Wheaton Lions Club has awarded the *Melvin Jones Fellow Humanitarian Award* to Lion Cleve Carney, long time member of the Club. President Lion Tony Ladd read the following statement, composed by Past-President Keith Carlson:

“The Melvin Jones award is named after the founder of Lions International. It is the highest honor awarded by the Lions. The award recognizes a commitment to humanitarian service and excellence in Lionism.

Cleve Carney has been a member of the Wheaton Lions club since 1970. Cleve is well known for his golf prowess. Cleve has been on more boards of directors of charities and president of more organizations than anyone I have ever known.

Cleve was owner of Olson Roofing company and is now retired. He is currently a professional philanthropist. I am proud to present the Melvin Jones award to our 40 year member, Cleve Carney”

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 to primarily 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 Club meets nearly every Tuesday at noon at the Masonic Temple on Wesley Street in Wheaton. The Wheaton LIONS Club began its charter on October 23, 1923

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 individuals, especially children, who have visual impairments. This program includes eye exams,



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glasses and other apparatus like magnification devices. The Wheaton LIONS also strongly support the Spectrios Institute for Low Vision at Deicke House, (formally known as Deicke Center). Funding for these and other causes come primarily from the annual Nite Walk in June, Candy Day collections in October, a golf and steak fry each summer and a Christmas auction.

Individuals interested in joining may obtain further information from the club's website www.WheatonLions.org or by calling Membership Chairman, Jim Ellingson at 630-665-9471. Prospective members are invited to attend our weekly luncheon meetings held on Tuesdays at Noon to 1:00PM in the Masonic Building, 120 W. Wesley, Wheaton, IL 60187.

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Wheaton Lion Club President, Tony Ladd, presenting The Melvin Jones Award to Lion Cleve Carney at Lions Christmas Auction Fundraiser, Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at the Arrowhead Golf Club.



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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: Tony Ladd 630-752-5748

Membership: Jim Ellingson, 630-665-9471, jrebrew1@sbcglobal.net

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

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One year Directors: Bob Haeger, Ern Kovacs
 Two Year Directors: Steve Lederman, Frank Steck
 Three Year Directors: Dr. Terri Lightbody, Brad Pihl

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