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

**WHEATON LIONS CHARITIES CONFERS
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR QUALIFIED
VISUAL AND/OR HEARING IMPAIRED HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE S**

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

WHEATON, IL Wheaton Lions Charities, Ltd., and the Wheaton Lions Club has again awarded a scholarship to qualifying high school seniors residing within the boundaries of School District 200 who are challenged by visual or hearing related conditions, including type 1 diabetes. The scholarship money is to be used toward college, technical school or similar educational program to enhance a career of their choice. This year the Wheaton Lions Club has awarded a \$3,000 scholarship to Victoria Klopf a graduate of Wheaton/Warrenville South High School. Victoria is attending Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois.



Student Victoria Klopf, center, received her LIONS scholarship award during the regular meeting July 31, 2007. From the left, Victoria's mother, Gail; Wheaton Lion President Dr. Terri Lightbody, audiologist; and Lion Bill Davis, Scholarship director.

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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. For further information about the LIONS scholarship selection, please call Bill Davis at 668-1167.

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, glasses and other apparatus like magnification devices. The Wheaton LIONS also strongly support the Deicke Center for Visual Rehabilitation. 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 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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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 Lightbody630-580-5777
- Vice PresidentJim Atten630-260-1500
- SecretaryBob Clavel630-668-1515
- TreasurerChristopher Barton630-933-0900
- Tail TwisterJim Mathieson630-653-1616
- Lion TamerEd Lambke630-668-8688

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
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