

# The Lions' Tales

WHEATON LIONS  
MONTHLY  
NEWSLETTER

*Serving the Sight and Hearing Impaired.*



Wheaton LIONS Club Den  
Established October 23, 1923

Luncheon Meeting Tuesdays at Noon in the Masonic Building, 120 W. Wesley, Wheaton, IL 60187 • November 2008

*"My Lions" Video on WCTV Channel 17: 10am, 2pm, 6pm Wednesdays*

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## Seeing Our Way

By Dorothy Troyer,  
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### CHANGES AT DEICKE



#### OUR NEW NAME

For 22 years we were the Deicke Center for Visual Rehabilitation. People called to order Boy Scout badges (there is a Deicke Scout Center). People sometimes dropped off boxes of table decorations, clothing, and treats because they thought the little yellow house was the Deicke Home for children.

When the Deicke Center applied for and was awarded a "Marketing Grant," a marketing consultant was hired. The first recommendation was to change the name. It took a year and a lot of brainstorming to come up with a name that reflects our mission and a name that wasn't being used by some other vision oriented organization.

On Thursday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> 85 people gathered at 219 E. Cole Ave. in Wheaton to witness the unveiling of the new sign and the formal declaration by Executive Director, (and Lion) Tracy Williams, proclaiming that the Deicke Center for Visual Rehabilitation would henceforth be known as Spectrios Institute for Low

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## 2008 Candy Days A Great Success

Wheaton Lions Charities has been serving the Wheaton Community for 85 years by providing services and equipment for the visually and hearing impaired. Funding for these services is provided by such activities as our annual October Candy Day.

This year's event, lead by LION John Sheahin, was a big success... better than in recent years.

Your support for these fund raising activities is vital to our continued commitment to the visually and hearing impaired. We thank you for your support by participating in our event this year.

### Leader of the Band



Lion George Newitt, our oldest member at 90 years, directs us in singing the National Anthem at the beginning of each Tuesday Noon meeting. George has a wonderful, booming voice, as well.

## Upcoming Events...

**NEW: View "My Lions" Video on WCTV Channel 17: 10 am, 2 pm and 6 pm Wednesdays.**

- November 13— Wine Festival
- November 25— No Meeting: Thanksgiving
- December 16— Christmas Auction
- December 23— No Meeting Christmas
- December 30— No Meeting New Year's Eve

### Birthdays:

- November 03 ..... Joe Gorup
- November 04 ..... Conrad Stoll
- November 07 ..... Brad Pihl
- November 16 ..... Terri Lightbody
- November 18 ..... Jim Ellingson
- November 18 ..... Jerry Schurmeier
- November 23 ..... Mike Reese
- November 25 ..... Dorothy Troyer
- December 05 ----- Jim Huck
- December 07 ----- Jennifer Atten
- December 07 ----- Stacey Huels
- December 09 ----- Dale Davis
- December 11 ----- Mike Vivoda
- December 14 ----- Tim FitzSimons
- December 30 ----- Jim Borsch

### Thought for the Day . . .

*"Between two evils I always like to pick the one I never tried before."*

*-Mae West*

### Membership Directory

To obtain a copy, please contact Lion Jim Ellingson at 630-665-9471

Please send news for the December issue by November 28, to Bud Roeser  
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# Speakers Calendar

## November 04

Sponsor: Lion Richard Drury

**Speaker:** Linda Knicker, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services

**Topic:** Vocational Partnerships

## November 11

Sponsor: Lion Dale Davis

**Speaker:** General Mike Mulqueen, U.S. Marine Corps

**Topic:** "The Importance of Veteran's Day."

## November 18

Sponsor: Lion Tony Ladd

Thanksgiving Lunch at Wheaton College

## November 25 No Meeting, Thanksgiving

## December 02

Sponsor: Lion Joe Morrissey

## December 09

Sponsor: Lion Linda Wallace

**Speaker:** High Schools Students

**Topic:** Christmas Music

**December 16—** Christmas Auction

**December 23—** No Meeting,

Christmas week

**December 30—** No Meeting

New Year's Eve

## Our Annual Membership Drive

# Wine Festival

Thursday, November 13, 2008

6 to 8:30 PM

This year at

## The Historic Wheaton Grand Theatre

North Hale Street in Downtown Wheaton

*Bring a prospective member while enjoying your favorite red or white varietal*

*Your R.S.V.P. is appreciated*

# Hear Here

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## Audiology Awareness Month

Fellow Lions. October is *Audiology Awareness Month*. An Audiologist is the specialist uniquely qualified to diagnose and treat hearing loss for individuals of all ages. As we are collecting during Candy Days, please remember that we serve those individuals that have vision and hearing loss. I will leave you with some hearing statistics and tips.

Approximately 36 million Americans suffer from hearing loss. More than half of the people with hearing loss are younger than 65 years old. Untreated hearing loss can affect your ability to understand speech and can negatively impact your social and emotional well-being. Hearing impairment can decrease your quality of life.

Hearing loss is the 3<sup>rd</sup> most common health problem in the United States. There are many things that can cause or contribute to hearing loss including but not limited to:

- Exposure to excessive loud noise. Noise is dangerous if you have to shout to be heard. Noise is dangerous if it is painful to your ears and makes your ears 'ring'. Noise is dangerous if you have decreased or 'muffled' hearing for several hours after exposure to the loud sounds.

- Ear infections, trauma, or ear disease.

- Harm to the inner ear and/or ear drum from an accident

- Illness or certain medications.

- Deteriorating hearing due to the aging process and hereditary factors.

Recognize the signs of hearing loss and visit a Doctor of Audiology for evaluation and treatment options. Watch for these things:

- Difficulty hearing people talk in

noisy environments i.e. restaurants, shopping centers, parties, in a car, etc.

- Slow speech and language development (in children with potential hearing loss)

- People seem to "mumble".
- Family, friends, or colleagues often have to repeat when they are not facing you or are in another room.

- You have trouble following conversations.

- You have ringing, buzzing, or hissing sounds in your ears.

We should be thinking about protecting our hearing at any age. The following steps should be taken to protect your hearing.

- Wear hearing protection when around sounds greater than 85dB. This can be the lawn mower, leaf blower, snow blower, louder vacuums, electric saws, and other power tools.

- Encourage someone to turn down the volume when listening to headphones, MP3 players, and Ipods,

- Walk away from loud noises.

- Other than ear protection, do not put anything in your ears!

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Vision. Lion Williams explained the meaning of the new name. Spec indicates that the full spectrum of low vision services is available at this facility. Trios represents the concept, which has been in place since our 1986 beginning, to treat the head, the heart and the eyes by educating persons about the cause and treatment of low vision (head), motivating them to access high powered optical devices and learn new ways to do every day tasks in order to maintain their independence (heart) and to prescribe the optical devices that maximize existing vision (eyes).

Now put the name *Spectrios Institute for Low Vision* in your heads, continue to carry its mission in your hearts and look for children and adults who need our full spectrum of services.

## Officers

President	Jim Atten	630-260-1500
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## Board of Directors

One year Directors:	Pat McEvoy, Martin Findling
Two Year Directors:	Bob Haeger, Ern Kovacs
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## Committees

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