

# 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 • February, 2009

*"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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### LOW VISION GAMES

Extra large Bingo cards, adaptive Scrabble and Monopoly games and large print playing cards have been making life more fun for people who are blind or visually impaired for a long time. A new game on the market is designed to educate people on how to maintain their independence while dealing with severe visual problems.

On January 29<sup>th</sup>, according to The Daily Herald, "Road to Independence," created by Charles Schwartz of Deerfield, IL, made its debut in Wheeling, The 3 ft x 3 ft game board with large squares, icons and playing pieces is similar to a Monopoly board. Each icon represents a specific topic of interest to those with low vision including proper lighting, health and nutrition, and famous people who have had low vision.

Schwartz has worked with physicians, therapists, support group leaders and community leaders to help those with low vision. The game approach to education really helps reinforce key lessons and makes the learning that more engaging," said Schwartz. For more information call 847-269-5707.

Lion Marty Findling spotted this article. Schwartz might be an interesting speaker for Wheaton Lions.

## Welcome New Members

Our Membership chairman, Lion Jim Ellingson's leadership has produced more new members for our Wheaton Den. Please welcome them.



Lions Barry & Georgie Cobb  
Sponsor: Lion Brad Pihl



Lion Dave McLinden  
Sponsor: Lion Jim Borsch

Lion Rod Irely  
Sponsor: Lion Brad Pihl



Lion Gerry Dakin  
Sponsor: Jim Herrmann

## Upcoming Events...

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

**February 13**— Social Outing  
Wheaton Drama

**March 31**—No Meeting,  
Spring Break

**April 18**— Recycle Extravaganza

**May 20**— Installation Banquet

**June 07**— Walk-In-The Dark

### Birthdays:

February 02 ..... Dorothy French  
February 03 ..... Jeff Kincaid  
February 04 ..... Bruce Schurman  
February 09 ..... Steve Lederman  
February 09 ..... John Stock  
February 12 ..... John Litz  
February 15 ..... John Mulkerin  
February 21 ..... Richard Drury  
February 22 ..... Bill Langman  
February 22 ..... Jim Atten  
February 22 ..... Don Fischer  
February 23 ..... Joe Morrissey  
February 24 ..... Bud Roeser  
March 12 ..... Georgie Cobb  
March 25 ..... Mike Nass

### Thought for the Day . . .

*"The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money."*

~Margaret Thatcher

### Membership Directory

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

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# Speakers Calendar

## February 03

Sponsor: Lion Glen Auble  
 Speaker: Nancy Rex  
 Topic: Tell Me About Wheaton Lions

## February 10

Sponsor: Lion Mike Vivoda  
 Speaker: Dr. Tom Cornwell  
 Topic: Home Care Physicians

## February 17

Sponsor: Lion Stacy Huels  
 Speaker: Brook McDonald  
 Topic: Conversation Foundation

## February 24

Sponsor: Lion Joe Gorup  
 Speaker: Lion Joe Gorup  
 Topic: New Software for the Visually Impaired

## March 03

Sponsor: Lion Steve Bailey  
 Speaker:  
 Topic:

## March 10

Sponsor: Lion Russ Adkins  
 Speaker: Mario Gumino, II  
 Topic: SightFirst II presentation

## March 17

Sponsor: Lion Karen Lellios  
 Speaker: Lions Neil Pollock & Karen Lellios  
 Topic: School Sight Program Status

## March 24

Sponsor: Lion Gary Crocus  
 Speaker: Bob Miller  
 Topic: Former major league baseball pitcher.

## March 31 No Meeting, Spring Break



Lion Keith Carlson, left, won the coveted Pink Golf Shoe award for selling the most raffle tickets at our Christmas Auction Bash. That is Lion President Jim Atten presenting.

# Hear Here

By Dr. Terri Lightbody, Au.D  
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## Regenerating Inner Hair Cells

In the United States, an estimated 1 in 10 people, or 29 million people, are hard of hearing. These numbers are increasing as the 'baby-boomers' age and our lives get louder. Many of these people are in denial and wait many years before seeking hearing help by having their hearing tested and obtaining an accurate diagnosis. Many individuals with hearing loss are not thrilled about the possibility of having to wear hearing aids and seem to be waiting until "something better" comes along.

Our ears never sleep. We cannot "turn them off", not even when we are asleep. Every day we are exposed to lots of sounds, many of them at dangerously loud levels. These factors can damage our inner hair cells within the hearing organ called the Cochlea. Once the hair cells are damaged, there is no way to replace them. The more damage that occurs, the more hearing loss we experience. In most individuals with hearing loss, using hearing aids is the best way to improve communication ability and restore to a better life-style.

There is some promising research that is creating a large 'buzz' in the Audiology community. Scientists around the world are working on regenerating inner hair cells through stem cell research. I know that stem cell research is controversial, however hearing scientists believe that hair cells can be regenerated in this manner. The research is mostly performed on mice (their auditory mechanism closely resembles that of humans) where stem cells are used to replace or regenerate

destroyed tissues.

While there is no surgical remedy or curative elixir yet, most scientists agree that a treatment will be discovered someday. It will be exciting to watch the research and see what the future brings. Hearing aids are not perfect, but until then further research is done, hearing aids are still our best solution.

## Members in Action



Lion Mike Gresk, who also happens to be Wheaton's Mayor. Lion Mike has been instrumental in bringing approximately 400 employees to a new five story building in Downtown Wheaton. Along with that project, we now enjoy a new parking deck Willow Avenue and Cross Street.

## Lion Dr. Tracy Williams Honored



Lion Dr. Tracy Williams, Executive Director of Spectrios Institute of Low Vision (nee Deicke Center) inspects an image made by the retinal camera used to solve sight problems, was honored in the January 15th issue of the Wheaton Leader.

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