

# 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 • May, 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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**EYES AND EARS**

(From the Journal of Lion Tracy Williams)

Another day in Guatemala during which 144 people were served, 50 of them children. People here are exposed to a lot of smoke from fires in their huts and dust from the environment. Cataracts in people over 50 are common. Other conditions are diabetic retinopathy, Stargardt's disease, Downs syndrome, Bell's palsy, strabismus, glaucoma, corneal dystrophies, lid growths, Usher's disease and the list goes on. No one is turned away. Very few people have glasses. The eye team even gave eye exams and reading glasses to two physicians. The sidewalks and streets are not ADA accessible. People with vision loss must be lead by family members at every turn, but family unity is strong in Chichicastenango.

At the end of this day the ear and eye teams gathered at St. Thomas Hotel for a time of reflection. The ear team told about a young girl who had been fit that day with a hearing aid. For the first time in her life she had heard her mother's voice. Six doctors of Audiology are on that team. The eye team had matching stories about people fitted with prescription glasses and seeing a smile for the first time in years. Lion Tracy says, "It's all about quality of life improvement and both the ear team and the eye team have provided the gift of hearing and sight to many, many people.

We all take this personal and we all feel a strong attachment to the people of Chichicastenango ...they are now **our people**. If we have any gifts or

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## 4th Annual Walk For Sight June 07

To raise awareness of needs for vision and hearing impaired and to assist in funding programs that serve these important segments of our community, we are once again holding the Annual Walk For Sight. "We walk ...to light the way".

We suggest you get a team together of family members, friends, neighbors, your golf buddies, bowling buddies, card players, what ever and contribute an amount. One Wheaton Lion's team are relatives who contribute to the walk in memory of his father.

### *The Event:*

Three mile walk in accessible area. No traffic to dodge, no streets to cross. Kid safe.

### *The Date:*

Sunday, June 7, 2009

### *The Time:*

3:30 Registration and preliminary activities. 4:30 Walk.

### *The Place:*

Danada Equestrian Center in Wheaton at 3 S 501 Naperville Road, south of the Danada shopping center.

### *The Organization:*

1. April 28— First committee meeting after regular meeting.
2. May 12—Second committee meeting after regular meeting. First date to submit pledge forms
3. June 02— last date to submit pledge forms.
4. June 07—The Walk.

### *Committee*

Lions Tony Ladd, Dorothy Troyer, Georgie and Barry Cobb, Gary Dewel, Harold Gaede, Ken Knicker, Jack Aylward, Dave McLinden, and Dale Davis.

## Upcoming Events...

- May 19**— No Meeting, Installation  
**May 20**— Installation Banquet  
**May 26**— No Meeting, Memorial Day  
**June 07**— Walk-For-Sight  
**July 04**— 4th of July Parade  
**August 19**— Golf Outing

### **Birthdays:**

- May 02----- Rich Armbrust  
May 08----- Linda Knicker  
May 18----- Russ Adkins  
May 20----- Joel Riley  
May 22----- Mike Gresk  
May 23----- Carl Jordan  
May 26----- Tracy Williams  
May 29----- Bob Clavel  
June 04----- Mike Williams  
June 08----- Jim Mathieson  
June 08----- Byron Powell  
June 19----- Gerry Dakin  
June 21----- Cleve Carney  
June 22----- Phillip Noth  
June 22----- John Sheahin

### **Thought for the Day . . .**

A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have.

-Thomas Jefferson

### **Membership Directory**

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

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# Speakers Calendar

## May 05

Sponsor: Lion Dr. Joe Morrissey  
 Speaker: Cris Kohl & Joan Fosberg  
 Topic: Diving for ship Wrecks in the Great Lakes

## May 12

Sponsor: Lion Brad Pihl  
 Speaker: Stan Austin  
 Topic: The Judge in Family Court

## May 19

No Meeting: Installation on May 20

## May 26

No Meeting: Memorial Day Week

## June 02

Sponsor: Lion Linda Knicker  
 Speaker: Dan Cochane  
 Topic: Using Technology for Visually Impaired District 200 students.

## June 09

Sponsor: Lion Bruce Schurman  
 Speaker: Tanya Berley & Carol Kincaid  
 Topic: DuPage Art League

## June 16

Sponsor: Lion Tom Meloni

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## Welcome New Member

Membership chairman, Lion Jim Ellingson’s leadership has produced more new members for our Wheaton Den. Please welcome Judge Daniel Guerin



# Hear Here

By Dr. Terri Lightbody, Au.D  
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## May is Better Hearing and Speech Month (BHSM).

BHSM raises awareness about communication disorders and promotes treatment that can improve the quality of life for those who experience problems with speaking, understanding, or hearing. May is therefore a great month to have your hearing evaluated or encourage someone you love to do the same. It is also a great time to be aware of those things that can damage your hearing i.e. lawn mowers and other lawn equipment, guns, motorcycles, I-Pods, fire works, etc.

Even a mild hearing loss can affect an adults or child’s social interaction, communication skills, behavior, emotional development, and academic performance. There is considerable negative social, psychological, cognitive and general health effects of untreated hearing loss. Many with hearing loss show increased irritability, negativism, anger, fatigue, tension, stress, depression, avoidance or withdrawal from social situations, loneliness, reduced alertness and increased risk to personal safety, impaired memory, and diminished overall health.

Statistics show that around 10% of the U.S. population has hearing loss. So

if you have a hearing loss, you are not alone. Here are some general guidelines regarding the incidence of hearing loss:

- \* 3 in 10 people over age 60 have hearing loss

- \* 1 in 6 baby boomers have a hearing problem

- \* 1 in 14 Generation Xers already have hearing loss

- \* at least 1.4 million children have hearing problems

- \* it is estimated that 3 in 1,000 infants are born with a serious to profound hearing loss.

Recent research from Johns Hopkins University and the European Union indicates that the prevalence of hearing loss in the United States is predicted to rise significantly due to the growing use of personal audio technology.

So, get your hearing evaluated. Encourage someone you love to do the same. Use ear protection to protect your hearing when in noise. And ask an Audiologist if you should get custom ear protection made for special listening needs. Find out if you will benefit from the use of other hearing help devices i.e. amplified telephones and T.V. Ears to help with television viewing.

## Our Wheaton LIONS Cup

Our very own. Available for \$9.00 each. See President Lion Dr. Lightbody. Dishwasher safe



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