

The Lions' Tales

WHEATON LIONS
MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER

Serving the Sight and Hearing Impaired.



Wheaton LIONS Club Den
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Luncheon Meeting Tuesdays at Noon in the Masonic Building, 120 W. Wesley, Wheaton, IL 60187 • June, 2009

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Seeing Our Way

By Dorothy Troyer,
SPECTRIOS INSTITUTE FOR LOW VISION

Life was good with Clarence.....

In 1988, the Deicke Center for Visual Rehabilitation, now known as Spectrios Institute for Low Vision, was blessed by Dorothy and Clarence Troyer. Dorothy became the Center's rehabilitation teacher and later Director of Development.

Clarence immediately offered his services as a volunteer, bringing his skills as a business manager. Clarence was devoted to Dorothy and her career. He was determined to see our mission succeed and volunteered wherever needed. Clarence excelled in preparing budgets, managing day-to-day operations and assisting staff members. Any given week, Clarence could be seen volunteering as our receptionist, assisting Dorothy in the Development Department, preparing financials for a Board Meeting or even driving a patient to the train station. Clarence often averaged 40 hours a week and worked with great energy, enthusiasm and tremendous skill.

His example made many positive things happen over a twenty-year period. Many stories could be told about his influences and actions. Of note, were his international fundraising trips to Saudi Arabia, France and Canada. Because Clarence was always interested helping others, he went on a mission trip to India to assist with the set-up of a low vision clinic.

Few realized his humble beginnings nor his congenital vision loss which did not stop him from leading a very full and successful life. He represented a true American story and we were

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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:

(1:00 Picnic at Mathieson's)
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...

June 07— Walk-For-Sight

July 04— 4th of July Parade

August 19— Golf Outing

Birthdays:

June 08----- Jim Mathieson

June 08----- Byron Powell

June 19----- Gerry Dakin

June 21----- Cleve Carney

June 22----- Phillip Noth

June 22----- John Sheahin

July 02----- Bob Harris

July 4----- Ruth Carlson

July 13----- Bob Weber

July 15----- Gary Crocus

July 19----- Tom Meloni

July 20----- Glenn Auble

July 24----- Dan Williams

July 29----- Lou Deardorff

Thought for the Day . . .

When buying and selling are controlled by legislation, the first things to be bought and sold are legislators.

P. J. O'Rourke

Membership Directory

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Speakers Calendar

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 Dr. Terri Lightbody
 Speaker: Sandy O'Leary
 Topic: Lions Quest

June 23

Sponsor: Lion Dr. Tracy Williams
 Speaker: Mario Gumino
 Topic: Camp LION

June 30

Sponsor: Lion Rod Irey
 Speaker: Jane Hodgkinson, DuPage Special Education Association
 Topic: Disability Awareness

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fortunate to have him with us as a volunteer and special friend.

Clarence Troyer's legacy will live on. Our Volunteer of the Year Award, which is given annually, bears his name. Our Business Office is dedicated to both Dorothy and Clarence Troyer for their outstanding devotion to the Spectrios Institute. Dorothy Troyer remains a faithful volunteer and is a past recipient of the Clarence E. Troyer Volunteer of the Year award.

Clarence would always say "life is good" and so it was, and will be, thanks to people like Clarence.

Lion Tracy Williams

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.

Fourth of July Parade

Our Wheaton Lions Club is participating in this year's Wheaton Fourth of July parade with our own float. Thanks to Lion Steve Lederman, his haywagon will be pulled by Steve's attractive truck.

We need 50 riders and walkers. We will be wearing white Lions polo style shirts and Lion aprons. Contact Lion Stoll at Cell 630-696-6429.

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