

The Lions' Tales

WHEATON LIONS
MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER

Serving the Sight and Hearing Impaired.



Wheaton LIONS Club Den
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Seeing Our Way

By Dorothy Troyer,
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A letter Lion Tracy Williams received from the parents of two visually impaired children:

Dear Dr. Williams,

Things have been going very well for Hannah and Josiah. A friend of ours put us in touch with the "See the Future Fund" in Colorado Springs. The fund provides technology for children like ours.

Once we were put in touch with these people, we only had six days to get our application in before the deadline. Part of the application process required being seen by an approved specialist, (none of which are anywhere near us.) I told the head of the fund, Dr. Thomas Theune, that the children had seen Dr. Tracy Williams. He said he knew Dr. Williams and his diagnosis was good enough for them.

We also are required to be supervised by the school district's vision teacher, who is contracted only part time with the district and serves several towns. The district refused to help us since we "home school." However, since the teacher is independently contracted, she chose to work with us on a private basis.

The children were granted an Optelec 19" system (electronic reading machine) and some magnifiers. Josiah is thriving in his reading now and we can help him with new words from in the kitchen since the font is so large.

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4th of July Parade

To help us raise awareness among Wheatonites of the programs we sponsor for the vision and hearing impaired, we budgeted a presence in this year's Wheaton 4th of July parade.

Thanks to all the work by our event chairman, Dr. Conrad Stoll and his committee of LIONS Jennifer Atten, Jim Atten, Jim Ellingson, Ern Kovacs, Steve Lederman, Pat McEvoy, Dorothy Troyer, Linda Knicker and Linda Wallace.

Special thanks to Lion Ern Kovacs who created and donated all of the banners for the float and on Lion Jim Atten's vintage fire engine; and Lion Steve Lederman for supplying the hay wagon and classy truck to pull it. Lion Conrad drove the truck.



Upcoming Events...

- August 18—No Meeting due to Golf outing
- August 19— Golf Outing
- September 08— No meeting, Labor Day week
- October 13— No meeting, Candy Day Week
- October 16-17— Candy Days
- November 24—Thanksgiving Week
- December 15—Christmas Auction at Arrowhead Golf Club
- December 22—No meeting, Christmas Week
- December 29—No meeting, New Year's Week

Birthdays:

- August 03 ----- Karen Lellios
- August 07 ----- Mike Benard
- August 10 ----- Bob Paszczak
- August 17 ----- Dave McLinden
- August 28 ----- Tony Ladd
- August 31 ----- Scott Cross
- September 02 ----- Ed Green
- September 11 ----- Steve Maney
- September 13 ----- Finny Rajchel
- September 16 ----- Harold Gaede
- September 18 ----- John Orr
- September 19 ----- Greg McBeth
- September 30 ----- Ed Lambke

Thought for the Day . . .

Old age is 'when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.'

Membership Directory

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

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Speakers Calendar

August 4

Sponsor: Lion Glen Auble
 Speaker: Bob Grogan
 Topic: DuPage County Auditor

August 11

Sponsor: Lion John Vires
 Speaker: Dave McGowan
 Topic: Needs in Our Community

August 18 No Meeting— Golf Outing

August 25

Sponsor: Lion Mike Gresk
 Speaker: TBA
 Topic: TBA

September 01

Sponsor: Lion Tom Meloni
 Speaker: Mr. & Mrs Skip Pearson
 Topic: Awards given by Lions to Firemen and Police

September 08 No Meeting, Labor Day

September 15

Sponsor: Lion Dave McLinden
 Speaker: TBA
 Topic: TBA

September 22

Sponsor: Lion Joel Riley
 Speaker: Kathine Keller
 Topic: Sight I-II

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Hannah is reading without strain and algebra is easier with the ability to see the whole problem at once.

Thank you for all your help and encouragement.

Hannah and Josiah's Mom and Dad

Aren't you glad Illinois children have Lions who help? Don't you wish kids everywhere did?

Hear Here

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Mass Transit Riding May Be Harmful To Your Ears

Riders of mass transit are exposed to noise at levels that may exceed recommended limits, and thus may experience noise-induced hearing loss given sufficient exposure duration times, reports a new study from researchers University of Washington and the Columbia University Department of Sociomedical Sciences to be published in the July issue of the *American Journal of Public Health*.

Researchers evaluated the noise levels of a representation of New York City mass transit systems (subways, buses, ferries, tramways and commuter railways) during June and July 2007. Subway cars and platforms had the highest associated equivalent continuous average and maximum noise levels, but all systems showed some potential for noise exposure.

The study concludes: "Mass transit noise exposure has the potential to exceed limits recommended by the World Health Organization and the US Environmental Protection Agency and thus cause noise-induced hearing loss among riders of all forms of mass transit given sufficient exposure durations. Environmental noise-control efforts in mass transit and, in cases in which controls are infeasible, the use of personal hearing protection would benefit the ridership's hearing health."

The study's authors suggest, "Engineering noise-control efforts, including increased transit infrastructure maintenance and the use

of quieter equipment, should be given priority over use of hearing protection, which requires rider motivation and knowledge of how and when to wear it."

Source: *American Journal of Public Health*

Fourth of July Parade



Getting ready



Gang's all here



Lions Glenn Auble, and Barry and Georgie Cobb lead us on.

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