

The Lions' Tales

WHEATON LIONS
MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER



Wheaton LIONS Club Den
Established October 23, 1923

Serving the Sight and Hearing Impaired.

Luncheon Meeting Tuesdays at Noon in the Masonic Building, 120 W. Wesley, Wheaton, IL 60187 • April, 2010

"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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BLIND FENCING

According to a recent article in the Chicago Tribune, blind people CAN fence. Cory has never let being blind stop him from golfing, skating, learning martial arts or riding a dirt bike. He had his doubts when it came to fencing.

Still, Cory, 19, has been training and this month is a participant in a fencing tournament, the first-of-its-kind match between students at schools for the blind (Perkins and The Carroll Center for the Blind.) Fencing teaches the balance, timing, listening and navigational skills that the blind need, said Balmaseda, a physical education teacher at Perkins for 25 years.

"I'm not limited by the way I am," said Perkins student Sam Robson 17, who also wrestles, swims and runs track.

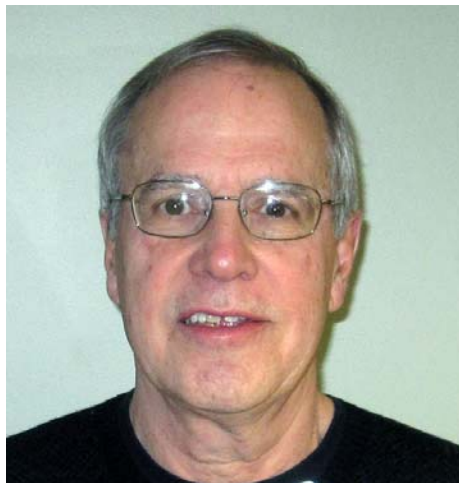
"There are no special rules and no greater risk of injury for the blind students", Perkins fencing instructor Morales said. "They wear the same protective jackets and head gear as sighted fencers. There are no verbal cues from coaches and they use the same electronic scoring devices that buzz and light up when fencers touch the tips of their weapons to their opponents' torsos or heads."

Serving persons who are visually and hearing impaired is a challenging mission. Some of those we serve are saying, "Don't tell me I can't fence. I can do that." It is very satisfying to serve those who do not let many things stop them.

Welcome new Members



Craig Hutchison
Sponsor: Lion Brad Pihl



Lion John Wallerius
Sponsor: Lion Jim Herrmann

Recycling Extravaganza

April 17, 2010— The Wheaton Recycling Extravaganza at the municipal parking lot on the southwest corner of Liberty and Carlton. Lions club will collect glasses, hearing aids and keys as in previous years. The hours are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, only 4 hours this year.

Upcoming Events...

April 17— The Wheaton Recycling Extravaganza

May 23— Sight & Sound Sweepstakes

June 06— Walk for Sight

See www.wheatonlions.org for details

Birthdays:

April 06 ----- Bill Guild
April 06 ----- Rod Irey
April 09 ----- Gary Dewel
April 10 ----- Bob Haeger
April 12 ----- Julie DeGrace
April 13 ----- Clyde Kautz
April 13 ----- George Newitt
April 16 ----- Joe Magill
April 19 ----- Bill Davis
April 21 ----- Ron Austin
April 26 ----- Craig Henninger
April 27 ----- Ern Kovacs
April 27 ----- Frank Steck
May 02 Rich Armbrust
May 07 John Wallerius
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 28 Clip Kniffin
May 29 Bob Clavel

Thought for the Day . . .

"A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks that others throw at him."

-Sidney Greenberg

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Speakers Calendar

April 06, 2010

Sponsor: Lion George Bryson
Speaker: Dr. Michelle Andreoli,
Wheaton Eye Clinic

Topic: Importance of your Eye Sight

April 13, 2010

Sponsor: Lion Dave McLinden
Speaker: Ed Kalebich - Chief Operating
Officer for Robbins Community
Power

Topic: Renewable energy in Illinois and
what that means to meeting our
energy needs

April 20, 2010

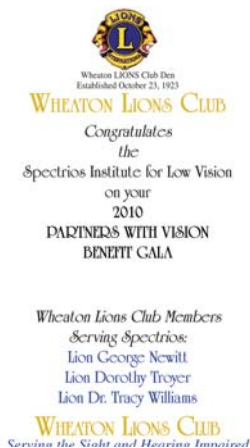
Sponsor: Lion Georgie Cobb
Speaker: April Sedell
American Cancer Society

Topic: Relay for Life

April 27, 2010

Sponsor: Lion Clip Kniffen
Speaker: Chuck Baker, Acting
Superintendent of Wheaton Schools
Topic: State of District 200

Ad appearing in Spectrios' Gala Program



Walk for Sight

June 6, 2010
New venue this year.
Middle School, Geneva, IL
See our website
www.wheatonlions.org for details

Hear Here

By Dr. Terri Lightbody, Au.D
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The Kiss of Deaf

Who knew a simple kiss could cause so much trouble. There is a new report about how an innocent kiss caused permanent hearing loss and tinnitus. Homemaker Gail Schwartzman of Hicksville, NY came home one day to be greeted enthusiastically by her 4-year-old daughter, who gave her a big a hug and a kiss – directly on her left ear. Mrs. Schwartzman reported that while her daughter was kissing her, “It felt like she was sucking the air out of my head. I couldn’t push her away because I had this terrible sensation in my head. When she was finished, I had no hearing in my left ear” (Hearing Review).

Levi Reiter M.D., Professor of Audiology at Hofstra University, first wrote of Mrs. Schwartzman’s case in 2008. Mrs. Schwartzman came to Dr. Reiter one year after the incident, frustrated by numerous specialists who had been unable to diagnose her condition. Schwartzman had seen a full-page spread about Dr. Reiter in *Newsday* and her frustration turned to hope. Dr. Reiter’s unique teaching methods piqued Schwartzman’s interest and an appointment was made with Dr. Reiter soon after.

Mrs. Schwartzman reported that within one week after the ‘kissing’ incident, her hearing had improved from completely deaf to essentially a mild low-frequency sensorineural hearing loss, yet her ability to understand speech was still reduced by one-fourth. She was

also experiencing facial muscle spasms, tinnitus (ringing in the ear) and extreme sensitivity to loud sounds. By the time Mrs. Schwartzman saw Dr. Reiter, many of her symptoms had reduced in severity. Mrs. Schwartzman’s “rushing” tinnitus now occurred only in quiet settings, her speech understanding in the effected ear improved and her muscle spasms only occurred in response to loud sounds. Her hypersensitivity to loud sounds however remained unchanged. She also noted experiencing a “flutter” in the left ear when she turned her head.

After Dr. Reiter evaluated Mrs. Schwartzman, he explained that the vigorous kiss created excessive ‘negative’ pressure or a suction to the ear canal and eardrum. This suction pulled the eardrum laterally, thus pulling the stapes bone of the middle ear forcefully away from a membrane (the oval window) at the opening to the inner ear, damaging a tiny but important muscle in the middle ear. This muscle is responsible for a reflex that protects the inner ear from loud-low frequency sounds. It contracts when a loud-low frequency sound occurs, reducing the flow of energy from the middle ear bones to the inner ear. The “kiss of deaf” left Mrs. Schwartzman with a damaged left stapedial muscle. Her facial spasms and sensitivity to sound are side-effects of the damage to her stapedial muscle.

Since the ‘kissing’ incident, Mrs. Schwartzman has recovered most of her normal hearing and function to the damaged ear. She is still not completely back to normal. So be sure to plant your smooches with care. Be careful when attempting to kiss someone on the cheek. They may turn their head and accidentally suffer the “kiss of deaf”.

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