

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, 2010

"My Lions" Video on WCTV Channel 17: 10am, 2pm, 6pm Wednesdays

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Seeing Our Way

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THE BELL AND TWO HORSES

There is a place in the countryside with a field that has 2 horses in it. From a distance each horse looks like any other horse, but if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing. Looking into the eyes of one horse, will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing. If you stand nearby and listen you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field.

Attached to the horse's halter is a small bell. It lets the blind friend know where the other horse is, so he can follow. As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see that the horse with the bell is always checking on the blind horse. And that the blind horse will listen for the bell and then slowly walk to where the other horse is, trusting that he will not be led astray. When the horse with the bell returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, it stops occasionally and looks back, making sure that the blind friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell. Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need. Lion Club Members are some of those that help others. Sometimes Lions are the ringing bell that guides those who are visually impaired to find their way. One day we may be the ones who need to be guided. Please listen for my bell and I'll listen for yours.

Wheaton's Recycling Extravaganza a Success

Our Lions club had our own table to collect glasses, hearing aids and keys as in previous years.

Lion Conrad Stoll manning our booth collecting eye glasses, hearing aids and brass keys. Lion Stoll was assisted by Lions Dave McLinden and Jerry Schurmier

Lion Ern Kovacs provided the table banner.



Upcoming Events...

May 18 No Meeting-Install Dinner

May 20 Installation Dinner

(Note: on Thursday, not Wednesday this year)

May 23—Sight & Sound Sweepstakes

June 01 No Meeting-Memorial

Day

June 6 Annual Lions of Illinois Walk for Sight

July 4th Parade—Lion Conrad Stoll, Chairman.

See www.wheatonlions.org for details

Birthdays:

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
June 03 ----- Allen Mossman
June 08 ----- Jim Mathieson
June 08 ----- Byron Powell
June 19 ----- Gerry Dakin
June 21 ----- Cleve Carney
June 22 ----- John Sheahin

Thought for the Day . . .

"It is misery enough to have once been happy."

-John Clarke

Membership Directory

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Please send news for the June issue by May 28, to Bud Roeser
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Speakers Calendar

May 04, 2010

Sponsor: Lion Julie DeGrace
 Speaker: Krista Ravenscraft
 Topic: Humanitarian Service Project

May 11, 2010

Sponsor: Lion John Wallerius
 Speaker: Mary Ellen Durbin, Peoples Resource Center
 Topic: Responding to basic human needs

May 18, 2010 No Meeting— Installation Dinner

May 25, 2010

Sponsor: Lion Brad Warren
 Speaker: Ann Marchetti, Forward
 Topic: Healthy Weight Among DuPage Residents

June 01, 2010 No Meeting—Memorial Day Week

June 08, 2010

Sponsor: Lion George Newitt
 Speaker: Lion Tracy Williams
 Topic: The White Sox Story

June 15, 2010

Sponsor: Lion Gerry Dakin
 Speaker: Eddie Arroyo, Chief Steward Ill. Racing Board
 Topic: Status of Thoroughbred Racing in Illinois

June 22, 2010

Sponsor: Lion Jim Ellingson
 Speaker: Sarah Moskowicz
 Dir. Of Citizens Utility Board
 Topic: How you can cut your utility bills

Walk for Sight

June 6, 2010

New venue this year.
 Middle School, Geneva, IL
 See our website

www.wheatonlions.org for details

Hear Here

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May is Better Hearing and Speech Month.

For over 75 years, May has been designated as Better Hearing and Speech Month -- a time to raise public awareness, knowledge, and understanding of the various forms of communication impairments to include those of hearing, speech, language, and voice. Communication impairments affect the most vulnerable in our society -- the young, the aged, the disabled, and the poor.

Helen Keller once noted that of all her impairments, she was perhaps troubled most by her lack of speech and hearing. She elaborated, that while blindness separated her from things, her lack of hearing separated her from people -- the human connection of communication.

Audiology (Audiologists) and Speech-Language Pathology (Speech-Language Pathologists) are the professions concerned with the prevention, identification, and treatment of communication impairments. (Both of these professions were rated among the top 50 for job satisfaction in recent Jobs Rated Almanac.)

The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders reports that approximately 43,000,000

people in the United States suffer from a speech, voice, language, or hearing impairment. Almost 28,000,000 suffer from a hearing loss. Approximately 10 percent of children have moderate to severe communication impairments.

An estimated 28 million Americans have a hearing loss that can be treated; yet fewer than 7,000,000 use a hearing aid. You could be one of them. Now is a good time to take stock of your own hearing and seek help if you think you may have a problem.

You have a hearing loss if you:

- Frequently ask people to repeat themselves
- Often turn your ear toward a sound to hear it better
- Understand people better when you wear your glasses or look directly at their faces
- Lose your place in group conversations
- Keep the volume on your radio or TV at a level that others say is too loud
- Have pain or ringing in your ears

People who see themselves in these statements should see an audiologist for a hearing test. Even a very slight hearing loss can have an impact on your daily life. Hearing loss is treatable, and there is no reason for anyone to miss all the important sounds of life.

Audiologists test hearing, prescribe hearing aids and assistive listening devices, and they can teach people with hearing loss how to make the most of the sounds they hear.

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