

## Club pulls off "double play" with Candy Day and Oktoberfest

Some said it would never happen. "It can't be done." They must have been talking about the Cubs in the playoffs for the first time in quite a while. They couldn't be talking about the ability of the Palatine Lions Club to successfully participate in two different fundraising efforts at the same time.

Lions Herb Conrad and Bob Parke coordinated the Candy Day efforts while Lion Fred Barr stepped up to lead the charge for Oktoberfest (See article on page 3). Great job all around Lions. You did a fantastic job and the weather was not too bad either. If anything, it was a little too warm compared to what we have been exposed to in the past.

Lions Herb and Bob took a different approach this year with Candy Day.

Several corners were staffed consistently throughout the weekend, as opposed to there being many people on many different corners for a shorter amount of time. It may have benefited us because it seemed like we took in a good amount of money. The financial totals are still being calculated and when the numbers are finalized everyone will be informed at an upcoming meeting.

If you did not get a chance to work and would like to make a donation, please send a check to Lion Bob. Make sure you state "Candy Day" in the memo line.

## Purple & Gold drawings to start.

### Lion Sherryl's party.



Here is an abbreviated explanation in case you are new to the Club and do not know about how the Purple & Gold process goes. Our Club sells raffle tickets at \$10 each. Winners are drawn once per month from October - June. There is one \$100 winner, 2 \$25 winners and 4 \$10 winners. The great thing about this raffle is that the winning tickets are returned to the pot and could possibly be drawn out again. This is a great tool to use when you are trying to get someone to buy.

Lion Gerry Ross has sent to each member at least 10 tickets for you to sell (or purchase). If you need more contact Gerry at 847/359-5241. The first drawing will be held at this week's meeting, October 16th.

### Upcoming Events:

#### October -

16th Meeting at DoubleTree 6:30 Social

23rd Board Meeting at Lion Gerry Ross', 7:00

24th District Pig Pen Derby - Maravella's in Fox Lake, \$25 each - Don't miss it. Contact Lion Jim or me for ticket

**"To be careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise, to build up and not to destroy." — Part of the Lions Code of Ethics.**

## **Dues Update and Reminder**

The delegates voting at this year's International Convention in Denver voted for a \$15 increase in dues. Our Club's Board of Directors voted at the last meeting to increase annual dues by \$15 also. Our Club dues will become \$75 beginning with this year's dues payment, which can be paid to Lion Bob Parke any time now. This amount includes annual dues to International, State and the District.

Some may think that this is a large

amount for dues, but when you consider that the last time Club dues in our Club were increased it was 1996. In that year we went from \$55 to \$60. It has been the same since.

Remember the ONLY funds that we can use to operate the Club are from dues and those in which we raise internally from Club members (through the Tailtwister, etc.) we are very fortunate to have been able to hold the line for so long.

## **"Clowning" Around**

Lions, it has been brought to the attention of the Board that the Clown costumes that we have been using for a long period of time are in desperate need of replacement.

We are starting the process early for next year. If you have any durable clown costumes that may have been made for a

Halloween party or some other event that you attended, but have not used in a while or that you want to get rid of you may want to donate it (them) to the Club.

Please keep your ears open and/or ask around to your friends and family that may have such items as well. If they are in good repair the Club would be

## **LION NEWS CORNER -**

Lion Jim (Dickie Do) Baumgartner reports that a past member of our club, John Bantz, passed away recently from MS. He was a member of the club in the mid-80's.

Lion Norb Schmaus had a bout with diverticulosis recently. He was rushed to Lutheran General. This lasted a short time and then he had a slight heart attack which had to be attended to before anything could be done about the problem with the diverticuli. He was in the hospital

a short time and was actually at the last meeting. He says he now appears to be fine and has a bunch of new meds!

Please let me know if you have news about a member or former member that has something such as a new grand-child, wedding, an illness, has passed away, etc. so that we can pass on the information to those that read the newsletter.

You can call me, send me an e-mail or inform me at a meeting.

**"Thank you for being out here and do what you do." quote from a person donating during Candy Day.**

### **Entertainment Books**

**were distributed by Lion Phill at the last meeting. We need to sell what we have ordered. If you know of anyone that may purchase one please do so right away. Perhaps you would like to give one as an early Christmas gift to a friend, someone who watches your home when you are away, a child or grandchild, etc. Whatever the reasons may be, please SELL, SELL, SELL. Lion Phill says he still has about a case of books left so if you need more books give Lion Phill a call so he can arrange to get them to you ASAP. Also, if you have money to turn in, please mark it as "Entertainment Books".**

## **Oktoberfest a Great Time**

Pass the sauerkraut and enjoy another "refreshment". The Oktoberfest seemed to be enjoyed by all that attended the event. The crowds would probably have been larger had the Cubs not been playing in October. Who'd a thunk it????

It was a great event from the Palatine Lions perspective also. Lion Fred Barr did a great job in organizing all the workers and working with the Pepsi

supplier to ensure everything went well, and it did. No final counts yet on how much was raised by the Club, but it was great publicity even if we only make a few hundred dollars. Stay tuned for a financial update at one of the next meetings.

Great job and just like the Cubs, "Wait til next year." It should be even better.

## **Lions of Illinois Hearing Bus a Success**



The Lions of Illinois Hearing Bus was hosted by our Club at the Palatine Township Offices on Saturday September 20th from 1:00 - 4:00. We screened 40 people this year versus 23 in 2002. Quite an improvement and one we hope to build on again next year. The bus was in Barrington in the morning and then was going to be in Mt Prospect

on Sunday. We are glad that it stopped so the people in our community could take advantage of this great program that is supported by our Candy Day receipts. Along with sending kids to Camp Lions, this is one of the services that the money we send to our Foundation goes to support.



## **Highlights from the September Board Meeting**

The Board of Directors met on Sept 25th An overview of what was discussed and approved are highlighted below.

- ⇒ Budget approved w/ dues increase.
- ⇒ Lion Phill Matthews presented information about a couple of adults that were making requests for hearing aids and/or eyeglasses. Lion Phill was asked to check further into this and update the Board at a later date.
- ⇒ Lion Jim advised that he had

received an inquiry from a local person about some type of Leader Dog. No formal request has been made at this time.

- ⇒ Requests for assistance with Halloween parties was received from Fremd and Palatine High Schools. It was approved to donate \$100 to each

If you would like more details about the above items or want the Board to discuss any item please let Lion Jim know.

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# Palatine Lions Roar

**"It is the vision of the Lions of Illinois Foundation to create a permanent vehicle for the delivery of programs and services to the visually and hearing impaired."**

**CORRECTION -**  
**Sorry goes out to "Wayne Herndon" for the mistake I made in last month's edition when thanking Streetfest helpers. Wayne, you can be sure we will get your name right next year when we ask for assistance.**

## **REMINDER: Do you have old Keys or Aluminum?**

Want to help out your Lions of Illinois Foundation? The Foundation is collecting old keys and aluminum can tabs for recycling. It sounds funny to be recycling used keys, but it only takes a small amount to weigh a lot. So if you have any old keys that you can't remember what lock or car they belong to or you know someone that may have old keys that they would be willing to donate, including a lock smith, car dealer, hardware store, etc you can bring them to an upcoming meeting. Give them to me and I will ensure that



they get to the Foundation so they can be sold for scrap and the proceeds used to support our various activities throughout the state, including the Lions Hearing Bus, Camp Lions, Low Vision Clinics, Diabetic Eye Center, Infant Hearing Screenings, Cochlear Implant Programs, Used Hearing Aid Bank and the Lions of Illinois Funds for Emergency (L.I.F.E.) programs. Same for aluminum can tabs. I'll take them too. Don't put them in your weekly recycling. Pull off the tabs and help your Foundation help others.