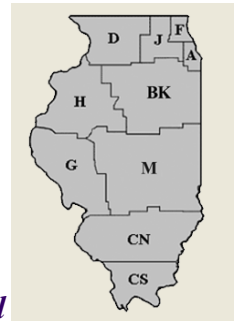




**AURORA CARILLON LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2025**

MEETING-2nd TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

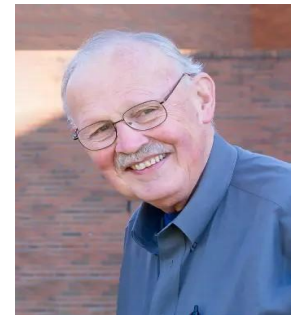
*United in fellowship with friends, family, and neighbors
to serve the community wherever needs exist and support the
national and global 1991 endeavors of Lions Club International*



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IN MEMORIUM

ACLC is honoring the life of member Bill Tevogt. Bill joined ACLC in late 2022 following his wife, Mary. Both were part of the 2nd wave of new ACLC members who were joining the Charter Members. Bill became an integral fabric of our Lions Club through his courageous battle with Parkinsons. His attendance at ACLC meetings was excellent, as was his humor. Bill had great interest in winter skiing and in volleyball. He would share those stories with ACLC members. Bill's personal career involved 35 years with NCR Corporation and 20 years as a local realtor. Through Mary and Bill, ACLC has supported the Michael J. Fox Parkinson Foundation. Both Mary and Bill left us with a strong foundation on service projects, a desire to help those in need, and that humor helps us deal with difficulties. [Obituary information for William D. TeVogt](#)



SERVICE PROJECTS-

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN-Help to the Philippines

9 Lions & 6 Community Members helped pack 140 boxes providing 30,240 meals. This will feed 83 children for a year. The value of the packing was \$8,769. The group heard the story of Grace, from the Philippines who at age



3 weighed 17 lbs. Through FMSC in 13 weeks she gained 7 lbs becoming more active. Through August, FMSC had shipped 244.2



million meals feeding 669,229 children daily.
HOPE STARTS WITH FOOD. Bruce/Anne Metzdorf Chairs

POINSETTIA DRIVE –LEADER DOG FOR THE BLIND

Through October, ACLC members were involved in the **2nd annual Poinsettia Drive to support Leader Dog for the Blind**. Items available are painted poinsettias (\$26), classic poinsettias (\$23), succulent combination (\$22), amaryllis bulbs (\$27), Christmas Cactus (\$17) and pots (4 inch \$9.50 & 6 inch \$11). The Poinsettia order should arrive between Dec. 1-12 at the Clubhouse. Also, the Club received a number of **TOP DOG pins**. One is now found on the ACLC Lions Vest.



Pictured below is **Roland**, our last year's LEADER DOG
Mary Kay Likovich, Chair



FALL FOX RIVER CLEAN UP-NETS 1,091 LBS OF GARBAGE



Four ACLC members joined Aurora University, IMSA, Rush Copley, State Rep. Hernandez's group, Fox Valley Park District, Fox Metro, and private companies on Saturday, October 4. The 3 hour clean up took place for ACLC on **Veterans Memorial Island Park** Overall at the 2 sites (Montgomery Dam), **1091 pounds of debris** were collected by **62 volunteers**.



Phil Pogue, Theresa & Thomas Solan and Linda Morgan

CANDY DAY ALTERNATIVE SENDS \$260 TO LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION

Due to the conflict on October dates (Jewel), the ACLC sent to Lions of Illinois Foundation funds from the collection of mints (/Clubhouse) and from the Activity Fund. **Candy Day** supports work done by **Lions of Illinois Foundation** which includes the Hearing/Mobile Unit & Summer Camps.

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION –NOV. 9 (2pm)



A Veteran sign up sheet is found in the Clubhouse for the **annual ACLC Veterans Celebration** which ties in with Veterans Day & later the Pearl Harbor Luncheon. Plans for this event include a Scout Pledge activity, lunch, and sharing of experiences and photos.

Theresa Solon, Sandy Virella, Dennis O'Neill, Ellen O'Neill, Veterans Celebration Committee

FALL CLOTHING DRIVE-NOV. 1-15 BENEFITS WAYSIDE CROSS

From Nov. 1-15, ACLC will be collecting clothes for **Wayside Cross**. Last fall the drive **netted 1,816** items. A collection box will be found on the lower Clubhouse level. **Let's have another great drive.**

Barbara Javaras & Vanessa Liveris, Chairs



HESED HOUSE GIFT CARD DRIVE TO BEGIN IN DECEMBER



In December, ACLC will sponsor a **Gift Drive for Hased House**. These gift cards will be distributed to Hased House guests whether in their Overnight Emergency Shelter, Family Shelter, or Supportive Housing programs Gift cards ranging from \$10, \$15, \$25 or-\$50 are recommended coming from Walmart, Target, Dollar Tree, Dollar General, Mejer, Aldi, Jewel, local fast foods, and gas only cards. Gift cards can be placed in the Lions Club Envelope in the L slot Clubhouse mail. **ALL GIFT CARDS SHOULD INCLUDE THE ACTUAL DOLLAR AMOUNT.** This is the 5th annual Gift Card drive. Last year \$1,700 gift cards were received. **Elaine Dugan, Chair**



JANUARY- THE GREAT TP ROUNDUP



A new project last Spring will now be the focus for ACLC in January 2026. ACLC will be collecting **Toilet Paper** for use at **Waterford Place Cancer Resource Center**. **Date TBD** **Marla Waddington, Chair**



WALKATHON SUPPORTS 3 LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES



\$550 was given to each food pantry through the September Walkathon. \$550 was also given to Loaves & Fishes, Marie Wilkinson and Interfaith Food Pantries. **Donna Smith, Chair**



Vanessa Liveris, Theresa & Thomas Solan, Nicole Lewis (in middle) Above (Interfaith)- Donna Smith, Heather Short, Vanessa Liveris

Marie Wilkinson (Above) –
Donna, Annette Johnson &
Vanessa

ONGOING- 7 SERVICE PROJECTS TO SUPPORT

-Bookmobile Tuesday 2:30 PM-3:15 PM **Barbara Javaras Chair (NOTE NEW DAY)**

-Eyeglasses, ink cartridges, hearing aids/batteries, keys, & cell phones- **Barbara Javaras, Cindy Ferianc, & Vanessa Liveris, Chairs**

-Reusable & plastic grocery bags for Interfaith Food Pantry-**Elaine Dugan Chair**

-Prescription Medication Take Back (Walgreens Lake St.)-**Donna Smith Chair** (can bring to regular meeting)

-Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House, Winfield- **ACLC members have Ronald McDonald miniature boxes & one is found in the Clubhouse)-ACLC Board chairs**

-Sneakers for Lions of Illinois Foundation-**Barbara Javaras & Vanessa Liveris Chairs**

-Egg Cartons for Interfaith Food Pantry-**Donna Smith Chair** (can bring plastic bags & egg cartons to regular meetings)

CLUB NEWS

KANE COUNTY RECYCLING LOCATIONS & TIPS - **Shirley Zemansky contact**

Electronics **994 N. Lake St., Aurora,** 9-noon (1st Saturdays)

Recycling M-F **310 N. Evergreen, North Aurora**

Electronics **517 E. Fabyan Parkway, Batavia (8-4, M-F)**

Hazardous Household Material **156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville** (9am-2pm Sat./Sun).

Battery collection locations are at Lowes, Home Depot, and Staples



TREASURER REPORT - SEPTEMBER

\$2,091 Activity (service) \$ 2,951 Administration The Activity Fund balance does not reflect the \$1650 being sent to the 3 Food Pantries (Interfaith, Marie Wilkinson, & Loaves & Fishes) & \$260 to Lions of Illinois Foundation (Candy Day). ACLC has **41 members**. Semiannual dues statements will cover Ja. 1-June 30, 2026 (\$50/\$30). **Mary Kay Likovich, Treas. 1991**

MINUTE FOR MEMBERSHIP

In November, the Membership Committee will again present a **Minute for Membership**. Our current goal is to reach **43 members** by June 30, 2026. If you know of a Prospective ACLC members invite them to our November, December or January meetings. “Together, we serve-Together We Grow.”
Membership Committee-Phil Pogue, Polly Elifson, & Marla Waddington

DISTRICT 1 J PHOTO CONTEST - (December 1-January 31)

The **Environmental photo contest** is annually held in District 1J. Entries can be pictures of **wildlife/birds, plant life, natural landscapes, and weather**. Rules include 1 picture per member, JPEG format or 5MB or smaller and taken in Illinois. Photos can be e-mailed to Lions1JPhoto@yahoo.com. The e-mail would include the title of the photo, its location, your name and the Lions Club name. **This will be a new project for our members.**

UPCOMING DATES

November 1-15: Fall Clothing Drive (Wayside Cross)

November 4 - ACLC Board Meeting 1:30

November 9 - Veterans Celebration 2-4pm

November 11 - ACLC Regular Meeting 1:30 (Veterans Day)

November 19 - Feed My Starving Children 2pm

December 1-12: Poinsettia Pick Up – **Actual Date TBD**

December - Hased House Gift Card Drive

December 2 - ACLC Board Meeting 1:30

December 8 - Pearl Harbor Luncheon (Tent date)

December 9 - Regular ACLC Meeting 1:30

December 1 - January 31- Environmental Photo Contest submissions

January - The Great TP Roundup

January 6 - ACLC Board Meeting 1:30

January 13 - Regular ACLC Meeting 1:30

January 3-11: International Lions Hunger Service Projects

February 8 - Super Bowl

April 10-11: District 1J Convention, Carol Stream

April 18-26: International Lions Environment Service Projects

Spring 2026 - TBD-Hearing-Vision Mobile Unit

May 14-17: State Convention, Bloomington

INTERNATIONAL NEWS-Lead to Serve. Serve to Lead

Between July 1, 2025 and August 31, 2025, Lions International welcomed **63,569 new members**. Also **862 new Lions Clubs** were formed. A major focus for Lions International is to reach **1.5 million worldwide members**. Also. Lions International held Zoom meetings promoting the **Mental Health Initiative** of Int. President Singh. ACLC met this through the Walkathon (physical exercise) and the Pop Tabs drive for families supporting sick children. A project all of us can practice is **A LITTLE BIT OF KINDNESS**. All ACLC members are encouraged this month to reach out and check on someone to see how they are doing (friends, relatives, new neighbors, old neighbors, or co-workers).

DISTRICT 1J NEWS - EATING WITH THE ELBURN LIONS

Bruce & Anne talked about their great dining experience at the **Elburn German Dinner** fund raiser. This might be a social activity for 2026. Other area Lions Clubs host a variety of dinners or breakfasts throughout the year that may be of interest to ACLC.

POT POURRI- (auroracarillonlionsclub.org-website & MYLION ([website](http://mylion.com)))

PP in October generated **\$18** including \$5 from Peoria for knowing 1983. These funds will go to a future **LCIF Disaster Relief Project**. ACLC dealt with lyrics to **THE CANDY MAN** successfully, “Who can take a sunrise. Sprinkle it with dew. Cover it with chocolate and make a miracle or two.”

FIND THE YEAR (answer found in the newsletter)

Academy Awards Best Picture (**Dances with Wolves**) Best Actor (**Jeremy Irons**) Best Actress (**Kathy Bates**) Top Songs (**Everything I do for You/Black or White/Losing my Religion/Down Home by Alabama**) Top TV Shows (**60**



Minutes/Roseanne/Murphy Brown/Cheers) Major Events (**Soviet Union collapses/Gulf War/Dow Jones reaches 3000**) Sport winners (**Bulls/Twins/NY/Giants/Penguins**)



FINDING LIONS SIGNS-PALERMO, SICILY (Keep forwarding Lions signs)



The Trapani Lions Club began in 1958 with their sponsor being the Lions from Palermo. Twenty-four members were listed on their charter. Current service projects include the Martina Project (cancer awareness), the Mobile Ophthalmic Camper, a 16 Lions Club Pact of Friendship, and the Kairos Project (Mental Health activities).

QUOTES

“Give thanks not just on Thanksgiving but everyday of your life.” Catherine Pulsifier

“Enough’ is a feast.” Buddhist saying

“Imagine if fire extinguishers were full of snow. Imagine the fun we would have.” Neil Hilborn

“As we express our gratitude (to Veterans), we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter but to live by them.” John Kennedy

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Theresa S, Jan S, & Linda S

