

Aurora Carillon Lions Club

A Historical Synopsis



How the Club came to be:

Aurora Carillon Lions Club (ACLC) was initially formed as a branch of the Aurora Noon Lions Club in November, 2020. It became a chartered club on December 29, 2020, as an active club of Lions Clubs International. The twenty three charter members include: Judy Corrigan, Diane Duft, Elaine Dugan, Polly Elifson, Lou Ann Hoffman, Barbara Javaras, Ken Koepke, Susan Koepke, Mary Kay Likovich, Randy Liveris, Vanessa Liveris, Sandra Lulay, Karen McCann, Anne Metzdorf, Bruce Metzdorf, Linda Morgan, Carol Pogue, Phil Pogue, Lou Scanlon, Michelle Schultz, Joy Titiner, Sandy Virella, Shirley Zemansky .

In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, adopted in 2021 and 2022, the members joined a global community of men and women who believe that kindness matters. Service as a Lion has a lasting impact in the local community and on the people served.

About Lions International:

For over 100 years, Lions have served with uncommon kindness emphasizing the needs of neighbors worldwide. Lions Club International embraces Five Pillars of Service: Vision, Hunger, Diabetes, Cancer, Environment. The mission is to empower Lions clubs, volunteers and partners to improve health and wellbeing, strengthen communities and support those in need through humanitarian service and grants that impact love globally, and encourage peace and international understanding. Lions Clubs International is made up of 1.4 million members in 49,000 clubs who bring hands and hearts to communities in nearly every country on earth, making Lions Clubs International the largest service organization in the world.

Visit www.Lionsclubs.org

Following the motto of Lions International **WE SERVE**, the goal of ACLC is to serve the Aurora community and support the many missions of Lions Clubs International. As a group, Lions are committed to provide service and information in the local community for the blind, visually and hearing impaired children, seniors, hunger and those in general need.

Aurora Carillon Mission Statement: *United in fellowship with friends, family, and neighbors to serve the community wherever needs exist and support the national and global endeavors of Lions Club International.*

ACLC meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at the Carillon Stonegate Clubhouse, 1300 Mansfield Dr., Aurora, IL. Occasionally the club meets other places for special events or lunch. Monthly meetings conduct business, and often include speakers who share valuable local information as well as Lions happenings in District 1J and throughout Illinois. Soon after ACLC formation, the Club began communicating with members through emails and a monthly newsletter. Visit www.auroracarillonlions.org/newsletters

In addition to the club's Agenda and committee reports, the club's monthly meetings have included speakers pertaining to a variety of topics that exemplify the mission of Lionism. Some of the monthly activities include:

- Phils' Pot Pourri—a fun trivia activity
- Speakers from local service and other agencies
- Local police presentation
- Guests from district officials sharing Lions updates
- Information about local recycling program
- Presentation/demonstration of leader dog program
- Aurora East High ROTC program
- Fun/Fellowship with refreshments