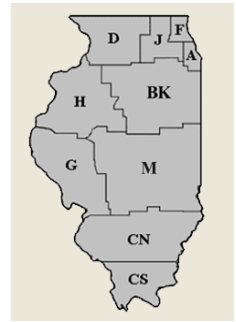




AURORA CARILLON LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2025

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 endeavors of Lions Club International*



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SERVICE PROJECTS-

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT-GREAT WEATHER AND LARGE CROWD



Over **90** participated at National Night Out August 5. Carillon residents gathered to meet the new residents, socialize, have desserts and appetizers, and meet 911 dispatchers, a police dog supervisor, the mayor, Ward 1 alderman, fire, police, and EMTs. Also **\$315** was raised to support Lions efforts in dealing with the Texas Flooding (**LCIF-Disaster Relief (Texas)**).

Karen & Dave McCann, Keith Marsh, & Ann Lunsford Chairs



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN-



Lions & 4 Community Members helped pack **66 boxes** providing **14,256 meals**. This Will feed **39 children** for a year. **The value the packing was \$4,134.** Feed My Starving Children has shipped from **January to June 190.7 million meals** which will feed **522,521 kids** for a year. A targeted country has been the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
Bruce/Anne Metzdorf Chairs chairs.

3 members-Rich Huizinga, Anne & Bruce Metzdorf

4 community-Roberta & Jack Wiesemes, Nancy Huizinga, Jennifer Aspin

4th ANNUAL WALKATHON-SEPT. 27

ACLC will again walk **for non profits on Saturday, Sept. 27** (rain date Sept. 28). Registration has begun (\$25). The Walkathon shirts will be electric green. The WALKATHON will benefit 3 food pantries (**Marie Wilkinson, Interfaith, & Loaves & Fishes**). During the Walkathon residents can contribute to the **Eyeglass, grocery/ plastic bag, prescription medication take back, sneakers collections and Candy Day collections.** **Keep this important date on your calendar!** A Carillon Craft show 11AM—3PM) will also be held later that day in the Clubhouse. **Donna Smith Chair**

ONGOING- 4 SERVICE PROJECTS TO SUPPORT

-Bookmobile Fridays 2PM-2:45PM **Barbara Javaras Chair**

-Eyeglasses, ink cartridges, hearing aids/batteries, cell phones, and pop tabs- **Barbara Javaras & 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 (2005)

CLUB NEWS

TREASURER REPORT-AUGUST



\$502 Activity (service) \$3319 Administration. ACLC has **42 members**. Minute for Membership pointed out that there are **1.4 million Lions members in 49,000 clubs found in 200 countries.** Our ACLC goal is to reach **44 members** by June 30, 2026. A Lions Vest with Club pins is now part of our Banner display. **Mary Kay Likovich, Treas.**

LEADER DOG EVENT

Lions and Leader Dog History



“In every Leader Dog lies the heart of a Lion.” Lions Clubs International founded Leader Dogs for the Blind in 1939.

Since then, Leader Dog has grown. They have yearly events at the home base in Rochester Hills. ACLC was fortunate to be invited due to donations from our club last year.

Mary Kay Likovich and Vanessa Liveris attended this event from Aug 22-24, 2025. The experience was wonderful! They met several other Lions from the Midwest/Central USA, and even from Alaska! Experiences included

Orientation and Mobility, O&M, i.e. knowing where you are in space while moving through the environment safely, from one place to another with **another person**, a **white cane** or with a

Leader Dog. A tour of the facility was also included.

The culminating activity was “**Dinner in the Dark**,” where they were blindfolded for the meal. The meal included salad, chicken, sides dishes of broccoli and mashed potatoes. Dessert was Tiramisu.

NOTE: Neither Mary Kay nor Vanessa came home with a puppy....but maybe later?!!



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

Shred dates 1972- Sept. 27-Kane County **540 S. Randall Rd, St. Charles** (9am-noon)

Special Recycling (**Rt 59 Train Station, Aurora side**)-Sept. 6 (Ends at Noon)

COUGARS JUNE BASEBALL- AUGUST 14 (51 ATTENDED)

Aurora Evening & ACLC joined to support the Cougars at a Thirsty Thursday game. This was the 2nd Lions Cougars game in 2025. Both Lions clubs were recognized at the end of the 4th inning. Our next social activity will be Christkindlmarket.



UPCOMING DATES

September 2-ACLC Board Meeting 1:30pm

September 3- Southeast Region Meeting 6pm Darien

September 6-Recycling Rt. 58 Train Station 8AM-Noon (registration required)

September 9-ACLC Regular Meeting 1:30pm (Zone Chair Donna Kearney will be attending)

September 17 –Feed My Starving Children 2pm

September 27-**Walkathon** (rain date Sept. 28) & Kane Co. Shred Date (Randall Rd)

October-Poinsettia sales begin

October 4-12-Mental Health & Well Being Initiative

October 7- ACLC Board Meeting 1:30pm

October 14-ACLC Regular Meeting 1:30pm

October 15-Feed My Starving Children 2pm

October 16-World Food Drive

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

Spring 2026-TBD-Hearing-Vision Mobile Unit

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

At the Orlando International Convention, **A.P. Singh (India)** became Lions International President. Other officers include **Mark Lyon** (Connecticut) 1st VP, **Dr. Manoj Shah (Kenya)** 2nd VP, & **Tony Benbow** (Australia) 3rd VP. International Lions President Singh has as his theme, LEAD TO SERVE. SERVE TO LEAD. The Goal is to reach 1.5 million members so more can be served. The following statement on Membership Growth and Service comes from International President Singh.

Growth is essential for us to be able to continue to improve the service that Lions are known for around the world. We are a people-driven organization where service is at the heart of everything we do — and we need dedicated Lions like you to help us make an even greater impact together. So invite friends and neighbors who have the heart to serve. Welcome diverse individuals and groups who will offer us fresh perspectives and energy. This is how we will keep our organization growing and thriving. (Lions officers pictured next page)



Pres. P. Singh (India)



1st VP Mark Lyon (Connecticut)



2nd VP , Dr. Manoj Shah (Kenya)



3rd VP, & Tony Benbow (Australia)

DISTRICT 1J NEWS-

District 1J Govenor will be **Terri Pasternik (Roselle)**. First Vice District Govenor will be **Bob Olender** and 2nd Vice Govenor will be **John Nienhuis**. Govenor Pasternik has as her Theme, LIONS ON FIRE.

POTPOURRI- (auroracarillonlionsclub.org-website & [MYLION \(website\)](http://MYLION-website))

PP in August generated **\$10** which will go to a future LCIF Disaster Relief Project. Another **\$5** came from Peoria who knew Find the Year was 1972. Currently, **\$16** has come from the **Cougars August 14 Quiz**. ACLC members knew the school subjects found in Sam Cooke's WONDERFUL WORLD- history, geography, biology, geometry, trigonometry, French, slide rule, & science.

FIND THE YEAR (answer found in the newsletter)

Academy Awards Best Picture (**Million Dollar Baby**) Best Actor (**Jamie Foxx**) Best Actress (**Hilary Swank**) Top Songs (**We Belong Together/Since U Been Gone/As Good As I Once Was/Hollaback Girl**) Top TV Shows (**American Idol/CSI/Desperate Housewives/the Office**) Major Events (**George W. Bush**



reelected/Katrina-Rita-Wilma/Indian Ocean Tsunami) Sport winners (**White Sox/Steelers/Spurs/Hurricane**)



FINDING LIONS SIGNS (Westmont)



Our Lions sign is from Westmont. The Westmont Lions were formed in 1936. Some of their service projects include high school scholarships, CARE packages, eyeglasses, hearing aids, and eye exams. Other activities include Taste of Westmont, Pancake Breakfast, & a Calendar Raffle. They do have a 501-C3 Foundation.

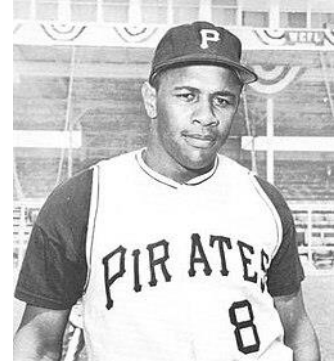
QUOTES

“I used to love September, but now it rhymes with remember.”
Dominic Riccitello

“Autumn is the antidote to a stifling summer.” Terri Guillemets

“September is the other January.” Gretchen Rubin

“I love September, especially when we’re in it.” Willie “Pops” Stargell (pictured)



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bill T, Anne M, Phil P



MORE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT & COUGAR PHOTOS

