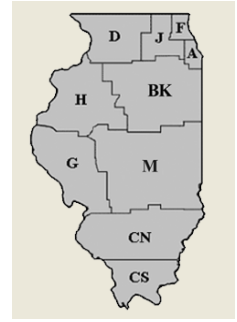




**AURORA CARILLON LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2026**

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*

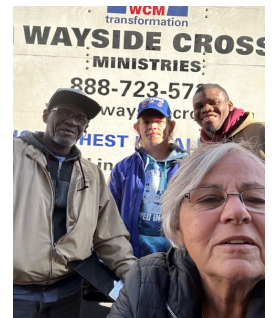


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SERVICE PROJECTS

SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE BEGINS 6TH YEAR (April 1-15)

From **April 1-15**, ACLC will again be collecting clothing & coats for **Wayside Cross**. Items in bags could be dropped off at the Clubhouse ACLC Lions box (lower level) or by Barbara's garage. This is a great project for downsizing and emptying closets of unneeded clothing that can help others. **Chairs: Barbara Javaras & Vanessa Liveris**



2ND YEAR ACLC WILL CLEAN UP WAUBONSIE LAKE PARK (April 25)

On Saturday, **April 25, from 8AM-11AM**, ACLC along with Rush-Copley Hospital, FV Park District, and Scouts among others will work to clean up Waubonsie Lake Park located behind the Eola Community Center. Participants are asked to register on line so the Fox Valley Park District will know the number of volunteers. Currently 6-8 ACLC have registered.

Chairs: Donna Smith & Marcia McCallum



ELECTRICAL RECYCLING RUNS FROM APRIL 13-24



A new Spring Environmental service project will be **small electrical recycling**. ACLC members are reminded to bring items for electrical recycling to the April ACLC meeting. Also, items could be placed in the recycling box (1195 Barkston Court). Carillon Community members will be able to drop off items from **April 17-24** at the electrical-recycle box, Clubhouse lower hall. **No computer monitors** and **TVs** will be collected nor items that would be too big for a CRV to carry. Examples of items that would qualify include keyboards, coffee makers, irons, curling irons, hair dryers, electrical cords, small lamps, toasters, and electrical can openers.. Questions on other items can be directed to the **Chair: Phil Pogue**

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN-March & LOGO WEAR

In March, 7 Lions & 5 Community Members helped pack 106 boxes providing 22,896 meals. This will feed 63 children for a year. The value of the packing was **\$6,639**. FMSC participants learned about NO GRAVE FOR GRACE-a memoir of mystery, mission, & miracles from Junior Obrand, who survived by food from FMSC while living in Haiti.



Those interested in **Lions Logo Wear** (hats, shirts, puffy vests, jackets, pullovers, & sweatshirts) should let **Bruce M** know as soon as possible. Payment will be due once the order is received. Several times a year orders are collected. **Chairs: Bruce/Anne Metzdorf**



MUTUAL GROUND PRESENTED A MARCH COMMUNITY PROGRAM



Betsy Santana from Mutual Ground presented a program to the community and ACLC members at the March meeting. Mutual Ground also received a **\$500 check** as part of the Super Bowl Charities Pool. Mutual Ground is **celebrating 50 years** and serves Kendall and southern Kane County. It provides assistance dealing with domestic and sexual violence along with substance abuse. Services provided include a 24 hour hotline, residential services, medical and legal advocacy, adult and family counseling, substance abuse services, anger management and DUI services. Mutual Ground also provides parenting support, training for a 60 hour certification, and 1 hour required training for Salon Professionals. The organization also goes into schools for presentations and serves as a contact for local police and sheriff departments.



ONGOING ACLC RECYCLING & COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

1-Bookmobile **Friday 9:30 AM–10:15 AM** — Chair: Barbara Javaras
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Recycling continued.....

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

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

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

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

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

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

THREE (3) PROJECTS- MOBILE UNIT, FLAGS ACROSS CARILLON & WREATH LAYING

The Lions of Illinois Vision-Hearing Mobile Unit will be at Carillon on **Monday, May 11 from 9AM-2PM**. Several ACLC members have volunteered to help with registration & hearing screenings. 15 minute time slots (19

available) will be reserved for the screenings. Sign up for the time slots will begin **April 6**. Later in May, **Flags Across Carillon** will fly from **Memorial Day- July 4**. Also, a special tribute will include our **250th US Birthday**. In addition a **Wreath Laying Ceremony** will take place on **Memorial Island Park**. The group then ends up at Jake's Bagels. **Sue Graunke, Chair Mobile Unit, Anne Metzdorf & Ann Lunsford Flag Chairs, Lou Scanlon Wreath Maker**



CLUB NEWS

KANE COUNTY RECYCLING LOCATIONS & TIPS.-Shirley Zemansky contact

Electronics 994 N. Lake St., Aurora, **9-noon (June 6 & Dec. 5)** NOTE CHANGES

Recycling N. Aurora Police Station **April 4 & Sept. 5 (9-noon)**

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

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

Shred Day at St. Charles County Building- 540 S. Randall Rd. **Aug. 29 (8-Noon)**

Shred Event (Ward 1 & 2)-Ohio & Colfax **April 18 (8AM-11AM)** New

Ward 1 Clean Up Event (no electronics nor hazardous material) 130 N. Lincoln Ave Parking lot **May 9 (8AM-11AM)** New

Styrofoam Collection Rt. 59 train station 475 Fairway Dr. **April 11, July 18, & Oct. 3 (9AM Noon)** New



TREASURER REPORT-FEBRUARY & NEWEST MEMBERS

\$1,018 Activity & \$ 3,032Administrative. The Activity Fund does not reflect the **\$500 to Mutual Ground.** ACLC has **45 members.** ACLC welcomes our newest members **Roseann & Mike Komos.** **Mary Kay Likovich, Treas.**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE & APRIL OFFICER ELECTIONS

Anne Metzdorf gave the nominating report. Those being nominated are Vanessa Liveris President, Phil Pogue Vice President, Shirley Zemansky Secretary, Mary Kay Likovich Treasurer, Barbara Javaras Service Chair, and Cindy Ferianc Marketing Chair.

ANNUAL APRIL ACLC CLUB SURVEY (feedback and ideas to guide ACLC in 2026-27)

At the April ACLC meeting all members will be able to provide feedback related to club meetings, service projects, social activities, & Membership. Also members can provide ideas for community programs and club tours. These surveys help the ACLC Board plan for the coming year. (July 1)

“ ON YOUR FEET” (Emilio & Gloria Estefan)

13 ACLC members/guests saw ON YOUR FEET at Drury Lane. Songs included 1-2-3, ANYTHING FOR YOU, DON'T WANNA LOSE YOU, CONGA, GET ON YOUR FEET & EVERLASTING LOVE. **Chairs: Carol & Phil Pogue**



COUGARS BASEBALL HAS STRONG INTEREST



Sign-ups are open for the Cougars games on June 25 and August 6, with 6-10 interested in June and 24 for August. Box seats are \$26 (\$24 for upper seats), with \$10 in vouchers and parking for four included. A second signup will take place at the April meeting, aiming to distribute tickets in May or June. **Chair: Phil Pogue**

UPCOMING DATES

April 7-ACLC Board Meeting 1:30

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

April 13-24-Electrical Recycling Collection (ACLC April 13-16 & Community April 17-24)

April 14-ACLC Lions Meeting 1:30 (can bring in small electrical items for recycling)

April 15-Feed My Starting Children 2pm

April 18-26-**International Lions Environment Service Projects**

April 25-Waubonsie Lake Park Clean Up-8AM-11AM

May 11-Hearing-Vision Mobile Unit (9AM-2PM)

May 14-17-State Convention, Bloomington

May-TBD Wreath Ceremony at Memorial Island Park & Flags over Carillon

June 25 & August 6-Kane County Cougars Baseball 6:30

July 3-7 International Convention Hong Kong

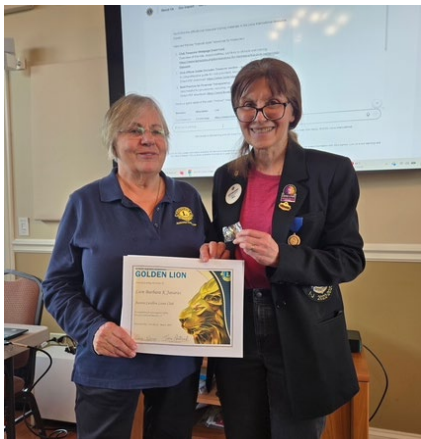
July 16-Districts 1D, 1J & 1BK Fishing Derby (Lake Shabbona)

August 4-National Night Out

September 26-Walkathon (rain date Sept. 27)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS- **Lead to Serve. Serve to Lead**

Lions International will hold its convention in Hong Kong. International President Singh reported that “being a Lion is about belonging. It’s about finding a community where who you are matters & where every contribution-big or small-makes an impact.”



DISTRICT 1J NEWS (**Lions on Fire**)

At the March ACLC meeting **Zone Chair Donna Kearney** provided **WOW (Words of Wisdom)**. Donna discussed the District Convention, voting on District 1J offices, & how to use lionsvirtual.org for news releases, committee chair planning and new service projects. Donna congratulated the Club on its many service projects and high meeting attendance. She also, presented **Barbara Javaras with the Golden Lion Award** recognizing the work Barbara has done as **Service Chair** and chair of specific projects like the **Clothing Drives & Eyeglass collections**.

SOUTHEAST REGION MEETING-Ballydoyle's Downers Grove

Summary of SE Reg 1J meeting on March 11, 2026
Cindy Ferianc, Barb Javaras, Vanessa Liveris and Shirley Zemansky attended the 3rd SE Reg 1-J meeting at Ballydoyle's in Downers Grove. Dignitaries from our district were introduced, followed by some words from each of them. We enjoyed a buffet-style meal, followed by a program on the Lions Club portal. Donna Kearney (our SE Chair, Zone 1) and her counterpart, Mike Falco (Zone 2), had us play a "Jeopardy-type" of game. There were cards taped onto a board, and we got to choose a category and amount of money, \$100, \$200, or \$300. If you got the answer correct, you got a small prize, and if you got it wrong, you still got a prize! Vanessa and Barb played for ACLC! It was a fun way to test our knowledge of the portal, something we can do at one of our meetings for other topics. Following the game, each club gave a quick summary of the events they are having, Many clubs, like us, are having the Hearing and Vision Screening in the near future.



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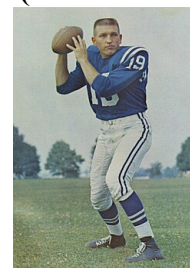
PP generated \$17 for LCIF Disaster Relief. The Club answered with some help, 12 questions leaving 2 on the table. Also, the Club benefitted by Peoria knowing the correct year.

FIND THE YEAR (answer found in the newsletter)

Academy Awards Best Picture (**Gigi**) Best Actor (**David Niven**) Best Actress (**Susan Hayward**) Top Songs (**Battle of New Orleans/Mack the**

Knife/Personality/Venus) Top TV Shows (**Gunsmoke, Have Gun Will Travel/Wagon Train/Danny Thomas Show**)

Major Events (**Cuban Revolution, microchip invented, 49th and 50th States joined US**). Sport Winners: (**Montreal/Celtics/Dodgers/Baltimore Colts**) (**S. Hayward, A. Judge, J. Unitas, & B. Darin**)



LIONS SIGN-LEAF RIVER (District 1D)



Leaf River Lions support the Daze Festival (parade, fireworks, & tractor show), Breakfast with Santa, Halloween Trunk-or-Treat, & June Summer Festival. Leaf River is located between Dixon & Freeport.

QUOTES

“April is a reminder that life is a beautiful, everlasting cycle.” EE Cummings

“April prepares her green traffic light & the world thinks go.” Christopher Morley

“Go out like every day is opening day.” Aaron Judge

“You start to choke at the Masters when you drive through the front gate.” Hale Irwin

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Randy L, Mary Kay L, Ellen O’N

