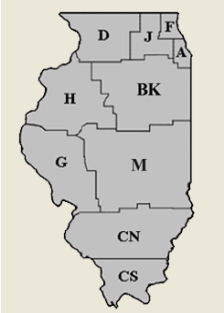
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AURORA CARILLON LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2026
MEETING-2nd TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
United in fellowship with friends, family, and neighbors to serve the community wherever needs exist and support the national and global endeavors of Lions Club International



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SERVICE PROJECTS



CAL'S ANGELS SUPPORTED BY AURORA CARILLON LIONS

As a result of the Walkathon, a **$2,400 check was given to Cal's Angels**. Thanks to all for your support of this service project. **Donna Smith Chair**

5TH YEAR CLEANING UP THE FOX RIVER

8 ACLC joined 62 others to help clean Veterans Memorial Island Park. Another group worked on Gregory Island. ACLC will be involved in the 2nd Cleanup Service Day in April. A total of *953 pounds of debris* were collected. The Fox Valley Park District served as organizers. Our section was helped by 20 students from Waubonsie High School. **Phil Pogue, Chair**





FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN- OCTOBER (66 children helped for a year)



In October, 4 Lions & 6 Community Members helped pack 112 boxes providing 24,192 meals. This will feed 66 children for a year. The value of this packing is $7,015. This packing was going to Uganda. ACLC participated along with Northwestern Medical, Northern Trust, and Stonegate West. **Bruce/Anne Metzdorf Chairs**

FALL CLOTHING DRIVE RUNS NOV. 1-15



The *6th annual fall clothing drive* will run 2 weeks in November. Wayside Cross will again benefit from the Drive. Last year 3,522 items of clothing were collected. The Clubhouse lower level will have a bin and members can contact Jennifer if a home drop off is ok. **Jennifer Aspin Chair**

POINSETTIA SALES



Poinsettia sales proceeds will go to Leader Dog. *Roland and Harper* have been our last Leader Dogs in training. Items being sold include Christmas Cactus, Succulent Combo, Holiday Pots, Amaryllis Bulbs & 6 color types of Poinsettias. Delivery will be early in December. **Mary Kay Likovich, Marcia McCallum, & Jennifer Aspin, Committee**



HESED HOUSE GIFT CARD DRIVE WILL RUN DECEMBER 1-31



A long time ACLC Service Project has been the **Gift Card Drive for Hesed House.** Gift cards in $10, $15, $25, & $50 are encouraged from these vendors-gas stations, Uber/Lyft, Walmart, Target, Dollar Tree, Dollar General, Meijer, Aldi, Jewel, Walgreens, and local fast food restaurants. These cards will allow Hesed House staff to meet the need of Hesed House guests in overnight emergency shelter, family shelter, or supportive housing. **Last year $2,015 Gift Cards** were presented to Hesed House **Elaine DuganChair** (picture from 2025)

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION WILL BE NOVEMBER 8

On Sunday, November 8, ACLC will host the **Veteran's Day Event from 2-4pm**. This will recognize our Community's Veterans & their significant others. Also participating 1981 will be the Boys Scouts and the Carillon Quilters. Veterans are asked to bring pictures and memorabilla to share. Refreshments (food & beverage) will be served. **Theresa & Tom Solan, Chairs** (picture from 2025)



THE ANNUAL PEARL HARBOR LUNCHEON & TED BRATTIN AWARDS-DEC. 7

ACLC again will be represented at the **annual Pearl Harbor & Ted Brattin Youth Service Awards.** At the luncheon World War II & Korean War Veterans will be recognized as well as Youth Service award winners from the local high schools. A keynote address will also take place. Sponsors for the Day are the Naval League & the Rotary. The Naval League helps support the local JROTC programs including East Aurora, West Aurora, and Mooseheart High Schools. **Dave McCann & Dennis O'Neill** have been representing ACLC the past few years. (Pictures from 2025)





ONGOING ACLC RECYCLING & COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

1-Bookmobile-Judy Berg contact (Tuesdays 10:45-11:30 thru Dec. 15)

2-Eyeglass, ink cartridges, hearing aids/batteries, keys, & cell phones-Anne Metzdorf, Cindy Ferianc, & Vanessa Liveris, Chairs (*recently ACLC dropped off at Lions of Illinois Foundation (DeKalb) 248 items including 200 pairs of eyeglasses. Other items were cell phones, sneakers, ink cartridges, hearing aids, lenses, key bobs, and a fit-bit.)*

3-Reusable & plastic grocery bags for Interfaith Food Pantry-Elaine Dugan Chair (*avoid non grocery bags for donations*)

4-Prescription Medication Take Back (Walgreens Lake St.)-Donna Smith Chair (*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**

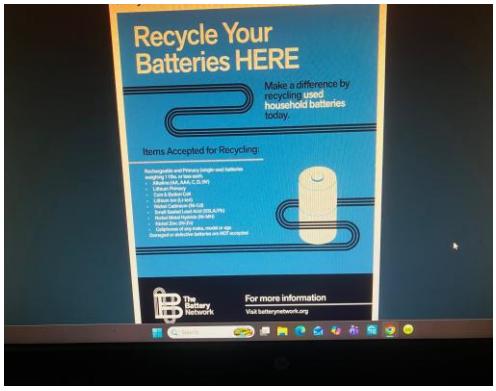
6-Sneakers for Lions of Illinois Foundation- Anne Metzdorf, Cindy Ferianc & Vanessa Liveris Chairs

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

CLUB NEWS

KANE COUNTY RECYCLING LOCATIONS & TIPS.-Shirley Zemansky contact

Electronics 994 N. Lake St., Aurora, 9-noon (Dec. 5)
Recycling N Aurora Police Station TBD
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. TBD
Styrofoam Collection Rt. 59 train station 475 Fairway Dr. TBD
Battery Recycling- Aurora City Hall will take batteries (New)-AA, AAA, C, D, 9V, Lithium types, coin & button cells, Nickel types, small sealed lead acid, & cell phones



TREASURER REPORT & LOGO WEAR (T-SHIRTS)

$2,818 Activity & $2,983 Administrative. ACLC has 44 members The Activity funding balance does not reflect checks to Cal's Angels ($2,400) and LIF Candy Day ($200) **Bruce Metzdorf** distributed the *T-Shirt order*. Semi-Annual Dues for the (Ja-June) will be coming out in December. **Mary Kay Likovich, Treas.**

MINI CHARTER 2-OCTOBER 13 (1PM at Traverso's Naperville)

ACLC held Mini-Charter II on October 13 at Traverso's Restaurant. Seventeen current ACLC members were recognized. Southeast Zone Chair Donna Kearney praised the club for its many service projects and the many club members who serve on the various service committees. President Vanessa L presented Membership Certificates and Lion pins. Each sponsor also received a pin. A short Business meeting was held which included attendance drawings won by Judy L, Jan S., Shirley Z, and Bruce M. **Ellen O'Neill & Karen McCann, chairs** **Many more pictures will follow in the January 2027edition.**





AURORA CARILLON AT THE ELBURN GERMAN DINNER (OCT. 10)

Around 16 took part in the German Dinner sponsored by the Elburn Lions Club. All reported great food and a great time. **Bruce & Anne Metzdorf arranged the event.**

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UPCOMING DATES

November 1-15-Fall Clothing Drive

November 3-ACLC Board Meeting 1:30pm

November 4-SE Zone meeting Downers Grove 6pm

November 8-Veterans Celebration 2pm

November 10-ACLC Regular Meeting 1:30pm

November 18-Feed My Starving Children 2pm

December 1-31 Hesed House Gift Card Drive

December 1-Lions Board Meeting 1:30pm

December TBD-Poinsettias Delivered

December 7-Pearl Harbor & Ted Brattin Service Awards luncheon

December 8-Lions Regular Meeting & Pizza Party 1:30pm

December 16-Feed My Starving Children 2pm

January 5 (2027)-ACLC Board Meeting 1:30pm

January 12-Regular Lions Meeting 1:30

January 20-Feed My Starving Children 2pm

February 13-21 International Lions Youth Week

April 2-3-District IJ Convention, Carol Stream

May 13-16-State Lions Convention, Effingham

May 29-June 6 International Lions Environment Week

July 2-6-International Lions Convention, Washington D.C.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS- ROOTED IN SERVICE

As of September, International Lions has 1.38 million members found in 50,454 Clubs. Since July International Lions has added 66,184 new members and 621 new clubs. *The International Convention in 2027 will be in Washington DC.*

DISTRICT 1J NEWS- SERVICE SHAKES THE WORLD & a SERVICE AWARD

The SE Zone meeting will be Nov. 4 in Downers Grove. At the ACLC Mini Charter II, **Barbara Javaras received an International Lions Service Plaque for her dedicated work as Service Chair.** Barbara has held this position since the Club was formed in late 2020.







LIONS SIGN-EVERGLADES LIONS CLUB (FLORIDA)

The **Everglades Lions Club was charted in 1952 with 42 members**. Located in Everglades City, Florida, the club has supported eye exams & glasses, food banks, the July 4th Parade, and recovery from Hurricane Irma. Fund Raising activities include the Turkey Shoot & a Seafish Festival.

POTPOURRI- (auroracarillonlionsclub.org-website-MYLION (website)-lionsvirtual.org) Phil Pogue

PP generated $15 in October. All of these funds help LCIF Disaster Relief. The Trifecta was New York, Elmhurst, & Gene Chandler (Duke of York). Questions missed included the pictures connected with Portman, Firth, Cardinals, the September Trifecta answers, and Guatemala for FMSC.
Peoria & Macomb knew the year was 2011.

QUOTES

“Freedom Makes a huge requirement of every human being. With Freedom comes Responsibility.” Eleanor Roosevelt

“There is 1 day that is ours. Thanksgiving Day is the one day that is purely America.” O. Henry

“How did it get late so soon.” Dr. Seuss

“Just imagine if we lived each month like it was December.” Charmaine Forde

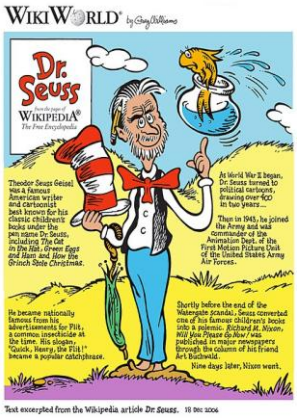
FIND THE YEAR (answer found in the newsletter)



ACADEMY AWARDS-Robert De Niro, Sissy Spacek, Ordinary People
TOP SONGS-Bette Davis Eyes, Endless Love, Lady, Jessie’s Girl
TOP TV SHOWS-Dallas, 60 Minutes, Jeffersons, 3’s Company



WORLD SERIES Dodgers **- STANLEY CUP** Islanders **- SUPER BOWL-** Raiders- **NBA-** Celtics
EVENTS-Iran Hostage Ends, Sandra Day O’Connor nominated Supreme Court, Columbia Orbital Flight
(pictures from WikiMedia Commons-Sissy Spacek, Dr. Seuss, & Sandra Day O’Connor)



OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Shirley Z, Elaine D, Barbara J, Theresa S, Jan S, Linda S, Carolyn C & Bob K.