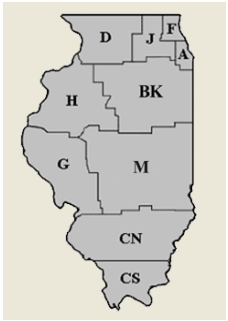
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AURORA CARILLON LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2026

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

5TH YEAR FOR WALKATHON NETS $2,400 for cal's Angels Pediatric Cancer Foundation



September 26, the day of our event, greeted us with perfect weather as participants gathered for our **5th Annual Walkathon.** Fifty-one (51) participants signed up to walk the course, provide a donation or both. Refreshments were donated by Dunkin Donuts on Eola. Donna Smith's son Jacob Smith, provided information about Cal's Angels and the support it provides for children with cancer and their families. Their own son, Caleb, who battled cancer but unfortunately lost the fight, benefited greatly from Cal's Angels. **Donna Smith Chair.**
Special thanks to all members who helped with setup, takedown and everything in between. **More pictures –Page 9**



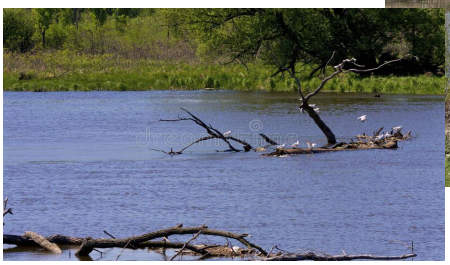
FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN-SEPTEMBER (boxes go to Guatemala)

In September, 9 Lions & 2 Community Members helped pack 31 boxes providing 6,696 meals. This will feed 18 children for a year. The value of this packing is $1,941. FMSC hopes to expand into packing locations in Texas & California. Bruce/Anne Metzdorf Chairs

FOX RIVER CLEAN UP WILL BE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3



11 ACLC Lions are scheduled to join other organizations in cleaning up the Fox River. This will be a Saturday morning event sponsored by the Fox Valley Park District**. Phil Pogue & TBD Chair**
(pictures from 2023)



AUGUST ELECTRICAL RECYCLING AT THE RT 59 TRAIN STATION

Twenty two items were taken to the City of Aurora Recycling collection 2011 at the Rt. 59 Train Station. Two other ACLC members took items. ACLC members should keep (Saturday August 2027) open for recycling including monitor/tvs at no charge. The **Community Electrical Drive will be in April. Tom Solan & Phil Pogue, April Chairs**

CANDY DAY DONATION IS $200



The ACLC Board authorized sending to **Lions of Illinois Foundation $200 for Candy Day.** This day supports many of the Lions of Illinois Foundation (LIF) activities such as the Hearing/Vision Mobile Unit, Camp Lions, Low Vision Clinics & specialized vision equipment.



FALL CLOTHING DRIVE RUNS NOV. 1-15

The 5th annual fall clothing drive will run 2 weeks in November. Wayside Cross will again benefit from the Drive. Last year 3,522 clothes were collected. The Clubhouse lower level will have a bin and members can contact Jennifer if a home drop off is ok. Please use plastic bags only, no boxes or paper bags. **Jennifer Aspin Chair**



POINSETTIA SALES BEGIN IN OCTOBER



Poinsettia sales will run from Oct. 1-25. Delivery will run from **Nov. 30-Dec. 8.** Items being sold are similar to last year with a $1 increase. Proceeds will go to **Leader Dog**. ACLC has learned that the **Memorial Bricks for Bill and Mary** have been placed..**Mary Kay Likovich, Marcia McCallum, & Jennifer Aspin, Committee Chairs**



ONGOING ACLC RECYCLING & COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

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

2-Eyeglass, ink cartridges, hearing aids/batteries, keys, & cell phones-Anne Metzdorf Cindy Ferianc, & Vanessa Liveris, Chairs

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-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
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. **Oct. 3 (9AM-Noon)**

TREASURER REPORT, LOGO WEAR & DISASTER RELIEF NEPAL

$1,626 Activity & $2,983 Administrative. ACLC has 44 members The large balance in Activity does not reflect the payment upcoming to Cal's Angels. Bruce Metzdorf took orders for Lions Logo Wear & discussed a future T-Shirt order. The Club also collected $340 for Disaster Relief-Nepal. **Mary Kay Likovich, Treas.**

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR NEEDED

Cindy Ferianc will become the **future Service Chair.** This opens the need for a **COMMUNICATIONS Chair.** This person would coordinate all E-Blasts to the Community on upcoming Service Projects and help promote the Club through unified communications.

A SEPTEMBER VISIT TO AMAZON FULFILLMENT CENTER-SEPTEMBER 28

19 ACLC members toured the 850,000 sq. feet **Amazon Fulfillment Center located in Monee**. The Fulfillment Center **picks, packs, and ships orders** that come into Amazon. It is a high-speed robotic system which also employs 4000 and ships directly to customers or to logistic centers. This Center is known as **MDW7**. Two shifts exist, with one going from 7:30 AM-6PM and the other 6:30PM-5AM. Following the 90-minute tour, we went to Monee Family Restaurant for lunch. Kudos to **Marla Waddington, Tours Co-Chair** for a great job coordinating the tour and carpooling.





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





ACLC will hold its **Mini-Charter II on October 13**. The luncheon meeting will be held at **Traverso's (Naperville)** at **1pm**. The cost for the meal will be **$30.** Following the Mini Charter program, the Club will have a short business meeting. Prior Charter and Mini Charter dates were in 2021 & 2023. **Seventeen current ACLC members will be recognized.** Deadline for registration **Oct 1.** **Ellen O'Neill & Karen McCann, chairs** (pictures from 2023 Mini Charter at the Round House)

ELBURN LIONS CLUB GERMAN DINNER-OCT.. 10



Bruce Metzdorf talked to ACLC about the **German Dinner being held in Elburn**. Bruce reviewed the menu items and talked about their experiences last year. The Elburn Lions is a very active club chartered in 1929 whose Lions Sign was posted in a past Newsletter.

UPCOMING DATES

October 3-Fox River Clean Up

October 6-ACLC Board Meeting 1:30pm

October 8-18 International Lions Vision Week

October 10-Elburn Lions German Dinner, 3-7 pm

October 13-Lions Meeting-Mini Charter II at Traverso's 1pm

October 21-Feed My Starving Children 2pm

November 1-15-Fall Clothing Drive

November 8-Veterans Celebration 2pm

November TBD-ACLC Board Meeting 1:30

November 10-Regular Lions Meeting 1:30

UPCOMING DATES CON'T

February 13-21 (2027) 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

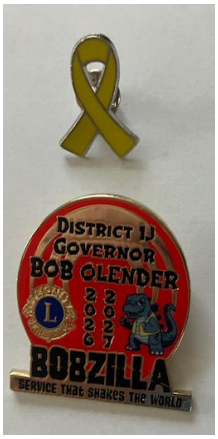
July 2-6-International Lions Convention, Washington D.C.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS- ROOTED IN SERVICE



As of September, International Lions has **1.38 Million members found in 50,454 Clubs.** Last year LCIF provided **$12.8 million in grants helping 2.5 million people**. **Rooted in Service** is the Theme of the current **International Lions President Mark Lyon**.

DISTRICT 1J NEWS- SERVICE SHAKES THE WORLD



The SE Zone meeting was held Sept. 9 at Ballydoyle. District 1J Governor Bob Olender talked about his 3 goals-1) push Lion Education, 2) increase membership growth and retention of members, & 3) promote service that Shakes the World. Zone Chair Donna Kearney presented a program on the use of the Lions Portal which can now receive service pictures. Other topics included help for struggling District Clubs, activities at Lions of Illinois Foundation, and online courses through the Lions Portal. ACLC will add to its vests 2 pins-**Dist. Gov. Olender's pin and overcoming Youth Cancer, a Lions Goal.**



LIONS SIGN-Ft. Dodge, Iowa



The Ft. Dodge Noon Lions Club was charted in 1921 and meets every Wednesday at Noon. The Club has helped build the Ft. Museum Opera House, Hartland Shelter Houses, the Hazel Rogers Sports Complex, Hawley Lions Park, raised puppies for Leader Dog, and founded a LEO program. The Club also operates the Lions Den in Armstrong Park where their meetings take place.



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

PP generated $20 in September which included quiz answers from the August Cougars Game. All of these funds help LCIF Disaster Relief. The Club did not know District IJ Governor's Service Motto (see above). The Trifecta was Buffalo, Lou Sabin, & Polio. We sang Moments to Remember. Peoria and Macomb both knew the year was 1950.

QUOTES

"October is the opal month of the year." Henry Ward Beecher

"October is the month of painted leaves." Henry David Thoreau

"It must be October, the trees are falling away and showing their colors." Charmaine J. Forde

"A heart for serving others, & strength for labor." Lions Club tradition

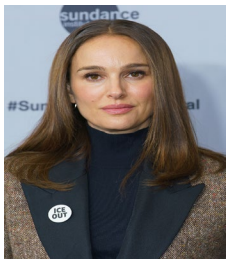
FIND THE YEAR (answer found in the newsletter)



ACADEMY AWARDS-The King's Speech/Colin Firth/Natalie Portman

TOP SONGS-Rolling in the Deep (Adele)/Firework (Katy Perry)/Born this Way (Lady Gaga)

TOP TV SHOWS-Sunday Night Football/NCIS/Dancing with the Stars/American Idol



WORLD SERIES Cardinals-/ **NBA** Mavericks- **STANLEY CUP** Bruins /**SUPER BOWL** Packers

EVENTS-Arab Spring/Royal Wedding (Kate/William)/Minecraft released/Tohoku Earthquake **Pictures Wikimedia Commons**



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Shirley Z, Barbara J, Anne M, & Phil P



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