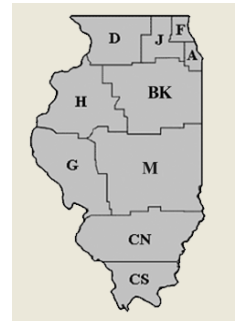




**AURORA CARILLON LIONS NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2023
MEETING-2nd TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
DISTRICT 1J**



**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

FALL CLOTHING DRIVE COMPLETED FOR WAYSIDE CROSS

ACLC had another successful drive as 1,972 clothing items were donated to Wayside Cross. This is the 5th such drive. This is the greatest amount of clothing collected by the 5 drives. **Contacts: Barbara Javaras and Elaine Dugan**



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN



The November FMSC packing involved 7 Lions and 1 Community Member. On that day, ACLC helped pack 143 boxes which made 30,888 meals, feeding 85 children for a year. The value of the packing was \$7,413. In December, 7 Lions packed 159 boxes making 34,344 meals, and feeding 94 children for the year. Value of the work was \$8,242.56 **Contact: Bruce Metzdorf**

Lt to Rt: Theresa & Tom Solan, Kathy Connelly, Rich Huizinga, Elaine Dugan, Bruce Metzdorf, Phil Pogue

See last page for picture of December packers

EYE CLASS COLLECTION AND THE LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION (DeKalb)

ACLCL completed its **4th** collection of eyeglasses through boxes located at **Jewel (Eola), Pomegranate, Sunnymere, the Carillon Clubhouse**, and by contributions from the **Knights of Columbus Glenview Senior Park District, & Vision Art Center**. This time **397** items were dropped off at **LIF**- glasses (220), phones (11), ink cartridges (25) and Pop Tabs (141) **Contacts: Lou Scanlon & Barbara Javaras**



TWO ON-GOING SERVICE PROJECTS

The Aurora Public Library **Bookmobile** will return to the community January 13. **Contact: Barbara Javaras**

We continue to collect **reusable paper** and **plastic grocery bags** for use at **Interfaith Food Pantry** **Contact: Elaine Dugan**

GIFT CARDS FOR HESED HOUSE



ACLCL is the middle of its **3rd** annual gift-card drive for **Hesed House**. Small gift cards can be used for gas, food, and other household supplies. The drive began **Dec 1 and runs to Jan 15**. Gift Cards can be placed in the **L Box, Clubhouse**. Denominations can be **\$10, \$15, \$25 or \$50**. Gift Cards can be from **Walmart, Target Aldi, Meijer, Jewel, Costco, Sam's, Dollar Tree, Dollar General, local fast food restaurants & area gas stations (gas cards only such as Speedway & Thorntons)** Last year's drive reached **\$1,000** worth of gift cards. **Contact: Elaine Dugan**

SUPERBOWL FUNDRAISER

ACLCL will hold its **3rd Superbowl Pool**. Last year's proceeds went to the **2 Food Pantries (Interfaith and Marie Wilkinson), Mutual Ground, and Waterford Cancer Resource Center**. The Superbowl will be **Feb. 12** in Glendale, Arizona. **Contact: Randy Liveris**



ACLCL ASSISTS WITH VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Through the work of **June Chapek**, Veterans Day programs have been held in the Carillon Clubhouse annually. This year 53 veterans and spouses attended. Five **Quilts** were presented and **June Chapek** was honored for her many service projects. **Five ACLC** members were present either as honored guests or as Veterans Day helpers.



CLUB NEWS

KANE COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM

Electronics **911 N. Lake St., Aurora**, 9-4 Recycling M-F
Styrofoam (Dart Container) **310 N. Evergreen, North Aurora**, 24/7; Electronics **517 E. Fabyan Parkway, Batavia**; Hazardous Household Material **156 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville** (open 9am-2pm Sat./Sun). Recyclable items (electronics, clothing, books, paper, cardboard, fabric items and scrap metal) can be taken to the parking lot of **ACE HARDWARE, 994 N. LAKE ST FROM 9AM-1PM EVERY SATURDAY**. **Contacts: Shirley Zemansky and Elaine Dugan**

Info on Kane County Recycling guide

Kane County Recycles Green Guide – 2022 – Has the most up-to-date information for our county.

[KCR_GreenGuide_2022.pdf \(countyofkane.org\)](#)

TREASURER REPORT-NOVEMBER 2022



\$1,052 Activity (service), **\$1,371 Administrative**, **25 members**. **Second half dues of \$50 (\$30 family)** payable by the end of **December**. Payments can be made at the **regular Lions Club meeting** or placing the dues in the **L packet Clubhouse**. **Contact: Mary Kay Likovich**

TOUR OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK & LUNCH AT PAL JOEY'S

On Nov. 8, ACLC toured the **Northern Illinois Food Bank** which provides services to **13 northern Illinois counties** going from the Wisconsin border to Kankakee. The Club learned that NIFB is only **1 of 6 Feeding America** sites that can process its own meat under USDA approval. NIFB uses **17,000 volunteers** not only at the **Geneva site** but also in **Lake Forest, Joliet, and Rockford**. NIFB in Kane County serves **900+ food pantries, soup kitchens, and feeding programs providing 10.3 million meals**. **Ten Aurora Elementary Schools** participate in this program. Examples of direct services include mobile markets, senior programs, SNAP Outreach, Community Markets, Holiday Meal boxes, and



Milk2MyPlate. ACLC then approved **\$250** to go to **Northern Illinois Food Bank**, (see picture on last page). Following the tour, the Club held a short business meeting and had lunch at **Pal Joey's** (Batavia) **Karen McCann** host

UPCOMING DATES.

- January 3-Lions Board Meeting 1:30pm
- January 13, 20, & 27-Bookmobile (2:30-3:15)
- January 10-Regular Lions Club Meeting, 1:30pm
- January 14-District 1J Bowling Tournament
- January 18-Fed My Starving Children, 2pm
- February 7-Lions Board Meeting 1:30
- February 12-Superbowl in Glendale, Arizona
- February 14-Regular Lions Club Meeting 1:30 (Valentine's Day)
- February 15-Fed My Starving Children, 2pm
- April 14-15-District 1J Convention, Carol Stream

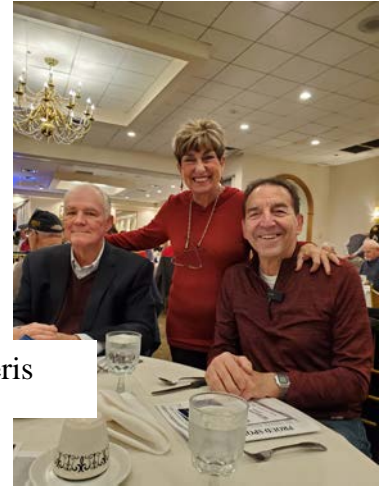
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Lions International reported that in 2021-22, **495 million people** worldwide were helped by Lions through **1.4 million service activities**. ACLC helped contribute to that service through **Campaign 100** and our own local service projects. Lions International & the Lions Club International Foundation (**LCIF**) have been active in **Ukraine and Poland** helping the refugees through shelters, food, clothing, and mental health. This help also includes immediate survival needs, transitional needs for mid-long term settlement, and support to help integration into the new communities.

DISTRICT 1J NEWS



ACLC was represented at the **53rd Annual Pearl Harbor Day Memorial Luncheon and 36th Annual Ted Brattin Civic Youth Awards**. The luncheon sponsored by the **Aurora Naval League and the Rotary**. The luncheon recognized 6 World War II veterans and 10 high school civic award students. The main speaker was **Rear Admiral (Ret) Jack Mumaw**, a veteran of Viet Nam and the USS Pueblo crisis. He also worked at the Pentagon and with Naval forces in the Mediterranean. After military retirement, he was a pilot with United Airlines. **Three ACLC** members attended.



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AURORA HISTORICAL SITES

Across from **City Hall** one can view and visit the **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Military Museum**. The GAR was made up of returning veterans from **the Civil War**. More than **1,200 soldiers** in **Aurora regiments** were killed or wounded in that War. Survivors then formed **Post 20** and had a Memorial Hall built in **1876 (July 4)**. The land was donated by **Joseph Stolp**. The Hall has had many purposes-a meeting location for Civil War veterans, later a public library, and now a museum that serves as a meeting place for current veterans. **The City** took over the Hall in the **1960's** as the volunteer organization could no longer maintain it. In **2001** the GAR building was closed



for repairs. It **reopened in 2016**. The Military Museum has won **Awards in 2016, 2017, 2020, 2021, and 2022** for historic restoration, small institution of the year, top museum in Kane County, top museum of the Fox River Valley, and for its exhibit **on SERVICES AND SACRIFICE 100 YEARS OF AURORA'S MILITARY EXCELLENCE**. The **GAR Military Museum** is open for visitors **TH-FRI (Noon-4pm)** and **SAT (10AM-3PM)**. The Museum also provides summer camps, educational programs, and temporary exhibits.



QUOTES

“We make a living by what we get. But we make a life by what we give.” Winston Churchill

“Charity can have some of the most impactful influences on our life. It enables us to be conscientious of more than just ourselves.” Winston Churchill

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Rich H, Cindy F, Vanessa L, Mary T



.December FMSC Volunteers



Lt to Rt: Phil Pogue, Bruce Metzdorf, Tom & Theresa Solan, Ann Lunsford, Elaine Dugan & Rich Huizinga.



Check presentation to Northern Illinois Food Bank
By Vanessa Liveris & Mary Kay Likovich to Gina
Gramerosso, Senior Director of Philanthropy