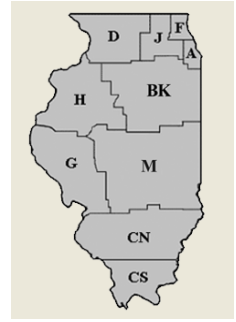




**AURORA CARILLON LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2026**

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-

HESED HOUSE GIFT CARDS TOTAL \$2,015

The 2025 Hesed House gift card drive was the **largest in the 5 years of this service project**. \$2,015 in gift cards were provided to Hesed House for Client use: gas, groceries, and small items. Elaine is pictured with **Noemi Velazquez, Director of Community Engagement**. **Elaine Dugan, Chair**



GREAT T-P ROUNDUP NETS 677 ROLLS OF TOILET PAPER

The toilet paper drive conducted during the second year resulted in the successful collection of 677 rolls for the Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry. This **exceeded** last year. Thanks for the great participation. **Marla Waddington, Chair**

More pictures on last page



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN-LOTS OF PACKING DONE (children helped)

In January, 6 Lions & 14 Community Members helped pack 46 boxes providing 9,936 meals. This will feed 27 children for a year. The value of the packing was \$2,881. For the year 2025 through November, FMSC had packed 347.8 meals helping 952,902 children.

Bruce/Anne Metzdorf Chairs



THE SUCCESSFUL SUPERBOWL CHARITY SQUARES WILL SUPPORT 2 NON PROFITS

Mutual Ground and the Lions of Illinois



Foundation Vision & Audio Mobile Unit will be the beneficiaries of the ACLC Super Bowl Pool. Individuals can sign up on the Board Sheets found in the Lions Mailbox. **Last year 4 Boards were filled and, as of a few days ago, 4 Boards are filled again for this year.** The ending digit for each team after each quarter determines the square with the winner. The winners of the first 3 periods earns \$50, and the final score winner earns \$100. **Randy Liveris Chair**

ONGOING ACLC RECYCLING AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

1-Bookmobile **Friday 9:30AM-10:15AM (new date & time) Barbara Javaras Chair**

2-Eyeglass, ink cartridges, hearing aids/batteries, keys, & cell phones **Barbara Javaras, Cindy Ferianc, & Vanessa Liveris, Chairs** (382 eyeglasses, ink cartridges, phones, hearing aids/batteries, and keys were recently taken to Lions of Illinois Foundation)

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

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** (ACLC has provided so far **6.75 pounds of tabs**)

6-Sneakers for Lions of Illinois Foundation-**Barbara Javaras & Vanessa Liveris Chairs** (60 were recently sent to LIF)

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

HEARING & VISION MOBILE UNIT SET FOR MAY 11

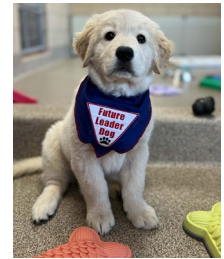


In 2025, we had to cancel the Mobile Unit due to equipment issues with the Unit. At that time a full schedule of screenings had been established which included a waiting list. The Unit will now visit Carillon on **Monday, May 11 from 9AM-2PM**. More details will follow in future meetings. **Sue Graunke, Chair**

HARPER-ACLC SPONSORED LEADER DOG

Harper is a female Golden/Labrador Retriever cross. She will be trained in Michigan. Harper was named after author *Harper Lee*. The Poinsettia Sales provided support to LEADER DOG. **Mary Kay Likovich, Chair**

This is Harper



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 (9AM-Noon) NEW

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 (**County Building St. Charles**) **Feb. 28 & Ag. 29 (8AM-Noon)** NEW



TREASURER REPORT-DECEMBER

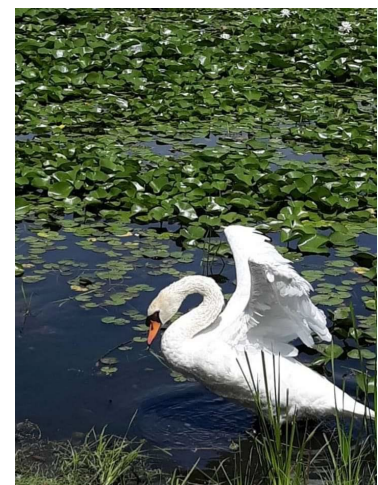
\$274 Activity (service) \$4,771 Administration. The Administrative balance does not reflect the upcoming payment to the District and International for 2nd annual dues (\$1250) ACLC has 42 members. ACLC welcomes Carolyn Chambliss as our newest member. Potential new members can be invited to the Feb.ACLC meeting. **Mary Kay Likovich, Treas.**

DISTRICT 1 J PHOTO CONTEST

Linda Stevens submitted a photo for the District 1J contest **Winners will be announced at the District Convention.**

INTEREST IN “ON YOUR FEET” (Emilio & Gloria Estefan)

A social activity is being surveyed as to interest in **Drury Lane’s “ON YOUR FEET” musical**. Dates suggested would be a matinee on either **March 4 or March 11**. A group rate is **\$45** for the **1:30pm show**. If interested contact either **Carol or Phil Pogue, chairs**



RESERVE COUGAR BASEBALL DATES (June 25 & Ag. 6)

Details on the ACLC Cougars games will be at the Feb. ACLC meeting. The Cougars are the **2024 & 2025 champions** of the American Association winning in a 5 game series last fall. Check your calendars about interest and availability. **Last year 51 attended** the 2 Cougars dates including members of the Aurora Evening Lions Club.

UPCOMING DATES

February 3-ACLC Board Meeting 1:30

February 8-Super Bowl

February 10-ACLC Lions Meeting 1:30

February 18-Feed My Starving Children 2pm

March 3-ACLC Board Meeting 1:30

March 4 or 11-On Your Feet Drury Lane (if interest exists)

March 10-ACLC Lions Meeting 1:30

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

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, Bloomington1989

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

July 3-7 International Convention Hong Kong

INTERNATIONAL NEWS- Lead to Serve. Serve to Lead



The **International Lions Convention 2026** will be in **Hong Kong**. Atlanta had been the original location, but a change was made due to the FIFA World Cup Soccer being played there. Lions International has seen a growth in membership through Specialty Clubs, Branch Clubs, Remote Clubs, and LEOs. Also International has been supportive of partnerships with Foundation C-3 organizations.

DISTRICT 1J NEWS (Lions on Fire)

District 1J as of December has **2,102 members** which is **+17** for the first 6 months. A current goal of **District Governor Terri Pasternik** is to support the Global Cause dealing with Childhood Cancer. District Governor will be distributing Childhood Cancer Piggy Banks for future collections.

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

PP in January added \$15 for **LCIF Disaster Relief**. The Club struggled with the 3 minute time leaving 2 questions on the table answering 9 of 11 questions. However, the Club bounced back on the **WILD THING TRIFECTA** knowing the Troggs, **MAJOR LEAGUE**, and Charlie Sheen. Winners of the attendance drawings were Randy, Dennis, Joy, Marcia, & Frank. Prizes came from the Eisenhower Foundation, the Grand Army of the Republic Military Museum, and Jewel.

FIND THE YEAR (answer found in the newsletter)



Academy Awards Best Picture (**Rain Man**) Best Actor (**Dustin Hoffman**) Best Actress (**Jodie Foster**) Top Songs(**Look Away/Winds Beneath My Wings/Every Rose Has its Thorns/Song of the South**) Top TV Shows (**Cosby**



Show/Roseanne/Cheers/A Different World) Major Events (**fall of the Eastern Bloc/fall of Berlin Wall/Tiananmen Square/launch of World Wide Web**) Sport winners (**Calgary Flames/Detroit Pistons/SF 49ers/Oakland A's**)

FINDING LIONS SIGNS-(Keep forwarding Lions signs)



Our Lions sign is from **Elburn** which was **organized in 1929**. The Club has 200 members & does the following: German Dinners, Car Show, Elburn Days (3rd week Ag), Holiday Meet Raffle, & Friday Night Bingo. The Club also supports Lions Park (25 acres).



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS-none

QUOTES

“Love doesn’t make the world go ‘round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile.” Franklin Jones

“Keep your face always toward the sunshine, & the shadows will fall behind you.” Walt Whitman

“The mind is everything. What you think you become.” Buddha

“The Ground Hog is like most other prophets; it delivers a prediction & then disappears.” Bill Vaughn

More Pictures – T-P Roundup



Food Pantry Helper Randy Liveris, Cindy Ferianc, Marla Waddington



Thanks to Cindy Ferianc
for clever graphic

