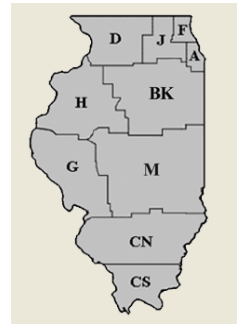




**AURORA CARILLON LIONS NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2021
MEETINGS ARE 2nd AND 4th TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
DISTRICT 1J**



**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

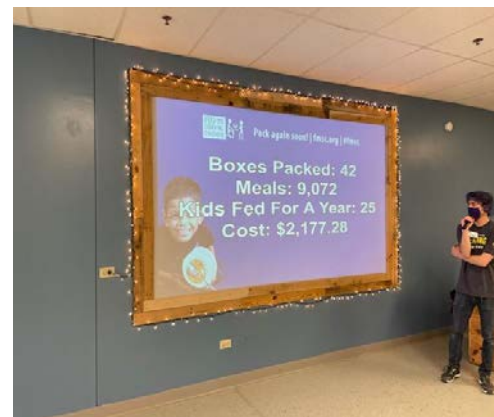
EYE CLASS COLLECTION

The Clubhouse has a poster and collection box for used eyeglasses. These will be eventually taken to LIF located in DeKalb (Peace Rd). **Lou Scanlon contact**



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

The Aurora Carillon Lions Club will be going to FMSC the 4th Monday of each month. In March a group of 11 helping pack 42 boxes, providing for 9072 meals, feeding 25 children for a year, which equaled \$2177. Eleven have also signed up for the April 26 date. On deck is May 24. **Barbara Jarvaras contact**



Boxes Packed: 42
Meals: 9,072
Kids Fed For A Year: 25
Cost: \$2,177.28

SEMIANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE

The Lions spring clothing drive (April 18-30) has begun. A Clothing Collection Box is located in the basement of the Clubhouse. The drive will again benefit WAYSIDE CROSS. The Aurora Noon Lions are also participating in this service project. **Barbara Jarvaras, Elaine Dugan, and Linda Morgan are contacts**



WATERFORD PLACE CANCER RESOURCE CENTER

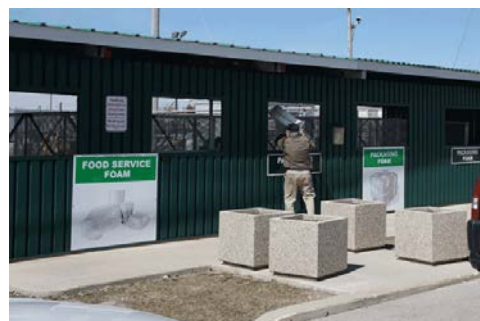
Waterford Place Cancer Resource Center sent a thank you for the Club's recent financial and supply donations. The Aurora Carillon Lions was also featured in the Rush Foundation newsletter. **Lou Scanlon contact**

SERVICE QUESTIONNAIRE

Members are encouraged to return a survey April 27 which was presented at our April 13 meeting regarding services to the community, community needs, and ways to provide service projects-vision, diabetes, childhood cancer, hunger and the environment. This survey was also sent out with the April 13 minutes.

APRIL MEETING PROGRAM

Our April 27 meeting will have a program on **Kane County Recycling** provided by **Shirley Zemansky and Elaine Dugan**. RECYCLING Locations—**310 N. Evergreen Drive, North Aurora** drive up/drop off anytime - DART CONTAINER (recycling styrofoam); **Fabyan Parkway, Batavia** ELECTRONIC RECYCLING year round; 2021 Free DOCUMENT SHREDDING, **540 Randall Rd. St.Charles** (April 24, June 26, October 23).



ELECTION OF OFFICERS & SUMMER MEETINGS

At the April 13 meeting, the following were elected as officers for the coming year- President **Susan Koepke**, Secretary **Vanessa Liveris**, Treasurer **Ken Koepke**, and Service Chair **Barbara Javaras**. We congratulate our elected officers. Also, the Club will hold only one monthly meeting during the summer months. The 4th Tuesday (1:30pm) will be the day and time of the meeting.

At the District 1J Convention, District Governor John Barsanti presented awards to two of our members-**Susan Koepke** (International Presidential Medal) and **Vanessa Liveris** (Distinguished Service Medal). Congratulations for your work in getting Aurora Carillon as a full-fledged Lions Club.

LIONS HISTORY

Lions International is truly that. Currently, the International President is **Dr. Jung-Yul Choi** from Bujan City, Rep. Korea, the Int. Past President is **Gudfun Yngvadottir** from Gardabaer, Iceland, the Int. 1st VP is **Douglas Alexander** from Brooklyn, NY, the Int. 2nd VP is **Brian Sheehan** from Bird Island, Minnesota, and the Int. 3rd VP is **Dr. Patti Hill**, from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

TREASURER REPORT

\$490 Activity (service), \$574 Administrative, 22 members in Aurora Carillon Club, new membership fee waived until June 30 (\$35). Final dues payment through June is \$20 for regular members and \$10 for family/spouse. Dues from July-Dec. 2021 will be billed in May for payment between June 1-15 (\$70 regular members/\$35 for family/spouse members).

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

April 27 - Environmental Awareness Month-recycling in Kane County

May 11-Visit to Aurora War Memorial, Memorial Park (Lou Scanlon coordinating)

May 15- (MD-1) State Convention (Virtual)

May 25- Program by Lt. Lauren Carthan, East Aurora High School Jr. Naval ROTC

May 30- Memorial Day-June 14- Flag Day Flags on display

June 6- District 1J Bowling (Fox Bowl-Wheaton)

June 25-29- 103rd Lions International Convention (Montreal virtual)

July 22- District Golf Outing 1J (Hughes Creek, Elburn)



Veterans Memorial
Island Park
2 W. Illinois Ave

DISTRICT 1J NEWS

District 1J has the **Plus Optix screening unit** which screens children's vision (ages 6 months-6 years). The Pandemic halted the Mobile Screening Unit Program but it has now restarted. The normal screening schedule runs from March-November. **Contact is Lion Sue Carter, Vision Chair, 630-330-1339.**



Another Lions of International Foundation service is **CAMP LIONS**. Since 1957, over 20,000 have attended the week long camps which provide over 50 activities for children (ages 7-17) and young adults (18-24) having vision and hearing needs. Three Illinois camp locations exist: Reynolds Wood, East Bay (Hudson), and Manitowa (Benton). Lion member **Carol Pogue** served as a counselor when one of her students was a camper.



Details on both programs including brochures and applications can be found on the Lions of Illinois home page. **These services are supported by the District and State Lions' Clubs.**

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL LION'S NICKNAMES

Currently, there are 2 pro football teams with Lions' Nicknames. The Detroit Lions were formed in 1934 and were formerly the Portsmouth Spartans. The name LIONS was chosen because the AL Baseball team was called the Tigers. The Lions won 4 NFL championships from 1935-1957. Since their last championship (1957), the Lions have not won any championship & have only won 1 playoff game in the Super Bowl era. The Lions are the oldest NFL franchise not to win a Super Bowl.

In the CFL, one team carries the LIONS' nickname-the British Columbia Lions from Vancouver. The BC Lions were formed in 1954. They have won 6 Grey Cups with the last being in 2011. The Lions had a long string of playoff runs (1997-2016). Their nickname comes from the Twin Peaks north of Vancouver which resemble Lions guarding the pass.

There was another LIONS NFL team - the Brooklyn Lions (1926). They lasted only one year as a merged team with the Brooklyn Horsemen of the American Football League. The Lions finished the season at 3-8. The 1925 NFL season had a controversy in its champion as the Chicago Cardinals were declared the winners when the Pottsville Maroons went outside of the NFL to play Notre Dame winning 9-7. The Pottsville team was supposed to play the Frankford Yellow Jackets. This led Pottsville having a better record to be disqualified by the NFL. In 2003, the NFL reviewed the 1925 Championship but by a 30-2 vote kept the Cardinals as champs. The 2 no votes came from the teams in PA supporting their local PA team Pottsville (the Eagles and Steelers).

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement: nothing can be done without hope.

The only thing worse than being blind is HAVING sight but no vision. Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light. What we HAVE once enjoyed we can never lose.

Helen Keller

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