

# Lions' Lines

September, 2011

## President

Chris Brenner

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Karl Molek

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Mary Dietz

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President

Jerry Morgan

## Secretary

Jim Rockwell

## Treasurer

Cynthia Lee

## Lion Tamer

Steve Townsend

## Tail Twister

Jud Revelle

## Directors

Ruth Patterson

Tim Keefe

Keith Bitzinger

Terry Rockenbach

## Past President

Darlene Dorfler

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# Grayslake Lions Club

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**PREZ SEZ:** The Grayslake Lions Club had a very successful summer, if I do say so myself! And the club and its members are ready for a successful fall season as our year winds down with two major fund-raising events and the election and installation of officers for the coming year.

The Lions were not daunted by the horrendous storm in early July that forced cancellation of the July meeting because of the lack of power in the village (I was out for six days!) The Lions bounced back with a successful (and interesting) Lake County Fair, a fun trip aboard a boat on Lake Geneva that included a tour of a summer home (mansion) of a Chicago beer baron. We learned how the other half lived in the summer in the late 1800s. Thirteen club members and two guests enjoyed the perfect Sunday afternoon adventure, which was highlighted by some trying to find a place to park! The summer was topped off with our participation in the Grayslake Summer Days parade. The kids were waiting for us and our free candy.

Coming up is the well documented Steer Roast on Sept. 11. "All hands on deck," as the swabbies would say for this major fundraiser. Work assignments have been made and everyone has a job to do including doing the cleanup chores at the end of the day.

Help is also needed for the Candy Day fund-raising project which will be held Oct. 14. Lion Rich is in charge.

The nominating committee is meeting and selecting a slate of officers for the coming year. The nominees will be announced at both the September and October club meetings. Officers will be elected at the November meeting and installed at the annual Christmas party and installation dinner on Dec. 13 at State Bank of the Lakes.

Unfortunately, the Musical Interlude (my term) for the Sept. 13 meeting had to be canceled. Instead, club member, Scuba diver and photography instructor Lion Matt will present a program on underwater photography. It will be a Pat's. Yes, I said Pat's. Board meeting at 6 p.m. dinner at 7 p.m.

The Gagewood Lions Club is hosting the 3Gs meeting this year. It will be held the evening of Oct. 1. Details to be announced later. Because of this dinner, there will be no regular Grayslake Lions meeting in October, except that the officer nominees will be announced again at the 3Gs event.

Lion Rich reports that 28 members of the club worked at the Lake County Fair this year. Many of the volunteers worked multiple shifts. A total of 780 hours were volunteered for a total anticipated income from the fair association of \$5,846. A little more than 20 percent of the volunteers were non-club members.

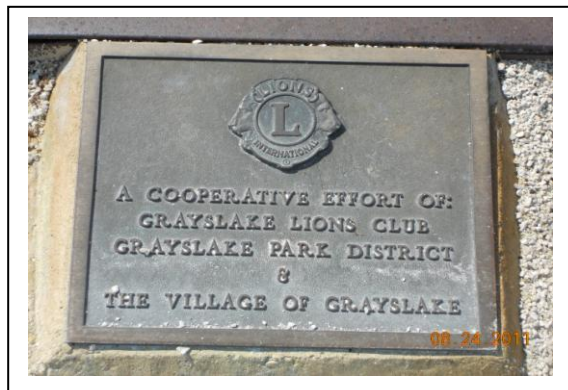
**A friendly reminder for those of you who forgot, club dues are now past due. It's \$70.**

Lions Club International reports that it has had its fourth straight year of membership increase. A spokesman said that while many volunteer organizations continue to see a decline in members, the 2010-11 year marks the first time in nearly 20 years that the Lions, the world's largest service club organization, has recorded four straight years of membership increase.

**REMINDER:** Saturday, August 27, 2011, is Grayslake Lions Club Day at Hainesville Firestone. If you need an oil change, this would be the day. Lion Joe and his brother Greg Kane donate \$10 to the club for every patron served.

# Did you know?

In 2003, the Park District was strapped for funds. On Lion Terry Rockenbach's motion, your club contributed \$6,000 towards the purchase of a handicap-accessible fishing pier for Grays Lake. Not only that, Lions Terry, Steve S., and Trent traveled to the manufacturer in Wisconsin, loaded the pier on a trailer, brought the pier to Grayslake and installed it. It was rumored that this project and road trip also involved adult beverages. After the installation of the pier, a concerned citizen whose Lake view included the pier wrote a letter to the editor of the Grayslake Times, bemoaning the wasteful expenditure of tax payer money and the loss of property values for those whose view was now be-fouled. Thereafter, the pier became known as the **Lion Terry Rockenbach Memorial Pier**.



## faces



On a recent field trip, some Grayslake Lions and their guests traveled to Lake Geneva Wisconsin for a boat ride and mansion tour. The boat, a former USS Saratoga utility (liberty) boat, provided a panoramic view of about half of the Lake shoreline. You will note that Lion Marilyn appears unaccompanied.

Somebody had trouble finding a parking place, but the good Captain waited for the AWOL Lion. It was just TWENTY MINUTES!



Grayslake Lions Club  
Board Meeting  
August 9, 2011

**Members Present:** Lions Brenner, Rockwell, Bitzinger, Powell, Patterson, Townsend, Revelle, Rockenbach, Keefe and Molek.

**Minutes:** On motion by Lion Townsend, Lion Patterson seconding, the minutes of the June Board meeting were approved without change. (There was no Board meeting in July – a storm caused an extensive power loss that included Whitney's, the announced meeting place. Many Lions were without power up to four days.)

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Lee reported account activity for both June and July. Available funds balance stands at \$16,662.68. The endowment remains unchanged. On motion by Lion Lee, Lion Bitzinger seconding, the report was placed on file.

**Correspondence:** In response to a request to sell hot dogs at an art fair, the board declined to participate. A solicitation from a company in Wisconsin to sell wreaths at Christmas was declined. We received a thank you from Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence for our previous donation.

**Bills:** On motion by Lion Townsend, Lion Bitzinger seconding, payment of \$90.00 as premium for a surety bond for Treasurer performance was approved.

**Old Business:** Lion Rockwell made a short report on the Steer Roast with more at the General Meeting. Lion Keefe reported 13 people had signed up for the boat ride and mansion tour at Lake Geneva. Since he paid for all by credit card, the Club will reimburse with members paying the Club for the fee.

**New Business:** Lion Molek reported readiness to participate in the Grayslake Days parade on August 20. Members should report to the High School at 6:30 PM.

Lion Lee had club shirts for sale.

On motion by Lion Townsend, Lion Revelle seconding, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM.

Grayslake Lions Club  
General Meeting  
August 9, 2011

Lion President Brenner called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. The Pledge and a devotional followed. Twenty-four members and two guests were present

**Lake County Health Department:** Mark briefed Lions on health requirements at the 48<sup>th</sup> annual Steer Roast.

Highlights:

- We need the ability to wash, rinse and sanitize at each cooking station
- Hats or hairnets, even for the hirsutely-challenged are required.
- Wash hands before putting on gloves

- Hot hold is at 135 degrees
- Beef must be cooked to 155 degrees
- He knows we know what we are doing

Guests: President Brenner welcomed Dave and Amy Huerich, potential members. They are neighbors of Lion Lee and Amy works at our library.

**Minutes:** On motion by Lion Frank, Lion Bitzinger seconding, the minutes of the June meeting were approved without change. There were no July minutes as there was no meeting due to the power outage.

Treasurer's report: Lion Lee reported available funds of \$16,622.68

**Old Business:**

Lion Walters (Rich) made a report on our efforts selling tickets at the Lake County Fair. Twenty Eight Lions and twenty friends and family served. Twenty eight shifts were unfilled and had to be worked by Lions Walters and Rockwell (Loss of \$742.50). We billed 779.5 hours at \$7.50 for a total of \$5,846.50. Our hours were also down because rain closed Gate 1 (North Gate) for three days. Thanks to all who worked.

Lion Rockwell made a report on the Steer Roast and ticket packets were passed out to those in attendance. A spreadsheet showing work assignments was circulated with a request that any changes be noted and returned to Rockwell at the end of the meeting.

**New Business:**

Lion Molek asked for assistance for participation in the Grayslake Days parade on August 20 at 7:00 PM. Members are asked to gather at the High School at 6:30 PM

Lion Kane announced that he would be again doing a Lions promotional on August 27 at Hainesville Firestone, donating \$10 for each customer to the Grayslake Lions. Lion Rockwell solicited two AM workers and two PM workers to serve food (donuts and hot dogs) and sell Steer Roast tickets and 50/50 raffle tickets. Lions Patterson, Revelle, Dorfler and Brenner volunteered.

There being no further business, on motion by Lion Frank, Lion Lee seconding, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM