

December, 2011

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PREZ SEZ: The holiday season has begun and the Lions Club is in the middle of it with holiday events and services scheduled to make the season brighter for many of our neighbors and the hungry children throughout the world. Our celebration will end with a gala Christmas party and officer installation on Dec. 13.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, all Lions Club members are needed to distribute holiday food baskets to needy area families. It looks like it might be a record delivery year. The club will provide the turkeys, potatoes, apples and milk while the Grayslake High School Central students will provide packaged and canned food items. Last year they collected more than six tons of food! Your help will be needed for the distribution beginning at 8 a.m. at the high school on Lake Street.

The following day, Sunday, Dec. 4, several Lions Club members will be assembling special food packages to help feed hungry children through the world. The work is for the Feed Our Starving Children program. The packaging will be done at the Faith Baptist church in Grayslake. This is the club's second year participating in the project.

Club members will do their own celebrating at the Christmas party and officer installation on Tuesday, Dec. 13 (the club's regular meeting night). It will be held with cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner at Parkway by the Lake on Lake Shore Drive in Ingleside. Cost is \$20 per person. There will be an cash bar. Reservations are due to me at 847-223-8939 or chris.brenner@sbcglobal.net by Wednesday, Dec. 7. Payment is to club treasurer Cynthia Lee.

Lions Clubs International is seeking club members' help in getting Congress to approve legislation for the U.S. Mint to strike a commemorative coin marking a century of service by Lions clubs. As a coin collector and Lion, I urge members to contact our Sens. Kirk and Durbin and Congressmen Walsh or Dold to support the Lions Clubs International Commemorative Coin Bill HR2139 celebrating the 100th anniversary of Lions Clubs International 2017.

This will be my last Prez Sez column as a new columnist will be installed in a few weeks. I thank all of you for making my two-year tenure a very pleasant, enjoyable experience. I will have more to say about that during the Christmas party and officer installation. See you there.

With apologies to Gen. Douglas MacArthur remember: "Old Grayslake Lions Club presidents never die, they just fade away as the chairman of next year's steer roast."

IN MEMORY: George Smith has passed away. Tho not currently an active member, George was known as the King of Gate 1 at the old fair grounds. Every year he would request assignment to the air conditioned Main Gate. And every year he perspired at Gate 1 for multiple shifts instead. His wife, Fran, was long-time Club Secretary. His father-in-law was founding member John Shea.

GET IN THE SPIRIT!!! Christmas baskets will be distributed Saturday, December 3, 2011, at Grayslake Central High School. In partnership with GCHS students, it looks like we will have about 140 baskets to deliver. Loading begins at 7:30 AM with delivery beginning at 8:00 AM. With delivery of the thousands of pounds of extra food the students collect to the Avon Township Food pantry at about 10:00 AM, we will adjourn to Whitney Street for breakfast. The Club treats the participating students; the members treat themselves. So get in the Holiday spirit and help out.

HELP PRESIDENT CHRIS OUT. Our December meeting is a Holiday dinner at which we install the newly elected Board for service in 2012. The Guest of Honor will be Past District Governor (PDG) Paul Pioch, who will officiate at the installation on December 13, 2011. The meeting will be at Parkway on the Lake. For new members, we wear grown-up clothes for this event and, if we have one, we bring our significant other. HELP CHRIS OUT – email or call Lion Chris today to RSVP. He needs a count.

The Winchester House Holiday Party will be on December 10 at 10:30 AM. Contact Lion Marilyn Walters to help out

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At the November meeting, guest speaker PDG Al Gort inducted new members Amy and Dave Huerich, with sponsor Lion Cynthia Lee looking on. Lion Cynthia has recently received the Membership Key from International Lions for her sponsorship of new members. New members won't join unless we ask.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING – ed.

*Grayslake Lions Club
Grayslake Lions Club Foundation
Board Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2011*

Called to order at 6:00 PM

Members present: Lions Keefe, Brenner, Lee, Patterson, Dorfler, Dietz (M), Revelle, Townsend, Molek and Bitzinger. Seven members are a quorum.

Minutes: The minutes of the September Board meeting, on motion by Lion Dorfler, Lion Keefe seconding, were approved. (The Board did not meet in October – 3Gs Dinner)

Treasurer's report: Lion Lee made an oral and written report. Available funds: \$28,248.05. On Lion Lee's motion, the report was filed.

Old business:

Lion Rockwell noted that both the State and Federal reports for the Club and the Foundation were filed in a timely manner

Lion Rockwell reported that the Steer Roast generated about \$2500 in profit. Attendance was down 50 people. The 50/50 raffle profit and the placemat profit were also down slightly.

Lion Walters (R) reported that Candy day collected \$2220.66. Seventeen Lions participated. Eleven collection time slots went unfilled. On motion by Lion Lee, Lion Rockenbach seconding, the Board decided to retain the Club percentage, the remainder to the Lions of Illinois Foundation. This year the candy was a club cost: \$25 dollars per case, four cases

New Business:

The Grayslake Senior Center requested assistance in subsidizing a party. On motion by Lion Dietz (M), Lion Dorfler seconding, the Board approved a donation of \$100.

The Mary Bryant Home solicited purchase of tickets to their annual Chili fundraiser. The Board declined (it was in October). The Board discussed a contribution. Consideration of a contribution was deferred until February, the month the Club has traditionally considered a donation to the home.

Joyce Campbell, by email and press release, requested Club participation in a Grayslake salute to our military at the Youth Center on January 8, 2012. Someone from the Club will participate.

On motion by Lion Townsend, Lion Revelle seconding, the Board approved a donation of \$250 to PADS. (This is in addition to our service of a meal in March).

Cub Scout Pack 672 requested assistance. They are preparing "care" packages for deployed military personnel and need help with postage. On motion by Lion Townsend, Lion Patterson seconding, the Board approved a donation of \$100.

On motion by Lion Lee, Lion Townsend seconding, the Board approved a donation of \$200 to the Grayslake Shop with a Cop program. This is the first time the Club has participated in this effort.

In response to a request from Terese Wedrall, who discovered a hearing loss using the Hearing bus at the Steer Roast, and after research by Lion Kortanek, on motion by Lion Rockenbach, Lion Bitzinger seconding, a hearing aid through the Lions of Illinois Foundation program was approved (\$350).

Lion Rockenbach reported that Lions have signed up to participate in meals packaging December 4, 2011 for the Feed Our Starving Children program at the Faith Baptist Church. He requested an additional donation. On motion by Lion Townsend, Lion Keefe seconding, a donation of \$250 was approved.

Lion Molek reported that the Village was ready for our assistance with a water fountain for the Center Street park, estimating a cost of \$3800. Lion Keefe agreed to find the estimate for the fountain. Lion Rockwell agreed to review past minutes for the status of the project. Tabled.

On motion by Lion Walters (M), Lion Rockwell seconding, \$160 was approved by the Board for a Winchester House holiday party.

The Board meeting was suspended and a meeting of the Board of the Grayslake Lions Club Foundation was convened. The Board of the Grayslake Lions Club Foundation unanimously adopted the actions of the Grayslake Lions Club Board of Directors in 2011 as their own, then recessed.

The Board recessed at 6:42 PM.

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General Meeting
November 8, 2011*

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Guests: Lions Al Gort and Florence Gort, and Michael Healand, the purchaser of Lion Uding's Grayslake house.

On motion by Lion Fran, Lion Patterson seconding, the minutes of the September 13, 2011 minutes were approved.

Lion Lee made a Treasurer's report, the Board having placed it on file. Funds available: \$28,248.05. Lion Lee reported that State and Federal tax reports have been filed.

Lion Gort spoke on the subject of diabetes. Lion Gort is the coordinator for District 1F. He reported that District efforts on this subject, previously supported and coordinated with the American Diabetes Association would now be coordinated and supported by the Lions of Illinois Foundation. He reviewed the impact of diabetes. On his question and by a show of hands, about one half of the club membership have diabetes. He also reviewed the symptoms of diabetes and suggest the club conduct a diabetes awareness day, handing out risk work sheets, similar to Candy Day.

Lion and PDG (Past District Governor) Gort inducted Amy Huerich and Dave Huerich into membership in the Club. Their sponsor was Lion Lee. Lion Lee has earned a Membership Key from Lions International for her sponsorship of new Lions.

Lion Rockwell made a report on the results of the Steer Roast. Lion Walters (R) made a report on Candy Day.

Lion Dietz (D) reported that Christmas Baskets would be delivered Saturday morning, December 3, 2011. Distribution would be from 7-10:00 AM, followed by breakfast at Whitney Street. The Club would pay for participating students. Members would pay for themselves.

There being no further nominations, by unanimous vote, the following officers were elected for 2012: President, Karl Molek; First Vice President, Mary Dietz; Second Vice President, Jerry Morgan; Third Vice President Sheila Vleck; Secretary, Jim Rockwell; Treasurer, Cynthia Lee; Lion Tamer, Joe Kane; Tail Twister, Darlene Dorfler; Director, Patti Jarvis; Director, Don Dietz; Director, Keith Bitzinger; Director, Terry Rockenbach; Past President, Chris Brenner.

The Club meeting was suspended and a meeting of the Grayslake Lions Club Foundation was convened. The new Board of Directors of the Grayslake Lions Club were unanimously elected to the Board of Directors of the Grayslake Lions Club Foundation. The Grayslake Lions Club Foundation adjourned and the Club meeting reconvened.

Lion Walters (M) announced that the Club would be sponsoring a holiday party at Winchester House, in suite 3200, on December 10 at 10:30 AM. Contact Lion Marilyn and volunteer to assist.

The member 50/50 raffle was conducted and Lion Amy Heurich held the winning ticket worth \$48.

Lion Molek had a story for the good of the Club.

On motion by Lion Lee, Lion Huerick (D) seconding, the meeting adjourned at 8:42PM.