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# Between The Lions



Vernon Hills Lions Club — Chartered March 14 1983

## Officers 2008-2009

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Lion Valerie Kanuch

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### Director

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### Director

Lion Andy Toth, PDG

### Immediate PastPresident

Lion Gary Zabilka

## Presidents Message —

### New Beginnings

With the start of a promising new Lions year ahead, we have excitement about new members, new projects and the return of annual ones.

I would like to welcome our newest members, Gabriel Cotton sponsor Ed Mahoney, Melody Norman, Anne Maria Moore, Phil Monger and our new old member Cindy Moore sponsored by Gary Zabilka. and ask that each of our members take the opportunity to welcome them.

At our last board meeting I announced that I have been investigating the idea of hosting a “Farmers Market” here in Vernon Hills. It’s been sometime since the community has been able to shop in the open air market here and I believe that it will be welcomed back by the community. With planning and setting up vendors, summer of ‘09 will be the right time to bring the market back. I appreciate any input the membership has on this topic, and welcome suggestions or volunteers. This will also be a wonderful opportunity for our club to have some exposure in our area if we set up our own “brag” booth.

Its time to gear up to all our fall activities, Entertainment Books, Lions of Illinois Candy Day, The Blood Drive, Highway Cleanup and Oktober Fest. The E books are already available for pickup; please contact Lion Ed or Lion Andy for more information. This is a great fundraiser, one that has provided our club with a great deal of funds please do the best that you can!

Please take a moment or so to read the minutes of the meetings when you receive them from Secretary Lion Kathleen. They will keep you informed with club activities and events that you either may be interested in working or are desperately needed to work.

I have hope that our club will have a successful year, and invite all members to attend board meetings and encourage everyone to come to the general meetings.

The beginning of the year also brought some sadness to our club, with the passing of a long time and cherished member, Lion Bob Molitor. Better then a year ago, Lion Bobs brother had been diagnosed with cardiac problems that required open heart surgery. Because they were twins it was suggested that he also see a cardiologist and was found to suffer the same diagnosis as his twin. During those tests doctors diagnosed him with Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. Lion Bob went thru chemo therapy and was doing quite well, anxiously waiting to be well enough to have the cardiac surgery. In July he suffered complications that are believed to be related to the original cardiac problem spending about a week in the hospital. The day that he was promised to go home, Lion Bob collapsed and never regained consciousness. It was a sad time for our club, Lion Bobs, great sense of humor, keen wit and concern for others will missed by all of us.

Lion Val



**We Serve**



# LION HUMOR

## Secret of a Happy Marriage

A man and woman had been married for more than 60 years. They had shared everything. They had talked about everything. They had kept no secrets from each other except that the little old woman had a shoe box in the top of her closet that she had cautioned her husband never to open or ask her

For all of these years, he had never thought about the box, but one day the little old woman got very sick and the doctor said she would not recover.

In trying to sort out their affairs, the little old man took down the shoe box and took it to his wife's bedside. She agreed that it was time that he should know what was in the box. When he opened it, he found two crocheted dolls and a stack of money totaling \$95,000.

He asked her about the contents. 'When we were to be married,' she said, 'my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was to never argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doll.'

The little old man was so moved; he had to fight back tears. Only two precious dolls were in the box. She had only been angry with him two times in all those years of living and loving. He almost burst with happiness. 'Honey,' he said, 'that explains the dolls, but what about all of this money? Where did it come from?'

'Oh,' she said, 'that's the money I made from selling the dolls.'

## CLUB & DISTRICT 1-F EVENTS

### September 2008

- 6 8:00 AM Board Meeting - Larry Laschen Community Center  
Clean-Up The Highway after the mtg.
- 17 7:00PM General Meeting - Larry Laschen Community Center
- 20 Blood Drive - 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM  
Larry Laschen Community Center

### October 2008

- 4 8:00 AM Board Meeting - Larry Laschen Community Center
- 4 Octoberfest - Metra Parking Lot  
3:00 - 10:00 PM
- 10&11 LIF Candy Day
- 15 7:00PM General Meeting - Larry Laschen Community Center

## Happy Anniversary

- Lion Cathy Byrne - 7 years
- Lion Vadim Lovinsky - 7 years
- Lion Valerie Kanuch - 4 years



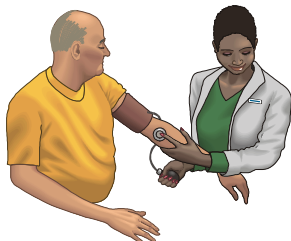
## Happy Birthday

- 9/9 Lion Cathy Byrne
- 9/19 Lion Mike Meline
- 9/21 Lion Andy Toth
- 9/29 Lion John Blackburn

## Blood Drive

September 20th  
8 AM - 3 PM

Larry Laschen Community Center



- 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM - Make coffee, setup snacks, chill juice & assist donors
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Assist donors
- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Pick-up & setup lunch and assist donors
- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Assist donors, clean up & pack up supplies.

For sign up contact Lion Gary  
847-438-3808

## Profile of a New Lion Gabriel Cotton



Lion Gabriel grew up in Waukegan. There Gabriel was known as a speedster on the track field, football field and baseball field. After his many high school athletic achievements he continued to show off his skills at Tuskegee University. After college he settled down in Vernon Hills.

Gabriel and his wife Jean are enjoying the athletic and scholastic achievements of their youngest child, also a "Gabriel".

Lion Gabriel has been active in the community for quite some time starting with volunteering as a Cubs Scout Leader. In recent years, he volunteered his time and mentoring skills to young boys as a coach with the Vernon Hills Athletic baseball and football programs. Because of his love of track, he also was an assistant coach for the Hawthorn Middle School boys track team. This year several of his boys went down state to Springfield to participate in State Finals. "Go Eagles!"

Gabriel's love of people and helping nurture others always brings smiles to the faces of many who know him. Becoming a Lion and all the facets that Lionism means to the community is right up his alley. He's looking forward to helping the Lion's efforts and bringing a youthful exuberance to the Lion's community.

Before officially becoming a Lion, Gabriel attended the District 1-F Convention where surprisingly he met his aunt, Lion Molly Penny, President of the Waukegan Uptown Lions.

Gabriel hit the ground running with his athletic energy and personal enthusiasm for the Vernon Hills Lions by participating in the July 4th Parade with his son Gabriel, helping cook at the Splash Party and selling Entertainment Books at Sam's Club.

## F.Y.I.

- At the August General meeting the club was honored by the presence of potential members Gail Herrmann, Amber Martinez and Diane Schiappacasse. They picked the right time to participate in their second event, a General Meeting Ice Cream Social.
- The Club received \$2,500 for working Libertyville Days.
- The Club received \$200 for selling Beer Tickets at the Vernon Hills Summer Celebration.
- The Club received \$325 for cooking and serving hot dogs, brats, hamburgers, veggie burgers & chicken at the Vernon Hills Park District Splash Party.
- The Club will be "Cleaning Up the Highway" immediately following the Board Meeting on Saturday, September 6th. It will take approximately 1/2 hour working an area on the East side of Rt.21 from Circle Drive, north of Rt.60, to Executive Way, south of Rt.60. For more information, Call Lion John.



## The "Pigs" are restless and trying to jump out of their pen ready to race.



**Event: District 1-F Annual Pig Pen Derby**

**Where: The Barn of Barrington**

**When: Friday, October 24th, 2008**

**Time: Fun begins at 6:15 PM**

**Tickets are \$29 for an excellent buffet dinner.**

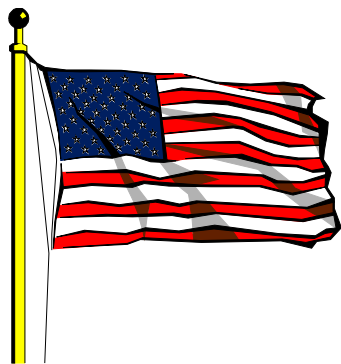


# Village of Vernon Hills 4th of July Parade

Photos by Lion Gary



**Everybody Loves a Parade  
and so do the  
Vernon Hills Lions**



# Vernon Hills Lions Helping at the Vernon Hills Park District Splash Party

Photos by Lion Kathleen



The 2nd shift getting set to take over.  
L to R Lion Linda, Volunteer Scott (friend of Lion Kathleen),  
Lions Gary and Cindy with Lion Val giving instructions



Lions Don and Gabriel following the Lions motto "We Serve" as they work the grill and serve up hot dogs, brats, hamburgers and chicken.



Immediate Past President Lion Gary and  
President Lion Val doing what they do best,  
promoting the Vernon Hills Lions Club.  
(Editors note: Great Smiles Lions)



Volunteer Scott and Lion Gary receiving  
instructions on the use of a meat  
thermometer



Lion Ed getting tips from Lion President Val on how  
to do the four corner wrap of a hamburger.