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BETWEEN THE LIONS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays fellow Lions!

I hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving and survived "Black Friday" if they dared to go shopping.

The holiday season is upon us and there is so much to do and think about. Have you already made your "to do" lists? Shopping lists? As adults we don't think too much about what will be under the tree for us, or tell people what we wish to receive. As Lions, our thoughts turn to those who need. Those who need services for vision and hearing, or those at the Women's Shelter that have only the clothes on their backs and whatever they could grab on their escape out of a horrible domestic situation.

This year we will continue our tradition of providing gifts for the children and women of our local domestic abuse center, A Safe Place. On pages 3 & 4 you will find their holiday wish list as well as the general needs list. It lists so many items that we probably take for granted. I would ask everyone to be as generous as their means will allow. Someone once said "Give until it feels good", but really, that's what Lions do everyday.

We will have our traditional holiday party at the den on Saturday, December 10th. I hope everyone has RSVP'd to Lion Don's evite and indicate if you will be bringing an appetizer or dessert. We will be playing some type of game that is sure to be fun, rest assured it will not be naked Twister LOL.

Our next board meeting is coming up on Saturday, December 2nd. If you have not already turned in money and/or Entertainment books, please come to the board meeting and "settle". We need to wrap up this service project before the holidays.

We've had a great first half of the Lion year and I'm looking forward to the 2nd half. I wish you and your families a Peaceful, Healthy, Happy Holiday Season. Safe travels to those visiting friends & relatives out of town.

*Yours in Lionism,
Lion Kathleen*





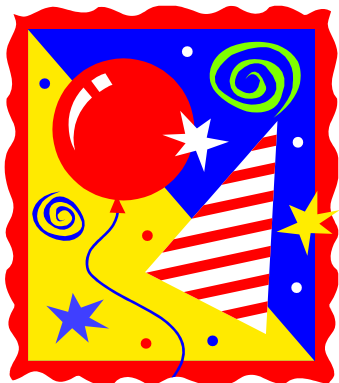
**Happy Belated November
Birthday to:
Kathleen Marusich
Nov 6th**

**December Birthdays:
Karen Dahl—Dec. 6th
Gabriel Cotton—Dec. 10th**

**Happy Lion
Anniversary:**

**November:
Rich Leber—19 yrs.
Jeff Fougerousse—2 yrs.**

**December:
Laura Jurey—6 yrs.**



U PCOMING EVENTS...

December

3rd Board meeting 8 am
10th Club Holiday Party
No General meeting this month

January

7th Board meeting 8 am
18th General meeting 7 pm
21st Blood Drive 8am—3pm

These events are all at the Larry
Laschen Center, 294 Evergreen Dr.,
Vernon Hills

Support your Local Lions Clubs:

Libertyville Lions

(our sponsoring club!)

Annual Pancake Breakfast w/Santa

Libertyville High School

Sunday, December 11th

8:00 am to 1:00 pm

\$6/person, under 5 yrs. is free

Gagewood Lions

Christmas Tree Sales

Sat. Nov. 26th thru Dec. 23rd

Route 120 & Route 45

Grayslake (next to McDonalds)

A Safe Place Holiday Wish List

Gifts Items for Children & Teens

- ◆ Building Blocks & Toys
- ◆ Scooters
- ◆ Art Supplies
- ◆ Craft Kits & Science Kits
- ◆ DVDS (non-violent family movies)
- ◆ DVD Players
- ◆ Digital camera
- ◆ Video Games (non-violent)
- ◆ Game Systems (Play station, Wii, etc.)
- ◆ Hand Held Games
- ◆ Roller Blades
- ◆ Skate Boards
- ◆ MP3 players
- ◆ Basketballs, Soccer Balls, Softballs, etc.
- ◆ Gift cards (Walmart, Target, K-Mart, etc.)
- ◆ Puppets (adult people, children, animals)

Clothing:

- ◆ New winter attire & outerwear in all sizes: Infant, child, teen sizes (boys& girls), women's.
- ◆ New shoes, boots & slippers for women, boys & girls—all sizes
- ◆ Pajamas, Robes—All sizes

Other Holiday Items:

- ◆ Wrapping paper, tape, bows
- ◆ Tags, gift bags, gift boxes
- ◆ Laundry baskets, large plastic storage tubs, hangers

***Note: Please do not wrap the gifts**

Gift Items for Women

- ◆ Blankets & comforters (twin size)
- ◆ Pillows
- ◆ Jewelry
- ◆ Perfume
- ◆ Digital camera
- ◆ Bath products & toiletries
- ◆ Toaster
- ◆ Coffeemakers
- ◆ Curling Irons, Hair accessories
- ◆ Towels, wash cloths
- ◆ Shower curtains, liners & hooks
- ◆ New pots & pans
- ◆ Gift Cards (Walmart, Jewel, Walgreens, Dollar Tree, IKEA, MasterCard, Visa)
- ◆ Kitchenware (glasses, flatware, dishes, etc.)
- ◆ New bras & underwear
- ◆ Candles
- ◆ Decorative items

Food

- ◆ Gift certificates for Jewel, Aldi, etc.
- ◆ Pasta, rice & stuffing mixes
- ◆ Pasta sauces
- ◆ Macaroni & cheese
- ◆ Dessert mixes
- ◆ Cereal (hot & cold)
- ◆ Frozen turkeys (must be kept frozen upon receipt)
- ◆ Crackers
- ◆ Gravy
- ◆ Cranberry Sauce



General Wish List

General Household Needs

Cell Phone
Dish Soap *
Gas Gift Cards *
Laundry Supplies
Liquid Hand Soap
Paper Towels *
Bed sheets- twin size only
Pillow cases
Pillows *
Plastic Eating Utensils
Plastic Tumblers
Toilet Paper *
Towels and Washcloths
Trash Bags (large sizes) *
60W Energy Saving Light Bulbs
Hand held vacuum

Office Supplies

1 or 1.5 inch binders *
White out *
Tape
Copy paper
Astro bright copy paper
Scissors
Computers/Monitors
Flat Panel Computer Monitors
Legal pads

Books

Adult novels
Young readers books (ex: Harry Potter)
Spanish adult novels
Spanish children's books
Spanish young readers books

Children's needs:

Diapers—especially sizes 5 & 6
Baby formula
Baby wipes, lotion, powder, shampoo
Diaper rash ointment
Vaseline
New Underwear
New Socks

Women's needs

Deodorant*
New Bras*
New Underwear*
New Pajamas & robes
New Socks
Ladies Shaving cream

Art Supplies:

Fabric paint/fabric markers
Glitter
Pipe cleaners
Foam shapes
Plain white t-shirts (adult & youth)
Votive holders
Tea lights
Empty lipstick tubes

Play & Art Therapy supplies:

Puppets (adult people, children, animals)
Play sand (in 10# bags)
Under the bed storage containers
Dollhouse figures
"Happy Meal" toys



A Safe Place

TRANSFORMING LIVES AFTER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Lions on the International Scene ... what's going on in the rest of the world



If you go to www.lionsclubs.org and click on the yellow banded area "News & Events", go to Lions News Network And click on Videos. There are several videos that are very inspiring and remind us of why we became Lions.

We tried to play this at the November general meeting, but experienced technical difficulties. please cut & paste this into your internet browser: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/Inn/video-view.php?c=1&id=50>

The Million Tree Planting Campaign

As of November 28th, there have been 5,952,945 trees planted. Why don't we plant something in the next planting season?

Lions Measles Initiative:

This year a goal of providing US\$15million for measles. To leverage support & help even more children, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is matching every US\$2 that Lions raise with US\$1 for a total of US\$5 million. This is the largest single donation in LCIF history!



Believe
That
One
Person
Can
Make A Difference

It starts with You!

International President Wing- Kun Tam

