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BETWEEN THE LIONS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Lion's Year to all! It's already August and we've been busy at work in our community. First, I would like to thank everyone who came out to help with the Vernon Hills Summer Celebration. We were busy the entire evening – checking ID's, selling tickets, making Mai Tai's and even helped serve a few beers! I would like to also thank my friends Shelly & Pat from the Lake Villa Lions club for coming to the rescue and working a shift.

A new Lion's year also brings dues notices. We've held the line there – so individual dues are \$95.00, our charter members (also lifetime) are \$56.00, for family units (The Frick's, Meline's & Moore's) are \$151.00. For your convenience these can be made payable in 2 installments – half now and the other half in January. Please give your check to the Treasurer as soon as possible. Our community service started off with our first blood drive back on July 9th. With the closing of the LifeSource office in Mundelein, our account rep thought it would be a great idea to have a July blood drive. So, we do what we do? Come together and make it happen! We collected 15 pints of blood. It might not sound like a lot but when you consider one pint of blood can save up to 3 lives – well we just helped 45 people! Good job everyone, thanks for helping out on a Saturday during a busy summer.

On Saturday, July 23rd, I was at Westfield Hawthorn to take part in the "Recycle-o-Rama" that was sponsored by the Village of Vernon Hills Park District & SWALCO. In the parking lot, there was a nice turn out for the electronics & paper recycling. Ask Tom Ritter how many pounds of electronics he lifted throughout the course of the day! Inside the mall, there were several displays regarding "Going Green". I met interesting people from various businesses & organizations that help make our homes green, our yards green, etc. Our brag board, along with several framed photos of eye glass & hearing aid recycling were displayed. Several pairs of eyeglasses & cases were collected along with a few cell phones. I have a few prospects for membership.

The 1st Annual Rib Fest is coming up on August 26 & 27th, at Big Bear Lake. We will be "serving" in the beer tent. I will have a signup sheet out at the August general meeting on the 17th. This is an important meeting as we need to approve the budget, have a few of you "installed" and go through a short program about serving & selling alcohol. I went through the full certification class on Sunday, July 31st and found it very informative.

Finally, the Circus is slated for September 16-18th and we need to get that promoted in the Community. I'm sure Lion Don aka the "ring master", will be planning a committee meeting soon. Please do whatever you can to help the success of this event.

I look forward to seeing you all at upcoming meetings & events.

Enjoy the rest of summer!

Lion Kathleen



Happy Belated Birthday to:

Len Smith—July 23rd

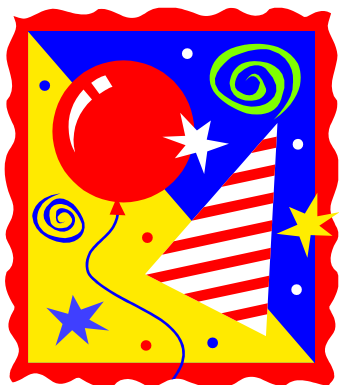
Amber Martinez—August 1st

Jeff Fougousse—August 3rd

Gary Zabilka—August 9th

**Happy Belated
JULY Anniversary :
3 Years**

**July 2008:
Amber Martinez
Anne Marie Moore
Melody Norman**



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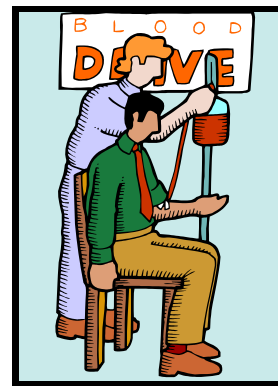


**The
Kelly Miller
Circus
Returns**

September

14 General Meeting 7 pm

16-18 Kelly Miller Circus



17 Blood
Drive 8-3



CIRCUS IS COMING TO VERNON HILLS



Fall is coming and so is the Circus! Once again this September our Club, is sponsoring the Kelly Miller Circus. They will be performing new acts and for the first time will be in Vernon Hills for three days: Friday, Sept 16, at 4:30 & 7:30, Saturday, Sept 17 & Sunday, Sept. 18 at 2:30 and 4:30pm. Tents and attractions will be set up in the Hawthorne Mall parking lot near Sears with the tent raising is on Friday at 8:30am. This pre-show event is a great free show; the public is invited..

There will be elephants, horses and a cast of international circus stars under a beautiful circus big top. Enjoying a day at the circus means more than just old-fashioned family fun. This event is a fund-raiser for our Club and what has become our premier event... what we are becoming known for. Buying tickets in advance means the public can save money as well as support the Lions Club's year-round projects, including eye glasses and hearing aids for needy families.

Advance tickets will be sold at the Village Hall (M-F), at the Sullivan Center (M-S) and at a kiosk in Hawthorne Mall (weekends).

LIONS ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE:

Opportunity to help with Tree Planting thru the Lake County Forest Preserve District

Saturday, September 17th 9am—Noon

Meet in parking lot on Monaville Rd., just east of Rt. 59 @9am
Grant Woods Forest Preserve in Lake Villa Township.
Contact Dominic via email dominic.marturano@gmail.com

Tree Planting Campaign

Help reach International President Tam's goal to plant a million trees this year. [Join the campaign >](#)



International President Wing- Kun Tam



International President's Theme



POLL

How will you participate in the tree planting campaign?

- Plan a club tree planting project
- Organize a community tree planting event
- Participate in a district project
- Work with a local Leo club to plant trees
- Other



4th of July Parade

Look at all these happy Lions!

Front row L to R:

Laura & Matthew Jurey, Mel Norman, Valerie Kanuch & Ashley Molitor...and our "rookie" Lion Randy Keeshin (great job, rookie!)

Back row L to R:

"Club Veterans" John Blackburn, Gary Zabilka, Len Smith, and Ashley's friend