

# THE LOMBARD LION TIMES REPORT

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## **CANDY DAYS!!**

Candy Days are here again. We will be out on the streets. You are welcome to collect any or all of the three days. Please let our Chairman Lion Jerry Bimber know where & when you be out on the street. He has candy and will gladly hand it out to you upon request. We are really gearing up for another great year but, we need your help. Some of us even think, if we make enough on Candy Day, we won't have to sell any calendars or raffle tickets this year so, get on out there and sell your brains out. As always, the club and anyone who sells candy for us are invited to breakfast at The Grove on Friday at 6:00 a.m. Lion Jerry or Lion Ernie will have candy available at breakfast.

### **Community Vision & Hearing program**

Lion Scott Tobey and I are reviewing and heading our community outreach program to help those in need of vision & hearing exams. Currently, we have 2 teenagers who need exams and probably glasses. We are trying a new program with Lenscrafters of America. They will sell us \$ 50.00 vouchers (good to purchase any glasses in the store worth up to \$ 90.00. The cost of the eye exam is between \$ 50.00 and \$ 80.00 dollars, bringing the total maximum cost to about \$ 130.00 for glasses & exam. We have been paying upwards of \$ 250.00 - \$ 300.00 for similar services in the past and are hoping the cost savings can help more people in our community, who are in need.

I will keep you all posted.

### **Where does it all go Department?**

Most of us already know where our money goes but, there are some of us in the club and a lot of people in the community who would like to know where all their donations go. Well, this past couple of months we sent \$ 2,000.00 to NEDSRA. They are a Special Recreational Association in North East DuPage County and they serve a lot of communities in our area. Currently Lombard has many residents, with special needs, who are continually receiving benefit from this organization and we have a long standing commitment to help them. Check out their website: [www.NEDSRA.org](http://www.NEDSRA.org)

We sent \$ 2,000.00 to RRAF This organization also has support services for people with special needs. They help people to become active participants in the work place as well as the community. They do a lot of work with vision impaired people and they are located right here in Lombard! Check out their website: [www.RRAF.org](http://www.RRAF.org).

We gave 4 scholarship grants to 4 different students in our local high schools, who are pursuing their education in the Special Education field or a related program, in college. The 4 scholarships totaled \$ 4,500.00. The criteria for this award to a student, includes, financial need, Special educational vocation and the student must reside in Lombard.

We donated \$ 150.00 to sponsor a boy scout troop in Lombard.

We donated \$ 600.00 to the Lombard Fire Department for the purchase of (4) Knox Boxes. Knox boxes are for residents who have some sort of physical disability and might not be able to let an emergency team into their home if needed. The box is placed on or near the front door of the resident's home and it holds a key for entry into the building. Only the Fire Department has a key, which can open the boxes.

**Soap Box:**

We are about to begin another year in Lionism together and I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to remember why you joined Lions in the first place. I hope that it was because you thought you could give something back to the community. Some of us live in Lombard, some work here, some have some sort of tie to the community, some joined because their friend was a member and you got tired of him/her bothering you to join and some joined because they had a family member or friend who once was helped out by the Lions. Whatever the reason, I want you to try and remember the oath you took to SERVE. Our motto is "WE SERVE". We need your help. I don't care how you help. You can work your tail off on Candy Day. You can raise enough money to knock Steve Kudulis and me out of the box for most Corporate money received. You can underwrite a couple of cases of candy. You can work all day on Pancake Day this year. You can put up or tear down the structure we use (Sarah's Shack) for Lilac Day. You can come and sell brats & hot dogs or get enough cotton candy in your hair to make you look like Bozo the clown. You can even give the club money (yes I mean CASH), if you don't want to do anything else, it's the least you can do to honor the commitment you made when you joined. And, if you don't want to do any of the above, please resign. We don't want you. **We want the Lion you promised to become!**

The calendar of our activities and meetings is on our website. [www.lombardlions.org](http://www.lombardlions.org) Please go there and check it out so, you will have no excuse why you didn't know what was going on or when it was going on. Please call or write me anytime you have a gripe or a suggestion for the newsletter. It is your club. Get involved!

See you at the first meeting in September, take care and God bless,  
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