

THE LOMBARD LION TIMES REPORT

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Community Vision & Hearing program:

We have given assistance to 1 more resident since my last report. This brings us to a total of 17 residents (adults & children) that we have helped this year alone.

So far we have spent \$850.00 on this budget. If we were still using the old system, helping 17 residents would have cost us approx. \$4,250.00.

We also have a request for assistance in obtaining hearing screening and possibly hearing aids for 2 senior residents. Some monies have been set aside for this portion of the program and if the financial need is there, we will see to it that these folks get the help they need.

New Member Department:

Lion Scott has asked me to remind all Lions to invite someone to a meeting as a perspective member. We need some new blood to infuse our shrinking roster. We need people who want to give back to the community and help those who are unable to help themselves. We need people who are willing to put in some time and effort enabling us in our fight against vision and hearing impairment.

Where we spend your money Department:

This month's board meeting saw us reviewing the Scholarship awards we offer every year. We have a \$ 1,500.00 scholarship, in the name of Lion Charlie Bolinger, presented to a student at Glenbard East. We have a \$ 1,000.00 scholarship, in the name of Lion Cal and Lois Defenbau, presented to another Glenbard East student. We have a \$ 1,000.00 scholarship, in the name of Lion Ross Caputo, presented to a student at Montini High. We have a \$ 1,000.00 scholarship, in the name of Lion Ray Jurgensen, presented to a student at Willowbrook High. A student is eligible to receive a scholarship if he/she meets the criteria. The student must live in Lombard, have need of financial assistance and either have a vision or hearing impairment or plans on attending college to earn a degree that will in some way assist the vision or hearing impaired or any other disability.

We are also planning on sending 3 students (at a cost of about \$ 675.00) to the World Affairs Seminar in Whitewater WI again this year. More on this later.

Calendar of Events:

The next big project on our calendar is the Lilac Festival and our Brat & Hot Dog stand at Mr. Z's on Main Street on Sunday May 15th.

Now, we need volunteers to help set up Sarah's Shack at Mr. Z's on Saturday, May 14. Volunteers will meet at Lion Geoge Rentz's business (Villa Park Auto Body, 100 S. Villa Avenue) at 10:00 a.m. to pick up the stuff and then on to Mr. Z's (about 10:45 a.m.) to set it up.

We will need help all day on Sunday, May 15 at Mr. Z's to work the Brat & Hot Dog stand. We need people to help in many areas of the stand so, don't be shy about attending. Then after the parade is over, WE NEED YOUNG VOLUNTEERS to help tear the shack apart and put it into storage again. I am imploring some or all of you younger guys to come out after the parade to help us tear it down and put it away. It is getting harder every year for the guys (over 50) to clean up. Especially, since most of them work the entire day at the parade and are dragging at the end of it. You guys all signed up to this club to help on projects. Well, this is where we need you now so, PLEASE come out and help us.

I would like to take this opportunity to plead for you to get involved in this project once again. I don't mean stop by and buy a brat or hot dog and then go back to your folding chair on the parade route and enjoy the parade. I mean come on out and help for 2-3 hours and see what your fellow Lions are doing. Yes, it can be hard work but it is also a lot of fun and the fellowship is really great. If you are new to the club or have been a member for a while but never come out to projects, this is the one time you should decide to attend. If you really want to get to know your fellow Lions. and feel like you are doing something worth your membership, then get involved in this project. It is almost as important as your attendance during Candy Days in the fall.

Installation Dinner and Golf Outing:

Monday June 6th is our annual Golf outing and Installation Dinner. Please plan on attending. It is held every year at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. Golf usually starts around 11 a.m. and the festivities later include cocktails at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm. The dinner is usually excellent as we have a Pig Roast, Barbecue Ribs and all the trimmings and fixings that go along with it. Please advise Lion Ross Caputo of your intentions on attending and whether or not you will be there with your wife, girlfriend etc.

As always, the calendar of our activities and meetings is on our website. 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 next meeting, take care and God bless,

Lion Dom