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# Lions Share

*Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974*

The Official Newsletter of the Lions of Illinois Foundation

## NEW THIS YEAR

SUGAR FREE  
SUCKERS  
3# or 15#  
Boxes

Traditional Winter Green Rolls are also available. Please see ordering form inside .

Please contact your district trustee to pick up your Candy at your Candy Day Jamboree.

## Candy Day 2019



## Begins October 11th!

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Auctions**Wine Pull**\$500**Raffle***SEPTEMBER 27, 2019****DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON LISLE NAPERVILLE****3003 CORPORATE W. DR., LISLE, IL 60532***Cocktail Hour 6pm-7pm Dinner to follow***Tickets Still Available**

Contact LIF Office to reserve your seat

*Key Note Speaker**Kyle Schulze**Former  
Camper and  
Counselor  
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# HELLO FELLOW LIONS

By LIF President Chip Farrington, PDG

Fellow Lions,

*Hello Fellow Lions. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Chip Farrington from 1-CS, the biggest little district in the state. I live in Thompsonville, Illinois, a village of almost 500 people. We don't even have a stop light!*

*I am your new Foundation President this year. I am hoping to meet many lions this year. I hope to meet some of you at our LIF Roar-N-Car Show on September 14<sup>th</sup>, and also at our LIF GALA on September 27<sup>th</sup>. In Lisle, Illinois.*

*I want to thank you for your trust in me as your new Lions of Illinois Foundation President. This is going to be a learning experience for me and any support you can offer me will be greatly appreciated.*

*We have several programs that I would like to see increased and improved this year. With your support, I can see improvements in these programs.*

*Lion "Butch" Guennewig, PDG, IPFP, has left me with an orderly and coordinated Lions of Illinois Foundation. Thank you "Butch"...*

*Yours in Lionism,*

*Lion Chip Farrington, PDG  
LIF President, 2019-2020*



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

<b>September 14, 2019</b>	<b>LIF Car Show</b> <i>Hy-Vee 2700 DeKalb Ave, Sycamore, IL</i>
<b>September 27, 2019</b>	<b>LIF Gala, Hilton/Lisle Naperville</b> <i>3003 Corporate W. Drive. Lisle, IL 60532</i>
<b>September 30, October 1, 2019</b>	<b>Jacksonville Low-Vision Clinic</b>
<b>October 11-12, 2019</b>	<b>Lions Candy Day</b>

## ADULT LOW VISION - ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY

### Welcomes Two New Partners

**Second Sense**-Chicago

*Second Sense is celebrating 71 years of service to adults with vision loss*

**Education Center for the Visually Impaired**-Springfield

*Their Mission is to provide high quality education and training for people who are blind or visually impaired*



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# PEARLE VISION™

Pearle Vision partners with Lions of Illinois Foundation to offer Lions Clubs our **“Sight Pass”** Vision Program. Pearle Vision Sight Pass makes vision assistance possible by offering Vision Testing and Glasses at reduced costs to Lions Clubs and their communities. Contact Denise Thirtle in the Social Services Department at the Foundation Office to find out more about how the Pearle Vision **“SIGHT PASS”** can bring the gift of sight to people with vision needs. [dthirtle@lifnd.org](mailto:dthirtle@lifnd.org) or call 815-756-5633 x 222

## 2018 CANDY DAY WINNERS

### 2018 Candy Day Club Awards

State Contributor Trophy- Darien Lions Club 1-J \$27,499.56  
 State Recognition Trophy- Vernon Hills Lions Club 1-F \$454.55  
 per member

### 100% Clubs

1<sup>st</sup> place- Itasca Lions Club 1-J \$5000.00  
 2<sup>nd</sup> place- Highland Lions Club 1-G \$3,735.93  
 3<sup>rd</sup> place- Roselle Lions Club 1-J \$3,000.00  
 4<sup>th</sup> place- Polo Lions Club 1-D \$2,692.96  
 5<sup>th</sup> place- Casey Lions Club 1-M \$2,530.39

### 60% Clubs

1<sup>st</sup> place- Darien Lions Club 1-J \$14,695.89  
 2<sup>nd</sup> place- Vernon Hills Lions Club 1-F \$10,000.00  
 Chicago Beverly Ridge Lions Club 1-A \$12,764.59  
 3<sup>rd</sup> place- Chicago Beverly Ridge Lions Club 1-A \$6,300.00  
 4<sup>th</sup> place- Morris Lions Club 1-BK \$4,645.00  
 5<sup>th</sup> place- Sycamore Lions Club 1-J \$4,000.00

### District 1-A

Small Club Award- LaGrange Highland Lions Club  
 Medium Club Award- Chicago Beverly Ridge Lions Club  
 Large Club Award- Stickney Forrest View Lions Club

### District 1-BK

Small Club Award- Spring Valley Lions Club  
 Medium Club Award- Dwight Lions Club  
 Large Club Award- Morris Lions Club

### District 1-CN

Small Club Award- Olney Lions Club  
 Medium Club Award- Collinsville Evening Lions Club  
 Large Club Award- Waterloo Lions Club

### District 1-CS

Small Club Award- Murphysboro Lions Club  
 Medium Club Award- Chester Lions Club  
 Large Club Award- Red Bud Lions Club

### District 1-D

Small Club Award- Rochelle Lions Club  
 Medium Club Award- Roscoe Lions Club  
 Large Club Award- Polo Lions Club

### District 1-F

Small Club Award- Elk Grove Lions Club  
 Medium Club Award- Vernon Hills Lions Club  
 Large Club Award- Antioch Lions Club

### District 1-G

Small Club Award- Palmyra Lions Club  
 Medium Club Award- Wood River Lions Club  
 Large Club Award- Highland Lions Club

### District 1-H

Small Club Award- Carrollton Lions Club  
 Medium Club Award- Wood River Lions Club  
 Large Club Award- Highland Lions Club

### District 1-J

Small Club Award- Lombard Lions Club  
 Medium Club Award- Union Lions Club  
 Large Club Award- Darien Lions Club

### District 1-M

Small Club Award- Tolono Lions Club  
 Medium Club Award- Mattoon Lions Club  
 Large Club Award- NQ (None Qualify)

CAMP LIONS SUMMER



**“Pictures Speak a Thousand Words”**

We had a lot of excitement this year, Reynoldswood in Dixon hosted our June youth camp this year and East Bay HoH Deaf week received a surprise visit by Kyle Schulze, “DEAF NINJA” American Ninja Warrior contestant and former Camp Lions Camper and Counselor.

We hosted over 180 Campers this year, 45 had never been to Camp Lions.

Thank you to all of the Clubs who came out for our Treat Nights and Open Houses.

A Special Thank you to **Chicago Eagles Wings Lions Club** who sponsored our T-Shirts, Water bottles and Backpacks this year. Campers are looking forward to Camp Lions 2020. See you next Year!

**Thank You**  
**To all of the**  
**Lions who**  
**donated to**  
**Camp Lions**  
**Summer**  
**Camp**  
**2019**



# 26th Annual Golf Classic Recap



Thank You to all of our Players, Sponsors and Volunteers

The Lions of Illinois Foundation 26<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Classic took place on Saturday, August.3, 2019. The classic had 33 foursomes, great weather and a whole lot of fun for the golfers. The Classic netted \$6,800.00 towards your Lions of Illinois Foundation Student's Low Vision Program. We had winners on the golf course and of course, the biggest winners are the 300 student's that go through our Low Vision Program each year. The Lions of Illinois Foundation would like to thank you for your participation whether you sponsored a hole, volunteered to help on the course, or played a round of golf. Please remember to mark your calendars for next year's outing, which will take place on Saturday, August 1, 2020, at Senica's Oak Ridge Golf Course in LaSalle, IL.

**Flight A:**  
**First Place**-Ottawa Lions Club-1-BK  
 Score 56  
**Second Place**-Sycamore Lions Club-1-J  
 Score 58  
**Third Place**-Channahon Lions Club-1-BK  
 Score 61  
**Third Place**-Bolingbrook Lions Club-1-BK  
 Score 61



**Flight B:**  
**First Place**-Thornton Lions Club-1-A  
 Score 69  
**Second Place**-Elgin Lions Club-1-J  
 Score 69  
**Third Place**-Lorraine Lions Club-1-G  
 Score 70



<b>Men's Closest to the Pin</b> Chuck Allelman	<b>Women's Closest to the Pin</b> Margaret Hegber
<b>Men's Straightest Drive</b> Rich Brann	<b>Women's Straightest Drive</b> D.G. Joni McMillan
<b>Men's Longest Putt</b> John L. O'Brien, PDG	<b>Women's Longest Putt</b> Debra Obmascik
<b>Men's Longest Drive</b> Matt Groesch	<b>Women's Longest Drive</b> Stacy Groesch

# JUNE and JULY 2019 TRIBUTE DONATIONS

## Memorials

### Linda Braun

- New Athens Lions Club

### Larry "Paul" Bales

- Leann Brackney

### Don Forni

- Geneva Lions Club

### Joe Denton

- Leann Brackney

### Angelo "Ginger" Troiani

- Joe Schwab & Ingrid Kubitz
- John Dianis

### Peter Ferracuti

- Ottawa Lions Club

### Bert Good

- Casey Lions Club

### Sandra "Sandy" Beck

- Dundee Township Lions Club

### Milton Maschow

- Dundee Township Lions Club

### Lorraine "Lori" Reyes

- Huntley Area Lions Club

### Ray Fitzgerald

- McHenry Lions Club

### Robert Wiley

- LaHarpe Lions Club

### Melvin Ihnen

- Golden Lions Club

### Victor Grove Heen

- Leonardi Insurance Agency, Inc.

### William Channell

- Willow Springs Lions Club

### Amy Newton

- Colleen Kramer

### Martin Leffner

- Huntley Area Lions Club

### Phyllis Riordon

- Ottawa Lions Club

### Geraldine Howard

- Gloria Dearborn

### Warren Tank

- Gagewood Lions Club

## Honors

### Nancy Rogers

- Smithton Lions Club

### Bob Block

- Cheryl Warshaw

### Larry Heaton

- Smithton Lions Club

## SEEING IS BELIEVING LOW VISION EVALUTATIONS FOR STUDENTS HAS BEGUN

The LIF "Seeing is Believing" Low Vision Program for Students provides a visually impaired child with the optical tools and training necessary to help prevent further vision loss or even blindness. But more importantly, these are the children we have promised to help by preserving what sight they have left. Their future is in our hands.

**In 1991 Lions made a pledge to the children of Illinois.**

**We believe that no child needs to face blindness as their future.**

**Please help to preserve that pledge with your donation.**

Enclosed is our check/money order to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ student (s) at a cost of \$290 each.  
Included is the cost of a vision screen & any optical tools youth are recommended or prescribed by the optometrist.

Amount of donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name/or Individual Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Address / Individual's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone number(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make your check payable to: LIF**

**We also accept credit cards, please call us.**

Submit form & donation to: **Phone: 815-756-5633**  
Lions of Illinois [LionsofIllinoisfoundation.org](http://LionsofIllinoisfoundation.org)  
Foundation [Facebook.com/LionsofIL](https://Facebook.com/LionsofIL)  
2254 Oakland Drive  
Sycamore, IL 60178



Remember we are not asking for a donation, we are asking for the opportunity to provide a student with low vision a chance to excel in school, in society, in job placement, and in their future.

**Please join us with your donation today.**

## Lions of Illinois Foundation Recycling Program Donation Form

Please complete **ALL** the information below to receive a thank you letter by email which can be used for tax purposes.  
The LIF is a non-profit charitable organization. Please note that the LIF does **NOT** count any donated items,  
so please fill out the quantities on this form to the best of your knowledge.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please clearly print the name of whom you want the thank you letter sent to below:**

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Number of used eyeglasses: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of hearing aids: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of ink cartridges: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of cell phones/chargers: \_\_\_\_\_ Pounds of metal keys: \_\_\_\_\_ Pounds of tabs: \_\_\_\_\_

Pounds of lighting wires/strings: \_\_\_\_\_ Other items: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose this form with your donation and send to:

**Lions of Illinois Foundation**, 2254 Oakland Drive, Sycamore, IL 60178

[lionsofillinoisfoundation.org](http://lionsofillinoisfoundation.org) 815-756-5633

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