

# The HEAD LION-ER



November/December/January 2006/07

*The sole meaning of life is to serve humanity.*



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Fellow Lions,

This has been a very successful 2006 for us. Our four major fund raisers: Turkey Trot, Car Raffle, Funnel Cakes, and Candy Day were all successful. We are very fortunate to have around \$130,000 to dispense from these four events. A huge THANKS to all who put in so many hours on these projects. A special THANK YOU to all of the CHAIRMEN who put in so many extra hours all year long getting permits, planning, ordering, attending meetings, etc. Now we have to disperse these funds. This is where everyone can help. Attend the Board meetings with your ideas and suggestions; after all, we can't support a project if we don't know about it.

Happy Holiday and Happy New Year. May 2007 surpass 2006 in everything good

*"WE SERVE". (Lion Paul Rewerts)*



## Club News and Guest Speakers

Cindy Harwood, an optometrist and colleague of Dr. Knotek, spoke to us about her trip to Honduras a few months ago. She related how her church group has been making this mission trip for the last 12 years

or so and about the work they do. This was Cindy's first trip. Once in Honduras, people broke up into different groups to help in different ways. Cindy worked with an optometrist from Florida. Cindy herself took about 2,000 pairs of glasses (sorted and labeled by prescription) that had been donated to the Lions with her. After she examined a patient, she would fit him/her with a pair of glasses from those she had brought with her. Cindy's work reaffirmed why we save glasses and help others and we were very fortunate to hear her story.

Thank you Cindy for the work that you do.



Pat Steiner, an optometrist and a Commander in the Naval Reserves, was our guest speaker at our Dec. 12 meeting. She was invited by her dentist Lion Bill Bleecker. She showed slides and talked about her mission trips to Thailand with the Armed Services. She has gone on three such trips which involve the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines.

These service men and women provide medical, dental and sight care along with many other services ranging from building bridges to veterinarian services. Commander Steiner used glasses donated to the Lions in her work in Thailand. Another good example of how the Lions, through caring people like Pat, are able to help people see better and live more productive lives.

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Guest speaker Joyce Houton gave a touching presentation about Bridge Communities. Bridge Communities is a dynamic, grassroots, non-profit organization committed to transforming the lives of homeless families through partnering with talented, resourceful individuals and groups in the community. Their program of housing, mentoring and empowering families focuses on moving them towards a goal of self-sufficiency.

### Our Mission

Bridge Communities is a non-profit 501c3 organization, with offices in Glen Ellyn whose mission is to:

- Inspire and effect change by advocating for homeless families.
- Provide services and opportunities that connect families to a better future.
- Collaborate with faith-based partners, community groups and businesses to leverage resources and create long-term solutions.
- Lead by example through our innovative programs and grassroots involvement.

Founded in 1988 by two community volunteers, Mark Milligan and Bob Wahlgren, Bridge has grown to become the largest transitional housing program in DuPage County. The majority of families they serve are single-parents with children; many are survivors of domestic violence. Through their mentoring program, Bridge provides families with the necessary life skills to function successfully in their community. Their two-year program provides additional training or academic opportunities to increase income and reduce debt.

Bridge Communities' volunteer mentor model is unique. The core of their model depends on partnering with local faith and community groups who sponsor families in housing and provide mentors to work directly with each family model and foster

change. Bridge provides additional resources including employment counseling, case management, and tutoring for children and adults in the program.

Homeless families are housed in the 12 apartment building that Bridge owns in DuPage County. They support 73 families and partner with 40 community and faith groups.

Bridge works closely with The Homeless Continuum of Care in DuPage County to identify unmet needs of homeless families and provide essential services to meet these needs.



### Candy Day information

- 18 people sold candy this year, a decrease of six from last year.
- We took in \$618.42 less than last year through street sales.
- Thanks to all who helped make this year a success.
- Total sales were \$5,198.46.

### Turkey Trot wrap up



With the help of over 150 volunteers the Naperville Noon Lions Club had its most successful Turkey Trot. Over 5000 runners participated on a wonderful Thanksgiving morning.

This is our most successful fundraiser of the year and plans are in the works to make it even better next year. 2007 will be our 10 Anniversary. I would like to know if anyone has run the race every year.

We are grateful to all the runners who

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start their Thanksgiving by running in our race. Their entry fees help us help so many people in need. This years event raised between 90 to 94, 000.

## Other Dates to Remember.....

Lion Rewerts will schedule quarterly meeting dates with Spring Meadows every quarter on the fourth Tuesday of the first month beginning in 2007.

Don't forget St. Baldricks Day on March 2. We need people for registration and to take money.



## For Fun!



- February 14-Sock hop dance begins at 6pm at Spring Meadows, costumes are welcome!!
- For all of you high rollers don't forget Casino night February 20.



To Lion Russ Freeland who is recovering from bypass surgery.

## November/December/January BIRTHDAYS AND SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

The following members have a birthday in November/December/January and they are:

Lion Wendy Miller-11/4

Lion Ed Chapman--11/10  
 Lion Julie Brown -11/25  
 Lion Rob Buchholz-12/22  
 Lion Gwen Brewer-1/9  
 Lion Clare Rickleff-1/24  
 Lion Kevin Ryan-1/27

The following members have a service anniversary in November/December/January and they are:

Lion Rick Butz-11/1  
 Lion Gwen Brewer-11/2  
 Lion Phil Barnum-11/6  
 Lion Jerry Hill-11/6  
 Lion Ollie Burrows-11/15  
 Lion Linda Lyon-11/15  
 Lion Glenn Behnke-11/28  
 Lion Kevin Ryan-12/1  
 Lion Clare Rickleff-12/5  
 Lion Paul Clevenger-12/6  
 Lion John Burke Jr.-12/12  
 Lion Maria Wilson-12/12  
 Lion Bert Notheisen-12/15  
 Lion Eric Gluck-1/1  
 Lion Meg Gluck-1/1  
 Lion Hal Scholle-1/1  
 Lion Russ Freeland-1/19  
 Lion Norma Patino-1/27  
 Lion Karen Maxwell-1/31

Best wishes and congratulations to these members. If your information is missing or incorrect please contact **Lion Jane Bowers** to make additions or corrections.



## REQUESTS

The following requests for donations were granted at the December board meeting:

- ✚ Social Services Cases 1794-1834 were approved.
- ✚ Lion Jordan noted that For Eyes has 20 "gifts of sight" which are 20 free eye exams and 20 glasses. Lion Jordan shared this with the Aurora clubs and Hessed House. They will be used on a first need/used basis.



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- 41 cases of which 36 were sight, 25 of those, children and of the hearing cases 2 were children.

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### DATES AND PROGRAMS TO REMEMBER

- Feb. 6- Noon Meeting at Angeli's
- Feb. 7- Lions Zone Meeting-TBD
- Feb. 13- Noon Meeting at Angeli's
- Feb. 20- Noon Meeting at Angeli's
- Feb. 27- Board Meeting at Beidelman-Kunsch, 7:30 a.m.  
Noon Meeting at Angeli's-Business Meeting
- Mar. 2- St. Baldrick's Evening-We work registration
- Mar. 6- Noon Meeting at Angeli's
- Mar. 13- Noon Meeting at Angeli's
- Mar. 20- Noon Meeting at Angeli's
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### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Club's income, expenses, and account balances as of November 30 were:

November Administrative Income	\$740
November Administrative Expense	\$1,207

November Charitable Income	\$69,909
November Charitable Expense	\$ 5,970
November Charitable Donations	<b>\$8,015</b>

General Account	\$2,447.23
Special Account	\$ 76,913.22
Special Account Money Market	\$43,056.18
Raffle Escrow Money Market	\$34,199.07
MidAmerica Account	\$209.83
Harold White Special Bond Fund	\$ 77,902.61

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### OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

#### Officers:

- President – Lion Paul Rewerts
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Lion Bill McManus
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Vacant
- Secretary – Lion Jane Bowers
- Treasurer – Lion Bill Bleecker
- 1-yr Director – Lion Gwen Brewer
- 1-yr Director – Lion Dave Speer
- 1-yr Director – Lion Jim Paul
- 2-yr Director – Lion Glenn Behnke
- 2-yr Director – Lion Don Brown
- Membership – Lion Maria Wilson

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### Appointed Positions and Committee Chairs:

- Dues Secretary – Lion John Burke
- Tail Twister – **Rotating**
- Lion Tamer – **At Large**
- Chaplain – **At Large**

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Social Services – Lion Bob Jordan  
Program Director – Lion Gwen Brewer  
Publicity – Lion Mike Hollman  
Hospitality – Lion Ollie Burrows  
Spaghetti Dinner – Lion Don Brown  
Ribfest – Lion Steve Hertzberg  
Candy Day – Lion Paul Rewerts  
Car Raffle – Lion Glenn Behnke  
Turkey Trot – Lion Bill McManus  
Sight & Sound – Lion Al Knotek  
Counter Mints – Lion Steve Hertzberg  
Youth Leadership – Lion Jim Paul  
Little Friends – **Vacant**  
Newsletter – Lion Teddi Abdallah  
Webmaster – Lion Rich Cullen

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