

Elkhart Lions Newsletter – August 2008

Lions Tales Newspaper Announces Special Sesquicentennial Edition

Our club's largest fundraising activity will have a special editorial focus this year, using the city's 150th anniversary in its content. But there will be significant twist to the paper's layout this year, newspaper committee personnel report.

The Lions Tales is printed in two sections. The first section will focus on Elkhart's past, with photos and articles detailing the city's formative years. Local historians and museums will be encouraged to provide material for this focus.

The second section will feature a 'Snapshot' of life in Elkhart today. This will be similar to the 'Day in the Life of...' photo and editorial features used elsewhere. For this, we will be turning to the people themselves to submit photos they take (digitally) that depict a 'typically' day from their perspective. In the planning stages is a contest, with divisions such as: Recreation, work, leisure, transportation, industry and other categories for entries to be submitted.

Space limitations may not allow all photos to be included in the Lions Tales, however the club's website will be utilized as a site for all contributions to be posted for public inspection. Members of the Elkhart Lions, as well as other local Lions clubs and other service clubs, and the community at large will be encouraged to submit photos for this effort. As details become more complete, they will be posted on our website and announced through local media.

Other News. . .

August 20 will bring the last "special" summer meeting...if this weren't incentive enough to attend, it will also be the annual Cub Flub meeting. There will be a quiz, and the Tail Twister will be in attendance, taking special note of who is there and who isn't...let's all make a special effort to attend.

The July meeting was a high-flying event for a number of reasons...most important being the location, the Elkhart Municipal Airport. We convened in a large hangar facing the most beautiful B – 17 you'll ever want to see. The EAA brought the aircraft to Elkhart for tours and ride opportunities. The Crew was the program, and Lion Bill Van Patten was instrumental in making this happen. The program was top – notch and we all got a chance to tour one of the most important machines of WWII...Hats off to Lion Bill...excellent job!!

Lion Nancy Carter has asked for volunteers for the September 6 Sesquicentennial Parade...she needs help with design and decoration as well as walkers. Please give her a call and help out.

And now, a word or two from our fearless leader:

Fellow Lions:

It's already August which means the time for Newspaper Ad Sales is "HERE". Those that have been active in selling ads in the past we need YOU again! I would also like to challenge each Lion in our club to sell at least 1-new ad this year. We say this year in and year out; one new ad by each Lion would generate a minimum of nearly \$5,000 in new sales, which translates to a lot of service to those that need us. As an incentive to go with this challenge all Lion's who sell one new ad for at least \$75.00, your name will go into a drawing whereby it could be drawn and I would personally reimburse you for your Lion's annual dues. SELL, SELL, SELL! For every new ad you sell, you get a chance to have your name drawn.

September 24th meeting we will host our District Governor, Sam Fryback and his wife, Marcia.

I cannot emphasize the importance of being able to keep yourself informed by utilizing the links within our website. www.elkhartlions.org Use it as a tool to give information about our Club to prospective members.

I asked a few (to get started) if they would not mind sharing one thing about themselves that very few members in the Club would know about them. Here's one of those responses:

When I was growing up I contracted Rheumatic Fever. I was bedridden for a year. During that year I went to school via telephone. I had a box in my bedroom [for homework] and the school had a box that my classmates would carry from class to class. It was a popular thing to carry ME around! Who am I? (The answer will be revealed by the Member at our meeting on August 20th)

Speaking of August 20th ... Club Flub Day! Don't miss it! See you then.

Lion Pres. Duane

p.s. - - Get involved in our/your Club. Make a difference and leave a legacy! As always, THANK YOU for your support.

Thus ends the August newsletter. PLEASE help me with content!!
(Lion Greg Dowsett)