



Lions Tales

January- 2009 Elkhart Lions Club

IMPORTANT DATES

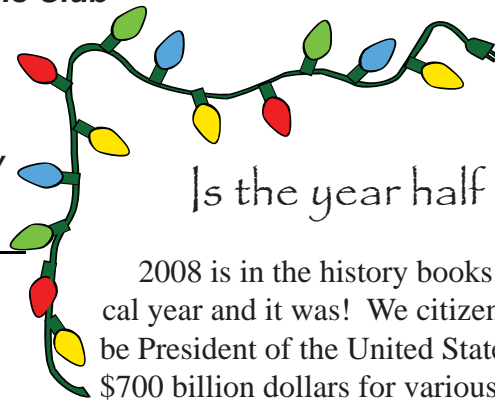
Unfortunately, we don't have confirmed program information for January yet. As we get the weekly program speakers confirmed, the website will be updated.

New Members-- It's not just another person's job

A great New Year's Resolution is for all members to bring a guest and prospective member to a meeting. Simply, identify someone you know who is not a member and would make a good member, invite them, and let us make the impression that membership in the Lions is one of the great rewards in life. Simple? Then let's do it!

Lions Tote Bags Available

Members are familiar with the flashlights we've been giving to guest speakers at our weekly meeting, so they can 'light their way with service' following their visit to our club. With the exhaustion of our flashlights, we decided on a new gift for speakers, a specially



Is the year half over, or half remaining?

2008 is in the history books. I told you all it would be a historical year and it was! We citizens elected the first African American to be President of the United States. We as a nation have allocated over \$700 billion dollars for various bailouts; we are now all shareholders of a very large insurance company; we are now shareholders of the three largest auto manufacturers and the beat goes on ... yes, 2008 was a historical year!

This is sort of a mini State of the Club Address and I want you to answer the following questions of yourself:

- 1) What did "I" do to make the Elkhart Lion's Club successful so far this fiscal year?
- 2) How many events, fund raisers or committees have "I" attended or served on to make our Club successful so far this fiscal year?
- 3) Have "I" decided upon what legacy "I" will be remembered for as it related to our Club in this fiscal year?
- 4) Have "I" done anything to change the old "Status Quo" so far this fiscal year?
- 5) What message have "I" sent to our new members so far this fiscal year?

Answer those questions. Just because you were active at one time or another doesn't mean you can skate through. We ALL need to be pulling the cart in the same direction. Let us labor on our successes so far this fiscal year and make a strong finish by July 2009!

Happy New Year to All. Thank you for your time, efforts, and continued support on our of "WE SERVE"

Lion President Duane



designed 'tote bag', popularized by local grocery and department stores as an option to paper or plastic bags. These bags will also be offered to members for purchase. The exact price has not been determined, but will be announced shortly on our website and meetings.

Band Night Report

The downturn in the local economy was certainly felt this year when our Lions band made its rounds to local eateries and pubs. The music was as bountiful as ever, but the donations slipped to \$630, the first time receipts were less than \$1000 in many years.