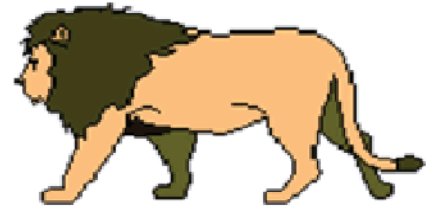


LIONS TALES



July- 2008 Elkhart Lions Club

IMPORTANT DATES

SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE

Here are the dates of the remaining summer meetings.

July 23 & August 21

July 19

District 25-G Banner Night, Plymouth

July 22

Bake Sale at Band Concert (see article on next page)

July 23

Meeting at Elkhart Airport, meet at EAA building next to control tower on CR 6, 12 noon.

August 6

District 25-G Golf Tournament, Maxwellton Golf Course, Syracuse

August 7

Board Meeting, Lions Den, Noon

August 20

Cub Flub Day - Noon, Matterhorn

August 23

District 25-G Cabinet Mtg., Culver



July Meeting Date, Location Changed

As imposing as the graphic is above, it will be more impressive when you get to stand next to the real thing! On July 22 & 23, one of the few remaining flying B-17 bombers, nicknamed the 'Aluminum Overcast', will be at the Elkhart Municipal Airport. Sponsored by the local EAA chapter, you can also schedule a flight in this historic 'Flying Fortress' (For details, call 800-359-6217).

HERE's the GREAT NEWS- The date for our special July meeting has been CHANGED to Wednesday, July 23 (not July 16 as originally planned). And, our meeting will be at the airport's EAA clubhouse (immediately adjacent to the control tower. Show up at the regular time (Noon) at the Control Tower. You will be directed from there. We are attempting to have tours available. There may be a \$5 per person charge, however, we hope to have part, if not all, of that waived.

More Important 'Stuff' to Keep in Mind

● Dues statements were recently mailed to all members. Please respond promptly and be sure to return the member information form if your listing in the directory needs any changes.

● Cub Flub day will be August 20. It was supposed to be earlier, but remember, it's a 'cub flub' event!

● Our STRIDES Walk for

Diabetes Awareness will be Sunday, Sept. 21. Be sure to reserve this date and plan on volunteering. Bill Loftus is our chairman and can be contacted if you want to get involved.

● Plans are being made for our entry in the city's 150th anniversary parade later this year. Contact Nancy Carter if you can assist in this planning effort.

From the President-

Lions:

Words to live by as Lion's, especially Elkhart Lion's! WE SERVE...STATUS QUO IS A NO-NO...GET INVOLVED! WHAT GOT US TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY IS NOT ENOUGH TO KEEP US THERE TOMORROW. SERVICE...BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION NOT THE PROBLEM...HELP ME, HELP YOU...SEE THE SMILES AND HEAR IN THE THANK YOU'S OF THOSE THAT WE SERVE. IF WE CAN PREVENT ONE PERSON FROM GOING BLIND WE WILL COUNT OUR TIME AS LION'S A BLESSING. PLAN YOUR WORK-WORK YOUR PLAN. LET'S LEAVE A LEGACY THAT ALL LION'S CAN BE PROUD OF. WHAT WOULD YOU ATTEMPT TO DO IF YOU KNEW YOU COULD NOT FAIL? PEOPLE WILL FORGET WHAT YOU DID, PEOPLE MAY FORGET WHAT YOU SAID, BUT THEY WILL NEVER FORGET HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL. LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY!

Some updates from our July Board meeting: The Board voted

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Rhapsody Nets \$500+

An early rain shower during the Sunday portion of this project didn't hurt our water sales as by that time we had already sold out. Even with increased competition, Lions were able to persuade Rhapsody attendees that our product was a superior alternative.

and we will be moving our July meeting to July 23rd and it will be at the Elkhart Airport. Park near where the Control Tower is located and a Lion will be there to usher you to our venue. This meeting will showcase the "Aluminum Overcast", and a tour thereof. The Aluminum Overcast is a WWII era B-17 with combat experience.

The Board received a petition with several member names requesting that our meeting venue

be changed to Christiana Creek (the Elk's). A motion was made to research this more thoroughly and bring a recommendation to the general membership to vote upon once our contract with the Matterhorn is up. (May 2009)

A special "THANKS" to Lion Jack Goodman and Lion Marty Juel for their hard work with the eyeglass reading, cleaning and collection program. Also, THANKS to all of the volunteers who were

able to stop by Lion Jack's house to help! The Board voted in favor of pursuing the Community Service Project involving Veteran's Memorial Bridge Flagpole. If this is a project that you feel is near and dear to your heart contact 2nd VP Lion Karin Frey or Lion Chuck Stenberg for more information. Club Flub will be held during our August meeting on the 20th. Watch for more information. The lead on this is Lion Chuck Stenberg.



Chicken Sale Profits Exceed \$1200

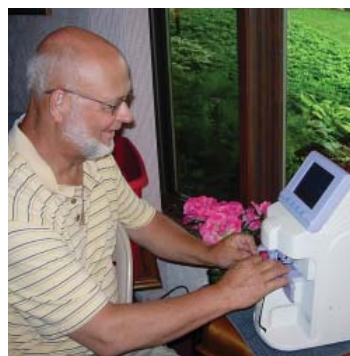
Even with our chicken sale location closer to Bristol than our traditional Elkhart locations, we managed to sell all our chicken and nearly all the 'tasty taters' that hit our menu for the first time. (For lessons on how to 'cross sell' these profit-busters, take a lesson from Jeannie Valencourt.) Of course, it sure helps when the weather is sunny and warm, allowing the flavor-filled smoke to penetrate the area around the sale location. Consideration is given to holding two sales (Summer & Fall), holding each sale to one location only to maximize the use of our manpower



Club President Duane Klein learns first-hand the steps required to 'scribe', or write lens prescriptions on the plastic envelopes containing eyeglasses. Boxes in the background are used to further sort glasses in preparation for sending to our Mexican mission site this fall.

Eyeglass Recycling Sees Increase in Activity

This past month, members met on several occasions to process eyeglasses that have been collected, cleaned, read and sorted.



Jack Goodman, chairman of the Elkhart Lions Club Eyeglass Recycling Project, demonstrates the lensometer we purchased this past year to read used eyeglasses.

The glasses are consequently taken to a central location for the District 25-G mission group for further sorting prior to being shipped to Penjamo, the site for this year's mission in Mexico. During a few days late in June, over 2300 pair of glasses

were processed, bringing to 6400 pair the number that we've handled since purchasing our lensometer last year. Members who would like to assist in this project are encouraged to contact Jack Goodman (522-2045). The process of collection, cleaning, reading and sorting goes on all year.

Band Concert Bake Sale Scheduled for July 22

On Tuesday, July 22, Elkhart Lions are asked to provide baked goods for sale at McNaughton Park's Municipal Band concert. Pies and specialty cakes are "HOT" sellers. Drop off time is 6:00 p.m. We also need help in preparing the items for sale that night. It is a fun night and everyone should wear their Lions shirt.