



Jan. 21, 2009



Working overtime?

If your thermo-meter has been making strange noises, join the crowd! Many are working overtime. But not at your Lions club- the atmosphere there is always toasty! Two guests joined the 33 Elkhart Lions: **Jacque Axelrod** (Stan Rupnow's daughter who came here via Airzona) and **Kathy Cardwell**, guest of Denise Polachek. Lion Tamer Phil Penn tried to trick the weatherman with a rendition of 'In the Good Old Summertime'.

Getting revenge after being frustrated with the 'quiz' in our Lions Tales newspaper, Jack researched the answers and fined those who couldn't come up with correct answers. For those who did answer correctly, he had a special prize.



This special pin, carefully engraved with the date and the inscription, 'This Lion Knows Elkhart', was awarded to those who correctly answered trivia questions by acting TailTwister, Jack Goodman. Jack researched answers at the public library. The questions/answers follow:

**Jack
Goodman
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'What's
your
best guess?'**

1. What was the old name for Lexington Avenue? **Pigeon Street**
2. Where was the first city hall in Elkhart? **NE corner of High & 2nd Street (1875)**
3. What type of light was invented in Elkhart and sold to General Electric?
Electric arc light aka fluorescent lights
4. When did the first train roll into Elkhart?
1851 from White Pigeon. (First passenger train was May 22, 1852)
5. Who was Elkhart's Founder? **Dr. Havilah Beardsley**
6. What was the original name of Elkhart's railroad switchyard?
(1867) Lake Shore, Michigan Southern, & Northern Indiana Railroad.
7. What was the name of the statue on top of the Bucklen Theater? **Melpomene**
8. What was one of the automobiles made in Elkhart?
Most famous was the Elcar. Also were Sterling, Royal, Mercer, Sun, Menges, Shoemaker, St. Joe, Federal, Bush, Huffman, and Komet
9. What year was Elkhart founded? **1858 designated as a city. Settlers were here as early as 1831. Indians before this.**
10. When was the Johnson Street Dam built? **1912**
11. What was the name of the major racetrack here in Elkhart?
Elkhart Driving Park located at Middlebury & Simpson. Also called in 1892 Barney Race Track which also was located at the present Elks golf course.
12. What was the old name of McNaughton Park? **Highland Park (1905 McNaughton purchased it for \$3000 and gave it to city)**
13. What year was the Johnson Street Bridge built? **1897; replaced in 1918**
14. Between what years did street cars run in Elkhart? **1886 to 1934**
15. When did the first electric light go on in Elkhart city? **August 21, 1899**
16. What is the unique feature of Island Park?
Shape of the heart of an elk according to the Indians living here
17. What is the Lerner Theater now called? **Elco (1933)OA**
18. Who was the Ruthmere House (now a museum) named for?
Ruth Beardsley was the only child of Albert and Elizabeth Beardsley and she died in infancy.
19. What was the first self-serve grocery store in Michiana? **W. W. Wilt's**
20. Where was the first motion picture shown in Elkhart?
I found two answers: Bucklen Theater 1896

21. From what Elkhart gum company did Wrigley get its formula?
 California Fruit Chewing Gum developed a flavor called Kis-Me by Jonathan Primley (J. Primley Gum Co.) in 1892. Later called American Chicle Company
 22. Which President approved the purchase of Elkhart from the Potawatomi Indians?
 Andrew Jackson, Jan 13, 1832
 These answers were researched by Jack Goodman for Elkhart Lions Club meeting on Jan 21, 2009. Source of most of this information is a book found at Elkhart Public Library titled "Elkhart. A Pictorial History" by George Riebs. Copyright 1990

Travel Fund winners: \$5 Dave Dufour; \$10 Bill Loftus

NEW ELKHART LIONS GROUP ONLINE

We've begun a new 'era' of communications for the club. A 'Google Group' has been started and you are now a member of this group. To view the page, copy the following link and put it in your browser's address bar:

<http://groups.google.com/group/elkhartlions/web/welcome>

This group is in its development and more will be added to it as we go along. In fact, you can participate by posting material to the group.

Other Stuff

Nelson Nix presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Jack Goodman. Nelson is a Trustee on the Indiana Lions Eye & Tissue Bank and nominated Jack for his work in recycling eyeglasses. Jack has been in charge of the club's lensometer and has read several thousand pair of glasses that have been collected by club members and others.

Other Stuff

Past District Governor Dave Eisen, and member of the Mishawaka Lions Club, presented our own Ray Enfield, also a Past District Governor, a special certificate of appreciation for the work he did while Dave was Dist. Gov. Ray has been active with helping clubs in their membership retention efforts.

Other Stuff

Prez. Duane announced the following lions had reached plateaus of membership. They included:
 30-39 years: Al Bias, Gary Boyn, Bill Cork, Harvey Hinks, Frank Lima, Duane Petersen, Stan Rupnow, Bill VanPatten, Jr.

Other Stuff

40-49 years: Bill Addison, Warren Breniman, Richard Cocks, Ray Enfield, Joe Grolimund, Glenn Holtz, Bob Homan, Gordon MacKenzie, Mike Maloney, Al Norris, Harold Platt, Jr.

Other Stuff

50-59 years: Herb Bultimeier, Jack Donis, Carter Elliott, Em Manley, Paul Thomas, Bill Thorne, Jim Vaughn, Ed Stuart

60 years: Phil Lux

These members represent 33% of our current membership

Program

Curtis Hill, Elkhart County Prosecutor, and Bill Wargo, special investigator for Elkhart County, discussed the meth lab situation in Elkhart County.

Next Meeting

Jeri Seely, Past District 25-G Governor, will discuss the Indiana Lions Leader Program, a state project.

Attendance Drawing



Paul Thomas was here, had his name drawn and qualified for the \$27 prize. After some comments about 'is that all there is', he still took the money and left!

Thought

Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away

for the Day *three weeks before you need it*



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