

Lions E-News

From the Elkhart Lions Club, Elkhart, Indiana

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What's the difference?

With the second race of the triple crown now over, let's discuss the age old question of the difference between a mare and a filly (no, it's not Phillie!). To set us up for the dilemma, we gave our usual rousing version of 'The Old Gray Mare'.

We had 31 Lions, Cliff Yehle's son-in-law, Kelly and a bunch of scholarship winners' parents: John Cassady, Mark and Teresa Emerson; plus the 2009 Lerner Scholarship Winners: Kelly Cassady and Kelly Emerson.

Lion Greg had no shortage of fine fodder:

- Brain Thomas for his cell phone ringing, and for not answering it accept billions of stimulus funding from DC;
 - Duane Klein for shamelessly advertising his employment at the meeting by placing pens at the tables;
 - Gary Chastain for a real nice photo of himself in the newspaper, w/o Lions Pin;
 - Pat Porter for her photo in the paper, same offense;
 - Jack Goodman and Bill VanPatten for not having the eyeglass collection box at the Chamber of Commerce prominently displayed;
 - Chet Nunan for being late today, hopefully not a sign of times to come; Bonnie Luczyk for her cell phone going off during the meeting.
- Winners: Gary Chastain, Ann Kalman, Yves Lonchamp, Bill VanPatten, Stan Rupnow.
Travel Fund winners: \$5 - Bill Thorne; \$10- Stan Rupnow

**Tart
Tail
Twisting
Today**

- Other Stuff** Ann Kalman passed around a money bag, soliciting funds for the memorial fountain in memory of Elkhart Community Lion member Luella Karay, who was an extremely active Lion in our community and district.
- Other Stuff** **Cliff Yehle passed out the reservation forms for the Installation Banquet, and requested Lions to sign up for the event, set for Friday, June 5th at the Matterhorn.**
- Brian Thomas reminded us about the Flags from the Heart project and the Memorial Day parade this Monday.
- Other Stuff** **Karin Frey said she doesn't have a final figure yet from the plant sale.**
- Lion Prez. Duane gave a short 'State of the Club' presentation, reviewing some items from his reign as the club's CEO. Due to*

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some shortfalls in our fundraising efforts and additional expenses to meeting the needs of applicants to our eyeglass assistance program, the club will be experiencing a shortfall of between \$4000-5500 this year. We have sufficient funds available to absorb this, but he pointed out the importance of our fundraising next year to continue our commitment to service. He mentioned, 'What gets us to where we are today is not enough to keep us there tomorrow' and challenged the club to step up and do extra to assure our success. He mentioned the following individuals, not to exclude many others who contributed during the year: Diane Parker for stepping up and taking over the Eyeglass Assistance program mid-year when the previous chairman resigned; Cliff Yehle and Dave Dufour for putting organization and effort into the newspaper project; to Brian Thomas and Marty Juel, for being his 'go to' guys this year; Jack Goodman for his efforts in our eyeglass recycling efforts; Karin Frey for several fundraising efforts; Ann Kalman for taking on the District 25-G zone chairmanship; Paul Thomas for getting two new members involved.



The Chet Nunan inauguration committee announced the 'Chia Chet', a commemorative item marking the 86th year of the Elkhart Lions. Lions will be proud to have one of these on his/her desk, mantle or other place of honor. Order yours now and help support Lion Chet as he prepares to take the helm of the greatest service club in the area.

Program



Ann Kalman presented the 2009 Walter Lerner Scholarship Winners. Shown (L-R) are: Ann Kalman, Kelly Emerson (Elkhart Memorial), Kelly Cassady (Elkhart Central), and President Duane Klein. (See home page for additional information on the winners.)

Next Meeting

Judy Wells from the Metro KidSight program, will present us valuable efforts in our work to diagnose pre-school children with vision problems in our community.



Attendance Drawing

The person who had his/her name drawn for the prize was not here. But, since the pot was over \$100, a second name was drawn. The magical disk was labeled 'President's Choice', and in true presidential form, Lion Duane directed the \$102 to be given to our eyeglass assistance program. Two more individuals will receive aid through this effort.

Thought for the Day

If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?



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