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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE --

Lions,

What a wonderful December we had, starting with a tremendous turn out for breakfast with Santa. The food was great, music and you know..... The Big Guy, Santa. He was very busy, with approximately 250 attendees; it was a wonderful time. Thank you Lion Denise Duran for chairing this event and thanks goes out to all Lions and Leos who helped. What a great community event! That same morning Lion Dale [Chairman] and I, along with a few good Lions, helped erect the Nativity scene. For some reason we never have any instructions, cant find half the parts from the year before, and all of the parts to be assembled say "Left" on them, Ha ha ha..... And I look forward to every year we do this — North Aurora is such a wonderful town.! The Christmas tree lighting was a success also with Lion Bob Strusz heading this up.



As we close the books on 2008 we have many fond memories of events that we were involved with, the fun times we had working with each other and the thoughts of all the people that have and will benefit from our programs. THANK YOU!

As I look forward to 2009, our awards dinner will quickly be upon us, followed closely by our dinner dance. I look forward to even more events and some new Lions joining the ranks and getting involved and making the North Aurora Lions club in 2009 the best year ever!

I really enjoy being President of this great club with such a rich heritage. Also let us not forget the Lions of this club and their families who are not with us anymore. I ask you to keep them in thought and for a special blessing for their families. I appreciate our Lion family! Remember, Help others in Lionism!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Your Proud President,
Lion Mark Gaffino

DIRECTORS

LION JUDY RITTER-BROHOLM - 2 YEAR
LION BRUCE BRUMMEL— 2 YEAR
LION ERIC SCHELKOPF — 2 YEAR

LION DOUG BOTKIN - 1 YEAR
LION JIM DAVIS - 1 YEAR
LION SARAH PRAH - 1 YEAR

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



North Aurora Lions at the village Christmas Tree decorating ceremony



LEOS UPDATE



From the Jewel Leos:

Time to Clean out your Closets!

The Leo's Club is collecting used athletic shoes. These shoes will be recycled and used to provide surfaces for playgrounds. Donations to this cause can be made at Jewel from January 5 to January 16, 2009.

The club is also collecting used pairs of jeans. These items will be given to the Oak-Leyden Developmental Services Organization. The clients at this business will then recycle the jeans into bags for shopping. This was recently highlighted on Channel 7 news by Jose Saunders. We will be accepting these donations from January 5 to 16.

Thank you for helping to promote our projects!

From the Herget Leos:

Herget Middle School LEOs had a good time painting snowmen for North Aurora and we love having a friendly snowman greeting visitors, students and staff to our school. Mr. May, our assistant principal, proved to be the Biggest Turkey when we raised about \$275.00 for the Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry. Over 150 holiday cards were sent to soldiers at a combat support hospital in Iraq and to recovering soldiers at two military hospitals stateside. Upcoming winter activities will be a food, supply and fund drive for the Aurora Humane Society as well as participating in a bowling fundraiser with the Lion's Club.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 13, 2009 Business Meeting
- Jan 18, 2009 District 1-J Bowling Tournament
- Jan 23-25, 2009 District 1-J Ski for Sight
(DeKalb)
- Jan 27, 2009 Dinner Meeting/Awards Night

Best Wishes & Many Happy Returns... Happy Birthday:

- Lion Charles Davis Jan. 24
- Lion Mike Douglas Jan. 28



District 1-J Governor Nancy Rex addresses the North Aurora Lions at their Christmas Dinner

