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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE --

Thank You to all the Lions that once again assembled the Christmas manger display in front of the Activity Center. Lion Berman led a cold group of Lions through figuring out the annual jigsaw puzzle of trying to determine how to assemble the crèche. They then visited the very successful Lions Breakfast with Santa event that Lion Denise coordinated. Thank You Denise, the Leos, and Lion Chuck (a.k.a. Santa) for bringing smiles to all that attended.

Thank You also to Lion Dr. Tom Brooks and Lion Sara Prah and all the other Lions that helped with organizing and conducting the Christmastime Home Decorating contest this year. This year we changed the awards from a cash award to a donation to the winner's favorite charity. Lion Sara's beautifully decorated home took home a top prize.

2006 was a great year of fun filled activities and fundraising drives. North Aurora, other communities, many people, and our club our community benefited from your efforts. I appreciate your dedication and continued involvement in the many varied volunteer functions that our club conducts. Last year also saw a change in management and distribution of this fine Bull-A-Ton that you are now reading. Most of our members now receive this newsletter via e-mail. My deepest appreciation to Lion Mark Carroll for assuming the roles of webmaster/reporter/editor/publisher of this fine newsletter. Mark's efforts have helped all our club members stay well informed and up to date with our projects.

This summer the Lions Club International Convention will be held in downtown Chicago starting on July 3rd. Convention planners estimate that as many as 40,000 Lions from all around the world will be here for the events. Lion George Gould and Lion Wally Hanford have attended many of the conventions in USA and abroad. They both strongly urged our membership to volunteer to work at the convention and to attend the mammoth Lions Parade to be held in downtown Chicago on July 4th at 9:30am. Thousands of Lions in their native parade uniforms will be in the parade as well as floats and marching bands.

Convention volunteers are need to staff four hour long shifts everyday starting on Saturday June 30th through Friday July 7th. You can volunteer for one or more four hour shift on any of those days. I have Volunteer Registration Forms that describe the many volunteer tasks that are needed. For more information go to www.chicago2007.com

With the International Convention just a short train ride away I urge you to plan on attending many of the no cost events that will be part of the convention.

Our thirtieth annual Community Project Dinner Dance will be held on March 3rd. Invite your neighbors to join you at this gala event that costs only \$30 per person.

Please join us at the Lions Annual Awards Night Dinner on Tuesday, January 23rd at Gaslight Manor.

And don't forget to watch "The Lion's Show" every Tuesday at 7:30pm on channel 17.

Lion Al Broholm

- At the January business meeting, Lion Al Broholm read correspondence and requests: Major Kjell Steinsland, The Salvation Army wrote a thank you letter to the Club for inviting him to be a guest at the Christmas banquet.
- Lion E. Jacob Joss of the Lions District 324 E4 Cancer Care Society, Kerala, India made a request for aid to buy medical equipment and supplies for their Lab in India. No Motion was made with regard to this request.
- The Board recommended that the Club buy raffle tickets at the price of \$10.00 for two booklets, to support Lions International, with the drawing to be held on May 20, 2007 in Peoria, which was approved.
- There were no guests present at the January business meeting.
- Lion Dale Berman moved to approve the placement of full-page ad in the Lions International Magazine advertising our Club at a cost of \$90, which motion was approved.
- The Club approved hosting a new event this year, "**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny.**" A motion was made



to provide up to \$300 to start the project, which motion was approved. Lion Denise Duran and Lion Robert Strusz volunteered to co-Chair the event.

- Lion Dale Berman passed out Dinner Dance Tickets to members to be sold. If any members would like to donate any liquor to fill the liquor baskets which will be auctioned off, are welcomed to contact Lion Dr. Quentin Park of Lion Dale Berman.
- The Club received the New sign for the Pavillion, as well as a new sign for the Community. Some debate was held on where the "community" sign should be located. No determination was made.
- Again, a reminder to all Members to

watch local Channel 17 which is still running 1/2 hour videos advertising the Lions Club. The programs run every Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm and is then re-ran on Wednesday at 11:30 am.

- Lion Strusz read a letter from the Slaker family thanking the Leo's Club for decorating the Slaker's Christmas tree.
- Lion Jerry Schmitt reported that the Football Mania netted the Club \$6,980.00. The Club paid out over \$2,000. in prize money.
- **Our January dinner meeting was held at the Gaslite Manor** on January 23, 2007. This meeting was the Awards Banquet for the Club.
- Because of the Dinner Dance in March, there will be no February Dinner Meeting.
- The Business meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Lion Bulletin Board January, 2007 Happy New Year!

- **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny** will be held Saturday, March 31, 2007 at the North Aurora Activity Center. Lion Robert Strusz and Denise Duran have once again volunteered to Chair this event, and are looking for volunteers to help decorate the Activity Center Friday night, as well as to work the Breakfast on Saturday. If you can help, please contact Lion Denise Duran or Lion Bob Strusz.
- The **Dinner Dance** will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2007 at the Gaslite Manor, beginning at 6:30 pm and lasting until 12:00 am. The donation for each ticket is \$30, and the grand prize drawing totals \$500.00. Any questions, contact Lion Dale.
- The **2007 International Convention** is being held in Chicago, on Monday July 2—Friday July 6, 2007. This is the 90th Anniversary of the Club. The first session of the Convention will be held at the United Center. The North Aurora Leos Club is planning on entering a float in the International Parade on Wednesday, July 4th. The Host Committee is looking for volunteers for seven days before and during the Convention. Volunteer registration forms are posted on our website. Please come out and support our Club and our Leo Members. It promises to be a fun event for the entire family.
- The votes are in! The voting public has selected this year's winners in the **North Aurora Lions Club's Outdoor Home**

and Yard Christmas Decorating contest. The new Neighborhood theme was won by the Mooselake Subdivision. The Religious Category was won by the Steve Kunze family of 511 Wingfoot Drive. The Festive Category was won in a very close vote by the Chris Prah family of 217 Wildwood Drive. The Festive category had the most entrants and was represented by all with some great visual and auditory creations. Each entry clearly involved a lot of work and planning. This year the prize money will be given to a charity of the winners' choice.

- The Award Recipients at the January Awards Ceremony are as follows:

Lion of the Year - Lion Jerome Schmitt
N. Auroran of the Year - Marguerite Treest
Police Ofc. of the Year - Christopher Joswick
Fireman of the Year - Adam Miller

Leos Recipients: Tina Stengle, Liz Held, Cheyanna Strusz, Amanda Gaffino, Lee Welbes, Caitlin Riley and John Gaffino.

- The Orientation Meeting will be held on March 15, from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. We will meet in the meeting room of Messenger Library. This is where we have our regular Club meetings. This meeting is not only for new members, but for prospective members and members who have been around a short time but have had little or no info on Lionism, Any member who is thinking about inviting a friend to join our Club should make every effort to bring him/her to this meeting. This can be an exciting time in the life of the North Aurora Lions Club.

2007 Awards Banquet



Pictured Above: Leos Award Recipients: Tina Stengle, Liz Held, Cheyanna Strusz, Amanda Gaffino, Lee Welbes, Caitlin Riley and John Gaffino.



New Member



2006 Christmas Dinner





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2007 Awards Banquet Recipients



Left: North Auroran of the Year: Marguerite Treest, North Aurora Police Office of the Year: Christopher Joswick. Pictured Right: North Aurora Fireman of the Year: Adam Miller. Not Pictured: Lion of the Year: Lion Jerry Schmitt.



Best Wishes & Many Happy Returns...

Happy New Year:

To all of our Members and their families, please have a safe and happy New Year!

Happy Birthday:

Dec. 17.....Lion Dean Dunn
Dec. 18.....Lion Leonard Douglas
Dec. 31.....Lion Dr. Bill Park
Jan. 24.....Lion Charles Davis
Jan. 28.....Lion Michael Douglas

Happy Anniversary:

In order to list the Members' anniversary dates, please e-mail me your anniversary so that I can compile an updated list. Thank you. Lion Mark.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 13 . . . Business Meeting, *Library*
March 3.....Dinner Dance, *Gaslite Manor*
March 15. . . . New Member Orientation Meeting,
Messenger Library at 7:00 pm
March 31 . . . Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, N.
Aurora Activity Center.
July 2-6, 2007. . .Int'l Convention, Chicago, IL