



# Waterman Lions Club News

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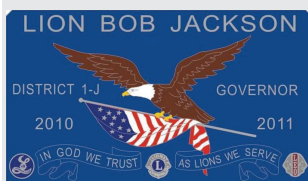


## ***Joy in the Blizzard***

The Blizzard of 2011 dumped about 20 inches of snow on Chicagoland making it the third highest total in this area since records have been kept.

Many Lions found the doors to their lairs blocked by snow. Yet, in the aftermath of tremendous inconvenience, Lions found interesting incongruities such as this statement at Lion Dave and Mary Stryker's home.

See more pictures of the record-setting snow storm on page 7.



## ***The Next Dinner Meeting is ...***

This month's dinner meeting for Waterman Lions Club is Thursday, February 24. Lion Shawn Blobaum, co-chair of the committee, says, "I have the Brown Pub in Hinckley reserved." He says we will meet at 6:00 p.m. and order off the menu.

## ***Antique Tractor Show***

Lion Steve Bock asks you to share your ideas on entertainment, food menu, etc. for this summer's tractor show. Please mark your calendar for July 16, 2011, and be sure to let Lion Steve know whether you will be able to help.

## ***What's Been Happening?***

It's time to do some catching up--catching up on what Waterman Lions have been doing since November when the Lions Gobbler Gallop 5K Run/Walk saw its numbers increase once again. Three hundred fifty-one runners and walkers participated in the 2010 Gallop, up from 260 participants the year before.

You can see several videos of the event on You Tube. If you use Google search engine on your internet browser, just type in Waterman Lions Gobbler Gallop and choose one of the listings that splashes across the screen. Or you can type the following on the address bar of browser:

<http://www.runpacers.com/gobblergallop5k/> and that will take you to Gobbler Gallop web page. Lion Karen Fenske is the race director as well as the overall coordinator. Videos and photographs were shot by Nathan Stein and Lions Janelle Stein and Leonard Johnson. The 5K Run/Walk netted about \$6340.00.

Major sponsors and contributors of in-kind prizes and food underwrote the fund raiser.

Put next year's Gallop on your calendar now. It's November 19, 2011.

# The Christmas Party

At the club's Christmas Party on December 17, 2010, **Lion Mark Fenske** was teased by Lion tail twisters **Steve Bock** and **Shawn Blobaum** for missing the Gobbler Gallop. Lion Mark went deer hunting instead. He didn't bring home venison, so the tail twisters gave Lion Mark a large pair of glasses so he could aim better, a squirt gun to shoot, and a picture of a deer for target practice.



Lion Sandi and Sam Graber



Lion Steve and Kathy Bock (standing) and Lion Phil and Rita Nielsen (at table)

Lion Wayne and Hazel Stryker and Lion Shawn and Molly Blobaum



At the party, **Lion Steve Lundeen** (center) was officially inducted into membership by District 1-J Governor **Lion Bob Jackson**, who was accompanied by his wife, Lion Darlene. Lion Steve's sponsor was **Lion Leonard Johnson** (left).





## Other Projects

Here's more. In December the Lions sold citrus fruit and Christmas trees and worked a Pancake Breakfast. **Lion Dave Stryker** did the leg work for the citrus sales. Other Lions, such as **Lion Warren Sommerfeld** (shown here) helped pick up the fruit from the warehouse and stack it for distribution at the township Community Center in Waterman. Fruit sales were down a little from prior years but it was still an easy moneymaker according to Lion Dave. Citrus sales netted about \$436.00.



Pancake Day, which was organized by **Lions Jack Ryen** and **Leonard Johnson**, saw Waterman Lions feed 234 customers light and fluffy, golden pancakes hot off the grill, a little down in numbers from the year prior when 259 customers ate pancakes. Even though numbers served were down, the net from the



Lion Ralph Johnson

event was about \$584.00, quite a bit better than the \$450.00 budgeted for the event.

The Community Building was all activity. The Waterman United Methodist Church set up their bake sale in the big hall, along with the Lions Pancake Day and Citrus Fruit distribution tables. They were pleased with the business brought to them. The Waterman Business Association set up the community drawing in the adjacent Legion Room, so people who were looking to sign up in the fire barn, where it's been held most years, came in the alley door, went by the bake sale and citrus fruit tables and walked by the pancake ticket table to get to the Legion Room.



**Lion Shawn Blobaum** brought the newest Waterman Lions Cub, **Jocelyn Lucille**, to the event.



Christmas Tree sales exceeded expectations although event coordinator **Lion Phil Nielsen** ordered fewer trees than last year. Net sales came in at \$884. The club had budgeted \$450 income from the fund raiser. For next year, Lion Phil says he will order about the same number of trees but try to get them a little taller.

### LIONS ROAR

Roarrrrrrrr Lions  
Roarrrrrrrr Lions  
Roarrrrrrrr Lions  
Bite `em, bite `em,  
bite'em.

### LIONS TOAST

Not above you,  
Not beneath you,  
But with you



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## Where Does the Money Go?

So, where does the money go from the seemingly endless fundraisers that Waterman Lions conduct?

--**Ski for Sight** was held January 28-30. Waterman Lions sponsored two visually impaired skiers. Cost was \$300. Participants ate breakfast Saturday morning at Waterman Middle School and then skied or ice fished at Shabbona Lake State Park. Waterman Lions hosted a banquet for them that evening in DeKalb. Sunday morning participants ate breakfast at Cortland Lions Shelter House then departed for either Sycamore for bowling or Elburn for skiing, BINGO, and other activities. Waterman **Lion Wayne Stryker** called numbers.



Lion Tim Badal of 5-Bs  
Catering



Lions Bob Bend, Dave  
Stryker and Sandi Graber

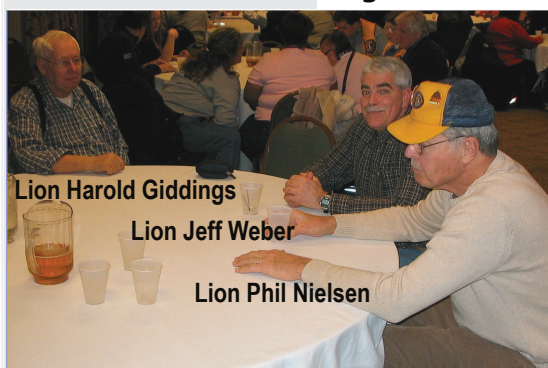
--**At the January dinner meeting** Waterman Lions learned about dogs trained for specific tasks to help disabled people. They can retrieve dropped items, open and close doors, turn light switches on and off and a lot of other jobs. Some dogs are trained to work with facilitator-handlers who work in hospitals and physical therapy programs. And other dogs are trained to help the deaf by alerting their partners to key sounds by making physical contact with their partner. These service dogs are bred and trained by **Canine Companions for Independence** and Lions financially support this organization. Waterman Lions Club became a member club of the Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence by making a donation of \$150.00.



--**The club approved donating** up to \$300 to the local Cub Scout pack for setting up a Pine Wood Derby event. It donated \$50 to the local fire department; \$100 to the Indian Creek Band Association; and \$400 to the DeKalb County Sheriff's Auxiliary.

--**The club is researching the cost** of a new vandal-resistant, mobile road sign or the cost of modifying the old road sign. School organizations and churches have been borrowing the sign to promote their activities.

--**The club sponsors two** \$1000 college scholarships to Waterman area students graduating from Indian Creek School District. It also underwrites a portion of the cost to train teachers and provide materials for the **Lions Quest Program** at Indian Creek Middle School. Shabbona Lions Club and Lee Lions Club also help underwrite the program. Our club's portion was about \$153.00.



Lion Harold Giddings

Lion Jeff Weber

Lion Phil Nielsen



# From the February Meeting

Members of the Waterman Lions Club met the evening of Thursday, February 10, 2011, at the Kishwaukee Health Center Conference Room. President Harold Giddings called the meeting to order at 7:11 o'clock (due to Lion Steve talking so long for Tractor Show committee that he showed up late for). Lion Sandi Graber led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call showed 8 members present: Dave Stryker, Harold Giddings, Ralph Johnson, Steve Bock, Sandi Graber, Bob Bend, Mark Fenske, and Craig Rice.

Lion Bob Bend moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Lion Sandi seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer Lion Bob Bend handed out the Treasurer's report. For this month's report, beginning check book balance was \$12,444.90. Income showed \$894.00. Expenses totaled \$9,457.90. Balance on hand in checking on February 10, 2011, was \$9,014.53. Balance on hand in savings accounts totaled \$9,014.53. Balance on hand for all accounts was \$18,472.43. Lion Craig made motion to approve Treasurers Report. Lion Steve seconded motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Lion Harold read letter on Farm Bureau annual Ag Breakfast program for service groups.

Lion Harold read letter from District 1-J looking for liquor for District Hospitality Room.

Lion Harold read announcement on District Convention Bake Off.

Lion Harold read letter for Westmont Lions 75th Anniversary Dinner.

Lion Harold read letter from Woodridge Lions for Texas Hold Em tournament.

## Committee Reports

5-K Run Donations: Group's suggestions for donations would be UMPEC. NICE, Open Hand School, Canine Companions, Family Services, Kishwaukee College equipment for visually impaired (Ann Wilson), Mobile Road Sign.

Canine Companions Donation: We can be a Club Member for fee of \$150.00. Lion Steve moved to become a Canine Companion member for \$150.00. Lion Sandi seconded motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

5K Run: Lion Mark reported he gave the Sheriff's Auxiliary the checks for helping us. Gobbler Gallop website can be used to access Facebook. Photos can be accessed on Facebook or the Website.

Road Sign: Lion Mark reported again that it would take roughly \$700.00 to upgrade our sign to accept new letters from Lion Ed Kuhn of Banners Up in Sycamore. It would cost another \$460 to add vandal protection. A new sign from Lion Ed would be around \$1,600 on wheels, without vandal doors. Another company's price is \$1236 for sign and vandal covers for \$465. Lion Mark will talk more with Lion Ed on keeping our trailer and adding a new sign with vandal covers.

February Dinner Meeting: Lion Craig reported that Lion Janelle said she and Lion Shawn talked about someone coming from the Lions of Illinois Foundation to speak. Other programs are being worked on.

Easter Egg Hunt: Easter is April 24. We would hold our event on April 23. Question was asked if the Sportsman Club would be involved. Lion Sandi may have a name and phone number and will make contact.



### New Business:

Lion Craig mentioned Lion Janelle has been contacted about a youth needing glasses. Lion Janelle is working with DeKalb Optometric for the youth. We remember setting somewhere around a \$250.00 limit. Past minutes from June 2011 show a couple of places and prices.

Lion Sandi asked if we were going to hold a Blood Drive. Lion Sandi will call about May 11, 2011.

### Old Business:

Lion Steve moved and Lion Bob seconded to adjourn the meeting. Lion Harold declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Dave Stryker, Secretary

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### 2010 Gobbler Gallop 5K Run/Walk Sponsors





**Lion Steve Bock** showed up following the snow storm with his John Deere tractor and loader to dig out **Lion Shawn and Molly Blobaum's** driveway. "What a nice guy!" says Lion Shawn.



**Lion Shawn Blobaum's** driveway is blocked by a huge snow drift.



Duffy Road, looking west from the intersection at IL Rt. 23, in front of **Lion Craig and Pam Rice's** house, was only passable by snowmobiles.



**Lion Dave Stryker** poses in the shadow of a huge snow drift. It looks like the windbreak did its job.



***We Serve***

## *Calendar*

Feb. 24, 6:00 pm, dinner meeting, Brown Pub, Hinckley

Mar. 10, 7:00 pm, business meeting, Kish Health Center Conference Room

Mar. 13, Daylight Savings Time Begins

Mar. 24, dinner meeting

Apr 14, 7:00 pm, business meeting

Apr 23, Easter Egg Hunt



**Lion Warren Sommerfeld** had a wall of snow to shovel before he could get his vehicle on the street, but his son Austin helped with it.