



# Carmel Lions Club

## December 2011



### Your 2010-2011 Board of Directors:

<b>President</b>	<b>Jeff Boller</b>	<b>Tail Twister</b>	<b>Jim Thompson</b>
<b>1st Vice President</b>	<b>Norwin Hall</b>	<b>Lion Tamer</b>	<b>Tim Reiman</b>
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<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Rick Dossey</b>	<b>2 Yr Director</b>	<b>Ron Bussell</b>
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<b>Membership Chair</b>	<b>David DeVilbiss</b>	<b>Past President</b>	<b>Jim Colter</b>

### President's Message:



Dear Lions,

As I write this, I think about whether I could have done more this year. Most days I wonder how much longer I can keep burning the candle of both ends and managing to keep both lit, but I'm sure I can do more. Sometimes I wonder if I am making a difference and then I remember those whose lives we have positively impacted such as Delaney Binford & Itzel Montoya. I also remember the bright smiling faces of all those 3<sup>rd</sup> grader's when we handed out the Dictionary's. It's these memories that help drive me and keep me striving to do more. We can always do more and that's why I love the Lions as they embody the word SERVICE.

Thank you to all those that are volunteering to ring the bell. The Salvation Army is a great charity and I am happy we are supporting it. This is wonderful opportunity to interact with the community and please think about taking your children or grandchildren as it helps them learn about service plus our donations benefit too! As we close out this year, please remember the reason for the season. It's not about receiving, but rather giving. Take the opportunity to teach your children and grandchildren this. Show them how you are giving of your time and money. Make it hit home by showing them pictures of the people that you are trying to impact or take them with you on service opportunities. It is so important to instill in our next generation a giving heart! In closing, please remember 3 principals for 2012...Love thy neighbor, Pay it forward and Practice unselfishness. May you all be blessed abundantly!!

Merry Christmas,  
Jeff Boller  
President

## December Events

Lions, Granted we are all about service but the opportunities for helping others abounds in this time of need. Lion Lee Flower has put together this list of Lions State projects that need your helping hand. If you are so moved this Christmas Season we urge you to lend a helping hand by sending a check.

God Bless.



### Take a 2011 Tax Deduction and Help our Lions State Projects

Before time runs out in 2011, consider making tax deductible donations directly to one or several of our Indiana Lions state projects. By donating directly, you can claim a tax deduction. Make your check payable to the state projects and mail them as follows:

#### **Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc.**

c/o PDG Jim Query, Secretary  
2408 Shepard Patrick Road  
Spencer, IN 47460  
(Carmel Lion Lee Flower is a trustee)

#### **Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc.**

c/o Lion Paul Shane, Treasurer  
P.O. Box 1052  
Columbus, IN 47202  
(Carmel Lion Dwight Gossett is a trustee)

#### **Indiana Lions Eye and Tissue Bank, Inc.**

c/o Lion Doug Lockwood, Treasurer  
9710 Bryie Road  
Churubusco, IN 46723  
(Carmel Lions Fred Schmidt and Steve Gross are trustees)

#### **Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Inc.**

c/o Lion Larry Graden, Treasurer  
7850 Highland Meadows  
Brownsburg, IN 46112

#### **Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.**

c/o Lion David Bates, Treasurer  
4769 N. Brooke Drive  
Marion, IN 46952

#### **Indiana Lions Foundation**

c/o PDG John Eley, Jr. Treasurer  
1555 N. Main Street  
Frankfort, IN 46041 (Carmel Lion Jim Thompson is a trustee)

## ***December Meeting Schedule:***

**Dec.14<sup>th</sup>**            **Spouses' night Christmas Party (Catered meal)**

**KP's**                **Dwight Gossett\*, Alice Gossett & Yvonne Stoner**

**Program:**         **Ryan Straight Head Professional at Prairie View Golf Course**

If you have suggestions please send an e-mail to [norwinhall@msn.com](mailto:norwinhall@msn.com) or phone him at 317-250-1370

## **December Birthdays:**



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1 – Ron Bussell  
1 – Larry Woodling  
8 – Jim Thompson  
8 – Mark Wingenroth  
18 – Denny Archer  
23 – Tim Fischer  
27 – Bob Hartman  
30 – Janice Chapman  
30 – Bruce Feldman

## Carmel Lions Club Member News



### **Salvation Army Bell Ringing FOR 2011**

#### **Lions Bell Ringing**

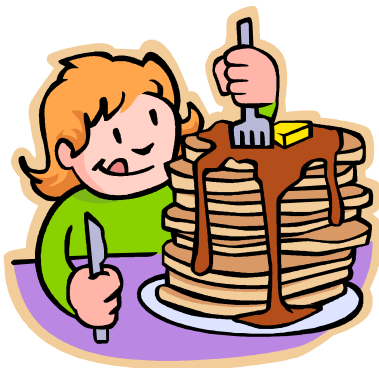
#### **Ring-a-Ding Ding!**

Salvation Army Bell Ringing time is almost here. Our award winning club is the # 1 service club for donations in Central Indiana. We plan to continue to demonstrate this year our commitment to the Lions Club motto, "We Serve".

We will be ringing at the 116<sup>th</sup> St Marsh in Carmel from November 21 – December 10 and at the Fashion Mall at Keystone at the Crossing from December 12 – 24.  
(All ringing is inside)

Call Tim or Karen Reiman at 578-1231 for prime ringing times. All shifts are two hours, beginning at 10:00 am and ending at 8:00 pm.

Please bring your calendars to the meetings to help in scheduling your shifts.



Thank you to everyone for their assistance in making the Fall Pancake Breakfast another successful event.

We have a net profit of **\$2776**, which is up substantially over prior events.

A big thank you to all Lions and spouses who assisted. This project is a huge undertaking.

Another big thank you to the eight Lions who sold more than 10 presale tickets--Tim Reiman 89, Norwin Hall 69, Bob Fearrin 20, Larry Woodling and Jim DeLoney 15 each, Floyd Jaquay 13, Bob Kraft 12 and Jim Colter 11. Thank you also to the 25 Lions who sold 10 tickets each.

Five hundred and ninety two presale tickets were sold. Of these, 237 (40%) were redeemed. We had 116 walk in customers (this included 10 carryout orders); this was down 30-40% from past events. Fifty three complimentary tickets were given to supporters of the Lions Club; 14 of these were redeemed. Sixty tickets were given to Carmel Food Pantries for distribution; four of these were redeemed.

We did an EXCELLENT job on ticket presales. The Club 592 sold compared to 516 sold for the Spring Breakfast and 425 sold for the Fall 2010 breakfast. Our average ticket sold per member was 6.8 compared to 4.5 in Fall 2010. Sixty three % of members sold tickets compared to 43% in Fall 2010.

We are continuing to improve in presale tickets. Thank you to all members who have stepped up the selling.

Per our past pancake chairman Bob Craigmyle, presale tickets are the key to a successful event. I think the numbers above prove Bob's message.

Tom Lorson



**Lions Clubs International**

# Newsire

In our December issue, you'll learn about an "early bird" discount for our 2012 Convention, how new PSAs are spreading the word about Lions, our earthquake relief efforts in Turkey and more. Read on for the latest Lions Clubs International news and information.

## **Register for Convention Before December 31 and Save**



Step into "the world of the Lions Clubs International Convention" and enter a place of fellowship and fun when we meet in Busan for our 95th convention, June 22-26, 2012.

As the second largest city in Korea, Busan is a thriving seaport that attracts visitors from all over the world with its beautiful beaches, modern hotels, cultural sites and more. More than 15,500 Lions worldwide have already registered, pacing Busan to be one of our largest conventions ever! [Register](#) before December 31 to receive your "early bird" discount and secure an affordable hotel room near the convention center.

## **Share New PSAs with Friends, Family and Local Media**

As part of our ongoing PR efforts, we're proud to announce the availability of four new PSAs that show who Lions are in a fresh and fun way. Three of the PSAs are safari-themed spots that use humor to let viewers see how Lions help others through vision, feeding, and environment projects. The fourth PSA is an airport-themed spot that features a security x-ray machine to show viewers there's "a little Lion" inside of all of us. [View PSAs now](#) - and be sure to share them with your family, friends and local media outlets.

## **Lions Provide Relief for Earthquake Victims in**

### **LIONS QUARTERLY**



Watch [LQ](#) to see how an Alabama Lions' event spans generations.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### [Rockin' the Vest](#)

Share our rap video - and help attract new members.

#### [Lions Clubs Blog](#)

Read our blog to get news updates during the month.

### **CONTEST**

#### [International Contest](#)

Enter your Newsletter, Trading Pin, Banner or Web Site today.

#### [Environmental Photo](#)



## Turkey

A recent earthquake in Turkey killed hundreds, injured more than 1,300 and caused extensive property damage. Lions are bringing aid and comfort to the people affected by this disaster.

LCIF approved an emergency grant to fund Lions' relief efforts. Our members are using these funds to provide relief supplies, including food and water. [Read blog](#).

## Lions Partner to Plant 1.5 Million Trees in Kenya

We've joined forces with The Aga Khan Development Network to plant 1.5 million trees in Kenya, a country with one of the highest rates of deforestation in Africa. International President Wing-Kun Tam and Prince Hussain Aga Khan announced the partnership last month during a tree planting ceremony in Nairobi City Park. [Read news release](#).

## Lions Can Offer Hope and Help to Children in Need

You can expand your reach to underserved children through hands-on service projects in your community. The [Lions Children First Program](#) can provide you with easy-to-use resources and materials, including a club activity guide, sample project idea sheets and community posters. There's also a [Lions Children First Facebook Fan Page](#) where you can connect with other Lions who are serving children in need. You can also join the [Relieving the Hunger Campaign](#) to fight hunger affecting children in your community.

## [Contest](#)

Organize a club-level contest to showcase the beauty of nature.

## EVENTS

### [Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.

## CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





**The Board meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2011** was called to order by President Jeff Boller at 7:01 PM. Eleven board members were present, along with 3 other members. Ron Bussell provided refreshments.

**Announcements** – Thank You notes received by the club were distributed for review. The local news stories (Indianapolis Star, NPR, etc.) about Lion Van Eller’s land donation were reviewed.

**Secretary’s Report** - The November board meeting minutes were presented for approval by Secretary Rick Dossey. Floyd Jacquay made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Ron Bussell seconded it, and it was approved by voice vote.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Treasurer Carl Kinker presented the Treasurer’s report. Carl reported that he wrote many donation checks in November, including:

Leader Dog  
Eye Bank  
Speech & Hearing  
Cancer Fund  
Indiana School for the Blind  
Youth Diabetes Camp  
Riley Hospital foundation  
St Joseph Institute for the deaf  
Trinity Free Clinic  
Carmel Fountain Square Committee  
Carmel Clay Historical Society  
Greentown Round Barn  
Homeless Veterans & Families

Dave DeVilbiss made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report; Lee Flower seconded it, and it was approved by voice vote.

**Committee & Activity Reports:**

**Membership** – Robert Whitaker will be a guest at our next meeting.

**Building & Grounds** – At this time, we have two rentals on the books for December, a total that seemed light compared to prior holiday seasons.

**Retention Program** – Jim Colter reviewed retention results. Bell ringing results had not yet been included.

**Salvation Army update** – Tim Reiman reported that club support has continued to be strong, we are averaging \$400/day in donations, a little behind last year. The club will continue ringing through Christmas – slots are

still open for those wishing to participate. Tim noted that Dave Van Horn had contributed financially to the effort, even though his illness prevented from participating directly.

**Old Business:**

**Dues Discussion** – Jeff Boller will contact those in arrears over the next week, before final warning letters are sent out.

**Golf Tournament (2012)** – Norwin Hall distributed a budget outline for the 2012 golf outing, and updated the board on these key elements of the project:

Venue:	Prairie View
Date:	7/23/2012
Entry Fee:	\$125 per person, or \$450 per foursome

Norwin will soon be contacting people to head committees. This will be a large project for the club to execute, and will require active involvement by many members & committees. Potential proceeds from this event would dwarf our prior fund raising activities – this is a opportunity for everyone to serve.

**Fruit Sale** – Norwin Hall reported that Fruit would be delivered on Thursday (subsequent to the meeting, we learned it would arrive earlier, on Wednesday), and be on sale both Friday & Saturday at the clubhouse. Apple selection will be limited this year, as the vendor doesn't have Red Delicious and Mitsu in stock. Norwin suggested we consider alternative apple vendors next year.

**Front Sign Repair** – Bob Craigmyle updated the Board on his project to repair the sign at the front of the clubhouse. The board approved his recommendation to spend \$165.46 for repair, along with \$68.30 for 30" decals. Rick Dossey will order the decals; Bob will do all of the actual work.

**LCIF** – Jane Flower updated the board on the status of LCIF donations. She noted we have unused Melvin Jones Fellowships to utilize, as well as the opportunity for several members to add to prior year donations to reach the level needed for additional Melvin Jones Fellowships.

**New Business:**

**First Lady Cheri Daniels Visit** – Lee Flower has been in contact with the First Lady's office, and has learned she may be available to make a presentation to our club. The Board gave Lee four dates to propose to the Ms. Daniels; Lee will let us know if she is available to speak to us.

**Super Bowl Volunteering** – Maureen from LGC Hospitality Staffing presented the Board with an opportunity for Lions members to serve at area Super Bowl events in January & early February. These events would be in the suburbs, as the credentialing deadline for downtown events had already passed. Lions members will earn roughly \$8/hr for the Club, for any activity they could assist in.

**Recommendations for Trustee positions** -- The Board recommended Jim Thompson for another term as trustee for the Indiana Lions Foundation (Lee Flower made motion, Tim Reiman seconded), as well as Freddie Schmidt for another term as director for the Eye & Tissue Bank (Dave DeVilbiss made motion, Jim Colter seconded).

**Diabetes Youth Camp banquet** – Dwight Gossett reported that our club was recognized for its contributions at the recent banquet.

The next Board meeting is on Tuesday, January 3, 2012; Carl Kinker is the Host. President Jeff Boller adjourned the meeting at 9:08 PM.

