



Lions Club of Mokena, IL

JANUARY, 2010

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President's Message ...

Dear Fellow Lions,

This past 2009 was a difficult year in almost every aspect. We laid to rest one of our own - **Lion Bud Stephan (October 3, 1922 - December 4, 2009)**.

There were 18 Lions in attendance at his memorial mass at St. Mary's; at the conclusion of the mass we presented Dorothy Stephan a sympathy card and informed her of a \$150.00 donation from the Mokena Lions Club to the Cancer Support Center in the name of her husband, **Lion Bud**.

Lion Marv Orr and crew along with Berkot's did a wonderful job once again organizing our Christmas Basket deliveries. This year we delivered to 32 families in Mokena. These food basket events enable us to witness firsthand how our fundraising efforts directly benefit our neighbors in need. There is a moment, when you see the grateful and emotional look in their eyes as you hand over the bags of groceries -- it is then that you know what it feels like to be a Lion. Most of the year we are distanced from reality as we attend meetings and struggle with fundraisers ... Let's not lose track of the big picture of why we do all of this.

Congratulations to **3rd VP Lion Brian Grove**. Thank goodness you are no longer the Tail Twister.

I have two goals in 2010 and I need all of your help to accomplish them. First - help make the Lions more visible in our community. Let's talk to people and tell them of the good we do. Why we raise the money and where it goes. The foundation has already been set for us by **Past President Lion Vince DiFiore Jr.** with a full page ad in the Mokena Messenger thanking the residents for their kind support all through the year and listed recipients of our donations. As he said **Past President Pat Winters** (I'm starting to forget what he looks like) said that "We are the best kept secret in Mokena ". I'd like for us to change that. Thank you both! It's great to see Past Presidents still involved.

And second is to increase membership in our club. Doing so will bring us more working hands and enthusiasm that we need to keep moving forward. I have a lot of confidence in our current officers and board members to take us forward into the next year and the years following. Please remember our motto "WE SERVE".

... Membership Note: Please send in your dues by January 1, 2010 ...

I wish each of you a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Yours in Lionism,

Lee J. Kaz

Club Info ... You should know ...

- **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES** -- 2010 Membership Dues are due **January 1, 2010**. Please help our Club Secretary **Lion Diana Grove** by mailing your dues checks to her by the first of the year.

New 3rd Vice President Sworn In ...



During the December General Membership Meeting, **Lion Brian Grove** was sworn in as the 3rd Vice President of the Mokena Lions Club.

District 1-B Governor Ken Novak (pictured at left with Lion Grove), attended the meeting and executed the Oath.

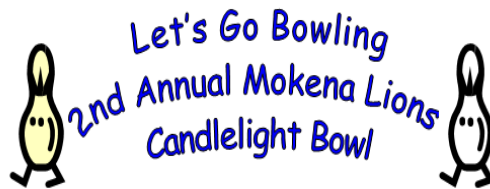
Many thanks to Lion Brian who, along with wife and Club Secretary **Lion Diana Grove**, continue to exemplify the spirit of Lionism in the time and efforts they contribute to our club.

Notice of Upcoming Board Elections ...

In compliance with Article IV, Section 1 of the Lions Rules and Bylaws, this note is to inform the General Membership of the Club that nominations for Lions to fill the open positions for the 2009 / 2010 Board year should be submitted for consideration during the March 4, 2010 General Membership meeting.

As always, this meeting will be held at the William Martin VFW Post # 725, 19852 S Wolf Road, in Mokena. More information will be provided during the January & February General Membership meetings.

Is "Cabin Fever" getting to you this Winter? Then Let's Go Bowling!!



Where: Morgan's / Thunder Bowl
18700 S. Old LaGrange Road in Mokena

Date: Sunday, January 24, 2010

Time: 4:30 – 7:30 PM

Price: \$20 per person

Includes: 3 hours of bowling, shoe rental, food buffet starting at about 5 PM



Cash Bar

Come out and join us for a fun time bowling! No raffles, no work, well we are likely to do a 50-50 or two for a little excitement.

Family and friends are welcome. There will be six people per lane.

Reservations are limited to the first 78 people so book early! **Pre-payment is required** to guarantee a reservation. **Your payment must be received by Saturday, January 16th.**

Please send checks made out to the **Mokena Lions** to:

Lion John McEvoy
12009 W Josephine Drive
Mokena, IL 60448



O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree ...

As has become a tradition with the Mokena Lions Club, following the December General membership Meeting, a group of Lion Members braved the cold to set up and decorate our Christmas Tree for the town (see pictures below).

While the current economy played "Grinch" for the Mokena Downtown Merchants Association, whose members didn't participate this year with trees of their own lining Front Street, the Mokena Lions were represented, thanks to **Club Past President Lion Vince DiFiore, Jr., who purchased and donated the tree for our club.**

The tree stands near the Front Street Metra parking lot entrance across from Mokena State Bank. Special thanks to **Lion Vince**, and all the Lions who participated at this cold (but heart-warming) annual event!!





Happy Birthday To You ...



Help these fellow members celebrate their Birthdays during the month of January ...

- Lion Craig McCutcheon – January 12th
- Lion Len Quinlan – January 21st
- Lion Dan Krzak – January 21st



Happy Anniversary From the Mokena Lions ...

"Love is one long sweet dream, and marriage is the alarm clock."

-- Anonymous

- Lion Brian & Diana Grove – January 2nd
- Lion Tino & Nancy Lettieri – January 13th
- Lion Dan & Karen Krzak – January 16th

Upcoming Events ...



- **Mokena Lions January General Membership Meeting** – Thursday, January 7th at the Mokena VFW, 6:30PM
 - **Mokena Lions January Board Meeting** – Thursday, January 21st, 7:30PM, **Lion Robin Urbaszewski** is scheduled Host, location TBD.
 - **2nd Annual Candlelight Bowl** – Sunday, January 24th at Mokena Thunder Bowl, 187th & Old LaGrange Road (see page 3, above for details). Checks due to **Lion John McEvoy** by Saturday, January 16th.
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