



Lions Club of Mokena, IL

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President's Message ...

Hello Fellow Lions

On Saturday, July 18 on downtown Front Street the community of Mokena came together again for a night of food, music and fun as we held our Firecracker Dance under the big tent. This was made possible by the hard work of members who participated in various ways, members who could not be present yet contributed ideas, members who provided advice and of course those who were there to work the event. Without all of this, our events would not be possible. To Nick Garcia and his committee, on behalf of the club I thank you and your committee for all the hard work that was put forth on this fundraiser.

Our next upcoming major fundraiser is our Poker Run to benefit JDRF on Saturday, Sept.19th. Watch your club emails as we prepare for the home stretch and keep our engines "revved up" for this exciting event. We will be looking for volunteers to work at the event, and also man the poker run stops. This event is always fun and I am always amazed at what bikers will do to contribute to a great cause and help their community. The Evil Weazels have agreed to play at this fundraiser at no cost to the club, and generous donations are helping us manage this event on a very low budget.

Some newsworthy upcoming events- The Channahon and Crest Hill Lions have invited our club to meet our neighboring clubs, district representatives and enjoy good conversation and food. Did I hear FOOD? This event will take place on Saturday, August 8th at Arrowhead Park on Route 6 in Channahon, 6:00pm. I strongly urge any members who are available to attend this event, RSVP by August 5th to Lion John O'Brien at 847-343-3580 or drop him an email at obrientheion@aol.com.

Our Steak Fry will be held at the Heim Estate on Thursday August 6th. Please contact Craig Heim to lend a hand with this always excellent event. As always, bring a plate, silverware and bug spray!!! We are expecting guests from our foreign exchange to attend this event also.

As we continue this year in the spirit of Lionism, always keep our military families in your thoughts and prayers- just when we may think it's hot here, imagine defending our country's freedom in 140 degree heat, packed to the gills with the tools necessary to do the thankless job that our troops perform. It is because of their efforts and sacrifices that we enjoy our freedom.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion President Tony

Why We Do What We Do ...

Several months ago, the Mokena Lions Board voted sponsor both a Boy's and a Girl's baseball/softball team in order to both give back to our community, as well as to get the Lions name out in front of our fellow citizens. This season, the Mokena Lions sponsored the girl's Angels (7 & 8 year olds) softball team, and the boy's Twins (7 year olds) baseball team. Action shots of the Twins (below) were provided by **Lion Rich Gemmell**, who attended a game to get these pictures. As you can see, the Mokena Lions name is prominently displayed on the back of each of the Twins players' jerseys. **Thanks, Lion Rich!**



Club Happenings ...

Poker Run 2009 – Event Planning Continues

Lion President Tony Marmo reports that planning and ticket sales efforts for the raffle of the 2009 Harley-Davidson motorcycle raffle continue (see his comments in the President's Message on Page 1). The Texas Roadhouse restaurant has been booked to provide food sales at the event, to be held on Saturday, September 19th at Chi-Town Harley-Davidson.

By the way, **check out Chi-Town's ad for our event on their website** – visit <http://www.chitownhd.com> – located in the lower half of their home page. Also, watch for email announcements of upcoming meetings for the event....



Lion Tony sells 5 (count 'em – FIVE) \$100 tickets to a Chi-Town customer!!



Pictured above is the H-D 2009 Street Glide motorcycle to be auctioned off to one lucky winner.

Annual Steak Fry -- Thursday, August 6th

Planning and organizing of our annual Steak Fry is in full swing. **The event will be held again this year on Thursday, August 6th, at the Heim estate, 19517 Wolf Road, beginning at 6:30 PM.** Dinner is free to Lion members, and **\$10 for any member guests (you are asked to call Lion Craig Heim in advance if you plan to bring a guest).** As always, please bring your own utensils (knife, fork, plate).

Guests from other Lions Clubs as well as visitors from the Foreign Exchange Program will also be present.

Lion Heim asks that, if anyone else is available and can come a little early, he can use a little extra help moving picnic tables, setting up, etc.

Birdies For Charity 2009 – Lion “Beluga” Lutrell’s Recap ...

Hello District 1B. First I want to give special thanks to all the clubs that allowed me to visit them again. BOLINGBROOK BONFIELD BRADLEY BRAIDWOOD CHANNAHON CRESTHILL ESSEX JOLIETNOON JOLIETEVENING LEMONT LOCKPORT MANHATTAN MOKENA NEWLENOX PLAINFIELD SHOREWOOD WILMINGTON. The number of birdies hit is 1914 this year. And no one guessed the right amount. But are pledges were \$3.62 that gives 1b best district in the state for the SIXTH year in a row. I want to give each and every one a big BELUGA hug for the GENEROSITY that went in to this FUN RAISER. 1b district head bird **Lion Chris “Beluga” Lutrell**.



Happy Birthday To You ...



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

- Lion Steve Wickstrom – July 2nd
- Lion Ed Larke – July 22nd
- Lion Cindy Barr – July 30th
- Lion Roger Epich – July 19th
- Lion Bob Lynch – July 22nd
- Lion Jim Cooper – July 31st



Happy Anniversary From the Mokena Lions ...

“Some people ask the secret of our long marriage. We take time to go to a restaurant two times a week. A little candlelight, dinner, soft music and dancing. She goes Tuesdays, I go Fridays.” -- Anonymous

- Lion Ray & Chris Baranek – 07/11
 - Lion Ron & Cheryl Grotovsky – 07/17
 - Lion Jeff & Patti Gacek – 07/13
 - Lion JD & Marianne Koon – 07/30
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Upcoming Events ...



- **Steak Fry** – Thursday, August 6th at the Heim estate, 19517 Wolf Road, 6:30PM
 - **Channahon and Crest Hill Lions Meet, Greet & Eat** – Saturday, August 8th at Arrowhead Park, Route 6, Channahon, IL, 6:00PM.
 - **Poker Run to benefit JDRF** – Saturday, September 19th at Chi-Town Harley-Davidson, 179th & LaGrange Road – watch your email for upcoming planning meetings and further details
 - **Mokena Lions August Board Meeting** – Thursday August 20th, hosted by **Lion Tony Marmo**, 7:30PM.
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