



# Barangay R A R



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## GHBLC Faces Another Challenge for 2012

**The last couple of months of 2011 were busy times for the officers and members of the GHBLC. Peace Poster Contest and the Annual Christmas Caroling.**

### Peace Poster Contest

Each year, Lions clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. For the last 10 years, the GHBLC has been sponsoring this contest. Last November award ceremony for the local level was held at the Marquardt Adm. building, 3 schools participated: Glenside Middle School, Marquardt Middle School and St. Matthew School, all from Glendale Heights. Students, parents, siblings, teachers, principals and superintendent were invited to this event. District 1-J Governor Lion Jim Addington came and helped with the presentation of the awards. Each school picked 3 winners, first place and 2 runner ups. The 3 first place posters were sent to the district for the district level judging and for 2 years in a row, entries from Glenside Middle School won. This year's winner is Jackie Andres from Glendale Heights. This is a good event to promote what the Lions Clubs stand for and we hope to continue this in years to come.



Entry submitted by Jackie Andres from Glenside Middle School won the District level



Entries from the 3 schools were displayed for the guests to admire the talents of the children in our area



District 1-J Governor Lion Jim Addington



GHBLC members posed with the winners, parents, governor, teachers after the event

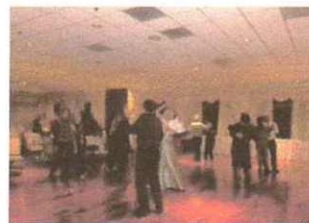


### Christmas Caroling

The Glendale Heights Barangay Lions Club held their annual Christmas caroling during 3 weekends of December. The activity was to raise funds for the club and to bring the joy and the spirit of the blessed season. 14 Lions and 9 volunteer non-lions sang Christmas carols at different holiday gatherings and events. The club was invited to carol at 6 holiday business parties, 2 Lions meetings, 4 seniors' gatherings and residences, 3 church groups, 3 family parties, special visit to a cancer patient's home and a visit to the VA Hospital to bring the holiday cheers to a sick Lion. The club netted more than \$4,000 in holiday donations from the different groups delighted by the joyous singing and the holiday cheers the carolers brought to the gatherings.

### Holiday Party – December 26, 2011

After 6 months of hard work for the officers and members, the club set aside a day around the Christmas and New Year holiday to gather and enjoy the company of families and friends. This year it was held at the Glendale Lakes Golf Club. It was a successful event, with lots of dancing, good food and entertainment. Although it was not considered as a fundraising event, the club still netted few hundred dollars to add to the funds for the hearing and vision impaired and various worthwhile projects for the rest of the club year.



Guests enjoyed the dance floor.

### Message from the president

Dear Fellow Lions,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the officers and members of GHBLC for their full support and cooperation for our successful and productive 2011. We as a club were able to fulfill our commitment to our fundraising and participate in most of the projects of District 1-J. Our accomplishment for 2011 is not pure luck, it was a product of a team effort of every officer and member as well as non-member volunteers of the GHBLC, who donated their time, money and effort to achieve the goal of helping our community.

2012 is a New Year and new beginning, the economy has shown some kind of recovery including unemployment, but there are still lots of challenges facing the club. Fund raising and attracting new members are among the few and should be addressed by the next leadership. Let us all rally behind our officers, we have the momentum from 2011, we have demonstrated that if we believe in the spirit of Lionism we can achieve our goals and objectives with flying colors.

In behalf of my family, I would like to congratulate the members for their full support and commitment to help the poor and the needy in our community specially the victims of typhoon Sendong in Cagayan de Oro and Iligan City in our Home Country the Philippines.

Happy New Year to all.....

Thanks,

Lion Mar



### Thanksgiving Day, WE Serve and We Make A Difference



Good friend school nurse Karen Kiernan of Glenbard West HS and our attractive website have kept our club busy with requests for free eye exam and prescription eyeglasses from people with vision problems.

Through OneSight program of LensCrafters of Stratford Mall, we are able to provide free eye exam and prescription glasses to people in need of vision care and help. Our club donates \$50 to LenScrafters and OneSight program takes care of the rest.

Since January, 2011, we have provided free eye exam and eyeglasses to 10 Glendale Heights residents through OneSight Program. On Thanksgiving Day, we are blessed and grateful for giving the gift of sight to 10 needy Glendale Heights residents. As Lions, WE SERVE and we make a difference in the community.

Pictured above are 2 of our free eyeglasses recipients this year.

## Upcoming Club Activities

**DISTRICT BOWLING - SUN, JAN 15, 12 NOON, STARDUST BOWL  
(37 Lorraine Ave., Addison, IL - off Addison Rd, bet. Lake St. & North Ave.)**

Our club is fielding two teams of 5 bowlers per team. We are looking for team members - join the team, have lots of fun and meet new friends. The club is paying for the registration fee of \$80/team. Contact Jun Fajardo, (630) 363-8920, if you want to *join the team*.

**CASINO TRIP TO INDIANA - SAT., JAN. 21 - \$15 DONATION**

This may be your lucky year. Join the Casino trip to good fortune at Horseshoe Casino in Indiana. The bus leaves Camera Park gazebo in Glendale Heights at 8:00 am. Coffee and donuts on the house. The bus returns at 4:00 pm. in Glendale Heights. For more information contact Dee Javier - (630) 624-8925. **Proceeds from this fundraising will go to aid the flood victims in Southern Philippines.**

**FUN NIGHT, DANCE NIGHT - SAT, JAN 28 - 749 Cove Court, Bartlett, IL. 60103**

The second FUN NIGHT for ballroom dancing, line dancing till midnight. Meet new friends and have fun while dropping excess pounds gained during the holiday season. More FUN NIGHT details to be announced by dance guru Christine Tiojanco (847) 965-1883.

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