

2017 Champaign Lions Club Speakers

December 27 - Debra Joy Hart, RN - will speak on 'therapeutic humor' and she will make you laugh!

December 20 - Christmas party, no speaker

December 13 - Mark Dirksen - Mark is the Business Manager at Buzard Pipe Organ Builders in Champaign, and will tell us all about pipe organs and how they are built!

December 6 - Business Meeting, no speaker

November 29 - Alyssa Harpst - Urbana School District teacher for students with visual impairment

November 22: Justin Spring, University of Illinois men's gymnastics coach, bronze medalist in 2008 Beijing Olympics

November 15 - Bridget Lee-Kalfas - she is the Advertising and Publicity Director at the Krannert Center

October 25 - Rob Kanter - Rob is a lecturer at the U of I, and writes the Environmental Almanac that is published in the News Gazette

October 18: Marvin Paulsen, Vacation in France

October 11: Jimmy Stewart, Experiences with beekeeping

October 4: Business Meeting, no speaker

September 27: Karl Gnad, Champaign-Urbana MTD Managing Director

September 20: Ernie Westfield, All-Star Negro League pitcher, retired from the Illinois Department of Employment Security.

September 13: Dori Puracchio, Carle nurse and diabetes educator, will speak on diabetes awareness.

September 6: Business Meeting, Lori Bennett – District 1-M Governor

August 30: Bob Asmussen, News Gazette sportswriter, will tell us all about 2017 Illinois football!

August 23: Kari May, Executive Director, Childrens Advocacy Center of Champaign County

August 16: Jim Kaler, Professor Emeritus of Astronomy, U of I. Will speak about the solar eclipse!

August 9: Mario Gumino - Executive Director of the Lions of Illinois Foundation

August 2: Business Meeting: Mark Krutsinger (Arthur), Zone Chairman

July 26: Ed Tichenor, Black Knights wheelchair basketball team

July 19: Jimmy Stewart - Edward Jones & Co - Financial Planning (Before and after retirement)

July 12: Nichole Millage - City of Champaign Recycling Coordinator and 3-time Paralympian

July 5: Business Meeting, no speaker

June 28: Tony Maltbia, Unit 4 Executive Director of Office of Student, Family and Community Supports

June 21: Iris Lundin - WWII vet, Iris was a female Marine and one of the first to teach male pilots navigation skills

June 14: Julia Rietz, Champaign County State's Attorney

June 7: Business Meeting, no speaker

May 31: Jay Hoeflinger, Champaign Lions Club history

May 24: Carol Chou, member of Student Volunteers in Optometric Service to Humanity, SVOSH Trip to Belize

May 17: John Dixon, Photo Editor of the News-Gazette

May 10: Barb Garvey, Museum and Education Director, Museum of the Grand Prairie at Lake of the Woods

May 3: Business Meeting, no speaker

April 26: Mary Schenk, Champaign News-Gazette news reporter – Crime reporting

April 19: Tom Kacich, News-Gazette political reporter and columnist

April 12: Rick Snider - County Administrator, Champaign County

April 5: Business Meeting, no speaker

March 29: Dawn Coyne, VP of Champaign County Crimestoppers – Crimestoppers Program

March 22: Regina Haasis, Illinois Attorney General's office – Current consumer scams

March 15: Nathan Montgomery, Executive Director of Salt & Light

March 8: Rick Cunningham, photographer – My visits to North Korea

March 1: Business meeting, no speaker

February 22: Brian Barnhart, WDWS - "Voice of the Fighting Illini"

February 15: Kip Pope - My flight on the Concorde

February 8: Yogi Burke, retired carpenter - Woodworking, carpentry

February 1: Business meeting, no speaker

January 25: Lora Mock, Rock Steady Boxing, Champaign - Fitness training for Parkinson's patients

January 18: Zane Ziegler, retired Detective, Champaign Police Dept - President, Champaign Police Historical Society

January 11: Ryan Ross, U of I Alumni Association, Coordinator of the History and Traditions Program - Coach Zuppke's art

January 4: Business meeting, no speaker