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**DOWNERS GROVE NOON LIONS CLUB
TO HOST “MEET & GREET” EVENT**

(Downers Grove, May 2, 2011) – The Downers Grove Noon Lions Club will be hosting a “meet and greet” membership drive for their club on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, at Gatto's Restaurant, 5123 Main Street in downtown Downers Grove.

“This event will be a great way for people in the community to come out and meet members of our club and learn more about what we do as Lions. We've been around for a long time and are proud to have several older members still active in the club”, stated Daryl Woltman, president of the Downers Grove Noon Lions Club.

The Downers Grove Noon Lions Club was founded in 1926 and is the oldest service club in Downers Grove. Every year the club hosts events to both raise money and awareness for their local and global humanitarian efforts. For over 80 years they have held a New Teachers Luncheon to welcome new grade school and high school teachers to our community. They hold an annual children's Halloween Parade in downtown Downers Grove; have funded hundreds of eye exams, glasses, as well as hearing exams and aids to the financially needy in the community; support Camp Lions (for the blind and deaf), Spectrios Low Vision Center (formerly The Deicke Center), The Illinois Eye Bank and “Diabetes Awareness” programs; and collect and sort used eyeglasses and hearing aids for redistribution to the needy in the U.S. and around the world. For the past few years they have also held a 5K “Labor of Love” Run/Walk & Kid's 1K event on Labor Day for runners and walkers of all abilities. This year's 3rd Annual “Labor of Love” event will be held on Labor Day – Monday, September 5 at McCollum Park in Downers Grove. For more information or to sign up for this event, please visit www.5klaboroflove.org.

The Downers Grove Noon Lions Club has 40 members and meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month at 12 noon at Gatto's Restaurant in downtown Downers Grove. Lions clubs are a group of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved with the Downers Grove Noon Lions Club, please contact Lion Lauren Musial at (630) 992-1100 or lauren.musial@yahoo.com.

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