

The “Great Pop Top Challenge”

Gary Levin and Helen Hill present the Challenge results at the December ILE General Meeting.



The competition started when Indian Lake Estates Library volunteer Helen Hill noticed a container on the library desk. A sign asked patrons to save pop tabs from aluminum cans for the Lions Club. All the tabs collected by the club would be sold at a recycling center and the proceeds donated to Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Knowing that many friends and family in Michigan drank soda and beer, Helen challenged the residents of ILE to a pop tab collecting contest. Library president Karen Wolzanski, Lions Club member Gary Levin and ILE Director Dick Dureault accepted the challenge on behalf of the ILE residents.

Pop tabs are collected rather than the whole can not only because it's more hygienic to store tabs than cans but collection and storage is also easier. The program is an easy way for people of all ages to support Ronald McDonald Houses and know they are making a difference for families and children. There are 11 Ronald McDonald Houses in Florida including 2 in Orlando.

Last year the Michiganders collected 14 pounds 2 ounces beating the Floridians by 4 ounces. This year Michiganders trounced Floridians 41.5 pounds to 37.25 pounds. While Michigan retains bragging rights in the “Great Pop Tab Challenge”, ILE residents vow to do better next year and the big winner is Ronald McDonald House Charities!