



# District 1-F IN FOCUS

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## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

**Mission Statement:** It is the goal of our District to become a stronger, healthier organization that will help improve the lives of all those people who need Lion services as we encourage our Lions in their individual growth in service.



### Lions of District 1-F:

We have a great line up of speakers for our District Convention! Remember Lion "Chief" Buzz Melton? He was a hit last year with his stories about fighting fires and training men and women how to be leaders. Now he is our State Global Membership Team leader. He has new stories to tell and he will be leading off our Friday Night Opening Party!

Lion Charles Emerson Young is the President of the Hadley School for the Blind in Winnetka. He is a world leader in blind education and an inspirational example to everyone. We will hear Lion Chuck on Saturday afternoon.

Our International guest is International Director Lion Alan T. "Ted" Reiver of Wilmington, Delaware. Lion Ted has been awarded every Lion honor I have ever heard of and more. Besides that, he is a successful businessman and a community leader. His main interest is in helping the blind.

Hoops Mania is an exciting sweepstakes fundraiser based on the NCAA national championship tournament in March. It's easy to play. You don't have to know anything about basketball. The teams and their tournament seed numbers are chosen by computer. All you have to do is root for your teams. Just check with the media to see who won. The last time we played this game (2008) there were three winners in the District. One of them received a check for \$200.00! This time you could be a big winner! Of the \$10.00 ticket price, \$7.00 goes into the District bank account!

I want to thank PDG Lion Paul Pioch for chairing our successful Peace Poster contest. Clubs from all over the District sent in their winning posters. All were artful and thought provoking; but the winner was Abigail Mendoza, a 13 year-old 8<sup>th</sup> grader from St. Emily School in Mt. Prospect. Abigail wrote: "Despite hard times, we can stand under the one umbrella." Her poster was sent to Council of Governors meeting where it was judged as one of the twelve finalists in Illinois. The State winner is 13 year old Jacob Crow of Altamont, Ill. who wrote: "Everyone must do their part to support peace for it is what keeps the world together."

Let the voices of our children and Lion leaders remind us that we have a lot of work to do.

Lion Walt

## "Lions Focus On Service"

**Lion Dennis Burns,  
1<sup>st</sup> VDG 1-F**



The Lion's year is half over and where do we stand? I really enjoy reading about many of the projects going on throughout the District in both the District Newsletters and the State Magazine. I only wish I could be a part of them all. There have been many great service projects performed this year but I have a question. How long are we going to be able to keep it up?

What am I talking about? In a word, I'm talking about "membership." Each month, as First Vice District Governor, I receive more than one report from Lions Clubs International regarding District 1-F's membership. The news I'm receiving is not encouraging. As of the end of December, so far this year District 1-F has gained 47 members. That's pretty good; just over one new member per club. The bad news is that we've lost 62 members. That's not good. We are losing one and a half members for every one member we gain. To make matters worse, there are seven clubs that have not filed a membership report this year. We don't know where they stand. Is their membership the same as it was at the last time they filed?

Hence, my question, how long are we going to be able to keep it up? What's going to happen to the community service when we no longer have members to perform these projects?

Please, just don't think about it. Do something. Ask someone to join. Our help is needed in each and every community. Don't let them down!

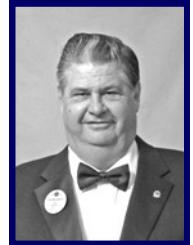
**Now is the time for each club to review its 6 month financial statements. Your treasurer can now prepare a report to compare the actual half year results with the 2011-2012 budget.**

**Talk openly in your club about the club's finances; it should be an open topic.**

**Lion Bill Jordan, PDG**



**Lion Robert Surovitz,  
2<sup>nd</sup> VDG 1-F**



Well Lions, it is time to start thinking spring. That means the District bowling tournament is coming up on February 12. Then the big one...our District Convention takes place March 2-4.

Lion April Frick, PDG has been working her fingers to the bone to make this a successful convention, she doesn't need excuses she needs cooperation. So Lions, LET'S DO SOMETHING. This year's Convention will once again be at the Renaissance Chicago North Shore in Northbrook. They have done a major remodel that looks fantastic. So sit down fill out your registration, write out a check to District 1-F Lions, and mail it to Lion Bob Surovitz, 2nd VDG, 21337 W. Starry Lane, Lake Zurich, Ill 60047.

As for GMT, we should have had the first meeting of the new Buffalo Grove Club by the time you receive this newsletter.

**Mark Your Calendars:**

Russ Boehm Zone Mtg	January 23
Ang Marcheschi Zone Mtg	January 23
Melvin Jones/Jim O'Connor Joint Zone Mtg	January 23
District Bowling	February 12
District Convention	March 2-4

# ZONER'S CORNER...



## Russ Boehm Zone

**Deerfield, Highland Park/Highwood,  
Lake Forest/Lake Bluff,  
Libertyville, Mundelein,  
Vernon Hills**

Lion Marty Reading, ZC

It is my honor and privilege to invite you and your club members to the 2nd Zone Meeting of the Russ Boehm Zone. This meeting will take place on Monday January 23 at the **Larry Laschen Community Center, 294 Evergreen Drive, Vernon Hills, IL**. The evening will begin at 6:30pm with Social time followed by dinner at 7:00pm. The cost of the dinner is \$20.00 per person.

The evening is planned to be both fun and informative. The primary emphasis of the meeting will be on the new Club Excellence Process (CEP). Lion Don Hook PDG will be giving a presentation on the CEP. This will be an opportunity for all Lions to learn about this New Process. The CEP designed for all Lions to learn more about their own club as well as how their club can better serve their community. I would encourage not only sitting Presidents and Secretaries but all Lions to attend this zone meeting.

Please, RSVP by January 18th. By phone at (847) 980-6986, fax at (847) 546-6092, or by email at [LionMartyReading@aol.com](mailto:LionMartyReading@aol.com).

If you have any questions or if we can help in any way, please let me know.

"Everyone who's ever taken a shower has an idea. It's the person who gets out of the shower, dries off and does something about it who makes a difference."

Nolan Bushnell

## Jim O'Connor Zone

**Gurnee, North Chicago,  
Wadsworth, Waukegan Little Fort,  
Waukegan Uptown,  
Winthrop Harbor, Zion Township**

Lion Molly Penny, ZC

If you have been receiving more info than usual concerning District events, you should be aware that activities are "swinging into high gear" as far as the 72nd District 1-F Convention is concerned. Convention Chair PDG Lion April Frick reminded the convention committee members that it's less than 8 weeks away! As Convention Ad Book Chair, I am trying to alert all to the fact that we need to start sending in our ads as the deadline for submitting them is February 5, which is a few weeks away. In the next several days I will be emailing an Ad Book flyer to all members containing all pertinent information. If you have misplaced any info, all forms concerning the ad book, including the original letter can be found on our district website at [www.district1flions.com](http://www.district1flions.com).

Additionally, Lion Kathleen Marusich, District 1-F Cabinet Secretary is emailing a copy of the guidelines for each club president and committee chair to submit a one page mid-year report of club/committee activities accomplished thus far in your lion year. This mid-year report can be emailed to me at [pennys246@comcast.net](mailto:pennys246@comcast.net) or mailed to ZC Lion Molly M. Penny, 38954 N. Gish Ave., Beach Park, IL. 60099-3574. The mid-year report will also be included in the District 1-F Convention Ad Book, and the deadline is also February 5.



## Ang Marcheschi Zone

**Evanston, Evanston Sunrise,  
Glenview, Morton Grove, Niles,  
Northfield, Skokie, Winnetka**

Lion Alan Barack, ZC



## Richard Kerscher Zone

**Arlington Heights, Barrington,  
Grayslake, Lake Zurich,  
Long Grove, Palatine,  
Wauconda**

# ZONER'S



## Melvin Jones Zone

**Antioch, Fox Lake,  
Gagewood, Grant Township,  
Lake Villa Township, Round Lake**

Lion Tom Lipper, ZC

A new year is upon us with positive expectations in your Lions District 1-F! As you know the Melvin Jones Zone will start off collectively January 23, 2012 with a Joint Zone Meeting (with Jim O'Conner Zone) hosted by the Gurnee Lions. This gives our Club representatives a chance, once again, to share their Club's successes, areas they would like to improve upon, and even assist our fellow Clubs with ideas to help them serve their respective communities and Lions International better.

Let's have some fun on Sunday, February 12, at Waukegan's Bertrand Bowling Lanes for the Annual Lions District 1-F Bowling Tournament! (Contact Lion Jim Jerousek #224.622.1418 for details).

If you haven't already noted on your 2012 calendar, "highlight and must attend" our Lions District 1-F Convention, March 2-4, at the Renaissance Chicago North Shore Convention Center in Northbrook. (You have received a lot of information on this convention, registration, etc.). I'm in charge of coordinating this convention's "Brag Boards and Displays" layout, and "friendly (but competitive)" competition for the best brag board. Early Melvin Jones Zone forecast is that the "traveling trophy" for the brag board winner will stay within the Melvin Jones Zone! If you have not attended a previous Lions District 1-F Convention, 2012 is the time to do so! It's interesting, entertaining, and fun! See you there!

As you're "filling-in" your 2012 calendar Melvin Jones Zone Lions Clubs, don't forget our final Melvin Jones Zone meeting on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Lake Villa Township Lions. More on this later...

Once again Club Officers, please keep your fellow Lions informed and provide information (registration forms, RSVP's, etc.) to them...it's important! Lastly, keep those Club reports coming in to District 1-F, including News Releases, photos, etc.

It's a real privilege serving the Melvin Jones Zone as your Zone Chair...you continue to be a great group of dedicated Lions to be associated with. "Let's focus strong in 2012"!



Lion Barb Lahtinen, ZC

## Milt Tuttle Zone

**Chicago Punjabi, Des Plaines,  
Elk Grove Village,  
Mount Prospect, Park Ridge,  
Prospect Heights,  
Schaumburg/Hoffman**

The Holiday season is now over, rather than fighting the winter doldrums, many of the clubs in the Milt Tuttle Zone have projects and fund raisers underway.

The Members of the Mount Prospect Lions, Elk Grove Village Lions, Prospect Heights Lions and Arlington Heights Lions will be attending their Annual Quad Club Meeting on Monday, January 23, 2012, which will be hosted by the Arlington Heights Lions Club at Clementi's Restaurant.

The Mount Prospect Lions are hosting their Past President's Dinner on February 23, 2012. They will also be issuing awards to their three local winners of their Peace Poster Contest. One of these three posters has made it to the state award level. The names of the individual winners will be announced at a later date.

The Schaumburg/Hoffman Lions are busy running their Friday Night Bingo. They are also busy planning their Third Annual Football Sunday (Super Bowl) Party and Silent Auction on Sunday February 5, 2012.

The Prospect Heights Lions are beginning to arrange their Annual Firehouse Pancake Day on May 20, 2012 and their golf outing on August 4, 2012.

The Elk Grove Lions are pleased to announce that their Annual Trivia Night will be held on Saturday March 31, 2012. They are also designing their float for Elk Grove Village's Annual Home Town Parade in June. In order to win the Best Float Award in 2012, just like they did last year, they are hoping to get sound advice from their own Lion Diane Millar, who participated in the construction of the Lion's Float seen in the 2012 Rose Bowl Parade.

If you need any information for these events, please do not hesitate to contact the President's of these clubs or myself.

Please plan to attend the Milt Tuttle Zone's final Zone Meeting which will be held at the Black Steer Char House, formerly known as Charlie's Char House located at 1180 W Devon, Elk Grove Village on Wednesday, April 11, 2012. As this will be our last Zone Meeting of the year, please save this date.

Hope to see you all at the District 1-F Convention March 2, 3, and 4, 2012.

## LIF Trustees Info...



This is the time of year for "New Beginnings", "New Resolutions", "Recommitment" and all can be applied to our Lions family and our motto "We Serve". Each of us has a story and challenges that we face everyday in our lives and choices need to be decided upon. Hopefully, those choices will include the clients of our Lions of Illinois Foundation programs and the Vision of that Foundation:

**"To create a permanent vehicle for the delivery of programs and services to the visually and hearing impaired."**

The clubs of MD1 and District 1-F are critical to that Vision. The active participation in the fundraisers and delivery of services are realized through the efforts of the everyday Lion working in their club. 2012 begins where 2011 left off with a slowly improving economy but many increasing demands placed upon organizations providing services to those in need.

Currently L.I.F. and our District 1-F Coordinator are trying to set the schedule for the Diabetic Retinopathy Screening unit for March of this year. If your club has not contacted the Foundation to schedule this unit, please do so as soon as possible.

The Diabetes Awareness Program material will be sent to you shortly so presidents and secretaries should be looking for this in their "In Box" shortly. Please understand that this year all monies collected need to be funneled through our Lions of Illinois Foundation as the ADA has been going through restructuring changes and has asked us to handle all aspects of this program. All donations need to be made out to the Lions of Illinois Foundation with the memo portion directing the donation to Diabetes Awareness. The Lions of Illinois Foundation will then process and direct the funds to the appropriate agency.

The new Screening Unit vehicle is soon to be ready and hopefully will be available for the Lions of

District 1-F at our District Convention.

Our Birdies Fundraiser will be kicking off soon; please give serious thought to participating in this fundraiser.

It would also be appreciated if you could contact one of the coordinators or one of the Trustees to make a presentation to your club or Zone concerning any of our programs.

Lion Priscilla M. Hedrick, PDG is still recuperating from some serious health challenges and could use some encouragement and your prayers.

*LJF Trustee*

*Lawrence R. Spaeth, PDG  
& Priscilla M. Hedrick, PDG*

## Silent Auction

### Your help is needed right now!

Lion Terri Surovitz is once again, chairman of the District 1-F Convention Silent Auction. She is currently looking for donations (items, baskets, or gift certificates) to help make this years' auction the best it can be.

**Items are needed by Sunday, February 18.**  
Items will not be accepted at the convention due to limited space.

If you have any questions or comments please contact Lion Terri at 847-438-4689.

Please give or send all items to:

Lion Terri Surovitz  
21337 W. Starry Lane  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047-8702

**Thank you in advance for your donations!**



## **PREVENTION IS CRUCIAL COMBATING RETINOPATHY**

Fundamentally, the job of the eye is to distinguish light from dark. In humans, eyes also reveal a world of incredible detail, a courtesy of nerves, blood vessels, light-sensing molecules, and highly evolved regions of the brain.

Unfortunately, these delicate spheres are also susceptible to injury, and eye disease is one of the major complications of uncontrolled diabetes. The most common diabetic eye disease is retinopathy, which in severe forms causes blindness in 10,000 people with diabetes each year. Between 40 and 45 percent of Americans with diabetes have some degree of retinopathy. Glaucoma and cataracts are also eye diseases that disproportionately affect people with diabetes.

By the time symptoms of eye disease appear, it may be too late to reverse the damage. That is why it is so important for people with diabetes to have their eyes checked regularly. While prevention is the best approach, there is an effective way to treat diabetic eye disease, particularly in its early stages.

The eye is a jelly filled sphere connected to the brain via the optic nerve. The front side, facing the world, is protected by the tough cornea. Behind this is the colorful and muscular iris, which surrounds the darker colored pupil. The iris can squeeze or relax to change the size of the pupil and thus the amount of light that enters the eye.

Behind the pupil is a lens, which focuses light before it shines on the retina that lines the inner wall. Molecules within the retina convert light and color information into electrical signals that are sent to the brain, where they are instantly decoded and turned into images. The part of the retina that is responsible for seeing fine details like the letters on this page is called macula.

The retina is nourished by many tiny blood vessels called capillaries. Diabetes can damage these capillaries, leading to retinopathy. Scientists are still trying to figure out how this happens. Faulty signaling, oxidative stress, out of control growth, and the direct modification of blood vessels by glucose are all suspected of causing the damage.

Does your club need to know more about diabetes and diabetic retinopathy? Call me and set up a program date.

Lion Al Gort, PDG  
847-855-8384  
[a.gort@sbcglobal.net](mailto:a.gort@sbcglobal.net)



### **District 1-F is pleased to welcome these New Lions!**

Arlington Heights:	Robert Dickens
Glenview:	Connie Brandstrom James Kennedy Martin Scott Vickers
Lake Zurich:	Mark Rabaj
Long Grove:	James Minard
Niles:	Steven Borkowski
Northfield:	Charles Young
Wauconda:	Emily Dato Wade Meyer
Zion Township:	Mary Budzik Garry Lindsey

# **Are you ready for the District Convention March 2-4?**



## **Important Due Dates**

(Click on link to go to form)

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| <b>January 15</b>  | <a href="#">Hospitality Room reservation</a>                            |
| <b>February 1</b>  | <a href="#">Service Excellence Award Applications</a>                   |
| <b>February 5</b>  | <a href="#">Ad book, Patron List and Lion Grams</a>                     |
| <b>February 14</b> | <a href="#">Parade of Banners form</a>                                  |
| <b>February 15</b> | <a href="#">Table sponsorship in hospitality rooms</a>                  |
| <b>February 16</b> | <a href="#">Last day to book hotel rooms at special convention rate</a> |
| <b>February 18</b> | <a href="#">Silent Auctions items (see page 5)</a>                      |
| <b>February 28</b> | <a href="#">Last day to mail in Convention registration</a>             |

# Introducing the District 1-F Convention speakers



## Alan T. "Ted" Reiver International Director

Alan T. "Ted" Reiver of Wilmington, Delaware, was elected to serve a two year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 94<sup>th</sup> International Convention, held in Seattle, Washington, USA July 4-8, 2011.

Director Reiver will be our International guest at our District Convention. He joined the Talleyville-Naamans Lions Club in 1983 and has held many offices within the association, at the club, district and multiple district levels and has served several Foundations. Director Reiver has received an impressive number of Fellows and Awards, a testimony to his dedicated service with and for Lions. In addition to serving Lions, he has served in leadership roles in community and professional organizations.

Director Reiver and his wife, Ann, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one daughter and three grandchildren.



## Lion Buzz Melton

Lion Buzz Melton joined the Lions Club in 2003 and currently serves as the GMT Coordinator for MD-1. He also serves this year as the Chairman of Zones 2-C and 2-D in District 1-H. Lion Buzz is a Past President of the Wyoming Lions Club, a Melvin Jones Fellow, and an LIF Foundation Fellow. He was awarded the International President's Service Medal in 2011 and the International President's Leadership Medal in 2008. Lion Buzz was a featured speaker at the 2009 Lions Club International Convention in Minneapolis, and he presents motivational and informational programs at a wide variety of other Lions Club events.

Lion Buzz is also known as "Chief Buzz," having retired from the Baltimore City Fire Department in 1995, following 23 years of service, including 11 years as a Battalion Chief, serving in many capacities including Fire-Rescue-EMS Operations, Chief of Hazardous Materials Operations, Chief of the Fire Prevention Bureau, and Chief of the Fire Investigation Bureau. Lion Buzz is both a chemist and a biologist, holding Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.



## Charles Emerson Young

Charles E. Young has been president of The Hadley School for the Blind since 2005, leading 70 staff members who provide free distance education to 10,000 students annually in more than 100 countries. Under Mr. Young's leadership, Hadley has launched several new initiatives that significantly expand the school's services and audience, including: a partnership with Utah State University to offer professional courses for college credit; the Forsythe Center for Entrepreneurship, a comprehensive curriculum for aspiring entrepreneurs who are blind or visually impaired; a collaboration with Bookshare.org to extend 120,000 current books and 150 daily newspapers free to Hadley's print impaired students; and a Blinded Veterans Initiative to support our nation's veterans and their families.

Mr. Young was recognized in July 2004 at the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired International Convention, where he received the John Macaulay Award for Lifelong Achievement in the rehabilitation of people who are blind. In addition, he is a past president of the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation and the National Council of State Agencies for the Blind.

Mr. Young's educational background includes a bachelor's degree in vocational education and a master's degree in vocational rehabilitation from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. He and his wife, Vicki, a respected vision teacher, reside in Winnetka, Illinois, where he enjoys live theater and sailing.



## Lions District 1-F Bowling Tournament



**Sunday, February 12, 2012**

Squad Times: 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

### **BERTRAND'S BOWLING LANES**

2616 Washington Street

Waukegan, IL 60085

**\$25 per person / \$125 per team of five**

**(Early bird discount of \$20/person if postmarked by 2/5/12)**

**\$10 per student 18 years and younger (student ID required)**

Last Year's Averages will be used, or you can bowl for your average

There will be a 50/50 raffle and a gift basket raffle

Registration Deadline: Thursday, February 10, 2012

Checks payable to: District 1-F Lions

Registration should be sent to Bertrand's Bowling Lanes

**Questions?**

**Contact:**

Lion Jim Jerousek -- 224.622.1418 (leave message)

or

Brenda Cornell, Bertrand Bowling Lanes -- 847.244.1300

**Walk-ins will be allowed if lanes are available**

**NO OUTSIDE BEVERAGE OR FOOD ALLOWED**



**Lions District 1-F  
Bowling Tournament  
February 12, 2012**

**Registration Form**

Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Time Choice  10:00 a.m. or  1:00 p.m.

Walk-ins will be allowed if lanes are available

Bowler Name	M/F	Student under 18? Y/N

List any special needs below:

\_\_\_\_\_

Cost (3 games of bowling and prize fund):

\$20.00 per person      Registration postmarked/submitted by 2/5/2012

\$25.00 per person      Registration postmarked/submitted 2/6/2012 or later

\$10.00 per student – 18 years old or younger with student ID

\*\*NOTE: Shoe rental not included in above cost \*\*

**Checks payable to: District 1-F Lions**

Registration Deadline: Thursday, February 10, 2012

**Send Registration Form and Payment to:**

BERTRAND'S BOWLING LANES

2616 Washington Street

Waukegan, IL 60085

Any questions please contact Lion Jim Jerousek 224.622.1418

## Grand Prize Winner: your face here.

Hoops Mania is our fund-raiser to insure that the District has enough money to finish the Lion year and give the incoming Governor a "nest egg" to start with. It replaces the Golf Outing and the Road Rally.

Tickets may be purchased at various events including the Cabinet meeting January 28, the District Bowling Tournament February 12, the District Convention in March, or from your visiting District officers.

Tickets can also be ordered by calling DG Walt Holden at 847-679-7457 or e-mail [Mylionsclub@aol.com](mailto:Mylionsclub@aol.com).

*Remember, only Lions money can be used to pay for Lions costs.*



**HoopsMania!**<sup>TM</sup>  
a CharityMania!® Fundraiser

### District 1F Lions

Have fun! Be a winner! Cheer for our favorite team!  
Help the lions service their communities!



### DISTRICT 1F GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL VISIT REQUEST 2011 – 2012

**Notice to all District 1F Clubs: Please book your Governor's visit as soon as possible**

Club Name:	_____				
Contact Person:	_____				
Address:	_____				
Phone:	_____	Email:	_____		
Dates: 1 <sup>st</sup> choice	_____	2 <sup>nd</sup> choice	_____	3 <sup>rd</sup> choice	_____
Is this a special occasion? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>					
If yes, what is the occasion? _____					
Meeting Details: Location, Time & Directions:					

Please send the request to Governor Walt Holden at [mylionsclubs@aol.com](mailto:mylionsclubs@aol.com) or fax to 847.679.1924.



Grayslake Lon Jim Rockwell was presented a Lions of Illinois Foundation Fellow by PDG Lion Rich Walters. Lion Jim was also chosen as Grayslake Lion of the Year.

**WANTED:**  
Pictures of your club activities and events for the newsletter. Please send with caption (including names) to:  
[D1Fnewsletter@aol.com](mailto:D1Fnewsletter@aol.com)



Lake Zurich Lions President Lion Ryan Heybeck presents a Life Membership to Lion Jeff Sedlack



Lake Zurich Lion Footloose is presented a Life Membership. Pictured are Lion Scott Kuba Dee Burns, Lion Carol Frank, Lion Footloose and Lion Jeff Sedlack



Jacob Crow from District 1-L was the winner of our Multiple District Peace Poster contest. Jacob is 13 years old and lives in Altamont, IL.