



# 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 Work as a Family When Disaster Strikes

#### Lions of District 1-F:

At 4:50 a.m. on Wednesday, February 29, a F4 tornado hit Harrisburg, IL. Seven people were killed, more than 100 were injured, the only hospital was severely damaged, 300 homes were destroyed, the business district was leveled, and the city became an unrecognizable moonscape. Governor Pat Quinn arrived in the afternoon and issued a State Disaster Declaration.

I called Lion District Governor Alma Young on Tuesday morning and she told me that the clean up was underway with Lions coming from all over the State to lend a hand and put Harrisburg back together. She said: "It's overwhelming! We are one big family." Torrential rain and the lack of electricity did not stop volunteer crews from clearing up the wreckage, removing fallen trees from the streets, and restoring a sense of community.

As soon as District 1-F Lions heard about the trouble in Harrisburg, a collection box for donations to help District 1C-S Lions was placed on the District Convention registration table. Immediately IPDG Lion Don Hook volunteered to chair the Tornado Relief Committee and \$4,900 was collected and sent to the 1-CS Lions. \$4,100 came from Lions Clubs and \$800 was donated by individual Lions. The Lions Clubs International Foundation is sending \$10,000. We are off to a good start; but more is needed to assist our fellow Lions who need help. It you want to help, please send your check to:

Lion David Underwood  
Harrisburg Tornado Relief Fund  
1312 Doris Heights Rd.  
Harrisburg, IL 62946

Congratulations to Bowling Chairperson Lion Jim Jerousek. Not only did he continue his string of profit making tournaments; but he made it a fun event for everybody who was there.

I had a great time at our District Convention! Thanks to Lion Convention Chair Lion April Frick, PDG and her excellent committee, everything went off with out a hitch. All I had to do was sit back and take it easy. Our International Guest, Lion Alan "Ted" Reiver, ID; is a great guy. When he heard about the tornado in Harrisburg, he immediately gave a \$100.00 contribution to the Relief Fund. More proof that:

## "Lions Focus On Service"

Lion Walt

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



Well, the District elections are over and we all know who next year's officers will be. As for me, all I can say is thank you for your vote of confidence. My intention is to do everything in my power to prove that it was deserved. Thank you.

I'm sure you are all wondering what I'm planning for next year. Realistically, I can't change much even though I'm the Governor Elect. More than my ideas and thoughts need to be taken into account. To be honest, I'm looking for ideas on events the District can sponsor that will be fun and not just a hand reaching out for more money. I'm sure that you've heard this before, I know that I have. As I said, if I can put a group of dedicated Lions together, we can figure out a way to make that happen. With that in mind I ask that you share your ideas with me.

By now you've probably heard that I suffered a very minor stroke sometime around the beginning of February. My doctors tell me it was caused by a small artery on the right side of the brain being blocked. I have been put on a blood thinner to prevent a recurrence. I have also been told I should have a complete recovery. A big thanks to all who expressed their concern and wishes for a speedy recovery. They are really appreciated.

It is my hope to help those clubs that are dwindling in size. The membership in District 1-F has been decreasing for some time now and it's time for all of us to do something about it. I've said this before, what happens to community service when we lose a club in the community. The District is here to help, but the club needs to let us know. Then we know where to apply our efforts.

I ask one favor when you try to contact me. Please call my home phone (847) 459-1640 and if I'm not home, please try my cell phone (847) 732-7510. I'm here to help, I'll just need to know how I can help. So don't hesitate to tell me.

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



Well, District Convention 2012 is behind us. (What a great party!) Congratulations to PDG April Frick for putting it all together with her committee. The speeches were informative as well as entertaining. (Especially the one about Bologna).

We did our best to keep it quiet and surprised Governor Walt with an announcement about the new Buffalo Grove Lions Club. They became a branch club of the Arlington Heights Lions Club in late February. We have more people interested in joining, as well as the support of the village of Buffalo Grove, so it looks like it could become a full chartered club by the end of this Lions year. Our international guest, I.D. Ted Reiver, inducted some of the members of this new club at the Saturday luncheon at convention.

On Sunday the District voted for our new officers. They are making plans to hit the ground running to make District 1-F the strongest district in the state. Our Zoner's will have the best training we can give them. They will know that when becoming a Zoner you start at the bottom as some already have. It's like lacing up a shoe, you start at the bottom, when you get to the top you tie it all together.



**Upcoming Zone Meetings**

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Melvin Jones Mtg</b>     | <b>March 19</b> |
| <b>Ang Marcheschi Mtg</b>   | <b>March 26</b> |
| <b>Jim O'Connor Mtg</b>     | <b>March 28</b> |
| <b>Richard Kerscher Mtg</b> | <b>March 28</b> |
| <b>Milt Tuttle Mtg</b>      | <b>April 11</b> |
| <b>Russ Boehm Mtg</b>       | <b>April 24</b> |

# ZONER'S CORNER...



Lion Marty Reading, ZC

## Russ Boehm Zone

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

It was nice to see so many Lions from the Russ Boehm Zone in attendance at the District 1-F Convention. I would like to personally congratulate Cabinet Secretary Lion Kathleen Marusich, President of the Vernon Hills Lions Club, for being presented with the Milt Tuttle Award by District Governor Walt Holden.

Even though the District Convention is over it does not mean our year's work is complete. Spring is right around the corner and soon Lions will be spending their time outside having events and serving their communities. I would like to let the Lions know that the 3rd and final zone meeting for the Russ Boehm Zone has been rescheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> and I am working on a location. Please look for more information soon.

I am working closely with the Mundelein Lions Club and they have decided to enroll in the Club Excellence process. Plans are already in the works for the Club to participate in the Mundelein Farmers Market being held on Friday afternoons beginning in June. This, along with other events during the summer will help for them to become more active in their community. I have become familiar with the Lions of Mundelein this year and from what I have seen I am sure they will become a stronger club than they already are.

In closing I would like to remind all the clubs that your PU-101's for both District 1-F and International will be due early in May. It is very important that you get your 2012-2013 officer information into both District 1-F and International ASAP so that they can in turn get important information out to the clubs in a timely manner.

With new club and district officers being elected, this quote comes to mind:

*"It has been argued that leaders are not evaluated based on the number of followers they lead, but instead on the number of new leaders they develop"*

Margret J Wheatley, \*Leadership and the New Science



Lion Molly Penny, ZC

## Jim O'Connor Zone

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

Thanks to all who participated in the District 1-F Convention at the Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel. As your Zone Chair, it was a pleasure to see each club member, whether it was during the Friday Opening ceremonies, Parade of Banners, in the Hospitality rooms, Silent and Live Auctions, during the Necrology service, luncheon, nomination speeches, the Governor's Banquet, or the Sunday morning breakfast. I was especially thrilled that several of our Jim O'Connor clubs and individual members received well-deserved district awards. All in all, it was an exciting and memorable district convention.

As a reminder, the last Jim O'Connor zone meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, March 28 at Ray Radigan's Restaurant, 11712 Sheridan Road in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin. Social begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. All members will receive evites containing additional information.

Additionally, as your 2012 Ad Book Chair, and following in the footsteps of 2nd VDG Lion Bob Surovitz, who was Ad Book Chair for District 1-F for the five previous years; I accepted the assignment with the expectation of producing a credible Ad Book that all members would appreciate and be willing to keep as an addition to their collections of Lion Memorabilia. Relying on Lion Bob's expertise and advice to choose a printer in my geographic area, I chose a printing company that does outstanding quality work, and is a member of our Lion community. This has been my first opportunity at working on a large task such as the Ad Book, and I have learned to accept constructive criticism from Lions whom I hold in high regard; those Lions include Lion Alice Terrill, the Ad Book Master; Lion Bob Surovitz, the previous Ad Book Chair; and Lion Sandy Bradbury, and Bonnie Griffiths of Brad's Printing who worked diligently to produce the 2012 District 1-F Convention Ad Book.

Finally, Thank you to all 2012 Convention delegates for putting your trust and confidence in me by electing me to the 2012-13 office of 2nd VDGE.

I shall do my best to live up to your expectations.



Lion Alan Barack, ZC

## Ang Marcheschi Zone

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

# ZONER'S CORNER CONTIUED...



## Melvin Jones Zone

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

Lion Tom Lippert, ZC

I want to take this opportunity to formally congratulate all the District 1-F Melvin Jones Zone Lions and clubs who were in attendance and received recognition for their accomplishments during our recently completed Lions District 1-F Convention in Northbrook, IL. Every Melvin Jones Zone Club was represented and actively (as always) participated. (I'm very proud of our zone!)

Once again this year a Melvin Jones Zone Club received the highly competitive and "coveted" Lions District 1-F brag board 1st place and accompanying travel trophy. Congratulations to Lake Villa Township Lions! We also received a 3rd place; congrats perennial award winner Gagewood Lions. The brag board competition was all part of the Lions District 1-F Convention and is always an important part- "it tells our club's story"! (This year there were eleven clubs participating from all over District 1-F). Make sure your club participates next year...

It was really good to see and talk to most of you at the convention. I learned even more about you and your club.

**Bulletin Reminder:** The next Lions District 1-F Melvin Jones Zone meeting is Monday, March 19, starting at 6:30 p.m., at Ad-Lib Geocafe in Lindenhurst; hosted by Lake Villa Township Lions. Your Melvin Jones Zone Club Presidents should have all the details. (All Lions District 1-F Chairs received details too!). This is going to be a good dinner meeting! Really good food and let's really critique our thoughts on our District 1-F and our Zone. It will only make us better for you and your Club. "We Serve" ..., but we also "Listen"!

Congratulations to our newly elected Lions District 1-F Cabinet! Let's provide our new Cabinet with good feedback from our Melvin Jones Zone Meeting!

As always Club Officers, please keep your fellow Lions informed and provide information (special events, fundraisers, photos, etc.) to them and to your Lions District 1-F- we really enjoy hearing from you! I hope to see you soon!



Lion Barb Lahtinen, ZC

## Milt Tuttle Zone

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

Another year has passed and the anticipated District 1-F convention is over. Thank you to all the members of the Milt Tuttle Zone who attended this function to participate, see old friends, meet new friends, and enjoy being a Lion with other Lions.

Congratulations to the Elk Grove Village Lions. They were presented with the A.F."Ang" Marcheschi Award by District Governor Walt Holden. This award is given to a club for exemplary service to the community, significant growth and/or operational improvement or has successfully presented an individual project. The award, along with a second place award for their brag board provided the Elk Grove Village Lions with a lot to talk about.

I would like to offer a special thank you to the following Lions for their help and participation:  
Sergeant at Arms: Elk Grove Village Lion Kirk Reasoner, Mt Prospect Lion Robert Habel, Lake Zurich Lion Footloose, and Round Lake Lion Jim Jerousek. Thank you for maintaining order at the Convention.  
Des Plaines Lion Carol Shepardson, thank you for volunteering when help was needed.

The District needs your involvement, participating in District 1-F events can be fun, especially if your bowling is good. Congratulations, Prospect Heights Lions for placing 6<sup>th</sup> in the District Bowling Tournament.

Save the date: The final Milt Tuttle Zone Meeting will be held Monday April 11, at The Black Steer Char House (formerly known as Charlies) 1180 West Devon, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007. As this will be our last Zone meeting of the year, please plan to attend.



Lion Bob McCarty, Sr., ZC

## Richard Kerscher Zone

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

## LIF Trustees Info...



**Focus on those  
“We Serve”!**

“Hull House, the Chicago social services organization founded more than 120 years ago by Nobel Peace Prize winner Jane Addams, closed ... after running out of money.” The lead line in a story recently describing what happened to a charity here in the Chicago area. Reminding us that we cannot become complacent in our efforts to serve the visual and hearing impaired.

Our Candy Day receipts this year were down approximately \$7,368 from last year with all clubs in District 1-F having reported. A reduction of 13.6% in funding for the programs of our Foundation, from District 1-F, the fact of the matter is that Candy Day receipts were down throughout MD-1. The difficulty with these numbers is that the ones that will truly be impacted by this shortfall will be those “We Serve”.

We can wring our hands and say that we will determine to do better next year but until then the budget will have to be balanced by either more income or less outgo and less outgo equates to less for those “We Serve”. This information is being shared to appeal to our clubs to address the issue at hand and somehow find the resources to make up for the shortfall before decisions need to be made for our Camp Lions and/or our Low-Vision programs and enable our Foundation to provide services to all who need them.

Budgets are a simple mathematical problem but the impact is a human one. The shortfall from our district alone would equate to 7-8 fewer campers or 25 fewer low vision clients being served.

It is our hope to be able to secure additional funding and not balance our Foundation’s budget on the hopes of those “We Serve”. The Lions of District 1-F have never failed to meet a challenge and this is our challenge.

At our recent District Convention you elected Lion Bill Jordan, PDG to serve as your Trustee for the term 2012-2014 please support him in his efforts to represent you on the Board from District 1-F and Lion Trustee Priscilla M. Hedrick as she completes her term next year.

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

**Be sure that your club is filing IL Attorney General annual report AG990-IL. The report is filed based upon the club's fiscal year-end, most being June 30, for which the report was due December 31.**

**The IL Attorney General monitors organizations registered to solicit in IL. If your club isn't filing reports, then it maybe hasn't registered, or its registration was dropped for failing to file. We have notified the clubs which haven't yet complied, but many are still not filing.**

**Questions? Lions Marcie Claus & Bill Jordan**



Save the date

**May 12**      **Officer Training Seminar**  
**("Lip n' Lunch")**  
**Vernon Hills**

**May 18-20**    **MD-1 Convention**  
**Decatur**

**September 30** **District 1-F "Run/Walk for Sight"**  
**Vernon Hills**

If you're into Social Media log onto Facebook and join the District 1F Lions Facebook page. Get connected with District Cabinet and friends from all over the world. Also, find out about events and happenings.

Lion Cynthia Spaeth



District convention photos are on-line now.

Go to the [District 1-F website](#) and click on DISTRICT 1-F CONVENTION 2012 PICTURES In the middle of the page.

Lion Jack Brey took 476 pictures during the weekend!

Thanks Lion Jack



As you know, 2011-2012 International President Wing-Kun Tam challenged Lions around the world to plant one million trees this year to demonstrate the strength of our global network.. So far Lions have planted

**6,970,198 trees!**

Way to go!



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

**Buffalo Grove Branch/  
Arlington Heights:**

**Barry Dempsey  
Aleen Goldberg  
Harry Goldberg  
Peter Guercio  
Joe Jordan  
Dave Schwartz  
Chris Spaeth  
Denis Spaeth  
Hong Yoon  
Seojin Yoon**

**Chicago Punjabi:**

**Yaspal Singh Mayer**

**Des Plaines:**

**Ray Imig  
Tod Magnafichi**

**Grant Township:**

**Jeny Garcia**

**Gurnee:**

**Alberto Ferlauto  
Tiffany Ann Holton**

**Highland Park/Highwood:**

**Brian Lock  
Yuyiy Moskovoy  
Ron Weingardt**

**Lake Villa Township:**

**Sandra Compson  
Sean Buchanan  
Tom Weber**

**Lake Zurich:**

**Meta Learas  
Mike Lenza**

**Mount Prospect:**

**Lizzet Stone  
Michael Witkowski**

**Schaumburg-Hoffman:**

**Tony Neff**

**Skokie:**

**Barbara Kahler**

**Vernon Hills:**

**Julie Knier**

**Wauconda:**

**Susan Cunningham**





**MD-1 2011 STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**  
**MAY 17 - 20, 2012**



**Decatur Conference Center & Hotel, Decatur, IL**

Person # 1 \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club \_\_\_\_\_ Circle one: Lion – Lioness – Leo-Guest  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Current Club Position \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ First Timer: (Please circle): Yes/No

Person # 2 \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club \_\_\_\_\_ Circle one: Lion – Lioness – Leo-Guest  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Current Club Position \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ First Timer: (Please circle): Yes/No

| Registration Fee Lion, Lioness, Spouse, Guest<br>No registration fee for Leos or age 18 or under  | <u>COST</u><br>\$10 | <u>Person # 1</u> | <u>Person # 2</u> | <u>Total:</u> |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Tour of Decatur- (subject to minimum registrations)   | \$5.00              |                   |                   |               |
| Warrensburg/Latham Lions Club Pancake Breakfast<br>7am-11am Sat May 19 Donations at Door  | \$0                 |                   |                   |               |
| Saturday May 19 Lunch: Deli Style-Build your own  | \$20.00             |                   |                   |               |
| Saturday Night Banquet, May 19:<br><i>Circle One:</i><br>Amish Style Roast Pork loin w/ Cran-Almond Dres<br>Marinated Chicken Breast w/ Jus Lie<br>Soy Seared Salmon w/ Grilled Pineapple Salsa | \$25.00             |                   |                   |               |
| LIF Foundation Breakfast, May 20<br>Sunday Morning- The All American  | \$12.00             |                   |                   |               |

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special Meal Requests for religious or health reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks payable to: Lions Of Illinois, Inc**

Mail Registration Forms no later than **May 6:**  
 Lions of Illinois, Inc  
 19072 State Highway 123  
 Petersburg, IL 62675  
 Phone: 217-632-7775

**Cut Off Date for Hotel Reservations April 16, 2012**

Reservations:  
 Room rate is **\$80.99 per night**  
 To make a room reservation, Call: **217-422-8800**  
 To get the discounted rate, please mention "Lions Convention".

**Tell them you are with the Lions!!!**

**Attending the MD-1 State Convention?  
How about a trolley tour of Decatur?  
Check the box on the Convention registration form  
For more information contact Lion Don Borgwardt at [dibhaines@aol.com](mailto:dibhaines@aol.com)**

**Lions Club Custom Tour of Decatur, Illinois • 2012  
Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

9:30 am- Depart Conference Center

• **About Decatur**

*"Decatur's population 76,000. Major Businesses are Caterpillar, ADM, and Tate & Lyle. Decatur is the second largest site of food researchers in the Nation."*

9:40 am

• **Millikin University**

*One of the nation's first small, comprehensive universities*

• **James Millikin Homestead**

*City father and founder of Millikin University*

• **Frank Lloyd Wright** school of design homes (2)

9:45 am

• **Lincoln Square**

*Site of Lincoln's first political speech  
Site of first County Court House*

10:00 am

• **Lake Decatur spillway**

• **Baby Talk Offices**

• **Potawatomi 1838 Trail of Tears Marker**

• **St. Mary's Hospital**

10:10 am

• **Lake Decatur**

*Site of the 2012 Bassmaster Elite Series Championship  
Tournament*

• **Nelson Park**

*Fido Fields Dog Park & Flying Disc Golf course*

• **Tate & Lyle Manufacturing**

*Global provider of corn/soybean products like Splenda.  
High fructose corn syrup and ethanol*

10:15 am (Stop for a treat)

• **Krekel's Custard**

*Midwest Magazine's 2010 featured destination for lemon  
custard*

10:45 am (Back on the Trolley)

• **African-American Civil War Soldiers Monument**

• **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) birthplace and statue**

11:35 am (Stop for visit with Commodore Stephen Decatur portrayer)

• **Central Park**

*Transfer House  
Stephen Decatur statue*

11:50 am (Back on the Trolley)

12:00 pm - Return to Conference Center



Elk Grove Village Lions Ed Ruszkowski and Anne Feichter present a CCTV video magnifier to Angela Bratt, a 10 year old visually impaired student.



LIF Trustee Larry Spaeth, PDG presents LIF Trustee Priscilla Hedrick, PDG with a Foundation Fellow at the 2012 District Convention.

**“Lions  
Focus  
On  
Service”**



Elk Grove Village Leos Autumn, Treasurer Kaitlin, President Marki and Lexi counting their Leo Candy Day money.



Mount Prospect Lion President Rob Habel accepts the 2012 Chamber's Partner award from Dawn Collins, Mount Prospect Chamber Executive Director.





Elk Grove Village Lion Diane Millar with Lions International President Wing-Kun Tam, and working on the 2012 Lions International Rose Bowl Parade float .



Waukegan Uptown Lions ZC Molly Penny and Lion Nedra Cannon take a moment to sit and relax on a Lions bench.



**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)



District Governor now Lion/Lioness Walt Holden was sworn in by Lions District 1-F Lioness Liaison Lion Bill Butchart along with Elk Grove Village Lioness President Ellen Peacock.