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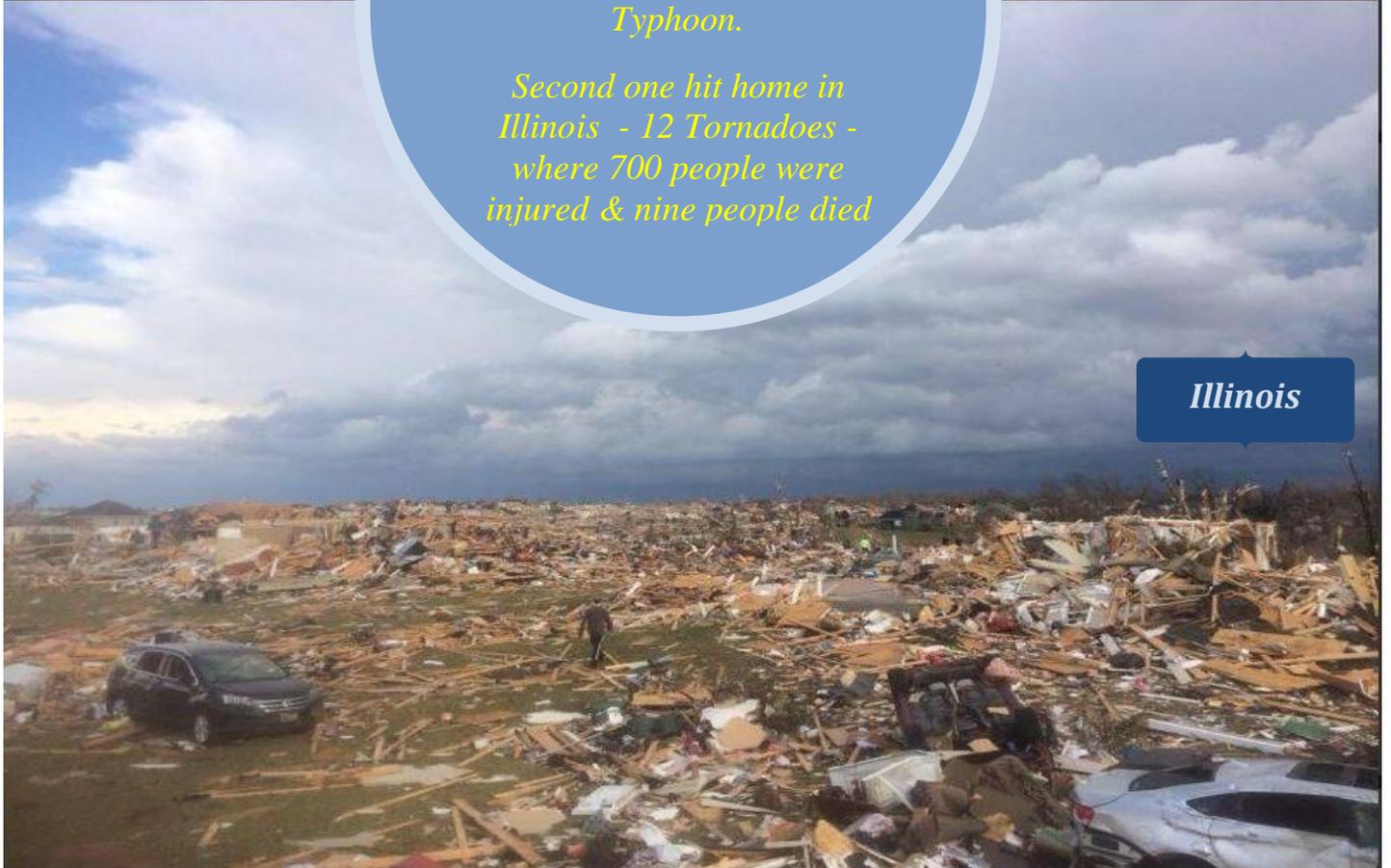
December, 2013

Philippines

*One Week, Two Tragedies!
First one in Philippines
where more than 6,000
people lost their lives & 13
million people are affected by
Typhoon.*

*Second one hit home in
Illinois - 12 Tornadoes -
where 700 people were
injured & nine people died*

Illinois



Greetings from the Council Chair:



December month is to share gifts - we as Lions, Lioness and Leos here in Illinois must now stop and remember this fact, especially since so many tornadoes and storms raced through our state

on Sunday, November 17 and left much destruction and chaos in many towns and areas across our state.

I have been reminded each day of the generosity of so many that have stepped forward to help the many areas that have suffered damages and loss. Our family of Lions, Lioness and Leos has come together to help everyone begin the recovery process. We have 5 Districts that have applied for emergency grants from LCIF and I thank the LCIF personnel who have been very helpful in providing prompt answers to our many questions.

I thank PDG Austin D'Souza for his work as our State Alert Chairman and getting information out to all concerned. I also thank PDG Austin for putting together the special issue of our State e-Newsletter. I also want to say a big thank you to Lion Buzz Melton who has also helped with getting information out to all the districts and helping to get the lines of communication open with LCIF.

I thank the Council of Governors who has replied to my many emails and phone calls with information about their respective districts. The Council and both 1st and 2nd VDG Councils are being kept informed, to

the best of my ability, and I appreciate their input into answering questions and concerns that I have posed to them. I thank them all for coming together as a team as we deal with the many jobs that are ahead of us in the coming months of recovery.

I also want to thank the District Alert chairs who have stepped up to their duties and are working hard in their districts to get the word out and to organize the work that needs to be done.

I will continue to keep everyone updated as I have new or more information to share with everyone. Please contact me at any time of the day or night if you have any comments, questions, or concerns about what is happening here in our state. My email is: cc1314mdl@yahoo.com and my phone is: 618-980-7482.

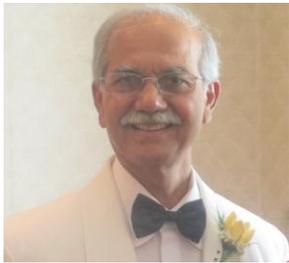
Please continue with your prayers and thoughts with all who have been touched by these storms & tornadoes here in Illinois and elsewhere that suffered damages from the many storms that raced across our nation on Sunday.

As we come together to celebrate Christmas holiday season, I ask that you remember to help out with your donations, the many distribution centers that are being set up and the many food pantries that will be giving out food in our Districts. Also to the clubs that do food baskets at this time of year, I know that you will have a even greater need for donated items to fill those baskets. Lions, Lioness and Leos are generous people and for that I thank each and every one of you for your dedication to Lionism and to the motto WE SERVE.

We must also continue to remember the many who were devastated in the Philippines by the hurricane in recent weeks. LCIF will see that 100% of your donations are used for disaster relief so please put them on your donation list for this year. I am thankful that so many have donated to LCIF so that we as Lions can continue our help to those in needs here and around the world. May we all have a Joyful & Peaceful Christmas Season. I thank everyone for their service to Lions.

-CC Lydia Ellis

Editor's Note:



Dear Lions, Lionesses & Leos of MD1:

We just celebrated Thanksgiving Day with our family members and loved ones to praise the Lord for his blessings upon us to live a better life in this beautiful world. Many of us also remembered the victims of Typhoon in Philippines and Tornadoes in our own State – Illinois.

Many people lost everything they had – homes, cars and personal memorabilia which they stored in their homes. This is truly unimaginable and for some extent very hard to explain unless you see in your own eyes and feel the pain.

Many of us donated in kind by sending monetary support, unperishable food items, school items for children, coats, clothes, boots, etc., etc. Many of us answered our Governors' calls and did the needful. As Lions of MD1 it is our duty and responsibility to help these needy people in affected areas in Illinois.

Christmas is the season to give away gifts – let us remember our brothers and sisters

right here in Illinois and shed some rays of hope so that they can also celebrate Holidays in December and New Year 2014 to come.

As a MD1 Alert Chairperson, I tried my best to contact our Lion Leaders to start a campaign to collect goods and monetary help to lend our helping hand to these tornado victims in Illinois. I must thank all 12 Governors, Alert Chairpersons and all Lions, Lionesses and Leos who took active part in this mission.

Many of Lions clubs held special fund raisers to collect funds, launched special trucks, vans to collect items and took them to tornado hit victims. This is the reason why we joined Lionism – to help those who are in need at their difficult times.

Thank you and God bless you for your kind help and generosity. Long live spirit of Lionism – We Serve.

-Lion Austin D'Souza, Editor

LCIF Disaster Relief Fund Aids Victims of Typhoons and Tornadoes



LCIF

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

-PID Bud Wahl, MD-1 LCIF Chair

When making a donation to the Disaster Relief Fund through LCIF, money becomes available for victims of natural disasters anywhere in the



world. By requesting your contribution to go towards the Disaster Fund, you are providing the needed funds when they are required for a disaster or emergency grant.

As of November 18, more than \$1 million has been donated to the Disaster Relief Fund on behalf of the recovery efforts in the Philippines following the devastation caused by Typhoon Haiyan. Lions are encouraged to consider a donation for the immediate needs, as well as the Lions long-term recovery efforts.

And, with the tornadoes that ravaged through our state on November 17th, causing extensive damage to several Illinois towns, donations to the Disaster Relief Fund will aid in supplying emergency grants up to \$10,000 per district. It appears that at least five districts in Illinois have either already applied, or will be applying, for the emergency grants.

Of course, in addition to making a monetary donation to LCIF, Lions can also donate money or items of need to the individual districts affected by the tornados. In addition to money, they will be accepting donations of food, water, clothing, medical supplies, blankets, hats, scarves, gloves, personal hygiene supplies and other related items.

A state-wide plea from Council Chair Lydia Ellis for the above donations for Districts CN, CS, H, K and B has been issued. If you are able to make any kind of a contribution, directly to any of the districts, please contact either Council Chair Lydia, or any of the District Governors from the affected districts.

LCIF is Lions helping Lions. Many of our Lions in Illinois are in need of help from you at this time.

Bridgeview Lions Visit Washington, IL



(Left to Right: Tony Cruz, PDG Ray Jachim, Victor Cruz, Nathan Jachim, Bill Hrynko & Mrs. Hrynko)



Serving Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Brats with Trimmings. Hot food was served to 600 people and all extra food for 300 was given to Main Warehouse. Prairie Material provided all food. Weather was 27 degrees and the wind chill was in single digits. Oaklawn Lions 2 cases of mint, Bridgeview donated \$200 and Justice donated \$10. Small strip mall in Washington provided space for Lions to serve.



MD-1 Forum Attracts Lions

Lions from across Illinois came together to participate in the MD-1 Lions Leadership



Forum held on November 8th and 9th in Normal, Illinois. One

hundred and sixty one (161) Lions participated in numerous sessions, shared ideas, solved challenges, and revitalized their Lions' spirit.

Many Lions deserve a "pat on the back" for their efforts, including the 2013 MD-1 Forum Committee; the MD-1 Council of Governors; the Presenters and Moderators; CC Lydia Ellis; State Secretary Treasurer Michele Faires; PID Bud Wahl; VDG Buzz Melton, GMT Coordinator MD-1; Lion Snap Hornung; District 1K Players; and the Danvers Lions Club.

Evaluations from this year's MD-1 Forum are currently being reviewed to make plans for the 2014 event.

-Jama Wahl, MD-1 GLT Coordinator

Is the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute Your Next Leadership Move?

Have you thought about taking on a leadership role at the district level, but you are not quite ready to make that move? Do you feel the need for more learning opportunities to sharpen your leadership skills before making that jump? If so, Lions Clubs International has an opportunity for you.

The next Advanced Lions Leadership Institute for the Lions of the United States of America, Its Affiliates, Bermuda & The

Bahamas, and Canada will be offered in Oak Brook, Illinois on March 8-10, 2014. It is a valuable opportunity to build on skills that enhance the leadership qualities at the zone, region, and district levels.

The institute is targeted to **Lions that have completed a successful term as club president, but have not yet attained the position of first vice district governor.** Lions who are region and zone chairpersons, as well as second vice district governors are encouraged to apply to this institute. Candidates do not have to hold a position currently.

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the schedule of the institute. Additionally, LCI will make appropriate hotel reservations for each participant on a twin-share basis. Please note that a non-refundable participation fee of **US\$95.00** will be required to offset these costs for all institutes. This fee will be due no less than four weeks prior to the institute start date. Participants are responsible for all travel expenses to and from the designated venue inclusive to all relevant ground transportation charges. This means participating Lions are getting a world class training opportunity for just US\$95.00 and the cost of transportation to Oakbrook, Illinois.

The [application packet](#) is available by clicking on this link. More information is also available on the LCI website by clicking this link [web site](#). One hundred and fifty (150) Lions, total, will be selected for participation. This institute will be conducted in English and French.

Completed forms must be returned by:
December 27, 2013

parole. Sentencing takes place December 6, 2013 in Jo Daviess County, Illinois.

Amy Ricks, a teacher at East Dubuque High School and Leo Club Advisor said “the Leos Club *almost immediately* upon learning of Chyenne’s death spearheaded the planning of a memorial that includes a bench and tree just in front of East Dubuque High School.” Rick says, “With the planting of the tree and the placement of the bench, we hope the community will look for peace amid the chaos and confusion and know that Chyenne will always “*shine on.*”

The Leos Club raised funds to pay for the memorial bench and tree by selling bracelets with the words “Shine On” printed on them. Local business men such as Bill Hoefler of Custom Auto Repair and Sales, Gary Freiburger of Expert Lawn, Brannon’s Monument and Beeler’s Tree Farm all joined in to make the memorial along with two scholarships in Kircher’s memory possible. A true community effort.

(Photo attributed to Hillary Dickerson, Galena Gazette.)

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATIONS TO:

Institutes & Seminars

Lions Clubs International

Fax: 630.706.9010

E-mail: institutes@lionsclubs.org

To ensure timely receipt of your applications, please submit by e-mail or fax.

If you have questions or need further information, do not hesitate to contact LCI by phone at 630.468.6740 by fax at 630.706.9010 or by e-mail at institutes@lionsclubs.org or talk with your Sub-District GLT Coordinator or MD-1 GLT Coordinator, Jama Wahl at jamawahl@yahoo.com.

-Jama Wahl, MD-1 GLT Coordinator

The East Dubuque Leos Club, along with a grieving community, recently gathered to remember and honor the memory and tragic loss of a classmate.

Fourteen year old Chyenne Kircher went missing in October of 2011. Her remains were found buried in her family’s backyard in East Dubuque, Illinois last month. Her stepfather, Terry Abbas has since pleaded guilty to the murder and faces life in prison without



Helping Hands From Missouri Lions

1VDG Buzz,

I was very happy to talk to you and certainly my heart goes out to you and your District as you all strive to serve the victims there. It sounds like the needs you are facing are similar to the ones we had with debris removal and our Partnership was incredible with FRT and Tad. We were able to do so much more than I ever dreamed since we had Lions willing to roll up their sleeves and they had the equipment, experience and expertise in dealing with EVERYTHING!

Here is our District web address so you can see the Video LCIF made when they were here. Tad is on there with us. PIP Sid actually worked on site with us (Lions and FRT) one day when he was in! <http://www.molionsm6.org/> Just take the Joplin Relief tab at the top. I will forward you some other emails that detail the additional Grants. We received the Emergency \$10,000.00. Then I went back and requested more as the need for debris removal was great and got \$50,000.00. Then I ask again and received another \$10,000.00 for additional time working with FRT.



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LIONS and First Response Team



TOGETHER SERVING JOPLIN

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Together in Service,

-PDG Debbie

(Editor's Note: What a wonderful job by PDG Debbie & our own I VDG Buzz! On behalf of MD1, our sincere thanks to PDG Debbie & Team.)



District Governor William "Butch" Guennewig presents a friendship banner to Palestine Lions President Larry Parke.

Do Something!



Zone Chairman Kevin Mendenhall presents Lion John Maddox with a 25 year membership Chevron

award was presented in Recognition of the Display of Outstanding Character from the Oswego/Montgomery Character Counts! Coalition. This award was presented publicly at the Oswego Village Board meeting on November 5, 2013.



Food Depository

The **Gagewood Lions** were on hand to help distribute food to the needy on Saturday, November 2.



Larry Parker presents Lion Don Dugan with a 15 year membership President Chevron.



What a great service to the community by the Wildwood Presbyterian Church and all who volunteer. The recipients are very grateful for all they receive. Thanks to all who came out to help!



The **Oswego Lions Club** was recognized for their "Award Winning character". This



The **Gagewood Lions** recently got together to sort the glasses collected from the two “mailbox” drops. One is at the Walgreens at



Rt. 45 & 120 in Grayslake and the other is at the Warren Township Senior Center. Over 2,000 pairs of glasses were collected and there are still more to count! Great job!



Editor's Note: Recycling should be one of our goals in life to reduce waste and produce more. Let us collect used eyeglasses, hearing aids, ink cartridges, batteries, pop tops, and old keys and send them to Lions of Illinois Foundation where they can recycle these items and help needy people in MD1. It will cost us nothing – just our time as volunteers of Lions Clubs International.



Towanda Lion, Phil Josephson was presented with an award for 32 years of service from Lion, John Whalen, Southwest Zone Chairman at the Towanda Lions November meeting.



Towanda Lion, Bob Hancock is shown with Katy Seibring, this years recipient of the \$1,000 Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship. Katy is a math major with a Spanish minor at Illinois Wesleyan University. She has played on the women's basketball team all four years and experienced winning a national championship as a sophomore. She has been involved in many activities outside of school such as participating in a Christian group on campus, volunteering at Bent Elementary School, Western Avenue Community Center, and interning at COUNTRY Financial in the Business Retirement Services Department. This scholarship is offered in memory of Steve.

Liebenow, a long-time Lions Club member, educator, and community leader.

The **Avon Lions Club** continued its growth trend at its November meeting with the induction of two new members: Mike Franke and Kyle Underwood. Lion Mike was sponsored by Lion Al Henning while Lion Kyle was sponsored by Lion Dave Serven. Membership now numbers seventeen, a 70% increase over the last five years.

At the meeting, the club approved a \$500 donation for the Christmas food basket program where they partner with the Avon United Methodist Church, a \$200 donation to Lions Clubs International Foundation to support its disaster relief program along with a \$250 donation to the A-Town elementary sports program.

The members also agreed to erect Christmas trees on Main St. in the village again this year.



Waterman Lion Bob Bend (l) asks questions of speaker, Lion John Corneille (r) from the DeKalb Evening Lions Club, at the recent Southwest Region Meeting. Lion John spoke on the Foundation Fighting Blindness and research being done to benefit the blind. In the center is Southwest Region

ZC Lion Pam Kelley. Lion John is an excellent resource for the topic as he is visually-impaired himself, but it has not deterred him from achieving much with his life.



Lions Club's newest members, Brian McDougall and Daniel Ellison with PDG Lion Bob Gilke and the new Lions' sponsor, Lion Marc Hoarle.



Geneva Lions & Geneva Leos, plus many volunteers, walked three and a half miles through the woods of Mooseheart to experience the journey the women and girls of South Sudan take each day to bring safe water to their families. They walk long distances to the wells and wait in long lines. The Literacy at the Well Program turns waiting time into an opportunity for the women to learn how to read and write.

Lions Clubs International sent a film crew to

cover the "Long Walk To Learn" event. Look for it on Lions Clubs International's website, www.lionsclubs.org in the future.

Geneva Lion Wendi Dwyer is tireless in bringing awareness to this cause, and through this Walk, sponsored teachers for four villages in South Sudan for a year. Lion Wendi organized the first Lions Club in Southern Sudan, and continues to make great strides in the Lions International community. She has met with Belgian and Nairobi clubs, as well as a Utah club supporting her causes, also in France at international events. She will be speaking in front of the UN as well.

For more information on Lion Wendi's international Lionism, Geneva Lions dedicated a page on the club's web site on her efforts at www.genevalionsclub.org/southsudan.htm.

Lion Wendi has her own Foundation page at www.rebuildingsouthern Sudan.org/

Darien Lions Club held a recycling event at



the Indian Prairie Library recently where Lions collected 808 pairs of eyeglasses, 20 hearing aids, 292 printing cartridges and 90 cell phones. *Definitely a good service project!*



Roselle Lion Emil Dicks receives his 45-years Chevron from President Lion Joanne Barsanti.



More than 120 colorful Peace Posters submitted by students from three schools were prominently displayed on the walls of the Administration Building for parents & guest to view and admire. Cash prizes were awarded to the 1st Prize winners from Glenside Middle School, Marquardt Middle School and St. Matthew School. A PR group from Lions Clubs International took photos and video of the whole program to promote next year's Peace Poster Contest.

The City of Greenfield and the **Greenfield Lions Club** are pleased to announce the winner of the "Pride of Greenfield" Award for the month of November.

Morrow Brothers Ford Inc. is the recipient for the November Award. Pictured above are: Mayor Chuck Morrow, Evelyn Morrow Wellenkamp, John Wellenkamp, Women's Auxiliary Donna Becker, Lions Club member John Thien, Archie Morrow, and Alderman Don Chapman. Morrow Bros. Inc was selected due to the improvements made at their north property on Route 267. Morrow Bros. Ford, Inc. purchased the former Erthal property due to the need for additional parking of new fleet inventory and new retail inventory.



In addition, the building is utilized for additional storage. Several improvements have been made to the property. The building has been painted and new doors and locks have been installed. A complete new roof and tuck pointing has been completed on the building. The property has been tiled and a new driveway circling to the rear of the building allows easy access to new fleet inventory. The entire property is protected by a state of the art security system including cameras. Morrow Bros. believe this additional property has been a wise investment and are very appreciative that Don Erthal afforded them the opportunity to purchase the property. The tiling of the property was completed by Benji and Chris Goode while the excavation

work was completed by Nick Bishop. Rock for the property and driveway was hauled in by Weller Farms.



PDG Lion Paul Gergolla presents a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to **Glen Ellyn Lion** Mark Stauber for his work in lining up some really great speakers for the club and lending his legal expertise.



East Aurora School Dist. 131 School Nurse Lea Truemper, left, a Certified School Nurse who serves Hermes and Gates Elementary Schools and the Early Childhood Center. Truemper was among several Aurora Public School Nurses awarded brooms by the **Aurora Noon Lions Club**. With her is Lion Joe Beary of Aurora, Club Broommaster. Aurora Noon Lions Club hosts nurses who recommend needy students for Lions-sponsored prescription eyeglasses and eye exams.



Elmhurst Lions Club Pres. Lion Shirley Wodynski presents a \$4000.00 donation to the Elmhurst Hospital Diabetes Center.



German Valley Lions Club President Duane Collman deposits a portion of the offering taken at the October dinner meeting to benefit Leader Dogs for the Blind into District Governor Fred Peska's donation jar. Club members attending gave more than \$165 to the effort that evening.

CARE & SHARE!



German Valley Lions receiving membership chevrons from Lions Clubs International during the October Dinner Meeting were (L-R) Lions Nik Watter for 10 years of service, Donna Smith, Denise Plock and Donna Plock for 20 years. Not in attendance but recognized were Kerry Hoops for 25 years of membership, Evelyn Diddens and Mike Flick for 20 years, Sue Becker, Andrea Kelsey and Aaron Rogers for 10 years.



Danville Lions participated in Candy Day at the Village Mall County Market store. Lion Dave Schroeder & donor.

The Westville Lions sponsored its 2nd annual Fall Frenzy on October 26 in Zamberletti Park. Individuals and

organizations who wished to participate decorated a trunk and handed out candy in the “Trunk or Treat” event. A costume contest for trick or treaters and an award was presented for the best decorated pumpkin. Apple cider and caramel apples were available for purchase and a hayride was enjoyed by all. The Westville Lions also sponsor the Labor Day Parade Float Contest held on September 2.



Georgetown Lions had a successful Candy Day, receiving a larger amount of contributions over last year. They attribute that success to the new banners announcing the event was for LIONS. Lions Cliff Sawyer, Bob Prater and Curt Gordon constructed the frames for 2 banners.

The 1st Annual **Mahomet Lions** Pancake and Sausage Breakfast was held on November 2nd. The breakfast was put



(Lions Gary Winans, Tail Twister Benny Dow Rick Swearingen and Nathan Seal) together to thank the residents of Mahomet for their continued support of the Lions Club, and to collect donations for the Helping Hands food bank in Mahomet.



(President Jim Goss & Past President Dale Hanslow in the kitchen.)

The Champaign Lions have participated in the Warm a Kid Program for several years and they are now gearing up for this season by purchasing socks as their contribution. Champaign also participated in the Low Vision clinics for District 1-E, held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Champaign on October 29 & 30, 2013. Six students from the area were screened each day. Lions that attended the screenings for individual students and their parents included DGE Ron Stickler, and Lion Boyd Edwards from the Paris Lions Club; PDG



(PDG Richard King with 8 year old Kayla Caple, who was accompanied by her teacher Rachel Strubinger)

Tom Harpst, PDG Ken Horn and Marie Horn from the Mahomet Lions Club; PDG Richard King, Rex Hess, Ravi Challa, Claire Liao, Floyd Gordon, and Marvin Paulsen from the Champaign Lions Club. Numerous Lions expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to see how much good our Lions organization does to help young students cope with various forms of vision loss. Parents and students were very appreciative and it is truly heartwarming to see firsthand the help that Lions provide.



PDG Richard King accompanied by his mom, Kristie Rogers and 9 year old Asa Rogers,



Leader Dog trainer, Marty Lanter and his trainee visit PDG Bill Wallpe.



Lion Dan Rodriguez & donor WESTVILLE Lions Candy Days.

On October 19th, the **Genoa Lions Club** joined in a clean-up of Lions Park. The effort was initiated by Tyler Walker as an Eagle Scout project to improve safety and aesthetics of the park by clearing trees and overgrowth. Participating in the event were other scouts, family, friends, Genoa Park District, and the following Lions: Todd Walker, Paul Bafia, Mike Ross, Jerry Helland, Rob Strauch, Mike Dreska, Jeff Baker, Chuck Bergsmith, Jim Sanford and his nephew Aric Coleman.





District 1-J Gov. Lion Mario Gumino presents a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to **Island Lake Lion Joe Shambo** at the October Fox River Region Meeting.



(l to r) Lombard Lion Bob Goldin, Club Pres. Lion Bill Heniff and his wife at the 90th Anniversary of the Lombard & Villa Park Lions Clubs.



District Governor Lion Mario Gumino (right) congratulates **Bensenville Lion Ed Blum** on his 45 years of service in Lionism.

In an effort to support local community needs, the East Dubuque Lions Club donated \$750 to the East Dubuque Giving Tree Committee.

The East Dubuque Giving Tree Committee helps area families in the East Dubuque area with clothing, food and toy needs for the holiday season. The committee includes City of East Dubuque, Toys for Tots, AT & T, The Bent Prop, East Dubuque Boy Scout Troop 14 and the Galena Elks Club, providing food baskets. The Galena Elks have provided the food baskets to the East Dubuque community for the past 16-years.

Names are submitted to the Giving Tree Committee and held in complete confidentiality. Last year over 85-families with 122-children ages 17 and younger were served by this worthy cause. Over 100-food baskets were provided by the Galena Elks Club.



Photo: L to R - Lu Ann Gavin, City Administrator, City of East Dubuque, **East Dubuque Lion Geoff Barklow**

TYPHOON IN PHILIPPINES

The island nation of The Philippines has suffered what many are calling the worst typhoon in the recorded history of mankind, Super Typhoon Haiyan. The storm hit land in the upper northern half of the nation, made up of 7,107 islands in the Pacific Ring of fire, due south of China, and directly north of Indonesia, two days ago, with heavy rains and winds in excess of 200 mph. Much of the region has already suffered calamity this year in the way of other typhoons, flooding, and even earthquakes.



The region certainly was in no condition to be hit by another natural disaster, but Mother Nature has proven that she does not discriminate.

According to reports, the first Red Cross volunteers from the U.S. have begun arriving in the capital city of Manila, and more than 6,000 people are feared dead. However, true casualties in Philippine storms are never truly known and are always much higher than estimates claim. Much of the country is populated by squatters who live in over-populated shanty villages, in which accurate populations are hard to account for, as are accurate accounts of how

many people go missing at times like these. Many of the squatter villages are built along the banks of streams for better access to water sources, and entire villages have often been swept away in the dead of night during flash floods.

The nation sits barely above sea level, and when it rains hard, as is the case when typhoons roll in, there is simply no place for the water to go, and it often rises faster than people can send an alarm, or even be awakened.

Gwendolyn Pang, Philippine Red Cross secretary general, said her organization estimated 1,200 people had died, while a UN official who visited

Leyte **described** apocalyptic scenes from a Hollywood movie. “This is destruction on a massive scale. There are cars thrown like tumbleweed and the streets are strewn with debris,” Sebastian Rhodes Stampa, a UN disaster management team member said. “The last time I saw

something of this scale was in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami,” he continued, recalling the 2004 disaster that claimed nearly a quarter of a million lives in Indonesia. It may be weeks before a more accurate number of casualties is known, if ever.

Some initial reports circulating is that entire islands have vanished. With every island in the Philippines being heavily populated (total land mass of the entire country is only half the size of the U.S. state of Texas, yet there is a population of nearly 100 million), whatever number is finally determined, it is not going to be pleasant. *



New Members Induction to **Sycamore Lions Club** by District Governor Mario Gumino.



Elgin Lions Club awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Dan Weiler (in wheelchair). (l to r) Lions Craig Bradley, Jim Beam, Dick June, Bruce Williamson, Fox River Region ZC Lion Tim Janis, Ken Zehnder, Mitch Esterino, Bill Klawitter, & Chuck Merrell.



Governor at the recent Fox River Region Meeting was a Lions of Illinois Foundation Fellow Award to Lion Tom “Thumper” Stiegler from Island Lake Lions Club.

Sycamore Lions Club Announces their Raffle Winners

The Sycamore Lions Club is happy to announce the winners of their 52nd annual Pumpkin Festival Raffle. The Club would like to thank everyone who donated prizes, and everyone who purchased tickets. The Raffle is the Club’s biggest fundraiser of the year. For the Lion Year 2012 – 2013, the Sycamore Lions Club made \$34,645 worth of donations.

2013 Sycamore Lions Club Pumpkin Festival Raffle Winners

- 2013 Honda Recon/ES ATV 250cc class
Sandra Stainbrook & Dan Jenkins, DeKalb
- Toro SS4235 42” “O” Turn Mower Phyllis Gustafson, DeKalb
- \$500.00 Certificate Elburn Co-op Crystl Lindgren, Kingston
- \$500.00 Certificate DeKalb/Sycamore Chevy GMC Josh Near, Genoa
- \$300.00 Certificate Buck Brothers Eileen Sussland, Elburn
- \$250 towards a Kishwaukee YMCA Membership Larry Rudolph, Cary
- 1 Round of Golf for 4 plus carts at Sycamore Golf Course Paul Rasmussen, Genoa
- Stihl Gas Trimmer from Johnson Tractor Dan Bailey, DeKalb
- \$100.00 Certificate from Hy-Vee Patrick Klungle, DeKalb
- \$100.00 Gas Card from Resource Bank Roy Cruz, Elburn
- \$100.00 Priority Promotions Betty Miller, Carol Stream
- 1 Night Lodging at the Country Inn & Suites Brandon Corder, Sycamore
- 1 Night Lodging at the Holiday Inn Express R.D. Korleski, Sycamore
- 2 Squall Jackets from 1st Farm Credit Ricardo Nito, DeKalb
- \$50 Certificate to Sorrento’s Restaurant Dale Myers, Sugar Grove
- \$50 Certificate to Taxco Restaurant Susan Lloyd, Sycamore
- \$50.00 Certificate to Bockman’s Auto Carol John, Sycamore
- \$50.00 Gas Card from Castle Bank Rod Griffis, Sycamore

(Submitted by Sycamore Lions Club Secretary – Lion Brian Bickner.)



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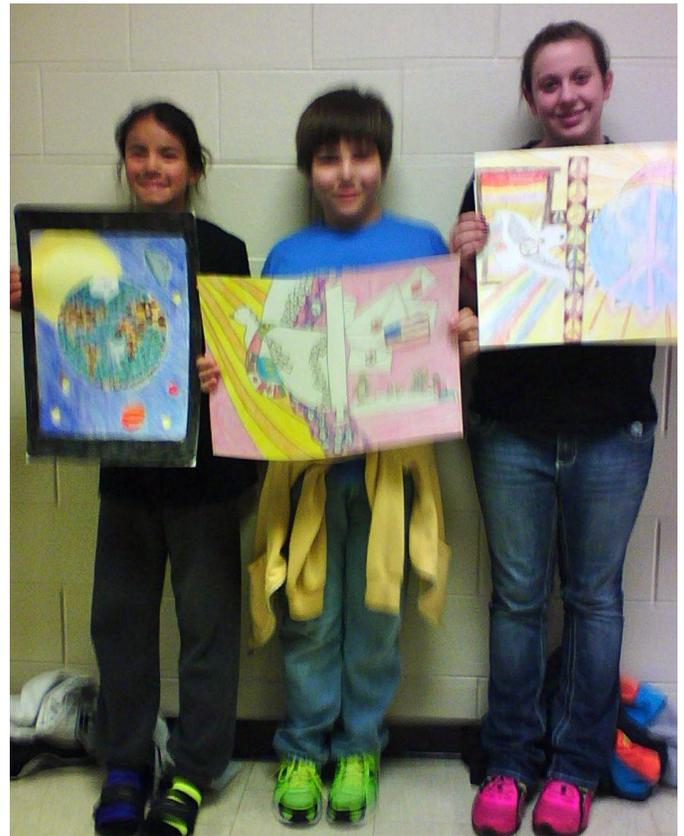


(I VDG Terry D'Souza & Lion Clarence from Hobart, Indiana who volunteered VisionFirst event in October 2013)



(Volunteers from Luxotica & I VDG Terry)

District 1A held their Annual VisionFirst program for the Chicago Public School System Students on October 21st to 25th. This program was started in 2004 by then Governor Austin D'Souza with the leadership of Lion Ron Johnson from Beverly Ridge Lions Club. Since then more than 80,000 students received free eyeglasses and were able to see this world better than before. District 1A and Luxotica are holding these services as their joint effort.



The Seneca Lions Club chose the top three Peace Posters that best describe the 2013 theme, "Our World, Our Future", as follows:

(L-R) 3rd Place Mara Bruno, 2nd Place Spencer Williams and 1st Place Isabell Widman. Lion John 'Teco' Raibley presents the cash prize to 1st Place winner Isabell Widman. In describing her thoughts, 12 year old Isabella from Seneca said, "The dove represents peace as it flies over the world and the future." The poster by Widman will continue on to the District competition and possibly to the state and International level.

This year's Fall Classic Car Show put on by the **Morris Lions Club** was another great success. Over a thousand show cars were displayed for thousands of spectators who came out to enjoy the perfect fall weather.



The Car Corral offered wonderful deals on cars for sale, and the Swap Meet area was completely sold out, with vendors offering a wide variety of goods for sale. Food vendors supplied treats for everyone's taste, and the grounds at Lyondell-Basell were packed with crowds of folks enjoying a wonderful record-breaking Car Show.

The raffle tickets for this year's Morris Lions Raffle Car, a 1963 Chevy Impala, sold out before the winner, from Bolingbrook, was drawn at 3:00. The 50/50 tickets also sold out before the lucky winner, from Peru, was called at 3:15. This year, the 50/50 proceeds will be shared with the Grundy County Housing Authority. The many groups that help make the Car Show such a

success will also be receiving donations at the Car Show Appreciation Dinner on November 7th. The proceeds from the Car Show and raffles enable the Morris Lions to help our community. Last year, nearly \$60,000 was donated by the Morris Lions to local groups or causes, or used for Lions projects to help people.

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On October 26, the **Coatsburg Lions Club** hosted the tenth annual Honey Creek Deer Classic in Paloma. A rib eye dinner was followed by raffles and auctions with 50% of the proceed going towards Camp

Callahan, a local camp for children with physical and mental disabilities. A check was presented to Randy Callahan that evening for \$10,000 with a pledge to add to that amount once the event was over. That brings the total amount that the Coatsburg Lions Club has provided Camp Callahan from this event to \$86,600.

Notes to the Editor:

“It is wonderful!! Keep up the good work. I'll get my team to make sure everyone who need a hard copy gets one.” – *Governor John Pajkos*

Hi PDG Lion Austin,

I ran into a slight problem this month. The magazine was over 10 MG so I had a few e-mail addresses that kicked it back due to size. I know many companies have a 10 MG size limit. I did resend to these individuals with just a link to the magazine on the website but it might be good to keep the magazine under 10 MG each month.

Thanks again for all you do.

–*CS Lion Shelly, District 1-F*

(Editor's Note: Now I am sending link for a web version which will solve this issue.)

“Nice to see the magazine being widely distributed.” Thx.

–*Tom Drez, MD1 Webmaster*

“Great work as always! Thanks Lion Austin”

–*Governor Tawny Hall*

“You are good! Thanks”

–*Lion Jama Wahl, MD1 GLTChair*

Lion Austin,

“I appreciate all your work. I am editor of our club newsletter and I cannot imagine your undertaking! I received this from one of our

district members, so I thought I should forward it to you.”

–*Lion Cheryl Russell*

PDG Austin, Somewhere in this 44 pages I read where someone said they are not going to the expense of printing off all the news letter, making copies, and getting them out to their members. I agree I am not going to the expense of printing off 44 pages 6 times or once and making 5 copies for our members who do not have computers. The club I belong to does not have expenses such as this in their budget so it would all come out of my pocket. So for now the only ones in my club get the state news letter are the Lions that have computers and an email address. I feel this person is correct with their opinion that the state magazine should be MUCH SMALLER and a lot of stuff could go in the district news letters or completely eliminated.

Other than my opinion on the length I think you do a great job and it is a good newsletter. Just my opinion at the moment.

PS....Thanks for labeling each issue with the month and year. This helps for sorting and filing purposes.

PCC John Allsworth

Previous Magazines on the Web:

1. http://issuu.com/austinprabhu/docs/state_magazine_July/August/September
2. http://issuu.com/austinprabhu/docs/state_magazine_october_2013
3. http://issuu.com/austinprabhu/docs/state_magazine_november_2013

The **Barrington Lions Club** made a generous donation to JourneyCare Foundation to purchase 50 Duffy Courage Lions. Duffy is a therapeutic lion used with an accompanying book that is used to help children that are dealing with grief or trauma. JourneyCare is looking forward to

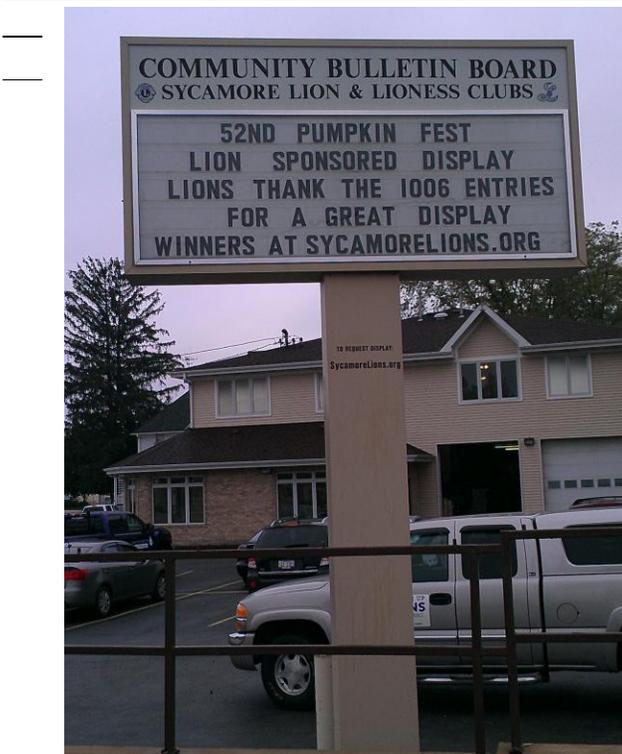
being able to use this tool to help the children they support.



Since 1982, JourneyCare (formerly Hospice and Palliative Care of Northeastern Illinois) has provided pain and symptom management and end-of-life expertise to young and old facing serious or life-limiting illness. For more information, visit www.journeycare.org or call [847-381-5599](tel:847-381-5599).

Photo from the left- Lion Steve Floyd, Lion Brian Cecola, Kelly Henry of JourneyCare, and Lion John Loomis.

(Article by Kelly Henry & Photo courtesy of Lion Dan Evasink)



The **Stillman Valley Lions** have many activities at the Stillman Fall Festival. They have a food booth, arrange for the carnival rides and run the ticket booth, collect for candy day along the parade route, have a car in the parade, and sponsor the horticulture show.



Stillman's football players volunteer to serve the sandwiches at the food booth on Saturday and Sunday.



The Boy Scouts serve drinks and wash the trays for the food booth. The Lions sponsor the troop.



Lions Ron Morris and Randy Heeg sell tickets for the rides



The **Genoa Lions** would like to thank the people and organizations that supported the 5th annual Genoa Lions Oktoberfest. Could you include this photograph and brief press release in your next publication?



Shuvlhed performed last, bringing a good crowd. (photograph with their front man wearing the cap)

The second band of the night was HitMan (photograph with their front man with long hair)

-Rene' A. Van Der Heyden, Lions Secretary

Some of Stillman's youth enjoy the rides on a perfect day.

Congratulations!



Governors from MD1 who received Special Quarterly Presidential Awards from Intl. President Barry Palmer



Musical Extravaganza during **Stillman Valley Lions** October Fest, 2013



Stillman Valley Lions president Marty Typer was surprised to be honored by being named a LIF Foundation Fellow. The award resulted from the club's donation to the Birdies For Charity program. LIF Trustee Wayne Fruit presented the award.



Pictured from left Stillman President Marty Typer who sponsored New Member Dan Janes, Wayne Fruit, Joeseeph Hazlip and his sponsor Al Ungar from Stillman Valley Lions.



The Stillman Lions completed their fall road pickup. Six Lions and 2 volunteers picked up 8 bags of trash.



PDG Wayne Fruit with three generations of Lions: mother Jocelyn Hazlip, new member Joeseeph Hazlip and grandmother Helen McNally.



UPDATE ON DISTRICT 1H TORNADOES CLEAN-UP

The city representative states that as of Tuesday evening (November 26th) the city had 4 to 8% cleanup done. Some of the streets are now passable but still resembles the appearance of digging out from three day snowstorm with 10 foot drifts along the side of the road.



Then of course most damaged homes are still standing and so that will add to the volume of garbage for the homeowner to remove.



The city states that they have transitioned from “City” to “City & Insurance & Homeowner” garbage removal. The areas of damage: Devonshire Estates, Stone Gate on S. Cummings Ln., George Town Apartments, Washington Estates (Gillman, Elgin, MacKenzie), Trails Edge and North Main Street. All areas still have a massive amount of material lining the edge of the



street of garbage still in the Devonshire Estates area.

-Myron L. Lang, R.Ph, M.S

ALTAMONT LIONS WITH LION VAN



Lions of Illinois Foundation Director Lion Van Stone reads the letter honoring Altamont Lion



Harold Muchow who was surprised.



Lion Harold Muchow receiving his fellowship.



(L to R) Lion Muchow is presented a gift for his many years of service as secretary from Lion Gene Logue



(L to R) PDG and Endowment Fund President Lion Jim Strange, Altamont Lions Club President Steve Bailey, Lion Harold Muchow, and Lions of Illinois Foundation Director Lion Van Stone.

For the last 21 years, the First United Methodist Church of **Lansing** has offered its kitchen facilities to be used by **Meals On Wheels**. To Donate, please contact **Meals On Wheels** at First United Methodist Church 18420 Burnham Av. in Lansing, IL. #[708-474-1144](tel:708-474-1144) and if you are interested in giving back to your community by Donating to our Lansing Lions club or becoming a member of the Lansing Lions Club, please contact **Lion Les Bogs, Membership Chairman** ([708](tel:708-895-1411)) [895-1411](tel:708-895-1411) or any of our Lansing Lions Club members at Lansing Lions at P.O. Box 421 Lansing, IL 60438 or visit our Web site <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/lansingil/index.php>



From Left to Right: Cooks: Mary Stokes, Loretta Gass, & Julie Yonker, Coordinator Elaine Siersema, and Lion Mike Winters. Photographed by Lion Phil Stewart.

The Lansing Lions Club recently donated \$416.00 to Lansing Meals on Wheels to pay for meals for those less fortunate.

Send your articles, photos with news items to:

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Lions Annual Tax Filing Reminder

Lions: Please remember that all Lions Clubs, Districts and Multiple Districts that have annual gross receipts less than \$50,000 and do not have to file Form 990 or 990-EZ, must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990-N). Please note that this is an IRS requirement. Please refer to the above chart regarding annual filing requirements.

The e-Postcard is due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year.

Lions Clubs operate on a fiscal year, July 1 – June 30, and the e-Postcard will be **due by November 15** each year. Please note that *an organization cannot request an extension for filing the Form 990-N.*

If you do not file, you risk losing your tax-exempt status. Any Lions Club that fails to meet its annual reporting requirement for three consecutive years automatically loses its tax exempt status under the new law. A club may get reinstated if they complete an application for recognition of exemption even if they originally fell under a group exemption.

Every Club and/or District must have an employer identification number (EIN), even if it will not have employees. The EIN is a unique number that identifies the organization to the Internal Revenue Service.

To apply for an EIN, you should obtain a Form SS-4 and its Instructions from the IRS. You may also apply for an EIN online, by telephone ([1-800-829-4933](tel:1-800-829-4933)), or by fax (fax number at the location accepting

applications from your state). It is important that the Clubs and Districts are using the correct EIN for their annual filing.

Go to www.irs.gov/eo for complete details and while you're there sign up for Exempt

Organization's free email newsletter, EO Update, to receive up-to-date information posted on the charity pages of irs.gov.

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See more at:

<http://lionsclubs.org/blog/2013/10/31/lions-annual-tax-filingreminder/#sthash.oEWMoPjR.dpuf>



North Riverside Township Lions inducted a New Member.





Stickney Forestview Lions Clubs Ham & Eggs Breakfast in November.



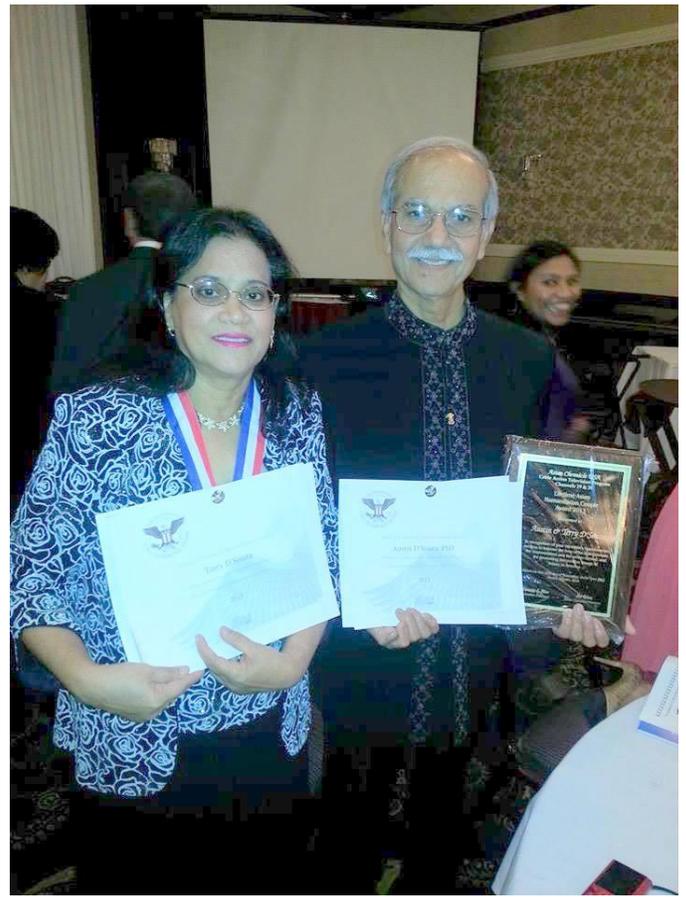
PID Dan O'Reilly, II VDG Ralph & Sue Zarada and PDG Mike Smigielsky.



PDG Jerry Novak was the main server



VDG Terry,
Lion Betty
& PID Phil Tom



I VDG Terry & IPDG Austin D'Souza Received "Lifetime Asian Humanitarian Couple 2013" Award from Asian Chronicle USA TV Program at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel, O'Hare on November 24, 2013.



Montclare Elmwood Park Lions held their Annual Chili Cook Off at the Riverside Moose Lodge



Members of Montclare Elmwood Park Lions



District 1-D Leader Dog Tour

An Inspiring and Memorable One

Nineteen different Lions Clubs from all over District 1D—Ashton, Belvidere, Cedarville, Dixon, Freeport, Leaf River, Lena, Morrison, Oregon, Pecatonica, Prophetstown, Rockford, Rockton, Roscoe, Stillman Valley, Winnebago and outside of our District from Huntley and Delevan WI all loaded onto the VanGelder Coach Thursday morning October 24th for a two day excursion to Leader Dog. The weather was cool but didn't hamper the conversation and fun that was being held during the trip.

Six hours was spent touring Leader Dog, dividing into three groups as we went through the Kennel. There were no “puppies” at the kennel but there were several dogs that were going through their preparatory training. It was stated there were approximately 150 dogs in the kennel while we were there. While we were touring the kennel one couple returned their Leader Dog in training, and left with tears in their eyes. Without the people that take the puppies and “socialize” them through the early training the program would not be possible. A big thanks goes out to those that



go through this process over and over raising several puppies for the program.

The afternoon was spent hearing more about Leader Dog and speaking with three different puppy raisers with puppies of different ages, one was 5 weeks, another 5 months, and another at 7 months. Their presentations along with the question and answer period was very informative. The

“Thank you So-o-o much for the magazine in an easier format to download. I'm still trying to figure out how to get a paper copy to our 2-3 Lions who don't have computers....but, the links are great and I appreciate it very much.” – *Lion Linda Hall*

afternoon ended with a demonstration provided by Debbie and LD Patrick showing and telling of the many ways Patrick has changed her life. Debbie ended with a very inspiring Thank You to Lions bringing tears to many. A very inspiring and motivating day was experienced by everyone on the tour and a big Thanks goes to the Staff from Leader Dog for a great day.

Halloween night. According to co-chairs Lion Courtney Limestall and Lion Ed Melvin they gave out hot dogs and drinks to 109 youngsters during the event. It was a first time project for the club and the members who volunteered for the project felt it went very well.



The Monmouth Evening Lions Club set up their food trailer in the Save-A-Lot parking lot during trick-or-treating hours on



A Photo of future Lions of **Bartlett Lions**

Club Ryan Cooper and Nathan Cooper, soliciting funds at the Post Office for Candy Days. The boys sang a song they made up, and almost all passersby donated to them for their efforts.



A photo of a new **Bartlett Lion** being installed. L-R are Lion John Sias, sponsor; new Lion Brian Clary; and Lion Ray Lorch doing the installation.



Students of District 1A Open University listening to Professor Georg Toft.



Left to right are Peru Lion Rod Bloomquist, The Peru Lion, pantry director Donna Hess, and Lion Ray Bertalot as they deliver a check for \$2000 to help with holiday food needs.



The Annual Fall Classic Car Show put on

by the Morris Lions Club was again a great success. Thousands in a record breaking crowd enjoyed the beautiful fall day and the many classic cars. This major fundraiser enables the Morris Lions Club to do the many great humanitarian projects for their community.

Lion Maryanne O'Reilly



Please be informed that
Lion Maryanne O'Reilly, spouse of
PID Dan O'Reilly
her surgery went well and she will
be recovering at home.
Thank you for all your prayers and
well wishes.

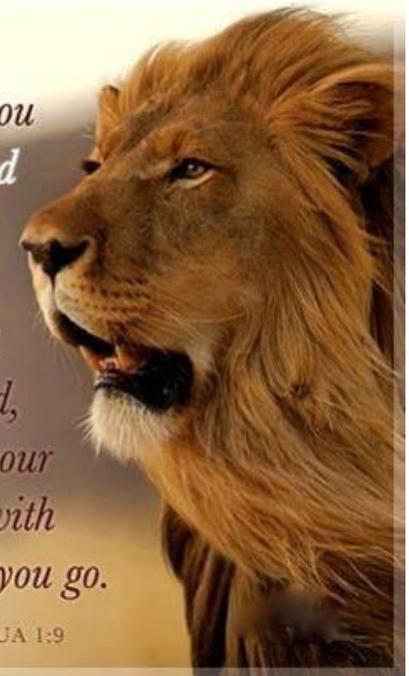
Cards may be sent to her residence
at:

Lion Maryanne O'Reilly
4024 Elmwood
Stickney, IL 60402



*Have I not
commanded you
Be strong and
courageous.
Do not be
afraid; do not
be discouraged,
for the Lord your
God will be with
you wherever you go.*

JOSHUA 1:9



TO ALL OUR READERS

Happy Holidays!

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Good courage to participate,
Good patience to survive,
Good wisdom to defend,*

Good ears to hear,

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Good life to live, Amen

-Council Chair ℒ Council of Governors

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