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Largest 2014 Candy Day Jamboree in MD1 was held in District 1A

(Below: Panel of speakers, Trustees & LIF Executive Administrator PDG Mario Gumino)



Greetings to All!

Council Chair Speaks:



ASK 1!

Ask 1 is about growing your club, strengthening the pride, increasing your club's and Lions' presence in your community. It is a simple plan that really works. Remember, you

have to be invited to join Lions Clubs International. So if you don't ask, they can't join! We all need to Ask 1, It is best to ask a prospective member to help with a service project so they can experience how good it feels to help someone else. Ask 1 to an event

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what it means to you to be a Lion. Explain what Lions do in your community and around the world also so they better understand what a Great Organization we have. Ask 1 to help with a project, Ask 1 to participate in an activity, and then Ask 1 to join!

At our 2nd Council meeting GLT Coordinator Lion Jama Wahl and GMT Coordinator PDG Paul Gergolla held a workshop for all MD 1 sub district GMT and GLT leaders. It was good to see so many participate and make it a success. Hopefully we can do it again at the January council meeting.

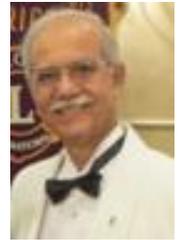
The MD 1 Convention site has been changed due to a contract conflict. The 2015 MD1 Convention will be held at the Marriott Bloomington Normal Hotel and Conference Center in Normal IL The dates are the same, May 15th thru May 17, 2015. Make plans now to attend and enjoy the convention and bring your new member along with you.

Yours in service

**-Council Chair Fred Peska
"Do The Right Thing!"**

Candy Days in Illinois

Lions of Illinois held their Candy Day Jamborees in MD1 Districts to encourage, inspire and strengthen all Lions in their communities to campaign for Candy Day and collect contributions from the public.



MD1 Lions charitable arm – Lions of Illinois Foundation started this campaign to collect contributions from the general public and also from businesses as underwriters.

Darien Lions are the champions in collecting and donating their funds Lions of Illinois Foundation. So far nobody was able to beat them in Illinois. What a Great Spirit and teamwork to be #1 in Illinois. My hats off to all hard working volunteers in Darien and also all over Illinois. We are not only collecting contributions from the public; we are creating an awareness and showing the public that we are live and keep going and going and going to serve the needy in our communities.

This year we have new designed candy packages;



old candy rolls are gone by the wind. Let us embrace these candy packages and let us try our best to collect as much as we can on October 9th, 10th and 11th on the street corners, in front of businesses and grocery stores

-PDG Austin D'Souza, Ph.D., Editor

Could You Use A Little Improvement?



We all know about home improvement. Owning an older house, as some would say, is a never ending project. There is usually something to do. Hopefully, those projects are relatively small and easy to do. "Easy to do" means a do-it-yourself project that does not require bringing in a professional (think expensive).

What about your Lions Club? Could it use a little improvement? I'm not talking only about those Clubs that are having problems. I'm talking about all Lions Clubs. There is a program aimed at all Clubs. It is called the Club Excellence Process, CEP for short. Using CEP will enable your Club to do better, reevaluate your service projects, reenergize your members and experience a growth in membership.

Does this sound like something your Club should do? Ask your Club's President to contact your District's GLT Coordinator. If your president doesn't know how, ask him/her to contact your District Governor to get the needed contact information. Once you establish that contact you should begin the conversation with your GLT Coordinator to see which of two versions might work best with your Club.

The first step in the process is to recognize what your Lions Club has accomplished. Take a look at the history of those service projects and fundraisers that you have done in the past. All Clubs, large and small, have done great things.

Then CEP will help your Club to better recognize the needs in your community. You may not even be aware of some of those needs. CEP will help your Club develop plans that will help satisfy those needs. This will assist your Club to do better by "reevaluating your service projects".

CEP will also help you to do a little self examination. A successful self evaluation, done properly, will "reenergize your members". The result will be a more motivated and more enthusiastic member-

ship. That should really enable your Club to do better.

After a review of your Club's history, discovering the needs of your community and having a more motivated and more enthusiastic membership your Club will be ready to better serve your community. The people in your town will see what you are doing and might want to help. When this happens your Club should "experience a growth in membership". Give participating in the Club Excellence Process some serious thought. It will help your Club.

-Paul Gergolla, PDG, MD-1 GMT Coordinator

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This is the last article in a series based on the writings of John Baldoni. In his handbook *180 Ways to Walk the Leadership Talk*, Baldoni identifies six important behaviors that all leaders do. Let's consider how to **Recognize Achievement**.

Listen and learn from others

Energize the organization

Act for the benefit of everyone

Develop themselves and others

Empower others to lead

Recognize Achievement

Now we know that Lions do not do our work to be recognized, but it is nice once in a while to receive a pat on the back or a smile of encouragement. Research shows that a key reason people accomplish tasks is to feel appreciated. Are the Lions in your club, zone, or district feeling appreciated? Why not try some of these ideas to **Strengthen the Pride?**

-Remember those "magic" words...please and thank you. Be polite and show others that their time and effort is valued.

-Let people know you appreciate their ideas, work, and accomplishments.



-Give credit where credit is due AND don't take credit for the work of others. If a team accomplished the task, recognize the entire team!

-Recognize the work of others in front of others...Praise. However, be sensitive. Some don't like a big fanfare, but are ok with a simple heart-felt thank you. Know your club or cabinet members!

-Delegate opportunities to those who WANT to take on more responsibility or assist in decision-making. Show them their skills and knowledge are valued.

-Connect to LCI. LCI has many opportunities to recognize hard working Lions. Visit the website. Type the word "recognition" in the search box. A plethora of Lions' recognition options will appear. Match the type of recognition to the Lion. Make it personal.

-Use Lions for PR, include them in photos or news articles.

-Celebrate meeting goals and successes. It is a "win" for the club/district and a "win" for the individual Lion.

-Make a big deal of years of service. Don't just hand out those annual chevrons, but make it special. Remember Lions have volunteered for many projects and fund raisers over those years.

-Cultivate your newer Lions, so that they become seasoned Lions. Don't let them sneak out the back door.

In conclusion, some are born leaders, others learn to be leaders, and some do a bit of both. Whichever it is for you, make the most of opportunities to be the best leader you can be because this leads to

better service to those in need. And isn't that why we all became Lions to SERVE by making our little corner of the world the best place it can be!

-Lion Jama Wahl, MD1 State GMT Chairperson

MD1 Forum Ad Book November 2014

Ads for the MD1 Forum 2014 Ad Book are a GREAT way to "get the word out" about service projects, fundraisers, and important info. Don't miss the opportunity to

-promote upcoming Lions activities and events

-thank a Lion or Lions Club for a job well done

-celebrate your efforts to provide the best service to your community

Ads can be placed by individual Lions, Lions Clubs, or Districts.

Half Page \$30.00

Full Page \$50.00

Please send your ad with remittance made payable to Lions of Illinois, Inc. to:

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Petersburg, Illinois 62675

Ads are due to the State Office by October 1, 2014





LIONS OF ILLINOIS MD-1 FORUM
NOVEMBER 8, 2014
PARKE REGENCY HOTEL
1413 LESLIE DR + BLOOMINGTON, IL



Schedule of Events

Registration: 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
 Seminars: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Lunch: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Seminars: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
 Closing Session: 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

SEMINARS & ACTIVITIES

You spoke and we listened! There will be fewer, but more in-depth sessions at this year's Forum. Topics include round table discussions for club presidents, secretaries, and treasurers, as well as sessions on membership development, WILD - Women In Leadership Development, SMILE - Using Social Media to Promote Service, the Club Excellence Process, the Importance of the Zone Chair, Parliamentary Procedure, The Lions Learning Center, and much more! Exhibitors will be on hand to share their latest and greatest information!

Lodging reservations at the rate of \$87.00/night (plus tax) can be made by contacting the Parke Regency at: (309) 662-4300. Be sure to tell them you are with the Lions of Illinois to receive this Forum rate.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2014 MD-1 Forum!!

REGISTRATION FORM • One Registration Form Per Person • Please Print
Registration Fee is \$25.00 per person and includes Seminars and Lunch
 Total Enclosed in Cash \$ _____ or Check No. _____ = **\$ 25.00**

Please Make Checks Payable to **Lions of Illinois, Inc.** and mail to:
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Completed Registration Form and Fee must be received by **October 1, 2014**

Please one: PID PCC PDG CC/DG/VDG Lion Lioness Leo Guest

Name: _____ Phone or E-Mail: _____

Club: _____ District 1- _____ Lion Officer Position: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Special meal request for dietary/religious reasons: _____

Greetings Back to School Readers,



I am sure you know that all the Schools starting up at this time of year have a plan in place in case something were to go wrong in the building or on the property. How many of our Clubs have a plan in case something goes wrong? Putting together an Alert plan can be your first line of defense.

Last month, it was mentioned a resource center is under construction and will be available soon. Our part is easy listing the resources, but we need your help telling us what you have done, are working on or plan to do. Of course if you need help to get something rolling, here is your first resource.

Here is a list of District Alert Chairs for you to start the process with.

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1-J	Lion Dave Scheffler	dls785@yahoo.com
1-L	Lion Laimutis "Limy" Nargelenas	lnargelenas@gmail.com

Thanks for reading, now let's work on a plan.

-Lion Jim Kiser, State Alert Chair
LionJimKiser@gmail.com

A Message about Leader Dogs for the Blind from Bill Hansen, PID



Dear Fellow Lions,

Seventy-five years ago, Leader Dog was founded by three Detroit-area Lions club members. Working together, the Lions family and Leader Dog team have changed the lives of more than 14,500 blind or visually impaired clients worldwide.

The process starts in the Leader Dog kennel in Rochester Hills, Michigan. It is here that the Leader Dog team breeds future Leader Dogs, cares for young puppies and prepares the dogs for lifelong partnerships with people who are blind. Lions are an integral and invaluable part serving as breeding host families, puppy raisers, donors and advocates for the program.



The kennels are a key component to the Leader Dog program. The newest facility, built in 1992 (and the oldest in 1968) no longer meets today's needs. The last 20 years have witnessed dramatic changes in breeding techniques, the type of dog needed for clients, the kenneling environment and training techniques. Leader Dogs for the Blind has created a redesign of the kennel into a Canine De-



velopment Center--a critical component to meet current and future mission needs.

Just as Lions did 75 years ago, once again we will play a key role. Leader Dog needs our support to fund this project. Success depends on our committed leadership and involvement, and yet, we must continue to promote Leader Dog's mission and strengthen our community-based outreach and referral efforts.

Through our participation as Lions in Leader Dog's campaign, we have the power to continue to make

a difference as we have for 75 years. It all begins with you.

Sincerely,

-Lion Bill Hansen, Past International Director

Lions Phase Chair, Campaign for Leader

If you have any questions about the campaign and/or how you can help, contact your District Leader Dogs Chairperson or MD1 State Chairperson PCC Paul Lindstorm, who is the Lions Campaign Coordinator or the Leader Dog Chair in your district. For more information about The Campaign for The Canine Development Center go to the website: www.leaderdog.org

Dear Lion Leaders:

I'm sharing a message sent to all district governors. I'm asking each district governor to charter at least one new club this year, so please work with your district leaders to help achieve this important goal. I'm also asking Lion leaders to encourage clubs to create a plan for success by using the new Blueprint for a Stronger Club and the Club Excellence Process (CEP). Let's work together to strengthen our districts!

Together in service,

Joe Preston

Your International President

Dear District Governor,

The year is underway, and I am confident that we will accomplish great things and leave a strong and lasting mark on our association. The most important step you can take right now is to **charter a new club**. Our research clearly shows that a majority of districts that charter at least one new club experience positive net growth for the year. New clubs are critical to expanding service and strengthening your district.

When you charter a club, you'll also **earn special recognition** in the Lions Pride Award program:

- Every district governor that charters a new club will receive a one-of-a-kind **Lions Pride pin** and at least one paw.
- Charter a club in your district and **your photograph** will be posted on the [Lions Pride Award website](#) to recognize your achievement!

Work with your DG team and GMT/GLT district coordinators to charter a new club today. Remember, chartering new clubs is the one area that allows you to personally control the growth inside your district.

You can also strengthen your district by encouraging clubs to develop a plan for club success. The new **Blueprint for a Stronger Club** and the **Club Excellence Process (CEP)** can get your clubs on track for success this year and beyond. Be sure to promote these great resources on your next club visit.

Ask One The response to Ask One has been overwhelming! Everywhere I go, Lions ask me about our new membership campaign. Ask One is a simple and effective way to energize a club's recruiting efforts.

On your club visits, remind Lions that membership growth is every member's responsibility and encourage them to Ask One today!

-Lion Joe Preston, President, Lions Clubs International



It is of **Durand Lions** members along with 3 Leader Dog puppies in training and their raisers.



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Dear Lions,

On Sunday, a terrible tragedy occurred. A large earthquake struck the Yunnan Province of China. Authorities estimate that nearly 600 people have lost their lives from the Zhaotong earthquake, with an additional 2,800 people injured across several counties. Even more people are missing. It is estimated that more than 25,500 homes were completely destroyed, with an even higher number of houses damaged.

Lions Clubs International Foundation ([LCIF](#)) immediately awarded a US\$250,000 Major Catastrophe Grant with money from the disaster relief fund, allowing Lions in affected areas to immediately begin providing assistance. These funds will help meet immediate needs by providing food, water, medicine, blankets and other necessities as quickly as possible. The funds will also support long-term reconstruction and recovery.

With approximately 21,000 Lions members in China, many of our fellow Lions have been directly impacted by this disaster. We must help them as they provide relief and assistance to their affected communities. I encourage you to consider [making a donation to the Foundation for disaster relief](#). Donations to the disaster relief fund are Melvin Jones Fellowship eligible and can make a real difference in times of need.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Barry J. Palmer, Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

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