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International Family after Toronto International Convention in July, 2014

Front Row: Immediate Past International President Barry Palmer and his wife Lion Anne, International President Joe Preston and his wife Lion Joni. Back Row: II International Vice President Bob Corlew and his wife Lion Dianne and I International Vice President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada and his wife Lion Dr. Toshiko.



**2014-15 Inter-
national Pres-
ident
No Ordinary
Joe**

Meet Joe Preston:



You've met him, or at least a Lion like him. Certainly, you don't become an international president by being an ordinary Joe. But the contours of his life are routine and familiar. He's the fleet manager for Sanderson Ford dealership, the largest Ford dealer in Arizona. He and his wife, Joni, have three grown children, all of whom fondly recall idyllic family times including vacations in San Diego and fall Saturdays in the football stadium at Arizona State enthusiastically cheering on the beloved Sun Devils. They have seven grandchildren under the age of 7, all boys.

Lions jects and there'd be somebody that was 80 loading bags of newspapers into the bin and helping to recycle. It was pretty hard to say you weren't going to do your share of the work when they're working like that.

As a young Lion, Preston found himself working with youth. He did [eye screenings](#) and [promoted reading](#). His willingness to step forward cemented his status as a Lion and presented him with his "day I became a Lion" revelation. He volunteered to drive blind people 20 miles to a blind center in Phoenix. The in Arizona first met Preston in 1974 when he joined the Mesa Host Lions. He was 21. A work colleague invited him to the meeting. Preston never left.

"It was amazing—you'd go out and work on their service pro blind he drove bubbled over with anticipation at seeing their friends. The realization that he was bringing joy to others struck him full force. "It was amazing what I got out of it. I knew that I was making a difference in somebody's life," he says.

Preston's growth as a person and at his job was tied to his increasing role as a Lion. "Being a Lion

I've learned so many skills that I was able to use in my business life. You join for certain reasons. And you stay for certain reasons. But there are so many side benefits to being a member. It's the friendships, the relationships."

Lions delivered one relationship in particular. Joni was a member of the Pinnacle Peak Lioness Club. The incoming district governor, Joe showed up for the installation of the charter members. Joni and Joe ran into each other again at the state convention.

"What attracted me to Joe was his energy, his enthusiasm for life and just his good heart. I could tell right away he was a good man," says Joni. Their Lions-themed life together continued with their children. The Prestons took them to Lions conventions and to service projects.

Those who have served alongside Preston attest to his people skills, dynamic personality and solicitude for others. The praise makes Preston uncomfortable. He prefers the focus to be on the task ahead. "During my tenure I want do everything I can to increase the amount of service that we provide and help our clubs be more productive and more efficient," he says. "We have to take new strategies to what we are currently doing and take it to the next level."

Preston believes every Lion can make an impact and every Lion can be impacted by being a member. "I think one of the important things about Lions is you don't have to be rich. You can be successful by bringing your leadership to the table or by building relationships within our association," he says.

Join International President Joe Preston and Lions around the world in strengthening the pride. Here

are some great resources that can help strengthen your club.

Strengthen the Pride through Service. Service is the foundation of our association, so let's continue to build on it as we approach our Centennial.

[Centennial Service Challenge](#) – Take part in our international service challenge to celebrate 100 years of Lions service!

[Serve Children in Need](#) – Find out how your club can support and empower children in need.

Strengthen the Pride by Strengthening Your Club. Make sure your club is on track for success and growing to meet the needs of your community.

[Ask One](#) – Looking for new members? Get the tools you need to energize your membership efforts and spread the word in your community.

[Club Blueprint](#) – Map out your plan for ongoing club success in three simple steps.

Strengthen the Pride through Creativity. Use technology to enhance your communications and create new connections with your community.

[Online Tools](#) – Find new tools to increase your online presence and club efficiency.

[Social Media](#) – Use the power of social media to promote your club and connect with new members.

Check out the [2014-15 President's awards](#) to learn how exceptional clubs and members can earn special recognition for strengthening the pride!

Additional Resources

[Leadership Development](#)

[Lions Learning Center](#)

To learn more about International President Joe Preston:

- Download [biography](#)
- Watch [biography video](#)
- IP Preston's [Facebook](#) Page and [President's Service Blog](#)

[Club Excellence Process](#) (CEP) – Get your club performing at its highest level through an interactive CEP workshop. Now available in two versions – CEP Pro and CEP Lite.

Greetings to All!

Council Chair Speaks:



First, I must congratulate the District Governors of MD 1 and International President Joe Preston. We will have a great year under their direction. The election for 2nd Vice President between PID Bob Corlew and PID Mike

Butler was very exciting. Congratulations also to 2nd VP Bob Corlew. PID Mike Butler made a gallant effort, receiving a respectable 44% of the vote!

It's good to be back from Toronto! The International Convention was as good as or better than expected. It's enjoyable to reunite with Lions that we seem to only run into at this type of event. Lions by the thousands, from all over the world, gathered in Toronto to attend this Convention. I am always impressed at the Plenary Sessions by

the sheer numbers of Lions in attendance. The parade was a display of these Lions in their national costumes and parade uniforms, a sight to behold!

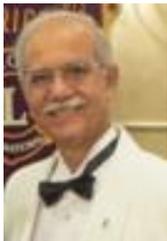
President Preston's theme this year is "Strengthen the Pride" and I think that is exactly what will happen in MD 1! With the goals that have been set by our District Governors and the encouragement and help of our GLT and GMT Leaders we will Strengthen the Pride with more members and more knowledge. With the implementation of CEP in our clubs we can improve our image in our communities and Strengthen the Pride we have of our clubs.

We held our first Council of Governors meeting while in Toronto to take care of necessary business. Everything went very smooth and we were finished in 2 hours! One of the many things we needed to do was select a site for the 2015 State Convention. The Governors chose the Crown Plaza Hotel in Springfield.

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

Editorial:

Strengthen the Pride!



Even in our daily life to do things to be done everyday we need strength. When we learn that we are losing our strength, we retire or look for a new job where we can handle our limited strength.

This year's International President Joe Preston asks us to Strengthen the Pride of Lionism world over. Yes, if we have strength, we can do things better. Even though we are 1,354,865 lions in this beautiful world in 46,713 clubs, 757 districts and 208 countries and geographical areas, we can do more and much better if we raise our membership to 1.5 million or 2 million by the time we celebrate our 100th anniversary in Chicago in 2017.

Leadership plays a major role in building clubs, bringing new members and succeeding good projects and activities in our communities. We need good leaders those who can unite all club members, those who can unite all lions in our districts,

those who can unite all lions in our multiple districts, constitutional areas and as an International Association of Lions Clubs, all over the world.

Let us attract new members with our powerful community activities, let us build new leaders with responsibility and discipline. Let us follow our code of ethics while dealing with day to day Lionism and our involvements as volunteers. As we serve with love and compassion, let us make our club members feel the same with one goal, one vision, one mission and one team spirit while joining hands together as Lions.



Lions, Lionesses and Leos of MD1, I know it is summer time – nice breeze, sunshine to enjoy and some clubs are taking a summer

break for Lions activities. One important thing we should remember that we are volunteers to help the needy in our communities; so if we take summer break, who is going to provide help? Let us think about this situation and strengthen our pride by providing help when and where it is needed.

International President Joe Preston is asking us to **Ask1**. Can you imagine – if all of us ask 1 our membership will grow more 2.5 million members worldwide?



Let us try this one and see how far we are going to reach in our goal. Instead of combining districts, let us make our districts stronger with new clubs, new members and retaining experienced members in our clubs.

As I always say – there is nothing impossible in this beautiful world as we have strong will power.

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

LEADERSHIP CORNER:



Empowering others to lead is the topic for the fifth 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.

Listen and learn from others

Act for the benefit of everyone

Develop themselves and others

Empower others to lead

Recognize Achievement

A new leader or a veteran can fall into a trap of trying to do everything alone, without seeking the support of the team. Another way to say this is to assume too much authority. These leaders have failed to learn a significant leadership lesson:

“The more control you give, the more control you maintain. Delegation of responsibility not only shares the workload, it also extends the boundaries of authority.”

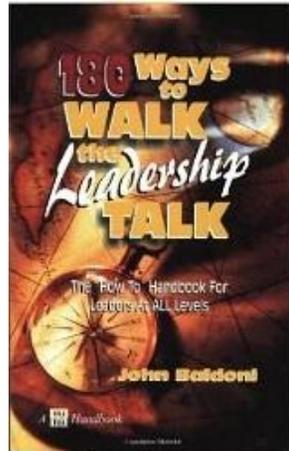
The shared vision will not be met unless those seeking to reach the vision participate. Or, another way to say this is to empower others to share the responsibility and have ownership to the plan and the action. To make this happen, there has to be a level of trust that the job will be done right. There is accountability and a genuine caring about achieving the goals.

So, what are actions that can be taken to empower others?

-Encourage others to step up and lead. Give them a gentle nudge or cheer them on in support.

-Be a leader who is part of the team, not suspicious of those with whom you work.

-Cooperate for the good of all.



-Agree to disagree, but move forward together for the greater good.

-Celebrate the diversity of your club or committee, so that all play to their strongest skills.

-Support and challenge others to find a solution. Provide guidance, but don't do the work for others.

-Know your team and their individual skills, abilities, and interests.

-Delegate responsibility and the authority that goes with it.

-Give credit when credit is due. Don't take credit for someone else's efforts.

-Anticipate problems and put people in place to solve the problems...before they happen on a large scale.

-Give others the ability to make meaningful decisions. If mistakes are made help them learn from these mistakes. Know who is making decisions at what level and trust them to make solid decisions.

-Seek a win-win solution.

-Get involved. Rolling up your sleeves and participating can give a different perspective and show others of your commitment as a leader.

-Focus on results, providing the resources, authority, and support that are needed to accomplish the task.

-Communicate with the right people about the issue or concern. Holding info or giving it to those who don't need it only derails the process. Keep lines of communication open!

-Be pre-emptive and consider possible obstacles before they happen. Make a contingency plan.

-Foster leadership. When you are not available, let others know that you will trust their judgment.

-Surround yourself with talented people who are focused on the same goal. Let them fly. Be there to support, but not smother.

-Align goals and outcomes for understanding, so that all are on the same page. Be sure everyone is paddling the canoe in the same direction. If not, the canoe will just go in circles, getting “no where”.

-Risk empowering others to move your club forward to new heights

-Lion Jama Wahl, MD1 GLT Coordinator

At the 2014-15 Council of Governors meeting held at the International Convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, the Parke Regency Hotel in Bloomington, Illinois was confirmed as the venue for the November 8, 2014, MD1 Lions Leadership Forum.

This year, the MD1 Forum will be a day long event beginning at 9:30am with registration, which should allow many participants to drive in for the day. Sessions will end by mid-afternoon. The \$25 registration fee includes lunch. There will be no planned activities for Friday evening, November 7, 2014, but those wishing to arrive early will have the option to make a room reservation for \$87.00 a night, plus 12% tax. This venue also provides free parking.

MD1 GLT Coordinator, Jama Wahl, is currently seeking the names of moderators and presenters. If you have a topic of interest to share or wish to moderate a session, please contact:

jamawahl@yahoo.com or 815-822-3014

MEMBERSHIP CORNER:

Would Your Club Like An Award?

There are several awards that are presented to individual Lions Clubs in Illinois each year. Our Lions of Illinois Foundation is among the presenters. Through our foundation some Clubs receive awards for Candy Day and Tootsie Pop donations based on whether they give 100% of their net or the total amount given. If



you add it all up, there are only a handful of Lions Clubs in Illinois that receive any kind of an award from any source.

There is one award for which every Lions Club in Illinois is eligible **if** they meet the criteria. The award is known as the **2014-2015 Club Excellence Award**. I am bringing this award to your attention now so that you can plan your Club's year in such a way that you do qualify.

What do we have to do in order to qualify, you ask. Here is what you should do:

First, you must perform at least 3 service projects this year and list them on the form. If your Club participates in community recycling events, helps at community food banks, adopts a park or highway to keep it clean, or any other service project, be sure to do at least three.

Second, you must make a donation to LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation).

Third, you must either experience a net growth in membership or sponsor a new Lions Club.

Fourth, you must publicize your service projects through local media and to your Club members.

Fifth, you must have some form of leadership development. Make sure that your Club is represented at Zone Meetings and that the majority of your officers participate in a leadership training program offered at the zone, district or multiple district level. You can also include on-line courses from the Lions Learning Center, participation in a Club Excellence Process (CEP) Workshop or completion of the Certified Guiding Lion course, all of which count toward the award.

Sixth, make sure that your Club hosts regular and meaningful Club meetings and submits the Monthly Membership Report, the Service Activity Report and the Club Officer Report (PU-101) in a timely manner. This is the area where many Lions Clubs fall short in qualifying for this prestigious award. Either they are late or don't file them at all. Any Club Secretary can file these reports by taking a

few minutes and doing it on-line. As a Club Secretary for the past 7 years I know this to be true. It's easy.

Lastly, you must not be on status quo and you must be in Good Standing, meaning that all International dues billings and new member entrance fees have been paid in full. Also, no more than \$50 in any other expense due to LCI (Lions Clubs International) is outstanding beyond 90 days. If you order club supplies or member awards, pay those bills promptly.

I believe that there are many Clubs in Illinois that can qualify for the 2014-2015 Club Excellence Award. Just look at the above requirements. You can do it if you plan this year so that you can check-off every item on the list. I will be sending the official application form to your District Governor within a few days. Get a copy and start the check-off process. Let's see how many Illinois Lions Clubs receive the award this year.

-Lion Paul Gergolla, PDG
MD-1 GMT Coordinator

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MD1 ALERT CORNER:

Greetings Summer Readers,



I have been given the opportunity to be your State Alert Chairman.

To get started, a good Alert plan has a couple steps. First, set up a plan in case an emergency occurs and second react if it does. It

will be very important to do step one so step two can happen.

To help start your program, each District has an Alert Chairman along with the State Chairman. Along with the Chairman, there are many resources available. Lions International has materials dedicated to Alert on their website. There are also materials available on State of Illinois and Federal websites.

To help you create your program and learn from others, a central depository of information will be developed for Lions to refer to. The first useful tools to be listed are the District Chairman and to have them in one place. Websites and other useful data will also be included as they become available.

What will make the resource even better will be your input? There are many Clubs who have some type of program and it would be good to know about them. A Club forming a plan should not have to start from square one all the time. Let's use the time and talents already invested. If you have a program in your Club, send me info on it so it can be added to the database. My email is LionJimKiser@gmail.com

Watch for more info in the State Magazine and on the MD-1 website.

-Lion Jim Kiser, MD1 Alert Chair



Lions, we are off to another great year of Lions Work! As we all know a Lions work is never done as there is always someone in need. Those less fortunate that we have served are certainly grateful for what we as Lions have and CAN do for them.

One of these important Lions organizations is Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills, Michigan.



This program was started by three Lions in 1939 and is celebrating serving vision impaired people for 75 years. The program has expanded and

reaches countries worldwide providing Leader Dogs and training all at NO COST to the recipient.

Leader Dogs for the Blind has decided they need to renovate the facility and concentrate on the Canine side of things. They want to upgrade the kennel where the puppies are housed and cared for. They want to arrange their floor plan to facilitate moving the dogs through the building and of course accessibility to the clinic area where every dog is checked and treated.



Part of the improvement is to enlarge the kennels themselves which will even allow them to house two or three dogs in the same kennel. They are also arranging the kennels so the dogs can see other dogs in the kennel area and watch what is going on. The goal is to make the kennel environment much more relaxing and less tense for the puppies.



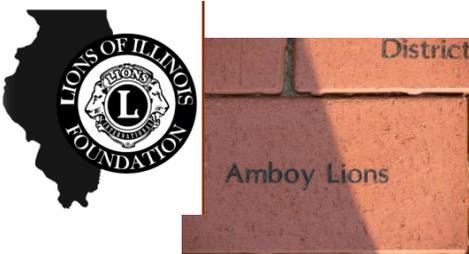
We don't realize how much stress and changes these little puppies go through as they change living environments several times in their first year and half of life. Studies have shown if they can make life less stressful for these puppies they do much better when the training time arrives.

Every District in the State should have a Leader Dog for the Blind Chairperson what can visit your club and explain the Canine Development Campaign and how you individually or as Lions can assist with this worthwhile project. Contact your Leader Dog District Chair and set up a time for them to come to your Club meeting.

Lions have supported Leader Dogs for the Blind for these 75 years and we don't want to let them down now! Call and find out how you can assist!

Your State Leader Dog Canine Development Campaign Coordinator

-Paul A. Lindstrom, PCC, State Coordinator



- Used Hearing Aid Bank
- Used Eyeglasses & Hearing Aid Collection
- Social Services & Referral
- Lions of Illinois Funds for Emergency (L.I.F.E.)
- OSHA Compliance Hearing Screening Services

Lions of Illinois Foundation Services and Programs:

- Camp Lions for Children
- Camp Lions for Adults
- Lions Low Vision Clinics
 - Chicago Lighthouse
 - College of Optometry
 - Spectrios Institute
- Diabetic Eye Center
- Mobile Diabetic Eye Clinic
- Mobile Hearing Services Unit

Lions of Illinois Foundation

nor Mario Gumino has been promoted to the position of Executive Director of the Lions of Illinois Foundation. The Foundation board of trustees approved the promotion during their July 25th-26th board meeting. Past District Governor Gumino has been employed by the Foundation for thirty-five years most recently as Accounts Manager. As the Executive Director, he will be the chief administrative officer of the Foundation and will be responsible for all administrative and operations functions of the Foundation.

Past District Governor Gumino's promotion is effective immediately. Please join me in congratulating Mario in his new position.

-PCC Steve Ferguson
Foundation President

July 26, 2014

Lions of Illinois,

I am pleased to announce that Past District Governor



Vision Statement

The Vision of the Lions of Illinois Foundation is to create a permanent vehicle for the delivery of programs and services to the visually and hearing impaired

Mario Gumino, Executive Director

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2014-2015 LCIF Highlights

Submitted by MD-1 Coordinator PID Bud Wahl

Plans are underway for another exciting year for your Lions Clubs International Foundation. The coming year's activities will be spearheaded by the following MD-1 Coordinators:

dinators:

- 1-A PDG Wes Salsbury
- 1-BK PCC Rick McHale
- 1-CN Lion Lyndal Davis
- 1-CS PDG Ruben Owen
- 1-D PDG Ken Cocking
- 1-E PDG Richard King
- 1-F PDG Molly Penny
- 1-G PDG Johnny Anderson
- 1-H To Be Appointed



1-J PDG Nancy Rex

1-L PDG Jerry Curry

MD-1 Coordinator PID Bud Wahl

LCIF, the GAVI Foundation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation have partnered again to continue the One Shot, One Life, Measles Initiative. LCIF has agreed to raise \$30 million for the Measles Initiative by the 2017 International Convention in Chicago, and the Gates and GAVI Foundations have pledged to match the Lions \$30 million, for a total of \$60 million for the Measles Initiative by the 2017 Convention.

1CS News Bits:

JOHNSTON CITY LIONS CLUB held a fundraising Fish Fry and later a community yard sale with Mid-County Bank.

STEELEVILLE LIONS CLUB welcomes new member Benjamin Picou, who jumped in with both feet and was elected club secretary. The club purchased eyeglasses for a community member. The club built a float for the annual 4th of July Parade. Two members attended the District Lions Leadership Conference. The club enjoyed a tailgating party at the Miners Ball Park on membership Night. The club made donations to the Diabetes Awareness Program and Steeleville Recreation Committee. The club loaned a sight machine to a member of the community.

MARION LIONS CLUB made several donations to community organizations, the Marion School for the Hearing Impaired, Mentors 4 Kids, Marion Ministerial Alliance, Lighthouse Shelter, The Women's Shelter, Shephert's Closet, and Habitat for Humanity. The club elected to sponsor two campers to Camp Lions. The club provided glasses for a visually impaired person.

MURPHYSBORO LIONS CLUB provided glasses for four community members. It sponsored a camper to camp Lions. It made donations to the Key Club Easter Egg Hunt and the Murphysboro Food Pantry. The club awarded two scholarships to two deserving and graduating Murphysboro High School students.

Lions, districts and clubs will be encouraged during the next three year period to consider a donation and/or pledge towards LCIF and the Measles Initiative. Each dollar raised will be able to provide one child to be vaccinated against this terrible disease. More than 350 people die needlessly EVERY day (most of them children), simply because they have not been vaccinated against measles.

LCIF District Coordinators stand ready to share information about the One Shot, One Life program at club visits or district meetings. Please consider contacting your District Coordinator today to schedule a program.

NEW ATHENS LIONS CLUB had two members attend the Lions of Illinois Convention and had three members attend the District 1-CS Lion Leadership Conference. District Governor Waymon "Moe" Johnson installed the club's officers.

CHRISTOPHER LIONS CLUB had Past District Governor Larry McGuire install their officers.

TRICO LIONS CLUB sponsored a camper to Camp Lions and participated in Birdies for Charity. Past District governor Larry McGuire installed the club's officers.

CHESTER LIONS CLUB welcomed new members Chris Diddlebock and Martha "Marty" Clevenger. The club awarded two scholarships to two Chester High School graduates. The club recognized Lion Dr. Scott Hinze for his proficiency in Bar-B-Queuing.

CARBONDALE LIONS CLUB donated to the Specialized Equine and Riding Services. Some members participated in the building of a Habitat for Humanity house; plus the club made a monetary donation.. The club donated to the Southern Illinois Radio Information Services (Provides special radios to sight impaired citizens who can listen to readings of newspapers, etc.).

SPARTA LIONS CLUB awarded several deserving and graduating Sparta High School students with scholarship.

District GMT Coordinator Basics



PDG Don Hook from District 1F - **Newly selected Lions of Illinois Foundation Executive Director** passed away on July 3rd night. He was recently admitted to the hospital due to sudden illness. May his soul rest in peace and may God Almighty grant his wife, kids and all loved ones enough strength to bear this loss. Lions of Illinois will be missing him dearly. He left us with his dreams to take Lions of Illinois Foundation to a new height of glory. He had told me that he will send monthly articles to this e-magazine; what a loss! **- Editor**

Certificate of Recognition to Lion PDG Carol McCann-Kojima:

The **Lions of Illinois Foundation** Executive Director Van Stone made a special presentation to Lion PDG Carol McCann-Kojima at the Seneca Lions Club Steak Fry on June 25, 2014. The Certificate of Appreciation was for a donation to the Tree of Service made in Lions PDG Masaru (Mush) Kojima and Lions PDG Carol McCann-Kojima names for the expanding horizons of the Blind and Deaf through our Humanitarian service Programs through the Illinois Foundation Tree of Service. **CONGRATULATIONS LION CAROL!!**

The district GMT is composed of a district GMT coordinator, the district governor team, 3 to 4 Club Success Team specialists and 3 to 4 Membership and New Club Growth Team specialists. The district GMT works in cooperation with the district GLT. The Club Success Team and Membership and New Club Growth Team are more fully explained under the Goals, Responsibilities and Objectives section. District GMT coordinators and other team members are appointed for a three year term by the district governor team, in consultation with the GMT area leader, MD GMT coordinator (where applicable).

Regions, Zones and Clubs

In addition to 3 to 4 specialists, zone chairpersons (region chairperson where applicable) appointed by the district governor each year will also serve on both the GMT Membership and New Club Growth Team and the Club Success Team and will work directly with their clubs.

Goals, Objectives and Responsibilities

GMT allows for a concentrated emphasis on membership growth, engagement of members and formation of new clubs. This will benefit the association through increased membership and participation, as well as a stronger commitment to local and global humanitarian service.

While the GMT structure is comprised of several levels of leadership, the goals and objectives remain consistent throughout:

- Maintain a knowledge and understanding of membership data and trends, and unique geographic/cultural characteristics
- Identify locations for new club development
- Provide assistance in the development and implementation of area membership goals and strategic plans
- Identify and assist struggling clubs
- Identify and promote service opportunities

- Recognize and share successful membership strategies
- Know and promote LCI membership development resources and initiatives
- Emphasize communication, vision, planning and collaboration

Specific responsibilities for each GMT level include:

District GMT

- Supports and motivates region, zone and club leaders
- Collaborates with the district and multiple district GMT team on:
 - o Membership development needs in the district
 - o Membership goals and action plans for the district
 - o Appointment of Membership and New Club Growth Team and Club Success Team to grow membership and increase service activities
- Ensures membership development and satisfaction is encouraged throughout the district
- Identifies areas and creates plans to charter a minimum of one new Lions club each year. Requests a new club development consultant to assist (in applicable areas).
- Works with GLT counterpart for new club support training i.e. Certified Guiding Lions and club officer training
- Promotes and identifies clubs to participate in the Club Excellence Process (CEP). Works with GLT counterpart to assist participating clubs in achieving goals
- Promotes LCI membership tools and resources to region, zone and club leaders
- Identifies and encourages potential membership leaders based on aptitude, experience and interest
- Monitors membership reports to identify trends and develop strategies. Communicates with region, zone and club leaders to provide assistance or recognition for concerns or accomplishments.
- Compares membership achievements to expectations and goals on a monthly or

quarterly basis and adjusts strategies where necessary

• Submits quarterly membership reports to LCI

- Presents a budget to the district cabinet to fund membership development plans
- Motivates Lions to enhance and improve their membership development skills
- Develops and promotes a plan of recognition for the district and individual Lions where significant contributions to membership development have been made

GMT Membership and New Club Growth and Club Success Teams

The multiple district and district GMT coordinators will develop two teams of 3 to 4 Lions each that will be the Membership and New Club Growth Team and the Club Success Team.

These two teams are appointed for a three-year term. Multiple district teams are appointed by the council of governors in consultation with the MD GMT coordinator and the GMT area leader. District teams are appointed by the DG Team in consultation with the multiple district GMT coordinator and the district GMT coordinator. Success Team specialists are recorded by the MD and district through *My LCI*.

Membership and New Club Growth Team Responsibilities:

- Identifies opportunities for building new clubs
- Encourages outreach to new members
- Identifies candidate clubs for Club Excellence Process (CEP)

Examples of Membership and New Club Growth Team Specialists:

- Campus Club Specialist
- CEP Promotional Specialist
- New Club Development Specialist
- Family & Women's Specialist
- Special Interest Club Specialist
- Young Adult Specialist

Club Success Team Responsibilities:

- Focuses on engaging Lions in community service projects and identifying new service opportunities
- Promotes service activity reporting
- Promotes member satisfaction
- Supports clubs who have participated in the Club Excellence Process (CEP)
 - Fosters healthy clubs to maintain and engage members, and assists in the rebuilding of struggling clubs

Examples of Club Success Team Specialists:

- CEP Follow-Up Specialist
- Community Service Specialist
- Member/Membership Satisfaction Specialist
- Mentoring Specialist
- Publications Specialist
- Rebuilding Specialist
- Service Reporting Specialist
- Technology Specialist

Region and Zone Chairperson – GMT District Team

- Promotes membership resources to clubs
- Promotes and identifies clubs to participate in the Club Excellence Process (CEP)
 - Ensures that club membership chairpersons know their roles and responsibilities
 - Identifies communities for new club charters
- Emphasizes engagement of members in new or existing service projects
 - Encourages clubs to implement a membership growth plan and to promote their activities within the community
 - Communicates membership development needs and successful strategies to fellow district GMT members

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that will be the **Membership and New Club Growth Team** and the **Club Success Team** based on identified needs.

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James Robert Quick, Sr., 88, resident of Eldorado passed away Thursday July 17, 2014 at the Charlier Hospice Center in Evansville, Indiana. Bob was born September 24, 1925 in Eldorado to the late Enos S. and Ida (Vantrease) Quick. He married the former Alice Bradshaw who survives. He was employed by NuWay furniture for over 40 years. Bob served his country during WWII and the Korean War in the US Army. He was a member and Deacon of the Bethel Creek Primitive Baptist Church, a member of the Eldorado Lions Club, past District Governor, a Melvin Jones Fellow, past President of the Eldorado Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Saline County Historical Society and a member of the Saline County Tourism Board. Bob is survived by his wife, Alice Quick, two sons; Van E. and wife Lou Ann Quick of Mabank, TX, Brad and wife Dianne Quick of Newburgh, IN, a daughter; Mary Beth and husband Dan Franas of Edgerton, WI, 10 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a son; James Robert Quick, Jr. and a great granddaughter Amaya Smith.

- **PDG & PDG Larry McGuire**



At the close of the International Convention in Toronto, I realized that we have only two more years of planning before the start of the Centennial Celebration

in Chicago at the 2017 Lions Clubs International Convention. First of all, I would like to thank the number of Lions throughout the State that have signed up already. Please be patient with me, since the information has been slow in coming from Lions Clubs International, but I can see that it will increase over the next couple of months. So, I am hoping by this fall, that I will have more information that I can share with the Lions of MD-1 on a regular basis.

Meanwhile, the committee is still moving ahead with its fund raising activities. As your club starts putting together their budgets for the coming years, please keep in mind the 2017 MD-1 Host Committee. We have a patch that will be given to your club for your banner showing your support to the committee. There are three levels of donations starting at \$100.00, then \$250.00 and finally \$500.00. Each level has a different patch and over the next couple of years your club can earn them all. I would like to thank those clubs and districts that have made a donation already. These funds will help in the support of the committee activities for the 2017 Convention.

The question has been asked about individuals who also would like to make a donation. The committee has put together a commemorative vest that will be given for such a donation. For a \$25.00 donation, you will receive a blue vest that is similar to the one that you could have ordered from Lions Club International, but it is no longer available. It will have the outline of the State on the back and the convention information on the front panel. The vest will be ordered soon and available this fall. The checks can be made out to the 2017 Lions Host Committee and mailed to Lion Bob Block, PDG. Please indicate your size that you would like for the vest.

For those who have purchased our Commemorative Pin, thank you. Sales have been strong not only throughout the state, but points beyond. We are working on the next pin and hope to have that ready by the Spring of 2015. Again, we have them available, so please consider getting one for each member of your club to mark this historical event.

For now, it looks like that we are well on the way to the 2017 Centennial Convention in Chicago. There is a lot of work to be done and unfortunately the funds need to be raised to help in the support of the committee. This State wide project will need all hands from the entire State to help in making this a success for both the State and Lions Clubs International. Only once in our life time will we be able to say that "we had an active part in the Centennial Celebration in Chicago in June of 2017". So, let's be Proud of this honor and show the world our Pride in hosting this celebration.

-Lion Robert Block, PDG

2017 MD-1 Host Committee, Chairman



LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION SIGHT & SOUND SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS:

Place	District	Winner	Amount	Seller	Club
1st	1-CS	Jan Engel	\$ 5,500.00	Jan Engel	New Athens Lions Club
2nd	1-G	Dan Clark	\$ 1,000.00	LF Clark	Carlinville Lions Club
3rd	1-CN	Tim Steuer	\$ 1,000.00	CL Steuer	Swansea/Belleville LC
4th	1-B	Ashkum Lions	\$ 1,100.00	Ashkum Lions	Ashkum Lions Club
5th	1-A	Alice Barry	\$ 1,100.00	Alice Barry	Mt. Greenwood Lions Club
6th	1-G	Ken Jackson	\$ 1,000.00	Isabel Jackson	Valmeyer Lions Club
7th	1-J	Sue Culbertson	\$ 500.00	James Culbertson	McHenry Lions Club
8th	1-J	Quentin Park	\$ 550.00	Quentin Park	N. Aurora Lions Club
9th	1-H	Jim L. Ausmus	\$ 500.00	Reba Ropp	Colona Lions Club
10th	1-D	Darla Lee	\$ 500.00	Audra Diehl	S. Beloit Lions Club
11th	1-CN	Nashville Lions	\$ 550.00	Nashville Lions	Nashville Lions Club
12th	1-G	Coatsburg Paloma Lioness	\$ 550.00	Lionesses Coatsburg Paloma & Coatsburg Paloma	
13th	1-F	Libertyville Lions	\$ 550.00	Libertyville Lions	Libertyville Lions Club
14th	1-D	Danielle Gehrt	\$ 500.00	Carol Gehrt	Dixon Lioness Club
15th	1-J	Tom C. Rivera	\$ 550.00	Tom C. Rivera	Glendale Hgts Barangay
16th	1-G	Adam Schmidt	\$ 500.00	Larry Braman, Jr.	Staunton Lions Club
17th	1-E	Gary Mathews	\$ 275.00	Gary Mathews	Mahomet Lions Club
18th	1-G	Darwin Kirsch	\$ 275.00	Darwin Kirsch	Highland Lions Club
19th	1-CN	Leslie Niemann	\$ 250.00	Elmer Ragland	Waterloo Lions Club
20th	1-E	Weldon Garrelts	\$ 275.00	Weldon Garrelts	Champaign Lions Club
21st	1-H	Marvin & Ann Watters	\$ 250.00	Alwood Lions	Alwood Lions Club
22nd	1-B	Randy Patula	\$ 250.00	Jim Patula	Bolingbrook Lions Club
23rd	1-J	Jack Rosenstiel	\$ 250.00	Hector Ochua	Aurora Evening Club
24th	1-A	Eileen Uremovic	\$ 275.00	Eileen Uremovic	LaGrange Lions Club
25th	1-CS	Michelle Rees	\$ 250.00	Jim Dimijrokk	DuQuoin Lions Club
26th	1-CN	Sandy Beimfohr	\$ 250.00	Jim Beimfohr	Swansea/Belleville LC

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DATE

REASON

Susan Franz and Mother	Marcia Siegal and Elaine Wexler	04/28/14	
Kevin Mendenhall and Jani Robinson	PFP/PDG Tom and Martha Harpst	04/28/14	wedding
Kevin Mendenhall and Jani Robinson	Lions Mary and Marty Reading	04/30/14	wedding

LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION

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IN MEMORY OF:

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Lion Ann Anderson	Swansea Belleville Midtown Lions Club	5/30/14
Richard Barthuly	Jim and Joan Graves	5/6/14
Irene Brandt	Ken Novak and Lois Miller	5/8/14
Charles Bushman	Cathy Seagren	4/8/14
PDG Lion Donald Dennstaedt	PDG Lion Dr. Louis Abboud	5/5/14
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	John G. Striglos	4/21/14
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	Anita Schauf	5/5/14
	Mike and Amy Millett	5/30/14
	Cathy Seagren	4/8/14
Jim Gilge	PDG's of District 1-A	4/14/14
PDG Harold Gurevitz	Cathy Seagren	4/8/14
Zollie Hall	Don and Karen Robey	5/5/14
Jay J. Hansen	Donald and Karen Robey	5/21/14
Bernard Henkel	Cathy Seagren	4/8/14
Ann Heuck	Marilyn Howe	5/30/14
Mary Hook	PDG John and Joycelyn McCann	4/14/14
Lion Rod Iwema	Gagewood Lions Club	5/30/14
	Frankfort Lions Club	5/5/14
Albert Krusemark	Highland Lions Club	5/20/14
Michael T. Kulig	Grayslake Lions Club	5/20/14
Irene Mammen	Cathy Seagren	5/5/14
Melva Sneek Meredith	PDG's of District 1-A	4/14/14
PDG George "Len" Pearson	Lion Mike and Carol Smigielski	4/14/14
	PDG Dick and Barb Bark	4/14/14
	PDG James Fenton	4/15/14
	Tinley Park Lions Club	4/25/14
Barbara Richardson	Marseilles Lioness Club	4/8/14
Doris Schmidt	District 1-A PDG's	4/8/14
	East Side Lady Lions	4/10/14
Daniel J. Shadle Sr.	Union Lioness Club	4/8/14
Sophie Smith	Hampshire Lions Club	5/21/14
Brent Stewart	Tom and Martha Harpst	5/5/14
Donald Thompson	Dr Larry and Joanne (Worland) Johnson	4/8/14
Roger Walz	PDG Dick and Barb Bark	4/25/14
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