

# The Illinois Lion, Lioness, Leo



Durand Lions with help hold the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Saelens Park. 125 children with their parents and grandparents showed up

Fairdale Illinois Tornado Relief - Donation Check for \$10,000.00 on 4/19/15.  
YouCaring Account Check presented from Washington, Illinois Mayor Gary Manier and wife Lada Manier to  
The Kirkland Lions Club Members - Marty Banks, Al Beach, Allan Banks, Max Banks, Amy Polzin,  
Jack Schreier, Steve Boettger, Charlie Freeman, Pat Kamm, Jim Quiram,  
Richard Wince, Bill & Janet Miller, Greg Gisler, Jeff Anderberg,  
and Village of Kirkland President Les Bellah.



## Council Chair Speaks:



### The Importance of Setting Goals

Woo hoo!!! I achieved one of my goals! I made it to at least a portion of all eleven District Conventions! With three of them being on the same weekend, I had to be a bit creative in where I would be and when, but... it all worked out! I was impressed with each convention! Good job Governors and your Convention Committees for putting together successful and fun events. This goal was very important to me because I wanted to show my support for each District Governor. It would have been very easy to say "Oh, that's too far to drive", or "I have another commitment that weekend". It felt good to accomplish this goal that I was motivated to achieve.



(Lion Steve and CC Fred ready to surf in Hawaii!)

Setting goals gives you direction. Whether you are a Club Officer, a District Officer or just a Lion, goals will help you achieve the changes you desire, such

as more members, enhanced leadership or even better meetings. Once you set your goals, you'll need to develop a plan on how you'll go about reaching them. Goal setting can serve as an effective tool for making progress. They can ensure that Club members have a clear understanding of what they each must do to help achieve a shared objective. Your Governors obviously set their goals on having successful conventions! Intl President Preston has a goal to increase membership and has asked all of us to help him reach his goal through his 'Ask One' campaign. With membership now over 1.4 million, it appears his goal is being reached!

With a new Lions' year just around the corner, it is now time to set new goals. Your Club may have new officers coming on board, your District Cabinets may be seeing some new faces and there will be 10 new Governors on the Council. If you want to make a difference, set your goals and start planning for your success now! Henry Ford once said "*Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal.*" So stay focused and on track and you'll realize your goals!

-CC Fred Peska, MD1 Council Chair

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## Editorial: Let Us Grow!



Yes, we reached our global membership to 1.4 million and crossed the mark 1,408,210 as of May 1, 2015 and we are still growing to strengthen our pride in Lionism. It will be nice to see our growth and to reach 2 million members worldwide prior to our Centennial Convention to be held in Motherland of Lionism, Chicago.

Being a **HOG (Husband of Governor)** in District 1A, I had an opportunity to induct hundreds of new members to Lionism and reaching 108 plus members and see brand new lions.

Spring is here and this is the time to grow. If we look around, trees started blooming, grass, plants and trees are growing with new branches and leaves. Lions, let us grow with the nature and show our pride and strength with flying colors.

We witnessed tragedy in Kirkland, Rochelle and Fairdale when tornadoes hit and destroyed these communities. Lions rushed to help as usual and many Lions clubs in MD1 started sending their contributions for disaster relief. I am sure that every district in MD1 took active part in sending their monies to help.

Beginning of this year I had asked new council to start a disaster relief fund so that MD1 have at least some funds to contribute in need. So far I did not hear anything. May be our new council which takes command in July will take this task and make it happen. For MD1, Disaster Relief Fund is must.



In April a huge earth quake took place in Nepal; more than 6,000 people hurt and around 2,000 lost their lives. Lions Clubs International Foundation immediately sent help to reach the needs of Nepales. Many clubs throughout the world came to action and sent their help. People are still digging homes, buildings and taking away human bodies. Let us try our best and send whatever contribution to them if we can as we help world communities as Lions of the World.

-PDG Austin D'Souza, Editor

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## LEADERSHIP CORNER



Spring has finally arrived. Winter's sting has come and gone. It is now time to start thinking about sprucing up our homes and apartments. It is

time to clean and reorganize those closets, wash those windows, get the yard in shape, and clean out the garage. These ideas of reviewing, reorganizing, and refurbishing, work for Lions clubs as well.

Now is the time to be sure that the new slate of club officers has been duly elected and their names and contact information have been communicated to LCI. The PU 101 form is on the MyLCI website. By providing this contact information, club officers receive important information from LCI to enhance their year of leadership.

With a new slate of officers comes a review of the budget. The incoming president with the help of the treasurer and board, maybe even a finance or fundraising committee, should review the fundraisers from the past year. This information is then used to develop a budget for the next Lions' year. Is your club making the money you need to provide service? Does a long time project need to be chucked to the garbage heap or redesigned to bring in more funds? Does the club budget reflect support of the local community, the Lions of Illinois Foundation, and the Lions Clubs International Foundation? If not, make it a priority to support local and global Lions efforts. We are Lions which means we serve not only locally, but throughout the state and around the world.

Why not consider your service projects? Are your current projects meeting the needs of your community? Many towns and villages as well as large cities have different demographics now than a few years ago. Is your club meeting the needs of this new group of people? LCI has a tool to help with that, the *Community Needs Assessment*. It is easy to use and the information collected, can really help clubs focus on service that is needed.

Are your zone chairs, region chairs, and club officers participating in the trainings that are offered? No Lion wants to take on a task feeling unsure. Districts offer training for those taking on the responsibility of district or club leadership. There also learning opportunities through the Lions Learning Center, Webinars, and the Lions University. Be prepared to lead!

And finally, we know Lions who feel involved are likely to stay active. Are new members and seasoned members getting the opportunities to share their ideas, participate in projects, and organize fundraisers? Take the opportunity to have a discussion at the next meeting. Brainstorm new ideas, areas for improvement, and successes.

By reviewing, re-organizing, and refurbishing your club can keep what is working, tweak what needs a bit of change, and make a plan for the next Lions' year that leads to success!

-**Jama Wahl**, MD1 State GLT Chairperson  
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### MEMBERSHIP CORNER:

#### You've got 'em, now what?

If you have been reading my articles over the past 10 months, you have probably noticed a common theme: every Lions Club in Illinois should have more members. If any club should experience an increase in membership, that club will have more persons to share the work load in future fundraisers and service projects. That is not only a good thing for that club but also for their community. Their community will witness their Lions Club doing more or larger activities.

I am happy to report that 300 Lions Clubs throughout Illinois have added at least one member so far this year. That indicates some successful recruiting efforts. Keep up the good work. Now the question is how do you keep them?

Before doing anything else, has your new member been part of an orientation session? Make sure they receive this "first step". Give them a brief history of your Lions Club and spend more time on what you are currently doing. Let them know what is expected of them, including time and dues. If possible, arrange for their spouse to be there as well. Doing that could eliminate or reduce any spousal conflicts when your new member is going out the door to participate in some Lion's activity. The new member's sponsor should participate as



well. If not their sponsor, some other member of your club should serve as mentor for your new member. They should be able to answer those questions that will inevitably come up.

The next thing you can do for your new member is to "make them feel at home". Make a point of including them in your casual conversations. If a meal is served as part of your meeting (breakfast, lunch or dinner), make a point of having at least a few current members sit with them and engage them in conversation. They just might get the impression that their presence is appreciated.

The next step should be giving your new member a sense of "ownership" within your club. That should include assigning them to an active committee. That is far better than letting them sit around doing nothing. If they have nothing to do, how long do you expect them to "hang around"? The committee chair should try to get that new member to participate in any discussion. Don't force it, just encourage it. As they become more active they should be considered for an elected office in the not too distant future. That will cement the idea of "ownership".

There are about 220 Lions Clubs in Illinois that have yet to add a new member. They have all of May and June to change that status.

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To: **All Lions Clubs of Illinois**  
From: **MD-1 Constitution and By-Laws**

Re: Amendments for 2015 MD-1 Convention Below are two amendments being brought forward by the MD-1 Council of Governors for consideration by the certified delegates at the 2015 MD-1 Convention, to be held May 14-17, 2015. Both amendments will require a 2/3 affirmative vote in order to pass. Your MD-1 Constitution and By-Laws Committee recommends approving both amendments.

Yours in Service,  
-**Bud Wahl PID,**



Chairperson MD-1 Constitution and By-Laws Committee

## Resolution #1

### Lions of Illinois, Inc.

#### RESOLUTION

TO AMEND THE LIONS OF ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

#### CONSTITUTION - ARTICLE VIII, STATE CONVENTION

Subject: *This proposed amendment would revise the site selection process for the location of the State Convention. A Site Selection Team would visit the bidding hotels, and make a qualified recommendation to the Council of Governors, who would then determine the site of the convention.*

**WHEREAS**, Section 1 of Article VIII of the MD-1 Constitution entitled State Convention, states that 'During each State Convention the delegates in attendance shall select the site for the State Convention'; and,

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, a Convention City Nominations Committee has in fact been making the selection for the site of future State Conventions; and,

**WHEREAS**, personnel from the bidding hotels have been making their presentations to this Convention City Nominations Committee at a site other than their hotel; and,

**WHEREAS**, this current bidding process does not give an opportunity for anyone from the Lions of Illinois to visit each bidding property to actually see the facilities and services available; and,

**WHEREAS**, some members of the Convention City Nominations Committee may not have the experience of being involved with the actual planning and organization of a State Convention which would require knowing specific needs in facilities and services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State Convention Chairperson, current Council Chairperson, immediate past Council Chairperson and the State Secretary-Treasurer would all have first-hand knowledge and experience in the organization and planning of a State Convention; and,

**WHEREAS**, having experienced and knowledgeable Lions visiting potential State Convention sites, experiencing first-hand what a hotel can, or cannot offer, and making a recommendation to the Council

of Governors would strengthen the entire site selection process;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Sections 1, 2 and 6 of Article VIII of the MD-1 Constitution, entitled State Convention be amended as shown below by eliminating the text shown by the strikethrough and adding the text in bold; and a new Section 3 be added as shown below; and all other Sections in Article VIII to be renumbered accordingly, with the effective date to be at the close of the 2015 State Convention:

*Section 1.* A convention of this State shall be held each year not later than twenty (20) days prior to the date set for the Lions International Convention for that year. During each State Convention, the **State Council** delegates in attendance shall select the site for the State Convention not more than two (2) years in advance. **Notwithstanding, if a site proposes a multi-year contract, the State Council may consider the proposal.** In the event that a the site is not selected by the delegates **State Council** as herein provided, or in the event that it subsequently becomes necessary to hold the State Convention elsewhere, the site selection shall be made by **a subsequent** the vote of the State Council **at any time**. The State Council shall also have the responsibility of fixing the date of each State Convention.

*Section 2.* **The State Office shall send out invitations to bid on the two year out State Convention to hotels within the state that the State Council feels meet the needs of the convention, at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the convention at which the site is to be selected.** The Chairperson of the State Council shall receive all invitations **hotel bids** in writing from cities desiring to entertain the convention for the years specified in the foregoing Section 1 not later than sixty (60) **ninety (90)** days prior to **said** the convention. at which the site or sites are to be selected., which invitations shall be presented to the delegates. Such invitations **hotel bids which meet the needs of the convention**, shall state **clearly define the facilities and services available including** what housing and other facilities will be available for the convention and shall certify the dates available. In the event no invitations **hotel bids** from qualified cities have been received by the Council Chairperson **ninety (90) days prior to said** the convention

prior to the convening of the convention at which the site selection or selections are to be made, the **State Office may be directed by the State Council to contact other hotels.** names of cities ready, willing and able to host the convention may be presented to the Chairperson prior to the last session of the convention at which the site or sites are to be selected and by the Chairperson presented to the delegates.

**New Section 3. A Site Selection Team consisting of the current Council Chair, Immediate Past Council Chair, State Secretary-Treasurer and current State Convention Chair will visit each bidding hotel as a group to inspect the facilities to assure that the hotel meets the criteria for hosting a State Convention. The Site Selection Team will also discuss services needed, including, but not limited to, housing, catering, meeting room space, audio visual and hospitality room requirements. Once all visits are completed, the Site Selection Team will present their recommendation to the Council during the convention at which the site selection is to be made, for their consideration and decision.**

**Renumber Sections 3-12 as 4-13 accordingly.**

*Section 67.* At least 75 days before each annual State Convention the State Council shall appoint such committees as shall be deemed necessary to properly administer the Convention, including Resolutions, Elections, Rules, Sergeant-At-Arms, Registrations, Necrology, **and** Credentials, and Convention City Nominations, and shall also appoint a Parliamentarian to act in an advisory capacity at all Convention meetings. Each Convention Committee shall be composed of one member from each district appointed by the District Governor of the District, with a member of the State Council as Chairperson. The Committee Chairperson shall be the member of the Committee from his/her District.

## **Resolution #2**

### **Lions of Illinois, Inc.**

RESOLUTION

TO AMEND THE LIONS OF ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

**CONSTITUTION - ARTICLE IX, STATE REVENUE**

*Subject: This proposed amendment would change a portion of the Promotion Fund overflow allocation from the self-sustaining Magazine Fund, to the new Residual Fund.*

**WHEREAS**, Paragraph 5 of Section 1 of Article IX of the MD-1 Constitution entitled State Revenue, describes the Promotion Fund and its balance to be maintained at no more than \$50,000; and,

**WHEREAS**, this same paragraph stipulates that the excess funds, above the \$50,000, is to be distributed as set forth in parts A, B, and C; and,

**WHEREAS**, part B states that 35% of the excess is to be allocated to the Magazine Fund; and,

**WHEREAS**, since the Magazine Fund has gone electronic, the Magazine Fund is self-sufficient with its own allocation of \$1 from the per capita tax on each Lions member in the state, and therefore is no longer in need of this assistance; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Council of Governors has created a "Residual Fund" whose main purpose is to help fund leadership and membership educational opportunities for Lions within the state; and,

**WHEREAS**, this "Residual Fund" can benefit from the excess allocation from the Promotion Fund, thereby using this financial assistance to invest in the training and education of future Lion leaders with MD-1, *without* any increase in dues;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Paragraph 5, part B, of Section 1 of Article IX of the MD-1 Constitution entitled State Revenue, be amended as shown below by striking the word "Magazine" and adding the word "Residual" in bold, with the effective date to be at the close of the 2015 State Convention:

*MD-1 Constitution, Article IX, Section 1, Paragraph 5, Part B*

B. 35% thereof shall be allocated to the Magazine **Residual** Fund.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Persons interested in the position of Chairperson of the Council of Governors for the 2015-2016 Lions year are being sought.**

**To be eligible, a candidate must be a Past District Governor, having served as an MD-1 Governor within the previous five Council years (2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015) or be a sitting Governor on the 2015-2016 Council. The Council Chairperson for 2015-2016 also must be from a District other than the current Chairperson's District (District 1-D). More information regarding eligibility is available at**

[www.LionsClubs.org](http://www.LionsClubs.org).

The duties and responsibilities of the Council Chairperson are detailed in the Lions of Illinois Constitution and By-Laws and the Policy Manual, both of which are posted on the MD-1 website, [www.illinoislionsMD1.org](http://www.illinoislionsMD1.org).

Candidates must send a letter of intent and a resume to the State Office to be received no later than **March 31, 2015** in order to be considered for the position. The mailing and e-mail address for the State Office is listed below. Applicants will be advised by mail or e-mail of the time of their interview.

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The Lions of 1BK are proud to present PID Bud Wahl as an endorsed candidate for the office of Second International Vice President. The endorsement was made at

the recent 1BK Convention held in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois.

PID Bud Wahl & his lovely wife Jama Wahl

Having previously been endorsed by all eleven sub-district



cabinets, the Council of Governors, and the Campaign and Liaison Committee, with the 1BK Lions endorsement, the next step is to seek the support of the Lions of Illinois at the MD1 Convention to be held at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois, May 17-19, 2015.

Each club throughout Illinois is asked to send their delegates to this convention to vote in support of PID Bud's candidacy. The agenda is full for the weekend and all Lions are encouraged to participate. However, those delegates just attending for voting will need to be present Sunday morning. Delegates must be registered.

For registration information go to the Lions of Illinois homepage

<http://www.illinoislionsmd1.org/> click on conventions and scroll down to the registration page. Click on this link to get to the registration forms.

It has been over forty years since MD1 has had an International President. Let's get PID Bud endorsed at the MD1 State Convention, so he can run for this high office at the International Convention in Japan in 2016.

#### MD1 ALERT CORNER:

**Greetings May Readers,**

From the last time we got together, some very bad storms hit our home State of Illinois. One town basically wiped out. After the storms hit, a massive response came about with volunteers and supplies. In fact one area ran out of room to store the supplies so the officials said stop bringing the items. What a great feeling to be able to help like this. They will still need cash, so don't stop that.

Many people want to physically help but are often turned away. Why, you are a stranger and/or have no training. This training needs to take place before something happens. How do Lions get trained? They develop an Alert program. This



program takes time to develop since you need to work with the leaders in your town and perhaps your county depending on where you live.

You can't wait for the storm to hit. Start your plan now. Lions International has information to get your feet wet. Go to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and in the magnifying glass type "Alert". Many documents are there to get you started. Each District tries to have an Alert Chairman. They should be able to direct you also. We are coming to a changeover period in our Lions year, so don't wait until June

20<sup>th</sup> to start asking questions. More info can also be found on the State of Illinois website, [www.ready.illinois.gov](http://www.ready.illinois.gov)

Many thanks should go out to all those who have helped in any way to aid the many effected by the recent storms.

Lion Jim Kiser  
State Alert Chairman  
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630-660-7944

## **Past International Director**

Lion Walter R. "Bud" Wahl (1-BK)

**Is seeking *Your* Endorsement at the 2015 MD-1 Convention to be a**



**Certified Candidate for**

*2<sup>nd</sup> International Vice President*

*of Lions Clubs International*

**A Proven Leader, Dedicated to Serving with**

*Integrity, Honesty and Compassion for All*



**\* 100% District Governor Award, \* Past Council Chair, \* Past Council Parliamentarian, \* MD-1 Constitution and By-Laws Chair, \* MD-1 LCIF Chair, \* National Coordinator for Campaign SFII, \* Faculty Member for two Senior Lions Leadership Institutes and three DGE Schools, \* 9 Years Serving the USA/Canada Lions Forum Committee, \* General Chair of the 2011 USA/Canada Lions Forum, \* LCI Appointment to Hadley School for the Blind, \* Membership Advancement Key, \* 11 Presidential Certificates of Appreciation**

**\* 5 Presidential Medals**

**\* LCI Ambassador of Goodwill Award**

**\* Extension Award**

**\* Lions of Illinois Foundation Fellow**

**\* Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow**

**Instrumental in Developing the Club Excellence Program,  
the Healthy Club Tool Box and the Lions Crew at Work**

**YOUR VOTE WILL BE APPRECIATED**

**ONE FOR ALL...AND ALL FOR WAHL!**

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You Are Invited !!!  
Please join us at the

# MIDWEST LIONS BREAKFAST

at the Lions Clubs International Convention In Honolulu, Hawaii Hotel:  
Sheraton Waikiki Room: Kaua'i

Date: Monday, June 29, 2015

Time: 7 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Menu: Plated breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Applewood bacon, herb infused potatoes, oven roasted Hamakua tomato, Royal Kona coffee (regular & decaffeinated) assorted herbal teas, and fresh orange juice.

Cost: \$36.00 per person

Please make reservations using the attached form.

Registrations must be received by May 26 Make checks payable to:

LIONS OF ILLINOIS

Return the registration form and check(s) to:

PCC Lydia Ellis, 2305

Marine Road Highland, IL 62249

Email: [serve2dgillinois@yahoo.com](mailto:serve2dgillinois@yahoo.com)

Mobile Phone: 618-980-7482

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**THE LIONS OF ILLINOIS & ARIZONA**

**PLEASE INCLUDE ME IN THE MIDWEST BREAKFAST**

**Monday, June 29, 2015 at 7 a.m.**

**Sheraton Waikiki in the Kaua'i Room**

**So that we may contact you in the event of changes,**

**please provide the following information**

**(one form for each person, please):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Best phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks (\$36.00 per person) should be payable to  
LIONS OF ILLINOIS.

Please keep copies for your records since we will not send receipts.

Forms and checks should be sent to:

PCC Lydia Ellis 2305 Marine Road Highland, IL 62249 USA



# Lions of Illinois

The Birth Place of Lionism

Multiple District 1  
MD-1



## Lions of Illinois 2015 State Convention

Bloomington-Normal Marriott, Normal IL

### Thursday, May 14

1:00 PM  
6:00 - 9:00 PM  
6:00 - 11:00 PM

Event  
Lions begin arriving  
DGE Meeting  
Hospitality

Meeting Room  
North Board Room  
Roger Hunt & John Blackburn

### Friday, May 15

8:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
8:00 AM - Noon  
Noon - 1:00 PM  
1:00 - 5:00 PM  
1:00 - 3:50 PM  
2:00 - 2:20 PM  
2:00 - 2:20 PM  
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5:00 - 7:00 PM  
5:30 - 7:00 PM  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
7:15 - 9:00 PM  
9:00 PM - Midnight

Convention Office Open  
Council of Governors Meeting  
Council of Governors Lunch  
LIF Board of Trustees Mtg  
Chairperson Interviews  
Registration Training  
Certification Training  
Registration Opens  
Certification Opens  
Silent Auction Set-up & Open  
Campaign Prep Meeting  
Exhibitors Set-up & Open  
Pin Traders Set-up & Open  
Resolutions Committee Mtg  
Sergeant-at-Arms Comm Mtg  
Convention Rules Committee Mtg  
Elections Committee Mtg  
Intl Guest/DG/DGE Meeting  
LIF Ambassadors Dinner  
DINNER BREAK  
2017 Host Committee Mtg  
Chairperson Interviews  
Hospitality  
Credentials Committee Mtg  
1st Plenary Session  
Hospitality

Registration desk & office  
Redbird C  
Redbird E  
Redbird C  
North Board Room  
Registration desk area  
Redbird E-G Hallway  
Registration desk  
Redbird E-G Hallway  
Broadway Boardroom  
Beaufort  
Redbird Ballroom Hallway  
Beaufort  
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Redbird G  
Redbird F  
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None  
Redbird F  
North Board Room  
Fell A, B, & C; Roger Hunt & John Blackburn\*  
Redbird G  
Redbird D  
Fell A, B, & C; Roger Hunt & John Blackburn\*

### Saturday, May 16

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
7:00 - 9:00 AM  
7:00 - 9:00 AM  
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
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8:30 - 8:45 AM  
9:00 - 9:50 AM  
10:00 - 10:50 AM  
11:00 - 11:50 AM  
Noon - 2:00 PM  
2:30 - 3:00 PM  
3:00 - 3:30 PM  
3:30 - 5:30 PM  
3:30 - 6:00 PM  
3:30 - 6:00 PM  
5:00 - 6:00 PM

Convention Office Open  
Registration  
Certification  
Exhibitors/Pin Traders Open  
Silent Auction  
Seminar Moderators Meeting  
Seminar - What is LCI Up To?  
Seminar - Lions Clubs Having Fun  
Seminar - Leader Dog  
State Awards Luncheon/2nd Plenary  
District Caucuses  
District Caucuses  
Picture-fest  
Registration  
Certification  
DG/DGE Pictures

Registration desk & office  
Registration desk  
Redbird E-G Hallway  
Redbird Ballroom Hallway  
Broadway Boardroom  
North Mtg Rm  
Theatre  
Theatre  
Theatre  
Redbird A & B  
1-A - Blackburn; 1-CN - Fell A; 1-D - Hunt;  
1-E - Fell C; 1-H - Fell B; 1-G - North Boardrm  
1-BK - Blackburn; 1-CS - Fell A; 1-F - Fell B;  
1-J - Hunt; 1-L - Fell C  
Fell A, B, & C; Roger Hunt & John Blackburn  
Registration desk  
Redbird E-G Hallway  
Hotel Lobby Stairs/Fountain

6:30 - 9:00 PM  
9:00 PM - 12:00 AM

State Banquet  
Hospitality

Redbird A & B  
Fell A, B, & C; Roger Hunt & John Blackburn\*

**Sunday, May 17**

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
7:00 - 9:00 AM  
7:00 - 9:00 AM  
7:00 - 9:00 AM  
8:00 - 10:30 AM  
10:30 AM - Noon  
1:00 - 3:00 PM

Convention Office Open  
Registration  
Certification  
Voting  
LIF Breakfast & Meeting  
Closing Plenary Session  
DGE Meeting

Registration desk & office  
Registration desk  
Redbird E-G Hallway  
Beaufort  
Redbird A, B, & C  
Redbird A, B, & C  
North Board Room

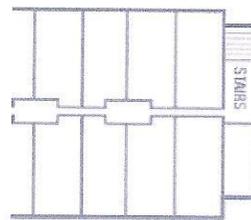
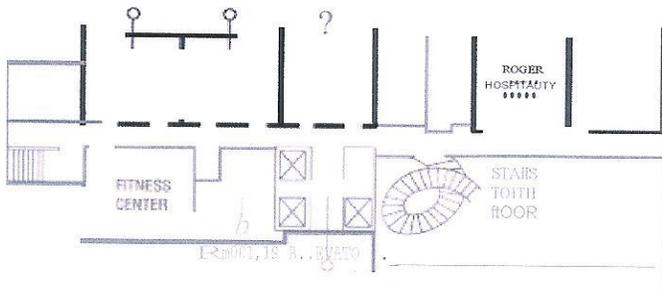
- \* John Blackburn Hospitality room hosted by Districts 1-A and 1-BK
- Roger Hunt Hospitality room hosted by Districts 1-D and 1-J
- Fell A Hospitality room hosted by Districts 1-CN, 1-CS, and 1-G
- Fell B Hospitality room hosted by Districts 1-F and 1-H

**SECOND FLOOR**

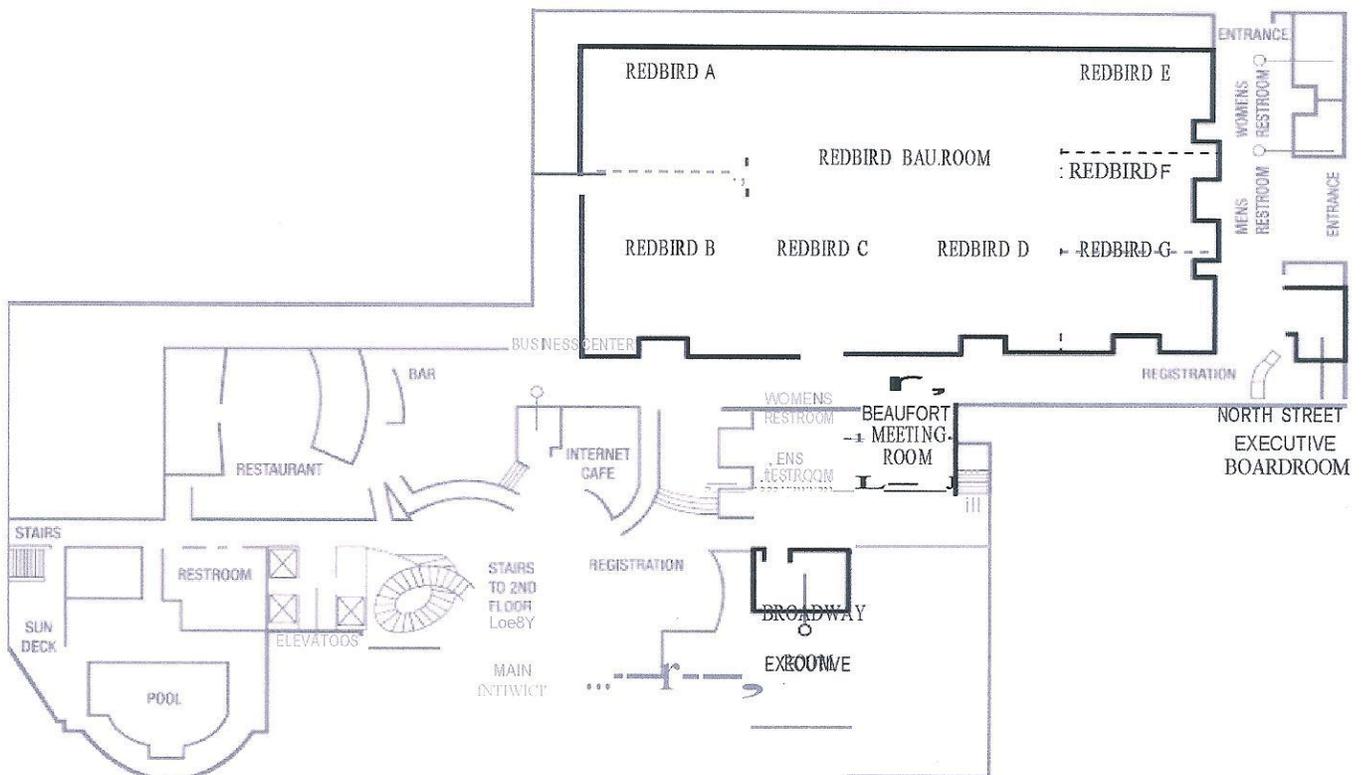


**Bloomington-Normal  
Hotel & Conference  
Center**

JESSE FELL ROOM A  
JESSE FELL ROOM B  
JESSE FELL ROOM C



**FIRST FLOOR**



**LIONS OF ILLINOIS  
95th ANNUAL  
MD-1 STATE CONVENTION  
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**P**resenting this year's  
Honored Guest ...

**International Director  
Lion Linda Tincher**

From Riley, Indiana, Director Tincher was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 97<sup>th</sup> International Convention held in Toronto, Canada, July 4 - 8, 2014.

Director Tincher is retired from the Indiana State Police Department, Communications Division. She went on to work 24 years as a campaign manager for an Indiana State Representative.

A member of the Riley Township Lions Club since 1989, she has held many offices within the association, including district governor, zone chairperson, district GLT coordinator, district youth outreach chairperson, council chairperson and certified guiding Lion. Director Tincher has also been the district 25 E1 newsletter editor for 10 years.

In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards, including Lion of the Year, 100% District Governor, six Extension Awards, Senior Master Key Award, a Leadership Award and four International President's Awards. She is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Director Tincher is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Indiana State Troopers Youth Services, League of Women Voters, State Assembly Women's Club and the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church.

With her husband Vern, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, Director Tincher has a step-daughter, two step-sons and five grandchildren.

Please welcome Director Tincher and Lion Vern to our  
95th Annual Lions of Illinois MD-1 State Convention!

**Did You Hear About The MD-1 Lions?**

*They're having a Luau-good time at this year's State Convention ...*

Friday

- ☞ *Kick it Off Opening Plenary Session*
- ☞ *"Fun & Games in the Tropics" Hospitality Rooms*
- ☞ *Silent Auction*

Saturday

- ☞ *Exciting Seminars:*
  - "What Is LCI Up To?"*
  - "Lions Clubs Having Fun"*
  - "Leader Dog" featuring Lion Len Quinn, PDG*
- ☞ *State Awards Luncheon*
- ☞ *Silent Auction*
- ☞ *State "Luau" Banquet*
- ☞ *"Tropical Desserts" Hospitality Rooms*

Sunday

- ☞ *Voting*
- ☞ *Lions of Illinois Foundation Breakfast and Meeting*
- ☞ *Wrap It Up Live Auction and Closing Plenary Session*

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## Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)



PID Bud Wahl, MD-1 LCIF Chair

Millions of people around the world have benefited through more than 11,340 Lions Clubs International Foundation grants, which have totaled more than US\$826 million. That number continues to grow in part from gifts from foundations, corporations, governments and non-Lions. However, the vast majority of LCIF's funding comes through the generous donations from Lions clubs and individual Lion members.

average, roughly about 75% of the funds received by LCIF are given through the Melvin Jones Fellowship program. For \$1,000, a club can honor a deserving member by donating the money and naming them a Melvin Jones Fellow. And this is a perfect time for clubs to do so. Many clubs will name a Melvin Jones Fellow and present the recognition award during their club installation of new officers in May or June. As a result, this is a very busy time for the LCIF department to get the recognition plaques completed and mailed out. So, please get your MJF applications and donations into the LCIF office as quickly as possible.

As of March 31, 2015, donations to LCIF from clubs, members and districts in Illinois have totaled a little over \$87,000. This is well below our total from last fiscal year of nearly \$200,000. Hopefully, there are a lot of Melvin Jones Fellows being named in the coming weeks. Please consider a donation to LCIF before the end of this Lions fiscal year.

[pidbud@frontier.com](mailto:pidbud@frontier.com)



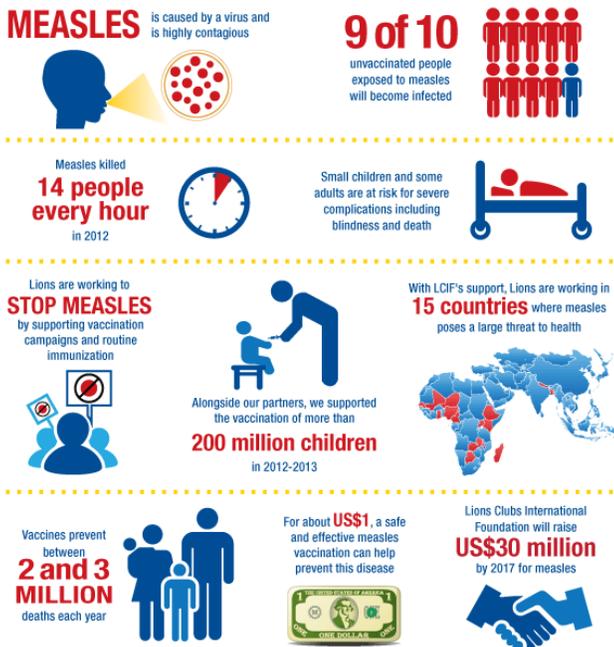
April 2015

Dear Club President,

On behalf of those who do not have a voice, I am asking for your help. Every hour of every day, Lion members are meeting local community needs. Lions are providing students with glasses, distributing food or basic necessities following a disaster or ensuring measles vaccinations are available for children where no healthcare system currently exists. Every hour of every day, this is happening across the world through service of Lions—and I'm asking you and your club to make a difference.

With three months remaining in the fiscal year, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) may not reach the established annual financial target. The target is based on projected grant requests from Lions for the coming year, leaving community needs unmet and

### One Shot, One Life: LCIF and Lions' Work to Stop Measles



Visit [www.lcif.org/measles](http://www.lcif.org/measles) to learn more and make a donation to the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative.

Donations to LCIF help in many ways through our four core pillars of service: Youth, Sight, Disaster Relief and Disability. Contributions can be restricted to any of these areas, or given to Area of Greatest Need. With the Measles Initiative into its second phase with a \$30 million goal by the time we hold our International Convention in 2017 in Chicago, donations can be restricted toward the Measles One Shot, One Life program and still be designated toward a Melvin Jones Fellow. On

service opportunities unfulfilled. Lions, we cannot let this happen.

I am asking you and your club to consider making a donation to LCIF in the next three months. Consider making a gift to the Lions Measles Initiative during the month of April in recognition of World Immunization week. Bridge the gap between the US\$3.8 million raised in 2014-2015 toward our annual commitment of US\$7.5 million. Or consider making an unrestricted gift, allowing LCIF to support worthy Lions community service projects without needing to scale back initiatives due to funding limitations.

Each year, Lions are called upon to do more. LCIF has always been there to support the work of Lions. Your support and that of 46,000 other clubs around the world make that possible. Consider a donation in the next three months and help put LCIF in a position to support the service of Lions. **Will you help a child live ?** Help us to help the children.

Sincerely,  
-Barry J. Palmer  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



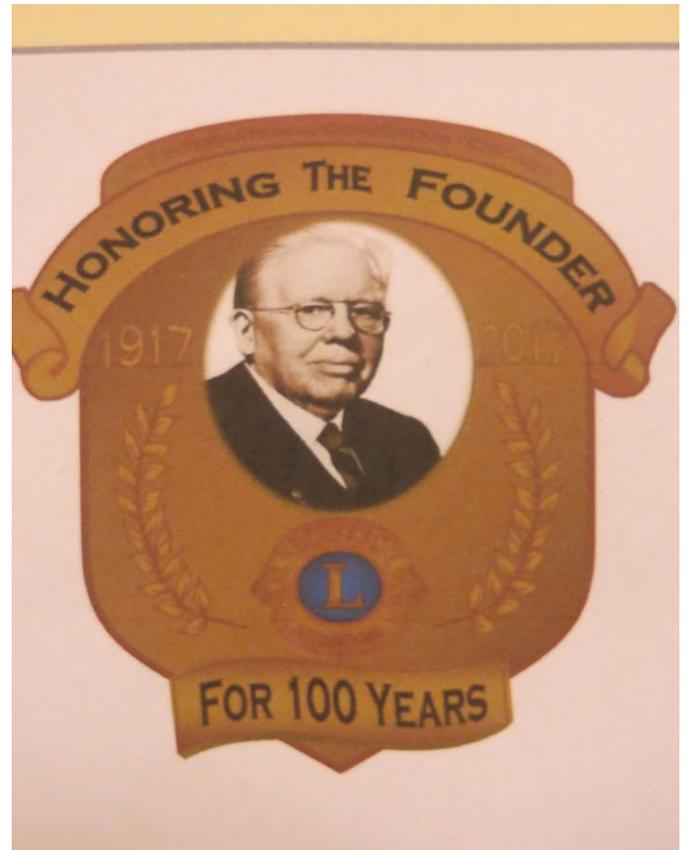
Lion Jama and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the tremendous Lions around the state we have had the pleasure of meeting the past few months, for your warm hospitality and encouragement as we traveled to six of the eleven district conventions seeking your support for my endorsement as a 2<sup>nd</sup> International Vice President candidate for Lions Clubs International. The five conventions we missed were due to attending

also would like to thank the MD-1 Campaign and Liaison Committee who unanimously recommended their endorsement to the MD-1 Council of Governors, who in turn, also gave us a unanimous endorsement. Thank you to the Council of Governors. And, during their own respective cabinet meetings, all eleven district cabinets in Illinois have endorsed our candidacy as well. Thank you to each of the eleven cabinets.

We now look forward to the upcoming MD-1 Convention and voting on May 17 in Bloomington. We will need your vote one more time, to receive the endorsement from the Lions of Illinois in order to be eligible for consideration at the 2016 Lions International Convention in Japan. We humbly ask for your vote of support at the state convention on May 17. We will be forever grateful.

Most Sincerely,

**PID Bud and Lion Jama Wahl**



New Pin Design for 2017 International Convention



"I did a demo at the **Des Plaines Lions Club** last night and the puppy raiser had the puppy lay down by the baby..... That puppy must have stayed there for about fifteen minutes. Almost like a guard dog. The puppy raiser [Valerie] will have to turn Noyo in to the Columbus, Ohio training Center for Graduate training in November, 2015. By that time she will have trained Noyo for I think sixteen [16] months. This is her fourth [4] dog. She is going to apply for a fifth [5] dog shortly after turning Noyo in."-PDG Tom Laws



**Rockford Noon Lions Club** processes all the eye glass donations that eventually make their way to the Center for Sight and Hearing. Eyeglasses,

which arrive at the Center for Sight and Hearing, are sorted based on type of frame (i.e. plastic or metal). They are counted, boxed, and delivered to the Foundation in Sycamore, Illinois. We are honored to perform this service on behalf of the many Lions who maintain donation boxes at locations they frequent. While we do this service, it is indeed the individual Lions Club Member who makes all the difference. They are the contact with the donor. They are the link that allows for eyeglasses to be recycled.

The Rockford Noon Lions Club have their fair share of Members who maintain donor boxes. They frequently empty them and deliver eyeglasses to our Eyeglass Committee or to the Center for Sight and Hearing.

However, this past October, November, and December, we managed and processed a record number of eyeglass donations that poured into the Center from all across Northwest Illinois. We saw boxes with City / Village names like Lena, Shannon, Cedarville, Orangeville, and Roscoe. This is not an all-inclusive list. If we attempted to do so, we would leave out a club that donated but may have not marked a box with their club name. Or more likely, we did not pay attention to the club name early on because we were not aware of what we were witnessing until it was over.

By the end of October, about 8,000 pair of eyeglasses had been donated for the year. That count alone was a new annual record. By the end of the year, two months later, an additional 3,500 pairs of eyeglasses were donated. This is a donation rate that has no precedent in our history.

We thank each and every Lions Club Member who contributed in their small way to make the total sum of these donations a big way. A lot of people will see more clearly because of the effort that was made.





Bunny Breakfast--Kids posed with the Easter Bunny at the **Aurora Noon Lions** club's seventh annual pancake breakfast fundraiser Saturday, April 4, at Luigi's Pizza and Fun Center, 732 Prairie St. in Aurora. Breakfast proceeds benefit Lions vision-conservation and hearing-conservation charities. The club meets at noon on the first and third Mondays of each month. Prospective members are welcome. For more information, call [\(630\) 921-1307](tel:6309211307). (Al Benson Photo)



Governor Terry D'Souza inducted new member to **Palos Lions Club** in April



Dishing Donuts--Wearing a baseball cap with bunny ears, Lion Dick Schindel of Aurora, left, cooked donuts as kids watched at the **Aurora Noon Lions** club's seventh annual pancake breakfast fundraiser Saturday, April 4, at Luigi's Pizza and Fun Center, 732 Prairie St. in Aurora. Breakfast proceeds benefit Lions vision-conservation and hearing-conservation charities. The club meets at noon on the first and third Mondays of each month. Prospective members are welcome. For more information, call [\(630\) 921-1307](tel:6309211307). (Al Benson Photo)



11 New Members were inducted to **River Grove Lions Club** on April 1<sup>st</sup> during Governor's Night.



**Worth Lions Club** inducted 2 more new members to their club during Governor's Visit in April, 2015

**Kirkland Lions Club** hosted its third meat raffle. Ruffled meat items this year ran the gamut from bacon to crab legs. This has become an annual event and the proceeds from this evening of fun go to a variety of well-deserved groups in the area. The "Lions Share" of the proceeds goes to the Kirkland Food Pantry. The evening hosts a wide array of activities including live auctions, silent



... auctions, 50/50s, and this year we even had Giant “Blocks” to entertain the masses. Phil Montgomery, President of the Kirkland Lions Club was pleased with the turnout we had this year and thanks all who attended, participated, and/or donated to this year’s event.



**Kirkland Lions Club** held its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4. Prior to the Easter Egg Hunt, we had story telling for the second year in a row. The story telling event is sponsored by the Kirkland Library and we thank them for this wonderful addition to our Easter Egg Hunt. The children (and the parents) love it! It seems we had more children than usual for this event this year, yet it seems to take only about three seconds for them to find all the eggs. It’s quite the swarm of activity. Pictured, the children are anxiously awaiting to be told they can “GO!”

**German Valley Lions Club** President Duane Collman displays the wagon planter that was the club’s donation to the Silent Auction at the District 1-D Convention on April 11. The



item was handcrafted by local resident Stanley Dieken.



Receiving congratulations from the Easter Bunny are the first place winners in the **German Valley Lions Club’s** Easter Egg Hunt on April 4. They are, left to right, Nevaeh Scheffner in the 5 & 6 year old category, Isabella McIlvanie in the 4 and under age group, and Dylon Timmer, 7 & 8 year olds.



**German Valley Lions Club** members are shown distributing candy to those attending the Easter Egg Hunt the club sponsored on April 4. Fifty-two youngsters participated.

**Due to the tornado relief efforts, the Kirkland Lions Club Spaghetti Supper scheduled for Saturday, April 18, has**



Fairdale Illinois Tornado Relief - Donation Check for \$10,000.00 on 4/19/15.  
YouCaring Account Check presented from Washington, Illinois Mayor Gary Manier and wife Lada Manier to  
The Kirkland Lions Club Members - Marty Banks, Al Beach, Allan Banks, Max Banks, Amy Polzin,  
Jack Schreier, Steve Boettger, Charlie Freeman, Pat Kamm, Jim Quiram,  
Richard Winco, Bill & Janet Miller, Greg Gistler, Jeff Anderberg,  
and Village of Kirkland President Les Bellah.



been postponed. We have not set a new date for this event yet. Please continue to keep those effected by this disaster in your thoughts and prayers. The Kirkland Lions Club thanks you for your continued support.



Burr Ridge-Hinsdale-Oak Brook Lions showed ZC Lion Jim Kiser (l on back row) the club's latest project when he made a visit to the club. Easter Baskets were created to be delivered to those children who would be spending the Easter holiday at a local hospital.



Above picture - 1D's resident PID Russell Sarver with spouse Lion Sue and PID Peter Cerniglia and his spouse, Lion Joann, from Cross Plains, WI, holding a surfboard prop made by a non-Lion helper, Beck Peska of Freeport, IL. These PIDs are 'riding the next wave to the International Convention in Honolulu.



The Bunker Hill Lions Club **would like to sell** our

parade float. We have lost our place to store the float. We use the float to promote our club. We have won 1st place in Bunker Hill parades as well as several neighboring towns. We always have a good time throwing candy to the kids. If any of the Lions clubs would be interested in purchasing this float contact Lion Orland Snedeker at [618-585-4466](tel:618-585-4466) or e-mail at: [sneds3@frontiernet.net](mailto:sned3@frontiernet.net). Thank you.



Chicago Azteca Lions inducted Mother & Daughter as two new members on April 18, 2015.



Chicago Azteca members with Governor Terry.



Chicago Filipino American Lions held their annual



**Dancing With the Leader Dogs** event at the White Eagle Banquets to raise funds in April.



**Riverside Township Lions Club** held their Annual Chicken Dinner event in April.



**Glendale Hts. Barangay Lions** and friends formed a group of 30 volunteers to work at the Feed My Starving Children facility in Aurora on



**Lombard Lion** David Johnson decided he'd wait in line for an autograph from Bobby Orr after completing his shift as a Lion at the "Drop the Puck on Hunger"

event. Lombard Lions provided "crowd control" at Ultra Foods for the event.



(l to r) Sycamore Lion Clay Hanson, Stephannie Baccay, and Sycamore Lions Club Pres. Lion Pete Springmire. Stephannie Baccay, born with retinopathy of prematurity (ROP), was the guest speaker at the Sycamore Lions Club March meeting. She is a senior at Sycamore High School. In June 2014, Sycamore Lions Club purchased an iPad Air with applications for Stephannie. She demonstrated some of the ways she uses her iPad Air for the Lions. She can even use an application called "Be My Eyes," through which a blind person can request assistance. The challenge can be anything from knowing the expiration date on a carton of milk to navigating new surroundings. A volunteer helper receives a notification for help, and then a live video connection is established. From the live video, the volunteer can help the blind person by answering the question they need answered. By using this application, she was able to make blueberry muffins by herself. Club members are volunteers for this program. Next year, Stephannie will be attending the Illinois School for Visually Impaired in Jacksonville, IL.

**The Genoa Lions** invited the 12 recipients of the Citizen of the Year Award and their parents to dinner on Wednesday, April 15. Dinner was served prior to the award ceremony with pork chops hot from the grill served along with a battery of salads and desserts prepared by the Masonic Lodge, great

food for a good cause. Superintendent Joe Burgess of the Genoa-Kingston School District made a short speech, and introduced the first Principal, Cindy Wills of Davenport Elementary School. Each of the district's principals introduced the students from their school, reading a short letter of



recommendation prepared by one of the student's teachers. The parents accompanied their children to dinner, sponsored by the Genoa Lions. Each student received a medal amid the applause of the 60 people that attended.

Cindy Wills, introduced the first grade Citizen of the Year, Regan Creadon.

Stefanie Hill, Kingston Elementary principal introduced second grader, Mia Wise and the third grade recipient Steffini McDowell.

John Francis, Genoa Elementary principal introduced the fourth grade winner, Christine Venditti and fifth grader, Colin Nesler.

Principal Angelo Lekkas of the G-K Middle School presented the sixth grade Citizen of the Year to medal to Ellie Wallace. Austin Peters was the seventh grade recipient and Liliana Reynolds was the eighth grade medal winner.

Brett McPherson, Genoa-Kingston High School principal, introduced and congratulated the following winners:

9th grade – Adryana Tetzloff

10<sup>th</sup> grade – Jessica Nay

11<sup>th</sup> grade – Derek Tijerina

12<sup>th</sup> grade – Megan McCausland

Medals of achievement were awarded by Lion President Jeff Baker amidst the applause of the guests and Lion's Club members. Kristi Mulso of the Genoa-Kingston School District was instrumental in making sure the students and parents knew when and where to be for the Award Ceremony. Special thanks go to the Masonic Temple and the fine folks that prepared the meal and to Lion Secretary VanDerHeyden for making the arrangements with the school district and Lion Gene Bradford for arranging the meal and acquiring the medals.

Pictured: Front row (l. to r.) Mia Wise, Regan Creadon.

Middle row: Jessica Nay, Adryana Tetzloff, Austin Peters, Colin Nesler, Ellie Wallace.

Back row: Derek Tijerina, Megan McCausland, Liliana Reynolds, Christine Venditti, Steffini McDowell



**Sycamore Lion** Gene Listy hands out out pumpkin seeds at the Sycamore Police Departments' Easter Egg Hunt. Over 500 packets of seeds were given out so the children could grow their own pumpkins for the Sycamore Lions' Pumpkin Decorating Contest in October.

Some Algonquin Lions will be part of the Village of the Algonquin Alert Team Program. (l to r) Kautz, Cygan, Glogowski, B Sandblom, Fitzgerald, Olsen, Purn, C Moore, along with Deputy Police Chief Andres Doles and Fire Chief John Green. (Photo Next



**Aurora Noon Lion Tom Muth, (r)** meets Neo, a future Leader Dog, at one of his club's biweekly luncheon meetings. Nadine Gauer, an Aurora IL beautician, is a Leader Dog volunteer puppy raiser.



After a year of teaching Neo basic obedience, Gauer will return him to Rochester Hills, Mich.-based Leader Dogs for the Blind for four months of formal guide-dog training to become a potential Leader Dog. "I've already cried about it" says Gauer.



McHenry Lions Les Bacon and Fred Schurr work at



the club's booth at the McHenry Chamber "Life is a Journey."

**McHenry Lions Club** President Lion Carol Perschke welcomes back former Lions Club members, PDG Lion Bob Jackson and Lion Darlene Jackson, to the McHenry Lions Club. The Jacksons moved back to northern Illinois from Arkansas this spring.



The Easter Bunny was quite a hit at the **Island Lake Lioness** Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast.



**Sun City-Huntley Lions** Nancy Lawrence, Pat Krebs, Bonnie Bradbury, the Culver Crew, and The Lion worked for 4 hours at Culver's "Scoopie Night for Lions." Members earned over \$360 for their efforts.



**Westmont Lions** Laura, Rick, Pauline, Debby, and Pete had a great time at the Friday Night SE Region Hospitality Room at the District 1-J Convention!



Twelve **Lombard Lions** and family members volunteered to pack food at the Northern IL Food Bank on Saturday, April 4th. The group packed 4,752 meal bags, that is 271 bags per person. Great



Work!

PDG Lion Jim Addington staffs the table set up by **Westmont Lions Club** for Westmont cancer survivor and heart transplant recipient, Gwendolyn Westlund, who teamed up with the community of Westmont, the local high school, and Students Against Destructive Decisions Program, as well as a whole lot of friends. The family-friendly event,

“Gwendolyn’s Recycled Life,” was hosted to educate & raise awareness about the need for Organ, Tissue, Blood, Bone Marrow Donations.



**Region and Zone Chairs for District 1BK** were trained for the 2015-16 Lions’ year on April 18, 2015 at the Sunfield Restaurant in Ottawa. Presenters included Jama Wahl, 1BK GLT Coordinator; DGE Charlie Siefert, PDG; PDG Tom Senger, 1BK GMT Coordinator, and PID Bud Wahl.

Topics covered included: Roles and Responsibilities of the Region and Zone Chair, 1BK GMT/GLT Goals and Actions Plans, and the Centennial Challenge. Certificates of Completion were provided to Region Chairs: Lori Linn, Tony Gruben, and John Whalen as well as Zone Chairs: Shelia Perkins; Joe Vinyard; Patrick O’Brien; Louis Bodamer, Clyde Gaffney, PDG; Ken Novak, PDG; John Joseph Honiotes; Jeffrey Bathe; and Ruth Harschbarger. Thank you Lions for your commitment to service!



International Guest giving his keynote address during **1CS District Convention**. You can also see District Governor Steve Griffin and District CST PDG & PDG Larry McGuire.



For his dedicated service as a District CST PDG & PDG Larry McGuire was honored with President's Appreciation Certificate by **1CS** Gov Steve Griffin.



**1CS** Lion Governor elect Vickie Luter for her being always being a great assistance to Governor Steve Griffin.



**Frankfort Lions Club** proudly welcomed new Lion Tim Wilson at tonight's member meeting. Lions 100 — with John Reilly and Steven A. Juveland at Frankfort Park District.



Some guests and Lions dance at **Chicago Ecuadorian Lions 27<sup>th</sup>** Anniversary Dinner Dance on April 27<sup>th</sup>.



**Willow Springs Lions** held their Annual Pork Chop

Dinner on April 26 with hundreds raffle prizes on display.



**District 1A** Lions held a New Club Development Workshop at LCI Headquarters under the leadership of New Club Development Consultant PDG Ronnie Martin from Angleton, Texas. This was arranged by Chicago Cook County Cyber Club President Lion Tamara Ivetic. As a result District 1A will end up with another 2 new clubs – one in Broadview and another in Chicago Ridge. Extension Chair PID Dan O'Reilly is heading this mission.



Some runners at District 1A Annual Helen Keller 5K Run and Walk.



Some of the winners with IPDG Dave Hansen.



**Mount Greenwood Lions Club** inducted 3 new members during Region 5 Meeting on April 27. Behind new members you can see sponsor Lion Sharon Morey and ZC Colleen Huels both from Mount Greenwood Lions Club.



**New Member James Reynolds** was added to Chicago Central Lions Club – Mother Club of Lionism started by Founder Melvin Jones in 1917. In the center you can see sponsor PP Gilbert Lee.

On April 11, the **Genoa Lions** sold over 220 dozen carnations to family, friends, and the community. This annual fundraiser is handled by Lion Gene Bradford, who arranges the purchase of the flowers, distributes the posters throughout town

and organizes the door-to-door delivery of the flowers. His fellow Genoa Lions sell the carnations for \$10 a dozen and the flowers are delivered on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>. The profits from these sales goes directly to the Lions Activity Fund that pays for the two \$1,000 High School Scholarships awarded to two Genoa-Kingston Seniors that plan to attend college. Special thanks go to Lion Mike Dreska, for selling over 50 dozen flowers. The flower shop that was instrumental in this endeavor is "Everything Floral" located on Main Street in Genoa. The following Lions went above and beyond in their Carnation sales, selling at least 10 dozen: Flo Kutz, Gene Bradford, Jerry Helland, Jim Sanford, Todd Merritt, and Chad Pacey.



Pictured from( l. to r.) Genoa Lions: Gene Bradford, Dale Pelley, Todd Merritt, Bill Holdridge and Chad Pacey.

The following Lions also sold Carnations this season: Tucker, Moes, Becker, Feliciano, VanDerHeyden, Caron, Baker, Pelley, Holdridge, Wilkinson, Haka, and Chaplin.

**The Rockton Lions** would like to extend a heart-felt salute to our fellow nominees for the Pride of Rockton award given through the Rockton Chamber of Commerce. Please join us in applauding John Peterson (Rockton Lion), and Brent Murray (Rockton Lion) of the Dairyhaus, in being nominated for this award. The Rockton Lions

would like to thank the community for the nomination and know that, whomever the winner is, the community truly wins. Further, the Rockton Lions president, Kerri Wallace, has been nominated for her outstanding community service along with John Peterson. Lion Erica Smith is nominated twice in the Woman of Excellence category and the Entrepreneur of the Year category.



Rookies is nominated in the category of Entrepreneur of the Year. Best of luck to owner-Lions Ryan and Shannon Asta. We further congratulate John Peterson on being included in the Lifetime Achievement category. The Rockton Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet was on Friday, April 10 at 4:30 at the American Legion in Rockton. Information is available at [rocktonchamber.com](http://rocktonchamber.com). If you're interested in learning more about the Rockton Lions, contact us by calling [815-566-9557](tel:815-566-9557).



Lions in six group of pictures are: Lions Kerri Wallace & Erica Smith: Lion Brent Murray: Lion Erica Smith: Lions Rvan & Shannon Asta: Lions Dale Adams. Dan Bellich. Scott Wallace. Fourth will be awarded in person later.

At the February 19th, 2015, meeting of the **Rockton Lions Club** four members received the distinguished LIF Fellows award. This special award is given to Lions of distinction and is the highest honor awarded by the Club.



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2017 Centennial International Convention Host Committee held their meeting at LCI Headquarters recently. LCI II VP Chancellor Bob Corlew was the guest of honor. Left to Right: From LCI office Lion Gloria Geske, Chancellor Bob Corlew, Host Committee Chair PDG Bob Block, Vice Chair PDG Harold Burkett, Advisor PID Dan O'Reilly and Secretary ZC Darlene Hrankaj. There were more than 80 lions attended this meeting. See some of them in below pictures.



Sorry, seating arrangement did not allow me to take pictures of all attendees, next time!



**Chicago Rogers Park Lions Club** inducted 10 new Lions on April 30, 2015. They are: Lions Herbert Francis, Aijaz Khan, Sameera Khokhar, Suleman Khokhar, Obaidur Rahman, Nighat Sabri, Zakeri Sabri, Main Abdul Saqlain, Muhammad Tauseef Siddiqui and Birjees Temuri. Your Editor PDG Austin conducted an unique Blind Folded Candle Light Induction ceremony.



**The Oregon Lions Club** has pledged a donation of \$3,000 to The Center for Sight and Hearing in Rockford. District !-D President Jim Kloepping (left) is holding the the check for the first installment of the donation with Oregon Lions Club President Mike Ryder.



Lena Lions cleaned up trash on RT 20 two miles west of Lena Sat April 25. Photo l-r Lions Bill Crichton, Dave Hoffman, Kirk Polhill, Jim Brenner, Dean Holmes. Also Lee Otte, Jim Cox.

We had wintery weather this year for Easter. Look at heavy coats on **Durand Lions**. Easter bunny with the Durand Lions and a partial line up of the children and parents.



7 **Durand Lions** and 2 guests went to the **Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind** tour sponsored by the Leaf River Lions Club. Shown is some of the Lions and guests at the Lighthouse store.



Lena Lions had a joint dinner meeting with the Orangeville Lions Club April 22. Photo l-r Angie Snyders president of voices in Stephenson Co receives a check for \$1000 from Lena President Kirk Polhill.



**Durand Lions** sponsor the Durand Cub Scout Pack 29. Shown is 1st VP Linda Johnson presenting the cub master with a check for the registration of the pack.



## Spaghetti Dinner



Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

4:00 – 7:30 PM.

@ Fritz Wooden Nickel Restaurant

208 N. Walnut St, Stillman Valley IL.

Adults \$8.00 (\$7.00 Advanced)

Child 5-12:\$6.00. Under 5 Free

Spaghetti, Salad, Dessert, Milk or Coffee

Proceeds to benefit the Ogle Co Tornado Victims

Stillman Valley Lions Club



Lions Clubs  
International



Aurora's Dick Schindel, right, was among **Aurora Noon Lions Club** members who hosted a 15th annual picnic for 40 East and West Aurora deaf and hearing-impaired students and teachers at Phillips Park in Aurora Friday, May 1. Center is Kathy Reuter, supervisor with Northwestern Illinois Association, a Sycamore-based regional special-education cooperative, who coordinated the picnic. Before lunch, students played games and crafted items to sell to benefit Fairdale, Ill., tornado

victims. Food included hamburgers, hot dogs, potato chips, desserts and beverages. Hearing conservation is among community-service projects of Lions Clubs.



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