

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.

-**Lion Paul Gergolla, PDG**
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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.

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.

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 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

20th to start asking questions. More info can also be found on the State of Illinois website, 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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Past International Director

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

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



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2nd International Vice President

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A Proven Leader, Dedicated to Serving with

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*** 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!

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

Mobile Phone: 618-980-7482

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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
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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
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Redbird G
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Redbird G
Redbird G
Redbird E
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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
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Noon - 2:00 PM
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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

**LIONS OF ILLINOIS
95th ANNUAL
MD-1 STATE CONVENTION
And
Lions of Illinois Foundation 41st
Annual Membership Meeting**



MAY 14-17, 2015

**BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL
MARRIOTT HOTEL &
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**201 BROADWAY ST
NORMAL, IL 61761
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Presenting 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 97th 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*

SAVE THE DATE



**May 16-22
2015**

Help Children in Need

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.

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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

MEASLES is caused by a virus and is highly contagious

9 of 10 unvaccinated people exposed to measles will become infected

Measles killed **14 people every hour** in 2012

Small children and some adults are at risk for severe complications including blindness and death

Lions are working to **STOP MEASLES** by supporting vaccination campaigns and routine immunization

With LCIF's support, Lions are working in **15 countries** where measles poses a large threat to health

Alongside our partners, we supported the vaccination of more than **200 million children** in 2012-2013

Vaccines prevent between **2 and 3 MILLION** deaths each year

For about **US\$1**, a safe and effective measles vaccination can help prevent this disease

Lions Clubs International Foundation will raise **US\$30 million** by 2017 for measles

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

Source: World Health Organization: www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs206/en/ • www.who.int/topics/measles/

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



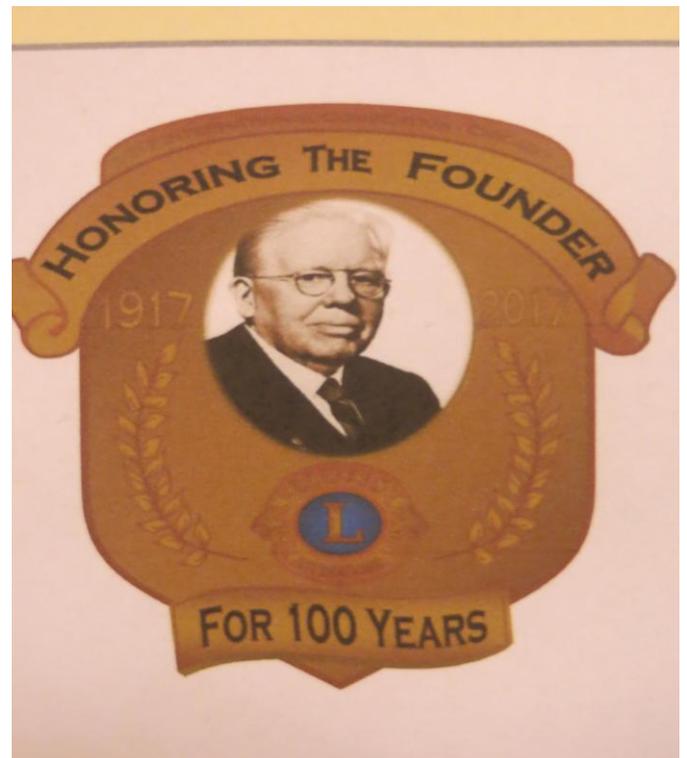
Lion Jama and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the tremendous Lions around the state we have had the pleasure of meeting the past few months, for your warm hospitality and encouragement as we traveled to six of the eleven district conventions seeking your support for my endorsement as a 2nd 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

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