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A future Lion at River Grove Lions
“Steak & Lobster Fest”

From MD1 Council Chair:



Greetings, MD-1 Lions! I hope you all survived the Total Eclipse, and are enjoying this beautiful fall-like weather, as much as I am.

I want to thank all of you who attended the second Council meeting in East Peoria. Your Council of Governors proved to accomplish many important actions. While keeping focused on the issues at-hand, we broke for lunch and adjourned for the day.

The GLT/GMT Summit held last weekend was an informative one, and the attendees will take the information back to their Districts, in an effort to increase membership and develop future leaders. Thank you to MD-1 GLT Fred Peska, PCC and GMT Ralph Zarada, PDG for conducting the Summit. As well as, Constitutional Area Leads GLT Lion Jama Wahl and GMT Steve Anton, PCC for their contribution.

*Good luck to the 2017 RLLI candidates...*the Regional Lions Leadership Institute will take place at the President Abraham Lincoln DoubleTree in Springfield, the weekend of August 25th. We have 20 excited participants. District leaders, we need to keep these institutes full to ensure future leadership in our awesome organization. GLT Fred Peska, PCC has assembled the LCI curriculum with FDI graduates teaching.

September 8th - International Literacy Day...

Past International President, Wayne A. Madden, incepted the Reading Action Program (RAP) during his 2012-2013 term. PIP Madden said, "*Literacy is a gift Lions can give to children and adults around the world.*" This program, a call to action, is a ten-year commitment to increase reading and literacy. To date: 184,000 projects have been completed, 6.3 million service hours met, and over 17.5 million people have been served.

Let's all take part in this special day! Address the literacy needs in your community by planning a

service project. Serve as a volunteer reader or support your local library. How about promoting Braille literacy or organizing a book drive? Let's see some pictures in next month's issue of the state magazine with your literacy projects.

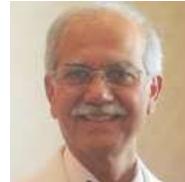
Mark your calendars:

Saturday, November 18, 2017 - MD-1 Leadership Forum, Springfield

Saturday, December 3, 2017 - 3rd Council of Governors meeting, Springfield

-Pamela Graney, MD1 Council Chair
pamgraney54@gmail.com

Editorial:



Global Service Team - GST

This is something new this year – GST. We heard of GMT & GLT before which we started few years ago.

All District governors are Global Action Team –GAT. Now under Global Action Team, we have Global Leadership Team, Global Membership Team and Global Service Team. All these three – GLT, GMT and GST will be reporting to District Governors.

GST's main goal is to encourage clubs in the District to organize service activities, give ideas, suggestions provide a list of activities clubs can participate in their communities and the important thing is to report ALL club activities on myLCI when they report membership numbers every month.

In many districts, club service activities are not at all reported. This is very important to report service activities, volunteer hours, money spent or money collected how many people participated, etc., etc. When LCI applies for grants from world humanitarian foundations, they always look at our service activities – what we do and how we do it. When we fail to report our club service activities, we are missing the boat.

For each club service activity we report, we can also place two event photographs which will appear on LCI web and all lions world over have an

opportunity to see what your club is doing for less fortunate in your communities.

Some of us have an attitude that why we should publish our activities? This is a wrong thought. We need more publicity and we get recognition only when we publicize. Many clubs in our Multiple District never send their club service activities photographs and news items to me to publish on this e-Magazine.

Come on Club Secretaries or Club Public Relations officers, make a pledge: "I am going to send all my club service activities to myLCI and MD1 e-Magazine.

-Dr. Austin D'Souza, PDG.ILStateEditor@gmail.com



International President's Message

Dear District Governor,

Our Lion year is off to a great start, and I know you are eager to change more lives and achieve our LCI Forward goals. It's going to take great leaders like you to reach our goal of serving 200 million people per year and grow our membership to 1.7 million Lions and Leos. And it's going to take hard work and commitment at all levels of our great association.



That's why we developed the Global Action Team. It unifies the three key areas of Lions—leadership, membership and service—to strengthen our clubs, districts and association. It's a bottom-up approach to supporting and encouraging the one thing that unites all Lions: service.

As the [Global Action Team district chairperson](#), you will support your clubs by serving as a conduit between clubs and the multiple district. You will ensure that your district's Global Action Team coordinators are collaborating to keep your clubs energized and engaged, and that every member, hour and dollar is serving as many urgent needs as

possible. You will determine the success of the Global Action Team and Lions.

Your clubs are counting on you. And so am I. Let's do everything in our power to make the Global Action Team a success. Then the world will truly see the Power of Action.



Fill Your District Global Action Team Positions Today

The new Global Action Team will energize clubs and create new opportunities for our association to grow and serve more people around the world. But you need to build your district team first. Here are the district-level positions that need to be filled:

[GLT District Coordinator](#)

[GMT District Coordinator](#)

[GST District Coordinator](#)

These positions must be filled in accordance with your district's by-laws. Make sure you familiarize yourself with the roles and responsibilities of your new coordinators. Then fill the positions and report them on MyLCI as soon as possible so you can make an even bigger impact in your district. Visit the [Global Action Team webpage](#) to learn more.

Read my [August message to club leaders](#) where I introduce the Global Action Team and more.

The [District Governor Centennial Membership Awards](#) are underway. Charter news clubs and

exceed your 5-year membership average to earn your recognition.

Reminder: Annual Centennial Awards distribution has started, so get ready to distribute your patches when they arrive in the mail.

The **MyLion mobile app** is available now in the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Brazil and India. Encourage your Lions to download it on their Apple or Android mobile devices. Coming soon to the rest of the world.

Download the [2017 International President's videos](#) and share them with your clubs and other Lion leaders.

Want to show your team spirit? Then [order your Global Action Team gear](#) from Club Supplies.

Sincerely,

Dr. Naresh Aggarwal
Your International President

Global Leadership Team: PCC Fred Peska



Hello MD-1 Lions:

The MD1 GLT/GMT Summit was held in conjunction with the Council Meeting on August 19th. I was pleased with the outcome and the discussion that the District GLT Chairs had concerning the Fall Forum. Some very good ideas were generated. We will need to have, at minimum, a follow-up teleconference to finalize plans. Please mark your calendars for Nov. 18th and plan to attend this mid-year Forum in Springfield. More information will follow as plans develop. Look for some changes!

As the MD1 GLT Coordinator, I just finished holding my first Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI). After all of the planning and preparation, and thanks to my wife, Lion Sharon, our State Secretary Treasurer, Lion Michele, and with the help of this years' presenters, Council Chair Pam Graney,



Immediate Past Council Chair Mark Williams and State Parliamentarian John Barsanti, we had another very successful event! Even though the attendance was a little low, the level of energy, enthusiasm and excellence was as high or higher than ever before. I see great potential in this class of MD1 leaders! I was overwhelmed by their willingness and courage to participate and share. I base the success of this training event on their remarks, feedback and reactions. As Council Chair Pam stated at the end of our 'graduation ceremony', these Lions have enriched my life! Since you can't ask for more than that, I'll leave you with this quote, *"If your actions inspire others to dream more, to learn more, to do more and to become more, you are a leader"*.

-PCC Fred Peska, MD1 GLT Coordinator
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Dear Lion,

Every one of our 1.4 million members is passionate about service. And we know we can achieve great things by working together. This is the Power of We—and why we created the Global Action Team. It brings together our leadership, membership and service, and puts the entire Lions network to work for your club.

The **Global Action Team** consists of:

- **Global Leadership Team (GLT)** to identify leaders and development opportunities for every Lion.
- **Global Membership Team (GMT)** to help clubs find new members and keep current Lions coming back.

- **NEW! Global Service Team (GST)** to provide service resources and project support.

Service has always been the heart and soul of Lions. That's why we developed this service-aligned structure to help clubs around the world take action to serve more people. If every one of our Lions served just 8 people per month, we would impact 134 million people this year—a big step toward our goal of helping 200 million people per year by 2021. This is the Power of Action.

Learn more about what this global network can do for your club by visiting the [Global Action Team webpage](#).

Fill Your Global Action Team Positions

The Global Action Team is a tremendous resource for your club, but you are also a key part of the team. Your club has several new positions that give you direct access and input into the global team:

- [Global Action Team Club Chairperson](#) – filled automatically by club president
- [GLT Club Leadership Development Chairperson](#) – filled automatically by vice president
- [GMT Club Membership Chairperson](#) – to be elected
- [GST Club Service Chairperson](#) – to be elected

Make sure your club elects GMT and GST chairpersons as soon as possible so you can bring the benefits of this global network to your club. Then report your new chairpersons on MyLCI. Visit the [Global Action Team webpage](#) for more information.

Share the Global Action Team with Your Club

There's a lot to know—and love—about the Global Action Team. So make sure you visit the [resource webpage](#) to find resources like the [pocket guide](#) and [talking points](#) to help introduce it to your members. The Global Action Team can help you

increase your impact and energize your leadership, membership and service. Bring the Power of Action to your club today!



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Dear Lions,

I'd like to begin my first newsletter by saying I am very excited for my new role as chairman of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Having witnessed the wonderful service projects that are being completed around the world, some with funding from LCIF, I am ready to serve in a whole new way by supporting our foundation.

LCIF supports life-changing service projects Lions complete all around the world, providing grant funding for your local and global humanitarian efforts. Your [contributions](#) to LCIF have helped people near and far by providing disaster relief, saving sight, supporting youth and meeting humanitarian needs.

This year, which leads to the foundation's 50th anniversary, we have a goal to raise US\$50 million to support Lions' compassionate service in more ways than ever. Lions show strength in numbers. When we work together, we can accomplish great things. I am confident this year will be the best year LCIF has had yet!

I look forward to my year as chairman and hope to see Lions and LCIF working hard to create positive change in our world.

Very truly yours,



Bob Corlew
Chairman,
Lions Clubs
International Foundation



More than 30,000 Lions from all over the world arrived in Chicago last month to celebrate LCI's

100th anniversary at the International Convention. Among the many events that took place, a highlight

was watching the Special Olympics – Leos "Mission: Inclusion" Unified Basketball Clinic presented by NBA great, Sam Perkins. Leos and Special Olympics athletes participated in basketball drills and scrimmages while working together and learning more about one another.

Convention is a great time to thank the generous Lions who donated. A special thanks is in order for Melvin Jones Fellows, Progressive Melvin Jones

Fellows, Melvin Jones Fellowship clubs, and those in the Humanitarian Partner program. This year, we raised one of the highest donation amounts in LCIF Convention history. Because of your contributions, communities all around the world will receive help when it is needed

The Project for Elimination of Avoidable Childhood Blindness

For more than 15 years, LCIF's SightFirst program and the World Health Organization (WHO) have partnered to serve more than 127 million children by working to eliminate avoidable childhood blindness. The Project for Elimination of Avoidable Childhood Blindness is an initiative that began in 2001. Since then, 51 Child Friendly Eye Care Centers have been established and supported in 50 countries within Africa, the Americas, the Eastern Mediterranean, Europe, Southeast Asia, and the Western Pacific. The centers provide preventive, therapeutic, and rehabilitative eye care services for children aged 0-15 years. To date, more than 67,000 pediatric eye care staff have been trained, more than 13 million children have been screened for eye diseases, and more than 127 million children have received treatment. There have also been nearly one million education sessions for parents, caregivers and healthcare staff. Because of your donations to LCIF, millions of children have been given the chance to avoid childhood blindness.

Club LCIF Coordinators Position Update

The [Club LCIF Coordinator](#) is an ambassador for LCIF at the club level and is crucial to the promotion of our foundation. This person shares LCIF stories, motivates fellow Lions to support LCIF,



and enables LCIF to advance its humanitarian work both locally and globally. Club LCIF Coordinators will be equipped with resources that will allow them to champion the goals of the

A new policy has been put into effect to help fill this vital role at the club level. In addition to serving as mentors to the club president and vice presidents, immediate past club presidents will now serve as Club LCIF Coordinators. If he or she is unable to serve in this capacity, the position may be filled by another club member.



Celebrating Lions' 100th Anniversary, Celebrating You!



It's Going to Be a Banner Year!

Our enormous Centennial banner, proudly displaying signatures from our worldwide community of Lions, was a focal point at our recent Centennial convention. We still have one year left to celebrate, so now is the time to organize your club's participation in the [Centennial Service Challenge](#), [Membership Awards](#) and [Legacy Projects](#) for 2017-18!



Lions' New Service Framework

To meet the needs of a changing world, we launched our new [Global Service Framework](#) to focus resources on the following humanitarian challenges: vision, hunger, the environment, pediatric cancer and diabetes. To support the new

framework, beginning this month, you'll be able to report diabetes projects as part of the Centennial Service Challenge. [Learn](#) more about this exciting initiative.

MyLCI Reporting Benefits



More than 35,000 clubs will receive awards for reporting Legacy Projects and Centennial Service Challenge activities during 2016-17. But Lions Clubs International does not only use activity reports for recognition. The data that clubs enter in MyLCI also demonstrates Lions' commitment and contribution with partner organizations, such as the United Nations and World Health Organization. In addition, activities that are submitted to [MyLCI](#) are searchable by other clubs. Sharing activity ideas and successes can inspire fellow Lions anywhere in the world to try new ways of serving. Be a service inspiration by ensuring your club's service is reported in 2017-2018.

Centennial Highlights:

- Experience 100 years of Lions service when you make the entire Lions Journey! Visit the [Lions Journey page](#) to learn how Lions reach across borders to serve communities and people in need.
- For a limited time only, you can order this beautifully crafted [Lions Clubs Centennial Commemorative Coin](#) and support the life-changing work of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).
- Club activities can be both Centennial Service Challenges (CSC) and Legacy Projects, and some activities will span more than one CSC area. Here's [how to report](#) service activities.



Dear Club LCIF Coordinator,

The new Club LCIF Coordinator position is crucial to the success of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Thank you for volunteering to serve in this important role!

Your passion and dedication make you the ideal person for the job. You will be asked to share LCIF stories, provide opportunities for your fellow Lions to support LCIF, and enable LCIF to advance its humanitarian work both locally and globally. You will serve as a bridge between LCIF and the Lions in your club, and we are excited to have you on our team.

It is our goal that every Lions club will receive a presentation on LCIF this year so we can grow the number clubs and individuals who support our Foundation. We have designed a new [webpage](#) full of tools and resources to help you engage your club members and support the mission of LCIF. Be sure to add this page to your web browser bookmarks and check back often for exciting new content you can share.

Sincerely,

LCIF Development

Greetings Fellow Lions,

As you are probably aware LCI has added Diabetes as a service area related to the Centennial Service Challenge. So during the final year, clubs can complete four or five areas to obtain diamond-level status.

Within my own district, I have had clubs ask about potential service projects related to the area of Diabetes. To help provide information, I put together the attached document with potential service projects that LCI suggests.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Lion Jeff Bathe,
Multiple District Centennial Coordinator
Jeffrey.bathe@gmail.com

What a Party!!!!



If you haven't heard, the Lions of Illinois have hosted the largest International Convention in the United States on record as well as managed one of the largest parades in Chicago. The Lions Clubs Centennial Convention is history and we can only talk about what should have been done or should have been done differently. It was completed as a huge success for the Lions of Illinois and Lions Clubs International.

The final numbers are in with a total registration of 30,115 attendees plus guests. There were more than 9,500 guestrooms in 30 hotels throughout the downtown area of Chicago. The Parade of Nations on Saturday was a five hour parade on State Street and for those who helped, almost a nine hour day. The parade had 26,750 marchers, 24 marching bands and more than a dozen floats. Along with the delegations of Lions, there were four antique cars from 1917, Chicago trolley buses, a bicycle built for twelve, two air balloons and a couple of horse drawn carriages. It was unique to Chicago and thousands watched as the day went on.

The breakdown of the total registration was that 7,738 were from the USA and 1,194 of those were from Illinois. Both those numbers were the top for the respective country and state. That also showed our State pride by having the highest registration for the USA over California and New York.

As general chairman of the MD1 Host Committee, I am proud and congratulation goes out to the TEAM for a job well done and to the Lions of Illinois for volunteering to make this a huge success. When the convention started about a month ago, everyone put on their game face and showed the

World who the Lions of Illinois are. **You** came through the convention in a blaze of glory working together to achieve a common goal - **SUCCESS**. And we did it. **Great job!!!**

Of course with that many people we had some problems, but those were over shadowed by the way we worked together to either overcome or resolve those situations. From the outside, everything was going as planned. We have been receiving compliments and remarks from Lions Clubs International and the Lions from around the World through face book comments and emails.

For all our volunteers, I would like to thank you for your service. Without **YOU**, we would not have had the success we did. To show our appreciation to all the Lions of Illinois, the MD1 Host Committee is working with the MD1 Forum Committee to have something at their event in November for everyone to enjoy. So, please save the date of Saturday, November 18, 2017 for a "**special**" **Thank You** from the Host Committee. **YOU** made this a successful project for the Lions of Illinois.

Again, I would like to thank all of the Council of Governors from the beginning and all the Lions of Illinois for their support. This has been a great experience and it was fun doing it. I feel that we have carried out the goal of this committee that was "to have a successful convention, and have fun doing it". And, that we did.

See you soon.

Lion Bob Block, PDG

Chairman, MD1 Host Committee 2017-2018



ANSWER A SPECIAL CALL TO SERVE

The story of our first 100 years has already been written. But what will be the legacy of our next century?

Traditional Lions clubs are hard at work in communities around the world, creating a network of diverse cultures, skills and interests united by a shared passion for service. But Lions are also coming together to form special interest clubs centered on common interests and shared circumstances.

Lions can charter many types of special interest clubs:

Culture clubs allow individuals to share similar cultural experiences while serving their communities.

Sports clubs unite Lions in service during sporting events.

Clubs for early retirees provide continued purpose after careers goals have been achieved.

Cause-focused clubs allow Lions to focus on important causes around the world, like diabetes or serving intellectuals with disabilities, while serving their communities locally and globally.

The special interest club program is just one way we are aligning our 100-year-old mission with a modern society, ever-changing community needs and our own hectic schedules.

Consider becoming a special interest club coordinator. Working with the specialty club chairperson, PID Sanjay Khetan, is a unique opportunity to draw on your leadership skills to help expand our service impact. I encourage you to take on this new and exciting membership challenge.

Please fill out the [application](#) and email it to membershipdev@lionsclubs.org.

Sincerely,

Dr. Naresh Aggarwal, Your International President



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Dear Lions,

Our thoughts go out to all those affected by the hurricane in Texas, USA. In times of crisis, Lions are often among the first to offer critical supplies of food, water, temporary shelter, and clothing. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is right there beside them, ready to support their efforts with fundraising assistance through disaster relief grant programs.

Your generous donations to LCIF enable us to respond swiftly wherever and wherever the need exists. Please consider making a [donation LCIF's disaster fund](#) today so that we may continue to provide help and hope to those who need it most.

Sincerely,

Chancellor Bob Corlew
Chairman, Lions Clubs International Foundation



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MIDWEST BREAKFAST

2017 USA/Canada Forum ~ Portland OR!

When: Friday-September 22, 2017

Time: 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM

Where: Double Tree by Hilton – Multnomah Room

1000 NE Multnomah St – Portland OR 97232

Breakfast buffet to include:

*Seasonal Fruit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon,
Breakfast Potatoes, Mini Pastries, Jam, Butter.
Juice, Coffee and Tea.*

Cost: \$34 Per Person – includes cost of breakfast, tax, and gratuity

Due Date for Reservations: Tuesday-September 12, 2017

**YES! I plan to attend the
2017 USA/Canada Forum Midwest Breakfast!**

Friday, September 22, 2017 at 7:00 AM

Double Tree by Hilton-Portland OR ~ Multnomah Room

Please provide the following information (one form for each person please) so that we may contact you in the event of any changes.

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Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Phone where you may be reached: _____

Email: _____

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Checks (\$34 per person) should be payable to **MD-5M**.

Please keep a copy of this form for your records, we will not send receipts, but will confirm your reservation via email upon receipt of payment.

Forms and checks should be sent to:

Lion Vicki Violet
MD5M Executive Secretary
709 River Lane
Anoka MN 55303
www.lionsmd5m.org

Due Date for Reservations: Saturday, September 9, 2017

Questions? Email: md5m.executivesecretary@gmail.com

JOIN THE **Centennial Service Challenge** AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

NEW!

DIABETES



Halting Diabetes

YOUTH



Engaging Our Youth

ENVIRONMENT



Protecting Our Environment

VISION



Sharing the Vision

HUNGER



Relieving the Hunger

The final year of the Centennial is underway. Beginning July 1, 2017, diabetes projects are included in the Centennial Service Challenge. To help clubs, here are 25 project ideas to consider in your club:

1. Organize a "Strides: Lions for Diabetes Awareness" event in your community.
2. Organize a community support group for parents of children with diabetes.
3. Volunteer to serve at a children's camp for diabetes.
4. Invite a healthcare professional to speak about diabetes at your club or district meeting.
5. Support your nearest diabetes foundation.
6. Partner with local healthcare providers to organize diabetes and vision screenings.
7. Distribute current educational resources to increase diabetes awareness at a community health fair or other event.
8. Organize a walking club for seniors with diabetes.
9. Provide a diabetes magazine subscription to your local library.
10. Sponsor a child in need to attend a diabetes camp.
11. Donate current diabetes books to your local library and insert a bookplate to identify your club's donation.
12. Participate in World Diabetes Day events on November 14.
13. Work with your local school to invite a health care professional to speak about diabetes.
14. Post monthly articles about diabetes on your club or district website.
15. Promote diabetes prevention through a radio public service announcement.
16. Sponsor a healthy cooking demonstration for people with diabetes.
17. Organize a school or community vegetable garden to encourage healthy eating.
18. Work with a community podiatrist or foot care specialist to provide foot screenings.
19. Work with health care professionals to provide "at-risk" populations in your community with screenings and educational materials.
20. Partner with your local diabetes organization to offer programs and materials.
21. Promote community resources and materials available online from LCI partner organizations (NDEP, DECA & IDF).
22. Hold a fundraiser for a local diabetes camp or foundation.
23. Provide financial assistance to people in need to help them obtain medicine and supplies for the management of their diabetes.
24. Promote the importance of an annual dilated eye exam to detect diabetic eye disease.
25. Provide translated diabetes educational materials to schools, libraries and physician offices.

Lions and LCIF Responded To Hurricane Harvey

My Dear Lions,

On Friday, August 25th, Hurricane Harvey made its way ashore on the central Gulf Coast of Texas with winds of 125 miles per hour. As I draft this letter, the central coast of Texas, including metropolitan Houston, is still being affected by unprecedented amounts of rain fall and potentially devastating flooding. The nearly 17 million residents in the path of the storm will be dealing with the aftermath for weeks and possibly months to come.



Lions Clubs International, through our Foundation (LCIF), has responded with emergency catastrophe grant in the amount of US\$100,000. The grant will allow Lions in the area of impact to provide life-saving supplies of food, water, blankets and other necessities.



We never know when or where disaster will strike. But when it does, LCIF emergency and major catastrophe grants enable local Lions to respond, making an immediate impact in the hardest hit areas – around the world.

Your donation to LCIF makes it possible for us to respond at a moment's notice to this and other disasters as they strike. Lions members are the most generous people in the world. Please consider a donation to LCIF to assist Lions in short-term and long-term disaster response.



Donate Now
Make a Difference



I know you join me in keeping the victims of this latest natural disaster in your thoughts and prayers. Together we make a significant difference.

Namaste,
Dr. Naresh Aggarwal





This is the **Coal Valley Lions** busy time of year. We sold pork chop sandwiches at our local festival, Coal Valley Days. Parked cars in the handicapped parking lot at the John Deere Classic, and are working the grandstand gates at the Rock Island County Fair. We sponsored two campers to Camp Lions, paid for 3 low vision screenings, donated \$500 to the Village of Coal Valley for their summer park program. We donated \$500 to the local school so they could buy some of the books they wanted for the school library. We donated over \$300 worth of merchandise along with some gift cards to a homeless veterans shelter. We fixed up a food service wagon to sell our chops from, it was donated to us by a Church that used it to sell popcorn and sno cones out of and it took quite a bit of work to get it ready for selling.



On June 10 at 10:00 AM the **Peoria Heights-Suburban Lions Club** had a rededication of their play ground/park on Glen Ave. The Peoria Heights mayor read a proclamation declaring Saturday June 10 as Lions Day in Peoria Heights, Illinois. The Richwood Township supervisor talked about all the

good things the Lions have done over the years in Peoria Heights. The event was attended by Governor Judy Tapper and Governor Elect Ray Parrish. The rededication was our way of celebrating 100 years in Lions in connection with the 100 year celebration by Lions International. The ceremony lasted about a half hour and was attended by many non Lions as well as Lion club members.



Avon Lions Dave Gillette, Al Henning and Garry Greenlief drove 90 miles to Camp Lions at Lake Bloomington to serve after dinner sno cone treats to the vision and hearing impaired campers and their counselors. Camp Lions is a week long summer camp experience for vision and hearing impaired boys and girls ages 12 through 17 sponsored by the Lions of Illinois Foundation. While the time serving treats is rather short, the polite smiles and thank yous from the campers definitely makes the trip worthwhile. In the first photo, left to right, Lions Dave Gillette, Al Henning, Gary Greenlief serve up one of the 30 plus sno cones. In the second picture the campers and counselors enjoy their treats.=====





The Chicago Northwest Lions Club participated in Eli's Cheesecake Factory's Farmers Market, Thursday, July 27th. It is in celebration of National Cheesecake day which was on the 30th this year. We hosted the Eye and Hearing units from the Foundation. For Hearing – we screened 20 - 4 w/loss. For Eyes, we screened 15 + 1-3yr old. (Lion Terry has his own camera like V.O.I.C.E.S.



District Governor John Joseph Honiotas initiated a fundraiser that will run during his year as Governor. The funds raised will go towards offsetting costs for the DG spouses as they travel to

International Conventions in upcoming years. When he was ready to step up to become Governor, DG John Joseph was told "Be careful, with all the traveling and dinners, you are going to gain weight." So, he proposed a weight challenge:

If DG John Joseph gains any weight (stays at current weight or gains weight) during his year as Governor, he will donate \$100 to the fund. If he loses weight, Cabinet members and guests at the meeting started making "bets" that they would donate to the fund.



After the first cabinet meeting, 1BK DG John Joseph met with all the Zone Chairs of the District to discuss what should be happening during club visits and how they are there to help the clubs, not to "spy" or dictate what clubs should be doing. He mentioned that sometimes, they will have to handle some delicate and difficult situations. He likened the patience and sensitivity needed in some situations to that of picking up a balloon off the floor with two pins. To drive the point home, he passed out a balloon and two pins to every zone chair. After the balloons were blown up, he asked the ZCs to pick them up using only the sharp ends of the pins. Good news! Our District is in good hands as they were all able to eventually pick up the balloons using the pins without any of them popping.



Picture Above: The **Bolingbrook Lions Club** recently held a dedication for its first eyeglass collection box, located just outside the Bolingbrook Recreation and Aquatic Center, (Lily Cache and Lindsey lanes). This box will allow for a convenient location to drop off used eyeglasses, hearing aids, cell phones, chargers and ink cartridges.



Bradley Lions installed a new member at the District Cabinet meeting on July 22!! Maddie Thompson is a former Leos Club member, holding the office of President last year. She will transition to be co-liaison to the Leos Club with her mom, and sponsor, Jennifer.



Governor John Joseph made his official club visit to the **Frankfort Lions Club** where he spoke about the convention and inducted the new

officers for 2017-18. Pictured above are the new officers and to the left are the DG and new President Lion Joe Rohaly.



1BK District Governor John Joseph presented Lion Jerry Gerard of **Joliet Noon Lions Club** with

his first Melvin Jones Fellow at a regular noon meeting.



The **Mokena Lions** hosts special talented children to learn about, care for and ride horses at Victory Reangs. The club hosts the event bi-annually. The last outing was May 10, 2017.



Joliet Noon Lions Mark Turk, Dianne Argoudelis and Bill Drilling received Centennial Sponsor pins for the work in recruiting new members this year.



Margo McDermed and Lion Marie Wheeler during the presentation of a Recognition of **New Lenox** Clubs involvement in 100 years of Service by the Lions Clubs.



Spring Valey Lions Club Members
Lion John Fulara,
Lion Karen Klopcek
Leo Advisor,
Princeton member
Lion Mike Miroux
assisting Lion Lewis
Bodamer at Spring
Valley Summer
Band Concert.



1BK District Governor John Joseph Honiotes with his lovely wife Lion Bobbi Honiotes.



As a Community Legacy Project, **Lincolnwood Lions Club** erected a Street Sign of Lions in Lincolnwood. First picture shows Lion Wahajuddin Ahmed one of the pillars of the club.



West Frankfort Lions Club President Dan Wells presented Lion George Tomlinson with a 35 year attendance pin and Lion Steve Cook with the 15 year pin. L>R Lion George Tomlinson, Lion Steve Cook and President Dan Wells.



The **Norris City Lions**, led by President Elaine Delap and First Vice President Jennie Smith, put on a fantastic fish fry with a little help from their "kitchen crew." They also spent the last couple of days sprucing up the old den with fresh paint and some new Lions logos.



members' granddaughters did such a great job helping the overflow that we voted to give her a small gift as a sign of our appreciation.



Chicago Thai Midwest Lions Club celebrated their 21st Charter Nite with the presence of Past International President from Thailand, Kajit "KJ" Habananda who inducted 8 new members to the club and installed Club's new officers for the year 2017-2018. Several Past District Governors from District 1A – Catherine Rondinelli, Wes Salsbury, Dr. Austin D'Souza, Terry D'Souza, Ralph Zarada and Ernie Lapid were in attendance with current Governor Pat Duda.

Hampshire Lions Club asked Township Park District to put on an event called Music Under the Oaks and Pig in the Park. Our club was approached by the Park District to help enhance their event which is traditionally just a music event. Based on the reputation of the Lion's Club in town they knew that we could handle providing food and refreshments. Utilizing social media as well as word of mouth we advertised the event considerably.

As a net result, we had a turnout of over 220 people and the event was a smashing success. From all reports on Facebook, the music was great and the fellowship amongst the community even better. We raised over \$1,700.00 for the club and during our next meeting authorized an immediate donation of \$750 to Diabetes Awareness Campaign (LIF). The members that worked the event all advocated for doing it again next year but with a bigger pig and even more volunteers. We even got some of our local youth involved as one of the club



where all lobsters and steaks ran out two hours prior to the event!



Chicago Rogers Park Lions Club had their Annual Picnic, Induction of New Lions and Leos and Installation of New Officers at a park in Des Plaines. District 1A Governor Pat Duda installed 2 new members and 7 new leos Rogers Park Lions and Leo Club. PDG Dr. Austin D'Souza installed new officers. There was lots of food – hamburgers, chicken, corn, biryani, dessert and cool water melon. Many club members with their family attended this picnic.

River Grove Lions Club held their Annual Lobster N Steak Community fund raiser in August. Entire River Grove community took part in this event



Chicago Mabuhay Centennial Lions Club Charter Nite. IPIP Chancellor Bob Corlew was the guest speaker who inducted new members and also installed Office Bearers for the year 2017-2018. This was the 5th New Lions Club chartered in District 1A during 2016-2017.

Golfers getting ready to participate in **District 1A PDG Harry Barber Memorial Golf Outing**.



Trophy Winner with Golf Committee members Lion Jan Barber & Lion Sue Zarada. Below: waiting for lunch.





Partial guests at the Charter Nite of **Chicago Mabuhay**



First Ladies Maryann O'Reilly, Edna Lapid & PDG Terry D'Souza at the **Chicago Mabuhay Lions Charter Nite**.



Lion Nelia Ladlad holding Club Charter from IPIP Chancellor Bob Corlew.



This year **The Forest Kala Sampath Lions Club** members and family held their annual picnic at Holy Hill, Milwaukee, IL on August 20th. They hoisted Indian flag to celebrate India's 70th Independence Day.



April 9, 2015 is a day that many in the northern Illinois area will never forget. A powerful EF-4 tornado packing winds of up to 200 miles per hour ripped through the town of Fairdale destroying 17 homes and damaging many others while taking the lives of two of its residents and injuring 11 others. Within hours of this event, the Kirkland Lions Club was already organizing to receive donations, thanks to the help from the sister of one of the **Kirkland Lions Club** members who survived the Washington, IL tornado of November 17, 2013 who knew just how important it was to get vital resources to those impacted by the tornado. Cash and gift cards would be desperately needed to help the victims start to rebuild and a GoFundMe account was formed ... and donations poured in. We also received a \$10,000 grant from LCI to assist with our efforts. Within weeks, we received over \$300,000 in cash and gift cards. Our goal was to quickly get money to those residents of Fairdale. Within the first week we were able to distribute the first installment of cash and gift cards to help people rebuild their lives. Our final cash and gift card payout was made a few months later. We were all



deeply touched by the generosity of so many organizations and individuals. Knowing the importance of the park as a meeting place for the residents, we kept a little money aside to purchase four picnic tables to put in their new shelter house. The shelter house was completed in early summer and the four tables are now

installed with the hard work of our Kirkland Lions. The tables are made of concrete and bear the Lions International emblem. Each table weighs 1,280 pounds and are extremely durable. The Kirkland Lions Club would like to thank, once again, all those who made all of this possible.



(Table Volunteers:- Front row: Larry Myelle, Amy Polzin, Dianna Wittwer, Tim Wittwer

Middle row: Tom Barone, Dan Sanderson, Tom Hart, Rich Wince

Back row: Michael Carlson, Jim Woodward, Ed Silvers, Greg Gissler

Missing in photo is Jack Schreier who participated at Fairdale but didn't make it to Pioneer Park)

On a side note, the same night we installed the tables in Fairdale, we also installed the fourth and final table at Pioneer Park in Kirkland.



The **Roscoe, Illinois, Lions Club** salutes Wally Hanson for 67 years of dedicated service in the Lions organization. Wally joined the Lions in the Fall of 1950, the same time he began teaching for the Sidell, Illinois, School District.

Wally and his wife, Sue, moved to Roscoe, Illinois, when he accepted the position of Superintendent of Schools for the Kinnikinnick School District July 1st, 1961, a position he held until his retirement in 1980. Wally became a Charter member of the Roscoe Lions Club in September, 1961. Over the years Wally has held many different positions in the Club, including, most recently, Tail Twister.

Wally, for all you have done for the community over the years, Thank You.



The **Sycamore Lions Club** awarded 1 Career and 4 Volunteer Service Scholarships this past June to graduating seniors in the Class of 2017. Above are members of the Club's Scholarship Committee and Volunteer Service Scholarship recipients. Pictured from left Lions Bruce Wallace, Bud Wallace, Scholarship winners Kiyas Kousoulas, Trevor McDonald, Hunter Thomas & Jacob Handel, Lion John Toles Committee Chairman. Unavailable for the photo was Katelyn Helmold, this year's Career Scholarship winner.

Earlier in the 2016 -2017 academic school year, the Sycamore Lions presented Michelle Schlieben a scholarship. Michelle returned to school and is in the Kishwaukee College Nursing Program. A total of \$4000 in scholarships was awarded by the Sycamore Lions this past school year.

The Sycamore Lions Club wishes to thank everyone who graciously donates to their events and fundraisers making their annual scholarships possible. We look forward to your purchase of Raffle Tickets and serving you from our Lions Food Trailer at this year's Pumpkin Festival, October 25th- 29th.



Chicago indo-us Lions Club helping kids in India who lost everything due to Heavy Rain with books, school supply, clothing, water bottle, lunch box, shoes, school bags and many more.



The **Streator Hardscrabble Lions Club** are completing their second installment of school supplies to Streator's Northlawn Junior High School. Teacher's of Northlawn along with other staff members identified items that students in need would be required to have to attain academic success. Supplies also included personal hygiene items for general classroom needs. A check for \$200 was presented to Northlawn's representative, 5th grade teacher Stephanie Flores, to be utilized for any other supplies or services they might need. Some personal hygiene items were donated by Dr. Brendon Graham of the Streator Family Dental and other community persons.

This project is in keeping with the club's philosophy of helping the residents of the community in need of eye and hearing care, as well as helping children to succeed.



Above (R): Back row left to right - Kylee LeDuca, Emma Eyrich, Maya Zobrist, Mallory Klosterman, Hands on Knees Katelyn Duncan, Anne Reynolds, Jenna Fenton, Maggier VonHatton. Tall boy in back Gunter Kohlbrecker, Two girls from Highland that are campers names unknown, Chris Hoffman nurse, and Jacob Hoffman. Front Row left to right Brice Kirsch, Breanna Korte, Rylie Pugh, small kids are campers from Highland, and Breanna Helm.

Each year on the Monday of camp week at Camp Lions Manatowa the **Highland Lions** visit to provide ice cream floats. Since it charter eleven years ago the **Highland High School LEOs** have accompanied the Highland Lions. It has become a highlight for the LEOs year as they enjoy interacting with and serving the campers. This year was the largest group to visit.



Waterman Lion Dale Gaston made a new friend at the Multi-District (1-J/1-D/1-BK) Fishing Derby. Lion Dale helped paddle the giant Montreal canoe that gave rides on Shabbona Lake.



Dundee Township Lions Club provides concessions at “Free Concerts in the Park” during the summer at Grafelman Park in West Dundee.



Algonquin Lions Club 1st Vice Pres. Lion Jay Vandewalker and Club Pres. Lion Bob Cummins at the Public Works Building during the sandbagging process. Lions also assisted the Village through its ‘Alert Team Program’ by staffing a volunteer sign-up table at the Public Works Building during the flooding of the Fox River.



Eleven **Malta Lions** and two volunteers helped with the planting of 25 trees at Malta’s Prairie Park Subdivision last month.



Just one of the successful **District 1-J** projects started a number of years ago in the Southwest Region. It now includes 15 clubs in three regions —

1-J/1-D & 1-BK. A great day for all those who work at the event and for those special needs individuals who attend. We Serve!!



Darien Lions Steve Wernecke and James Burke presented a donation to Marlene and Art Karman and volunteers for their Holistic Riding Equestrian Therapy Program at Kopping Farms in Lemont. The HRET Program is designed to improve the quality of life, physically as well as emotionally, for special needs children, adults, and veterans. HRET is truly changing lives through the healing power of the horse!



Nice car!! **PDG Nancy Rex** looks at one of the cars on display at a summer Cruise Night in Sandwich.



Roselle Lions, PDG Bob Jilke and Mary Ann Grygiel, get a breather while working the Eye Screening Registry booth at the recent Lions Clubs

International Convention. To the right is the mock-up of a typical cabin at Camp Lions.



South Elgin Leos with Lion Molly at Great America in Gurnee. The Leos would like to thank the chaperones who also had a fun day with the kids — without their help it would not have been possible.



Barb Pribble looks on as **Geneva Lion** Howie Pribble receives a plaque recognizing his Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from Lion Lee Perington at the Lions Club's 80th annual Installation Dinner.



Geneva Lion Murray Chalmers (l) is presented with a plaque in recognition of his Melvin Jones

Fellowship Award by Lion Lee Perington at a recent meeting.



Sandwich Lions Club Past President PDG Lion Ed Carter (l) passes the gavel to Pres. Lion Tom Martin (c). Governor-Elect Lion John Hilliard installed the 2017-2018 Officers.



Sponsor Sun City-Huntley Lion Dr. Deb Junkins (l) and newly-inducted Lion Richard Myers smile for the camera.



Naperville North High School's Marching Band in the LCI Convention Parade. The **Naperville Noon Lions Club** sponsored them for the parade.



Sandwich Lion PDG Lion Ed Carter congratulates the club's Lion of the Year Lion Jack Thompson.

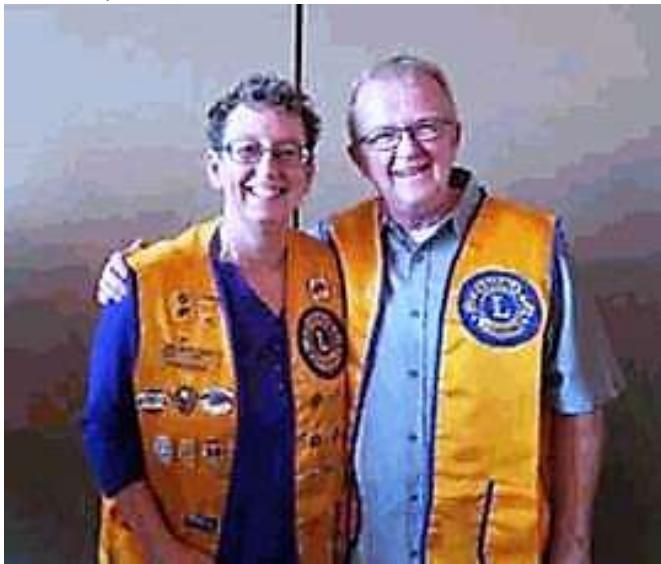


Judge Tiffany Davis (r) was inducted into the **Sun City - Huntley Lions Club** at the club's July Program Meeting by Cabinet and SCH Lions Treasurer, Lion Jim Graves. Both Lion Tiffany and her sponsor Lion Pam Palmer received Centennial pins. (l to r) Sponsor Lion Pam Palmer pinning new Lion Judge Tiffany Davis.



Sun City-Huntley Lion Dina Frigo attended a course at McHenry County College for College Experience & Music Appreciation classes with Nick Zehner, who

is vision impaired. Lion Dina was his "note taker" at all the classes. Lion Dina received a stipend of \$80 for assisting Nick which she donated to the SCH Lions Club. Nick was a guest at the SCH monthly Program Meeting along with guest speaker, Jim Wiseman from Northern IL Special Recreation Association (NISRA). (l to r) MCC Student Nick Zehner, Lion Dina Frigo and NISRA Executive Director, Jim Wiseman.



New Sun City-Huntley Lion John Dwyer (l) is being pinned by his sponsor, SCh Lion Jim Harper (r).



The **West Frankfort Lions Club** held its annual Picnic in the Park on 8-19-2018. There was lots of food, games and fellowship. It was enjoyed by everyone who attended. Photo attached.



32 very proud
Dixon
Lionesses
converted their
club to the
**Dixon Lioness
Lions Club**

Welcome to
the 1-D & MD-
1 Lions family!

This is the first time this Lionistic Year a Lioness Club converted into a Lions Club in MD1.
Congratulations to all Lioness Lions!

PID Russ Sarver was the keynote speaker for this grand new club charter ceremony. PDG Paul Lindstrom, PDG Ron Chamberlain, PDG Bob Bloemker, President Jeffrey Kuhn, Dixon Evening (sponsoring club) were in presence for the event. Dixon Lioness was chartered in 1979. Their Lioness Lions Club President is Mary Ann Guttman and Secretary is Carol Motes. Council Chairperson Pam Graney installed new officers for 2017-2018.



PCC Steve Anton installed **Chicago Logan Square Lions Club** Office Bearers last month.



District 1A Governor Pat Duda Inducted 14 New



Members to **Chicago Magnificent Lions Club** in August during their Anniversary & Governors Nite. (Previous Column) The **Orland Park Lions** served lunch and played Bingo with the Veterans at the Blind Unit at Hines Hospital in Maywood.



Durand Lions host the August Birthday Bingo at Medina Nursing home. 30 residents came to play bingo and have a great time. Cookies and drink were distributed after playing the games.



Lion Marsha Stalheim is receiving her perfect attendance pin for three years from **Durand Lions Club** President Lion Ruth Ann Ryder (R).



MD1 Lions showing off in the parade during Lions Centennial Convention International Parade in Downtown, Chicago.



Lions and Campers at Camp Lions 2017 organized by **Lions of Illinois Foundation**.



District 1A Governor Pad Duda installed **Chicago Mexica Lions Club** officers by sitting on the chair as she had her knee surgery. She also inducted three new members to the club.



Chicago Filipino American Lions Club held their elections for new officers. Immediate Past District Governor Ernie Lapid installed Lion Vishnu Mahant as club president.



Stickney Forestview Lions Club celebrated 65th Charter Anniversary at Acacia at Indian Head Park. Along with club members, several past district

governors attended the event. During this event, club also celebrated their club's veteran member Past District Governor Jerry Novak's 80th birthday with a surprise.



PDG Jerry Novak holding his Birthday 80 Card filled with well wishes from Lions.



It was not an eating contest; it was finger licking food which was enjoyed by all.



Chicago Magnificent Lions Club members at their 3rd Charter Anniversary.



Chicago Magnificent Lions Club President Jr. Roque with his lovely wife and Charter President Jet Jet at their event.



Some good looking lions of Stickney Forestview Lions Club.



Sycamore Lions getting ready for 2017 Candy Day!