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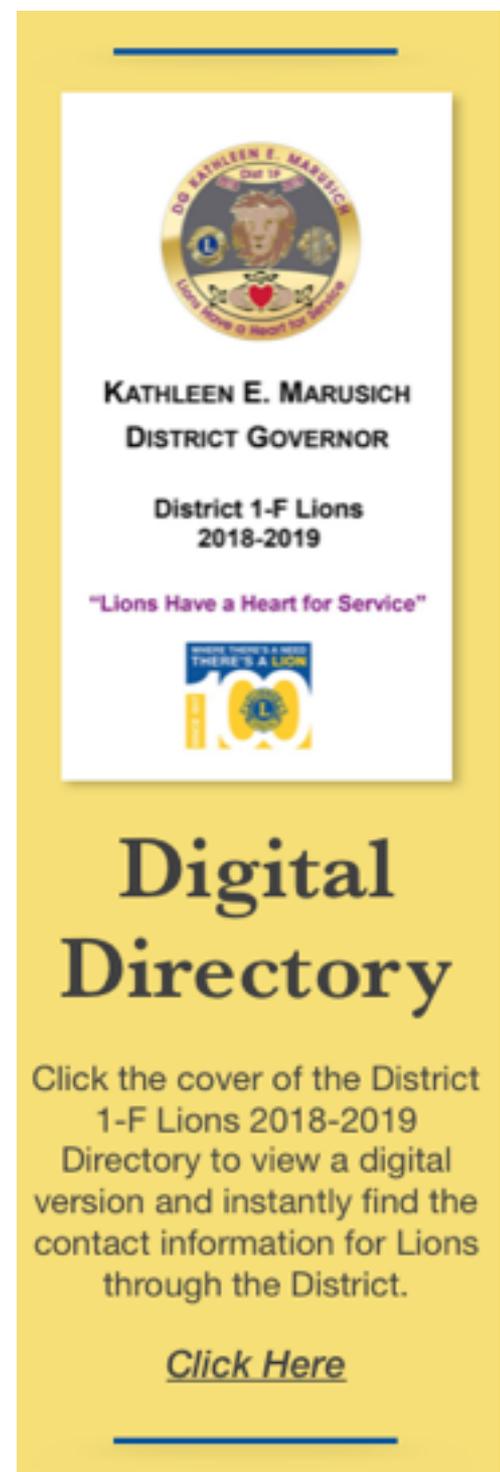


Beyond the Horizon

Have you watched the International President's Theme videos on lionsclubs.org ? They are both inspiring and motivational. One thing that struck me as we continue to provide for the needs of our communities is that some of these communities are lacking Lions Clubs.



If the International President says we should reach beyond our horizons, would you think at any point she would be saying anything about borders or boundaries? I'm talking about Clubs, areas, and communities.



KATHLEEN E. MARUSICH
DISTRICT GOVERNOR

District 1-F Lions
2018-2019

"Lions Have a Heart for Service"

**Digital
Directory**

Click the cover of the District
1-F Lions 2018-2019
Directory to view a digital
version and instantly find the
contact information for Lions
through the District.

[Click Here](#)



Nominate a Lion for the John Greener Award

Service Excellence awards will be presented at the District 1F Convention on Saturday, March 16. In particular, the John Greener Award is a great opportunity to recognize a member of your club who best exemplifies the Lions Code of Ethics in their daily life. Nominate them for a John Greener Award. Nomination can be made by any Lion. Click on the thumbnail below to download a nomination form.

Lions are all over the world, and are dedicated to serving those in need. If your club is financially able, would it matter if you provide glasses or services to another area? District 1F is changing its shape, in a way we had not anticipated. What we thought were “club territories” is no longer true.

We’ve lost clubs in Mundelein, Libertyville, Gurnee and Des Plaines. Those communities still have people who need our service. I have received calls from Lions who are getting calls from people who need us. The question I'm asked, "What club should I call?" Normally I would say the club closest to the person in need, however, the International President's message made me realize that anyone can take care of anybody.

Our motto “We Serve” does not come with a map; it comes with our “Heart for Service.”

I challenge the Lions Clubs of 1F to reach beyond the horizon to serve.

Lions have a Heart for Service,
Lion Kathleen Marusich , D1F Governor
kathleenmarulion@gmail.com

Welcome to New District 1-F Lions

Club	New Lion	Sponsor
Schaumburg-Hoffman	Jesse Colon	Jazmine Constantino
Schaumburg-Hoffman	Ibrahim Essa	Viviam Leabhart
Schaumburg-Hoffman	Erkhsaikhan Balchindorj	Nyamkhuu Dendev
Schaumburg-Hoffman	Nyamkhuu Dendev	Chris Marks
Gagewood	Judy Roberts	Barbara Gangware

Proposed amendment to the By-Laws of District 1-F

Whereas, District 1F has experienced difficulty in recruiting leadership for the District; and

Whereas, District 1F's Bylaws of its Constitution require that someone assuming the role of Zone Chairperson to have served as Club President or major portion of said term AND having served for an additional two years on said club's board; and

Whereas, there are individuals, with leadership capability, within District 1F that do not have those qualifying credentials, and

Whereas, it is so resolved by the Constitution and Bylaws that the following change be adopted to enable the expansion of qualified candidates,

Therefore the following:

“/or” be inserted after the word and following the words “... major portion thereof, and ...” in Article II Section (7) paragraph B of the Bylaws on page 15.

and strike the word additional in said paragraph after “... two (2) ...”

New wording represented below:

Section 7. Region/Zone Chairperson Qualifications. Each region and zone chairperson shall:

(a) Be an active member in good standing in his/her respective region or zone; and

(b) Have served or will have served at the time of taking office as region or zone chairperson as president of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof, and/or a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than two (2) years.

This amendment will be voted on at the District 1F Lions Convention on March 17.

District 1-F Lions Convention

District 1F Convention

Fri. Mar. 15 - Sun. Mar. 17
Renaissance Chicago North Shore
Northbrook



A Taste of Italy



Ready for some friendly Lion competition?



Raingutter Gondola Races launch Friday, March 15th

With the Italian theme of this year's Lions convention we want to have some fun with the clubs and offer a challenge. The cost to participate is \$12, which includes the entry fee and the cost of the boat.

To register for the races, or if you have questions, contact Lion Tim Robbins by phone at 847-345-3036 or via email at trob1966@comcast.net.

Lion Tim will arrange to meet you to get the boat .
Join in the fun.

There will be a prize for the winning club.

Races will start at about 8:45 p.m.



District 1F Convention Silent Auction Preview



Sox/Cubs Tickets



Notre Dame Football
Tickets



Apple TV 4K



Chef's Choice 130
Electric Pro Knife
Sharpener



Red Copper Square 5 PC
Cookware Set



43-inch 1080p LED TV



MacMagic Pasta Pot



Kidzlane Infrared Laser
Tag Game Set

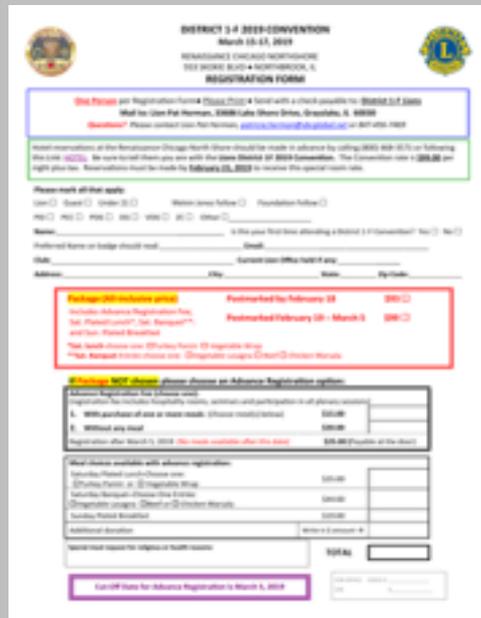


Cheese Board & Cutlery
Set

District 1-F Convention Resources



Governor's Welcome Letter



Convention Registration Form



Convention Chairs Letter



Hospitality Room Information



Thrifty Fashion Show Form



Silent Auction Request Letter

Lions Club News

Send in your Lions Club news to Lion Dennis Spaeth at dspaeth46@comcast.net

Buffalo Grove Lions plan a celebration of diversity through the arts

The Lions Club of Buffalo Grove will host an International Festival celebrating diversity through the arts from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the Twin Groves Middle School in Buffalo Grove.

Bring the entire family to enjoy cultural diversity through music, dance, food and crafts. Click on the flyer for more info.

Also, if you know of a dance or musical group that would be willing to perform for free, please contact Lion Neha Sobti at 612-840-1232 or Lion Chris Spaeth at 224-532-9398.



The flyer features the Lions Club logo at the top, followed by the text: "THE LIONS CLUB OF BUFFALO GROVE INVITES YOU TO AN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL A Celebration of Diversity through the Arts". A yellow box on the right side of the flyer states "Tickets \$10 Children 8 and under are FREE!". Below this, it says "Bring the entire family to enjoy music, dance, food and crafts from around the world!". The event details are: "Saturday, April 27, 2019 3:00 - 6:00 pm" at "Twin Groves Middle School Cafeteria 2600 N Buffalo Grove Rd, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089". At the bottom, it provides contact information: "For information and tickets call Neha Sobti at 612-840-1232 or Christine Spaeth at 224-532-9398. You can also email us at lions.club.bg@gmail.com or visit www.lcbg.org". A small starburst graphic on the left side of the flyer contains the text: "Proceeds will support hearing & vision programs, along with other community service projects."

North Chicago Lions Club 9-Pin No Tap Bowling

The North Chicago Lions Club held its 9-Pin No Tap bowling fundraiser Jan. 19 at Bertrand Lanes, Waukegan.



Spreading Christmas cheer to hearing, visually impaired



Thirty-six children from District 60 schools, along with 20 school staff, attended the Waukegan Little Fort Lions Club's annual Christmas Party for Diverse Learners. Held at Bertrand Lanes in Waukegan, the event is a special day for visually and hearing impaired children who attend elementary through high school.

The party began with each child getting the opportunity to bowl, with assistance from lane bumpers (as well as ball ramps for those who needed them). After bowling, the children participated in a pizza party with ice cream and cupcakes, then a raffle for a jumble of gifts.

Each child was invited to select a gift when his or her name was drawn, thanks to contributions from members, the Waukegan Little Fort Lions Club, and Toys For Tots collected by U.S. Marines at the Great Lakes Naval Base. The children then took a photo with Santa (Lion Frank).

A special raffle was held for the school staff for a three month Family Membership at the Hinkston Park Facility, which was donated by the Waukegan Park District.

During the party, "THE WIZZ ELF" (Brian Wismer) entertained each child with requests for various balloon creations. Each child also received a gift bag, which included a generous gift from People's Choice Video of a "Pizza Package" of 50 game tokens, pizza and a drink.

At the conclusion of the party, the children gave thank-you cards and candy gifts to Lions members. School staff were very appreciative of the party, and expressed that they and the children anticipate and talk about the event all year.

Lions and school staff contributed their time for setup, greeting, serving as party hosts, serving food, and general hands-on helping. Waukegan Little Fort Lions extend a special "Thanks" to George Lawrence, owner of Bertrand Lanes, and staff for providing the special venue to make a wonderful and memorable event for all who attended.

—*Lion Russ Nixon, Secretary*
Waukegan Little Fort Lions Club

Wauconda Lion makes headlines as Santa

Tribune's Lake County News-Sun features effort to share Santa's cheer

A member of the Wauconda Lions Club, Lion Jim Lingert annually volunteers as Santa for visits to Mount St. Joseph, a nonprofit facility for women with mental and physical disabilities in Lake Zurich, and Liberty Arms, a senior living facility in Wauconda. Lingert is joined by family, friends and members of the Wauconda Lions Club to sing carols, hand out presents and wish the residents a merry Christmas.

[Click here to read the full article](#)



Mercy Home for Boys/Girls welcomes Pongo

On the first snowfall of the New Year, Pongo — a Canine Companions for Independence dog on duty at the Mercy Home for Boys & Girls in Chicago — embarked upon 2019 like only a good boy can: he leapt into the winter wonderland, frolicking and playing with an ear-to-ear grin.



Who could blame him?

He had a lot to be happy about. He was just coming off a festive holiday season where he took part in a flurry of Christmas activities. Most notably, as Santa's little helper, Pongo helped deliver presents to all the boys and girls during Christmas celebrations at both campuses.

And a new year isn't the only thing on Pongo's calendar. His weekly schedule is jam packed with standing dates, whether it's meeting with our kids one-on-one or in group settings. According to Tom Gilardi, Vice President of Youth Programs and Pongo's facilitator, our canine coworker is booked solid!

"Pongo is getting more time in program than ever," Gilardi said. "Which is what we want."

While all our boys and girls have special relationships with our four-legged friend, one young man has really taken a shine to Pongo.

"This kid really struggles to get his motor revving — to get out of bed and get to his job," Gilardi said. "But Pongo has really helped. Pongo helps motivate him to get up and start his day. He's not a super verbal kid, but he seems to communicate with Pongo in a way that he doesn't communicate or connect with adults."

Oftentimes, their communication doesn't even involve words or commands. In fact, one of this young man's favorite things to do with Pongo is lay next to him on an over-sized pillow. This brings him peace.

"The energy this young man gives off to other people is not repelling, but it's not inviting. It's because he's been beat up so much over the years, that he's afraid of people. He's not real comfortable around others," Gilardi said.

But when Pongo was introduced to him, he lit up and came out of himself a bit more. There was an immediate attraction, almost like Pongo was there for him.

Unconditional love caused this young man's cold and bitter demeanor to thaw.

“It’s because Pongo is not threatening to him,” Gilardi said. “Pongo is demonstrative in his love for this kid. It’s fascinating. The calmness of Pongo energizes this kid, who’s often down in the shadows and down in the depths.”

Pongo has also been spending a lot of time in Mercy Home’s Admissions Department — meaning he’s providing his unconditional love and positive presence to those who perhaps need it the most: children and family members who are visiting Mercy Home for the first time and looking for help.

Thankfully, Pongo is there to greet them at the door, wagging his tail and ready to make a new friend.

—Submitted by the staff at Mercy Home ([Click here for more about Pongo](#) .)

NOTE: To see how your club can help support Canine Companions, contact Lion Tom Laws, PDG and the area director of the Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence, via [email](#) .

Lions of Illinois MD-1 State Convention registration

Click on the thumbnail image of the MD-1 Lions of Illinois state convention registration form to download a PDF version of the form.

The state Lions convention is scheduled for May 17-19 at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel & Conference Center in Springfield.

LIONS OF ILLINOIS MD-1 99th ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION - 2019



Presenting this year's Honored Guest ...
Past International President
Lion Joseph "Joe" Preston

PIP Lion Preston, from Mesa, Arizona was elected to serve as the President of Lions Clubs International at the association's 97th International Convention held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada in 2014.

A FLAVOR FOR EVERYONE, MILAN, EATALY

The 2019 State Convention kicks off on Friday with a Friday Night Live Show featuring live Sinatra-centered musical entertainment and interactive games. The hospitalities on Friday and Saturday night also feature the "EATALY" theme with food, contests, and games. Saturday is as action packed as the Colosseum in Rome with the Opening Plenary Session, the State Awards Luncheon & Second Plenary Session, Voting, Seminars, and State Banquet. Sunday morning has the LIF Breakfast and Meeting followed by the Closing Plenary Session with the announcement of the voting results and 2019-2020 Chairperson selections. Of course, there also will be Exhibitors, Pin Traders, and auctions!

Don't miss out on the fun, food, and fellowship festivities!
Register and reserve your guest room before April 19, 2019 to be eligible to win a \$100 Early Bird Raffle!

LIONS OF ILLINOIS
99th ANNUAL
MD-1 STATE CONVENTION
And
Lions of Illinois Foundation 45th
Annual Membership Meeting

May 17-19, 2019

**PRESIDENT ABRAHAM
LINCOLN HOTEL &
CONFERENCE CENTER**



**701 EAST ADAMS ST
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701
(217) 544-8800**



IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Lodging
► Lodging reservations at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel must be made by **May 1, 2019**. Please call (866) 788-1860 to reserve your guest room. The MD-1 State Convention guest room rate is \$99.00 per night (plus 13% tax) and includes overnight self-parking in the garage attached to the hotel. When you make your guest room reservation, you must tell them you are with the Lions of Illinois to receive this discounted room rate.

Meals
► This year's Convention features a State Luncheon at Noon on Saturday, along with the State Banquet on Saturday evening. The LIF Breakfast will be held Sunday morning followed by the State Closing Plenary Session. Don't miss out on the fun, food, and entertainment ... or the savings with the "All Inclusive 3-Meal Package" deal!!

Registration Fees
► The Registration Fee is included in the cost of all meals this year. The Registration Fee is \$20.00/person for those who do not purchase a meal package. Registration fees are waived for Leos and children under 12 years.

Upcoming Lions Events

JOIN THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS LIONS FOR OUR 9TH ANNUAL



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17 2019

Noon to 4:00 p.m.

ARLINGTON ALE HOUSE

111 W. Campbell Street, 3rd Floor Metropolis
Arlington Heights, IL - 224-735-2350

Who's cooking? Arlington Hts. Fire Department,
Culvers, Arlington Hts. American Legion, Cortland's
Garage, Birch River Grill, TJ O'Brien's, and JD's Q and Brew.

\$15.00 donation pre-event, \$20.00 donation at door
or via PayPal online at <http://ahlions.org/2019/9th-annual-chili-cookoff>

RAFFLES AND SILENT AUCTION

Proceeds benefit Lions of Arlington Heights Foundation,
and the sight and hearing impaired

5013C registered

Comedy Night Fundraiser

Hosted by the Lake Villa Township Lions Club

Saturday, February 23

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. cash bar
6:30 p.m. buffet dinner with
comedy following dinner

Comedy Headliner
Dan Diebert



Parkway Banquets
25212 W. Lake Shore Drive
Ingleside, IL 60041

**...featuring Brian Noonan of
WGN Talk Radio**

General admission: \$45/person

Reserved preferred seating: \$500/table of 10 or \$400/table of 8

Price includes: buffet dinner w/soft drinks & comedy

50/50 Raffle ● Door Prizes

Tickets available at:

American Family Insurance, 111 Cedar Ave, Lake Villa; Venturi Law Offices, 146 Cedar Ave, Lake Villa, or
mail order form with check made out to Lake Villa Township Lions Club to
Lion Pat Gallagher, 1705 Cherrywood Lane, Lindenhurst, IL 60046.
(Questions? Contact Pat @ 847-612-8557 or email lvtlions@gmail.com)

All proceeds will benefit those in need; sight & hearing impaired;
diabetes awareness; Camp Lions of IL and disaster relief.

Order Form

Contact Name: _____ Contact email: _____

Address to mail tickets: _____

Please reserve: _____ reserved tables of 10 tickets @ \$500.00/table
_____ reserved tables of 8 tickets @ \$400.00/table
_____ tickets (general admission) at \$45.00/each

Check enclosed for \$ _____ made out to Lake Villa Township Lions Club

Trivia for a Cause

Saturday, March 2, 2019

Limited Tables Available!

Benefiting Rotary Club and Lions Club Community Service Projects

Silent
Auction!

Doors Open 5:00 PM

Questions Start 6:00 PM

Poplar Creek Bowl

Barrington Square Town Center
2354 W Higgins Rd, Hoffman Estates, IL

Prizes!
Fun!

Limited Tables Available - Save \$\$ - Purchase Your Tickets / Table Today!

Advance Ticket Purchase - \$20 per person / \$160 per table of 8
Ticket Purchase at the Door - \$25 per person / \$200 per table of 8

Solo's Welcome

*Cash Bar / Order Food off Menu or BYO Snacks.
(Please, no outside meals or pizza)*

Purchase Tickets Online at schaumburgamrotary.org

EAT. DRINK. THINK. WIN!



Schaumburg-Hoffman
Lions Club

www.shlions.org

Call or Text Chris Marks (312) 623-0269
email: marxie@comcast.net

Rotary



Schaumburg
A.M. Rotary
Club Foundation

www.schaumburgamrotary.org

Call or Text Sharon Perry (847) 975-3348
email: schaumburgamrotary@gmail.com

PROSPECT HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB

Your support allows us to serve those in need in the
Prospect Heights and Wheeling communities

Dress in Semi-Formal Dinner Wear



**Saturday, March 9, 2019
at 5:30 pm**

Atlantis Banquets
1273 N Rand Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Contact Person:
Lion Cliff Murphy
Cell: (847)309-8851
Email: CMurphy58@sbcglobal.net

Cost: \$65 per person
Hors d'oeuvres, Dinner with Wine,
Open Bar, Door Prizes & Raffles

Mail Reservations Form to:
Clifford Murphy
1136 N Drury Lane,
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
Checks payable to Prospect Heights Lions

Names for reservations: _____

Number of people in your party: _____

Please seat me with: _____

Phone Number: _____





Lake Villa Township Lions Club Pancake Breakfast



Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage Links,
Coffee, Juice & Milk

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Date: Sunday, March 31, 2019
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: LLV Chamber of Commerce
Springfest EXPO
Lakes Community High School
1600 Eagle Way, Lake Villa
(Corner of Deep Lake & Grass Lake Roads)

ADVANCE TICKETS

Available at
Bill Stanley's American
Family Insurance
111 Cedar Avenue, Lake Villa
Or from any
Lake Villa Township Lion

\$6.00 in advance;
\$7.00 per Person at the door
62yrs+ / \$6.00
6 years & under Free!

The Lions Club collects these items: Used eye glasses, hearing aids, cell phones, old metal keys and aluminum soda can tabs.
All items can all be dropped off at the breakfast.

All proceeds benefit our community and communities throughout the state.



THE LIONS CLUB OF BUFFALO GROVE
INVITES YOU TO AN

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

A Celebration of Diversity through the Arts

Tickets \$10

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For information and tickets
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You can also email us at lions.club.bg@gmail.com or visit www.lcbg.org

MD-1 Lions Newsletter



Click the cover image of this month's MD-1 Lions State Magazine.

SAVE THE DATES

DISTRICT 1-F LIONS EVENTS

* LIF: Lions of Illinois Foundation

- **Feb. 17, Arlington Heights Lions Club**, Chili Cook-off | [More info](#)
- **Feb. 23, 5 p.m., Lake Villa Township Lions Club**, Comedy Night | [More info](#)
- **Mar. 1 - May 31, LIF Diabetes Awareness Campaign** | [More Info](#)
- **Mar. 2, 5 p.m., Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions Club**, Trivia for a Cause | [More info](#)
- **Mar. 9, 5:30 p.m., Prospect Heights Lions Club**, 65th Anniversary Dinner Dance | [More info](#)
- **Mar. 14, District 1F Fourth Cabinet Meeting**, Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel, Northbrook
- **Mar. 15-17, District 1-F Convention**, Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel, Northbrook | [More info](#)
- **Mar. 31, Lake Villa Township Lions Club**, Spring Pancake Breakfast | [More info](#)
- **Apr. 27, Lions Club of Buffalo Grove**, International Fest celebrating diversity through the arts | [More info](#)
- **May 3-4, Lions of Illinois Foundation Tootsie Pop Day**
- **May 17-19, Lions of Illinois MD-1 State Convention**, Springfield | [More info](#)
- **May 20, Barrington Lions Club**, Golf Tournament | [More info](#)
- **Jun. 9, District 1-F Fifth Cabinet Meeting**, TBD
- **Jul. 5-9, Lions Clubs International Convention**, Milan, Italy

Please forward all events to d1flionsroar@gmail.com and we will do our best to include them in the next email blast (Beginning in November the email blast will be sent on the 25th of the month).