



## Lions Focus on Service

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Mission Statement: It is the goal of our District to become a stronger, healthier organization that will help improve the lives of all the people who need Lion services as we encourage our Lions in their individual growth in service.

We have a great line up of speakers for our District Convention! Remember Lion "Chief" Buzz Melton? He was a hit last year with his stories about fighting fires and training men and women how to be leaders. Now he is our State Global Membership Team leader. He has new stories to tell and he will be leading off our Friday Night Opening Party!

Lion Charles Emerson Young is the President of the Hadley School for the Blind in Winnetka. He is a world leader in blind education and an inspirational example to everyone. We will hear Lion Chuck on Saturday afternoon.

Our International guest is International Director Lion Alan T. "Ted" Reiver of Wilmington, Delaware. Lion Ted has been awarded every Lion honor I have ever heard of and more. Besides that, he is a successful businessman and a community leader. His main interest is in helping the blind.

Hoops Mania is an exciting sweepstakes fundraiser based on the NCAA national championship tournament in March. It's easy to play. You don't have to know anything about basketball. The teams and their tournament seed numbers are chosen by computer. All you have to do is root for your teams. Just check with the media to see who won. The last time we played this game (2008) there were three winners in the District. One of them received a check for \$200.00! This time you could be a big winner! Of the \$10.00 ticket price, \$7.00 goes into the District bank account!

I want to thank PDG Lion Paul Pioch for chairing our successful Peace Poster contest. Clubs from all over the District sent in their winning posters. All were artful and thought provoking; but the winner was Abigail Mendoza, a 13 year-old 8<sup>th</sup> grader from St. Emily School in Mt. Prospect. Abigail wrote: "Despite hard times, we can stand under the one umbrella." Her poster was sent to Council of Governors meeting where it was judged as one of the twelve finalists in Illinois. The State winner is 13 year old Jacob Crow of Altamont, Ill. who wrote: "Everyone must do their part to support peace for it is what keeps the world together."

Let the voices of our children and Lion leaders remind us that we have a lot of work to do.

Yours in Lionism,

*Lion Walt*

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