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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Lions of District 1-F:

I write with mixed emotions. It seems only yesterday that I was being installed as District Governor in Sydney. I have greatly enjoyed being your Governor but am relieved that my life can have some sense of normality.

We have had a good year together, our membership has remained steady after a few years of decline. We should see a slight increase in the final June 30 number. We have strengthened the management systems of the District. More importantly, we have all listened to President Scruggs message of service and have acted upon it thru our choice to serve. Our interpersonal relationships have become more civil.

With the introduction of the Governor Team concept (DG, 1st VDG, 2nd VDG and IPDG), and monthly meetings of the team, we have been able to chart a course that will provide continuity and linkage of Governor years rather than a series of solo efforts. The biggest payoff has been in the membership recruitment and extension area.

The new structure of the **Global Membership Team** (GMT) and the **Global Leadership Team** (GLT) has been integrated into the Distinct and replaces the old MERL structure. (See Article on page 7).

New training and leadership development programs will be launched in the upcoming year to better equip our club officers to inspire and lead, and our district officers better serve our Clubs. More direct help will be provided to Clubs in member recruitment.

The new Evanston Sunrise Club will be chartered on June 21, the new Borderline LEO Club was just organized in Winthrop Harbor, and we had a well attended, motivational and fun district convention.

I want to thank all for their support, but especially my Cabinet and the Club Presidents. Most special I wish to thank Lion Kathleen for her support, understanding, patience and love.

As is my wont, I close with a movie quote from Coach Norman Dale in Hoosiers:

"I love you guys"

LION DON

**Lion Walt Holden,
1st VDG 1-F**



**Lion Dennis Burns,
2nd VDG 1-F**



Happy Helen Keller Day!

In 1971, the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International declared that June 1st would always be “Helen Keller Day”.



We all know that at the Lions International Convention on June 30, 1925 Helen called on the Lions to be the “knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness.” She told the Lions that the capricious lady called “Opportunity” only knocks once and if you did not go and grab her, she was gone forever. Grabbing ladies it not in fashion today; but her thoughts and many of her words still ring true.

“It is for us to pray not for tasks equal to our powers, but for powers equal to our tasks, to go forward with a great desire forever beating at the door of our hearts as we travel toward our distant goal.”

She told us that our opportunity is to help bring the day when there will be no preventable blindness, when no deaf or blind child is untaught and no blind or deaf man or woman is unaided.

In 1971, the Lions of Alabama dedicated the Helen Keller Memorial Park. It is located on the grounds of Helen’s birthplace. There is a bust of Helen with an engraved plaque that reads, “I am your opportunity.”

Helen’s birthday is June 27th. All Lions should celebrate her life by renewing their motto “We Serve” and accepting the opportunities that she offered us.

Well, it looks like this Lion’s year is drawing to a close and we’ll, shortly, be starting a new year. Remember though, the people we serve are still going to be there along with all their needs. And, just because our year is ending, that doesn’t mean we can stop what we’re doing to help those who cannot help themselves. Maybe all of this year’s projects are done, but there are still new projects out there, there are still needs to be served. But, isn’t that just what we do.

I’d like to express my thanks to Lion DG Don. It’s been an honor and a privilege serving under you this year. Your efforts to make District 1-F the best there is has not gone unnoticed. Your cool, calm guidance has been an example for all of us to follow. Thank you.

To all the Lions of District 1-F, thank you for allowing me to serve as your 2nd vice District Governor. I’ve made many new friends while serving on the cabinet and this year was no exception. As I learned in the past, the Lions of District 1-F make up a team that will make things happen. As I’ve grown as a member of the cabinet, I’ve had one objective, how can I help? That objective still continues as I travel the road of a Lion. I look forward to serving as your 1st Vice District Governor in the coming year.

To my Club, thank you for your support and understanding. I cannot stand where I am without you behind me.

Join the Lions of District 1-A for some fund-raising on Channel 11, WTTW, on Monday, June 13, from 6:30 - 10:30 p.m.

There will be plenty of TV exposure for the Lions.

To volunteer, or for more information, contact DG Steve Anton at santonlions@comcast.net



On behalf of Lion Jama and me, we would like to thank the Lions of Illinois for their vote of support in my candidacy for 2nd Lions Clubs International Vice President during the recent MD-1 Convention. We are humbled to have received 80% of the vote, and honored to have the opportunity to represent the 17,000 Lions of this great state in seeking this high international office.

As we move forward in this journey, we will strive to do our best in representing the very ideals Lions everywhere observe and we will keep our mission of service foremost in our minds. We will continue to serve those who need our help.

Lion Jama and I thank you for the trust you have in us and we pledge to you, win or lose, we will always remember our dear friends in MD-1.

With Many Thanks and Much Gratitude,

PID Bud and Lion Jama Wahl

A lion spots a monkey walking through the jungle.

He grabs him by the neck and roars
"Who's the king of the jungle?"

The frightened monkey says,
"You are, of course, your majesty."

The lion does this to several other animals,
with the same results.

Then the lion goes up to an elephant,
grabs him by the trunk and roars,
"Who's the king of the jungle?"

The elephant picks the lion up with his trunk,
bounces him a few times on the ground,
grabs his tail, twirls the lion around over his
head, and then lets him go flying into a mud
puddle.

The lion looks up at the elephant and says,
"Well, if you don't know the answer,
just say so!"



Check out the Lions Quarterly Video Magazine...
<http://lionsclubs.org/EN/Inn/lq-view.php?id=20>

ZONER'S CORNER...



Russ Boehm Zone



Lion Todd Hoffman, ZC

Deerfield,
Highland Park/Highwood,
Lake Forest/Lake Bluff,
Libertyville, Mundelein,
Vernon Hills

I would like to THANK EVERY Lion in District 1-F for the help and support you have given to me over the last five years. Because of personal reasons I am stepping aside from zone chairman duties at this time. I will still be on the District Cabinet in a different capacity.

Thank you all again. Lion Todd Hoffman



Lion Bob Surovitz,
Senior ZC

Melvin Jones Zone

Antioch, Fox Lake,
Gagewood, Grant Township,
Lake Villa Township,
Round Lake



Lion Steve Willett, ZC

Ang Marcheschi Zone

Evanston, Glenview, Morton
Grove, Niles, Northfield,
Skokie, Winnetka



Lion Martin Reading, ZC

Jim O'Connor Zone

Gurnee, North Chicago, Wadsworth,
Waukegan Little Fort,
Waukegan Uptown,
Winthrop Harbor,

It has been an honor and privilege to be the zone chairman for the Jim O'Connor Zone this past year. As this Lion's year winds down and we look to a summer filled with lots of outside activities, I reflect on this past year in the Jim O'Connor Zone with a smile. All the Lions in the Zone have been hard at work helping the blind and hearing impaired, along with helping all those others that are less fortunate than ourselves in these tough times here and around the world, all the while having fun at the same time.

I have enjoyed a lot of club activities this past year including but not limited to, visiting club meetings such as Wadsworth and Waukegan Uptown, sharing a few beers with North Chicago after their meeting, enjoying the delicious steak and egg breakfasts of Winthrop Harbor and Waukegan Little Fort, working on membership with Gurnee, working Candy Day for and with Zion Township, and a whole lot more. I would like to thank all the Lions and clubs that helped and attended the zone meetings this past year which shows the Jim O'Connor zone is filled with Lions that have the passion and dedication that all Lions should look to for inspiration.

One special piece of news that occurred this year in the Zone is the chartering of the Borderline Leo Club sponsored by the Winthrop Harbor Lions Club. Leo Clubs are a wonderful chance for our youth to get involved in community service along with developing leadership skills which can be very important in their futures lives as adults. I would encourage all Lions Club's to look at forming a LEO club.

"If you can dream it, you can do it."...Walt Disney



Lion Wayne Deasy, ZC

Richard Kerscher Zone

Arlington Heights,
Barrington, Grayslake,
Lake Zurich, Long Grove,
Palatine, Wauconda



Lion Molly Penny, ZC

Milt Tuttle Zone

Chicago Punjabi,
Des Plaines, Elk Grove Village,
Mount Prospect,
Park Ridge,
Prospect Heights,
Schaumburg/Hoffman

LIF Trustees Info...



Changing Seasons bring Opportunities to Serve

Well Lions it seems we are fast approaching the end of another Lions year of Service!, your Foundation Trustees want to thank you for your efforts and support for the Lions of Illinois programs.

It is the Season of District Conventions and the State Convention is upon us this weekend. It is also that time of year that each club must review their budgets and determines what to do with any excess funds. We would encourage you to consider the programs run by your foundation LIF: Low Vision, Diabetic Retinopathy, Camp Lions, Birdies to name just a few.

If you are still looking to raise funds this year please take advantage of our **Walk for Sight**, which is Saturday, June 11th. If you are a runner, start time is 8:00 AM and the distance is 5K. The Opening ceremony is at 9:45 and the Walk starts at 10:00 AM. If you do not yet have a pledge form or information sheet, they can be accessed at www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org. "Walk for Sight", District Chair is Martha Garlock. June 11 at Lakewood Forest Preserve also you may contact Lion Don Borgwardt.

Please give consideration to participating in the **John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity** your guess/pledge must be turned in prior to July 8th. You can award a Foundation Fellow through this program. You may call Footloose or Myself or Lion Priscilla with any questions you may have.

All **Sight & Sound Sweepstakes** entries should have been turned in. They can be turned in at the State Convention. If you missed the deadline and did not attend the convention, not to worry, your entries will be put in next year.

If your club did Tootsie Pop Day, the Final Report form is available on the web site and monies should be sent to the Foundation office is due by June 15th.

**Focus on those
"We Serve"!**

We would also like to express our deep appreciation for the service Lion Rich Walters has given to Lions and those we serve as Lions. He has always stepped up to the challenge of leadership with great humility and graciousness. His perspective will be missed on the L.I.F. Board.

We would also like to welcome Lion Priscilla as our new trustee for the District and hope to serve with her with equal effectiveness and gracious dedication to the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

Please remember to call on either of us over this next year to help us serve your club and its member Lions.

Coordinators for 2011-2012:

Birdies for Charity: Footloose; Camp Lions: Jim Wilson; Diabetes Awareness: Al Gort, PDG; Memorials and Endowment: Joycelyn McCann; Hearing Services and Deaf Activities: Rich Walters, PDG; Key Ambassador: John McCann, PDG; Low Vision: Marianne Bailey; Sight and Sound Sweepstakes: Sue Hastings; Walk for Sight: Don Borgwardt.

Past District Governor Richard Walters is completing his 5th year as Trustee. Past District Governor Lawrence Spaeth is completing his 1st year and will serve 2011-2012. Past District Governor Priscilla Hedrick has been elected to serve 2011-2013

*LIF Trustees
Larry Spaeth, PDG
and
Rich Walters, PDG*

Annual Illinois Lions Walk for Sight

"We Walk... To Light The Way "

What is the Illinois Lions Walk for Sight?

Members of the 500+ Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs throughout Illinois along with their families, friends and volunteers from community groups, will gather together for a walk to raise funds to benefit visually impaired children and adults to help them live a better life, and to help stop preventable blindness.

In 2011 there are six Walk for Sight events to participate in. They are located throughout Illinois to provide easy access for your Lions Club, or other non-profit humanitarian groups, to enjoy.

Funds raised by obtaining pledges will be dispersed among the LIF, participating Lions Clubs, and local community group partaking in the Walk for Sight.

District 1-F walk will be Saturday, June 11, 10:00 a.m., Lakewood Forest Preserve in Wauconda.



Do you have an elevator speech?

You are wearing your Lions pin, you step on an elevator and the person next to you points to your pin and says "What is that?"

You have approximately 16 seconds to explain all the good work done by Lions, get the stranger excited to learn more and maybe think about becoming a Lion. You could say something like this...

"I received this pin when I became a member of the International Association of Lions Clubs, the world's largest service organization. We change lives. We support our communities in every way we can. We provide disaster relief. We provide help to the sight and hearing impaired and help our youth. We raise funds to do so in many fun ways. Here is my card (or telephone number)."

**Did you know...
24% of Lions Club
members in our
district are
women?**



MERL transitions to Global Leadership Team and Global Membership Team

Lion Don Hook, DG

The GMT group (under MERL) has been functioning as a group for two years and will continue its pattern of success under 2nd VDG Bob Surovitz and GMT Coordinator and Membership Specialist, Todd Hoffman. On behalf of the Governor Team, I want to personally thank Lion Todd for accepting this challenge and putting his personal ambitions aside to concentrate on this lifeblood issue.

The position of Membership Specialist has been created to work one-on-one with only two clubs per year to run a concentrated membership program. The intent is to staff this position with an experienced Zone Chair who will stay in the advancement program to Governor under slightly revised guidelines. As we develop some more experienced Zone Chairs we hope to have up to three Membership Specialists. This will enable us to better serve our clubs with the by-product of having a deeper talent pool for our top leadership positions.

We are chartering the new Evanston Sunrise Lions on June 21, and June 5 installed the new Borderline LEO Club in Winthrop Harbor. We are seeing some revitalization in clubs that have been stalled for awhile. They are currently working with three clubs but have the capacity to work with more.

The GLT will be led by 1st VDG Dennis Burns and myself as GLT Coordinator. We hope to provide meaningful training on leadership and motivation to our Club and District Officers and Committee Chairs.



PCC Mike Baumer will be working with Club Officers. I will be working with Cabinet Officers.

As a trainer by profession, 1st VDG Dennis is looking to implement some new training methods and techniques that will help both with the basic “blocking and tackling” of administering a club, as well as assisting Lion PCC Mike and myself, teaching club management skills, leadership skills and motivational speaking.

Who Are Lions?

Lions meet the needs of local communities and the world. The 1.35 million members of our volunteer organization in 206 countries and geographic areas are different in many ways, but share a core belief – community is what we make it.

Anyone traveling to Anchorage for the [USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum](#) will receive a 7% discount automatically when travel arrangements fall within the guidelines given and are made directly with Alaskan Air. Other airlines such as United and American, also have fares below \$500. So, there is NO reason NOT to attend the Anchorage Forum this September. Registration fee is \$260, which includes 4 meals, 4 great speakers, and Forum materials. The registration fee goes up June 16. All 9 hotels have rooms still available, so chances are you will be placed in the hotel of your choice if you register quickly.

PID Bud Wahl, General Chair
2011 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



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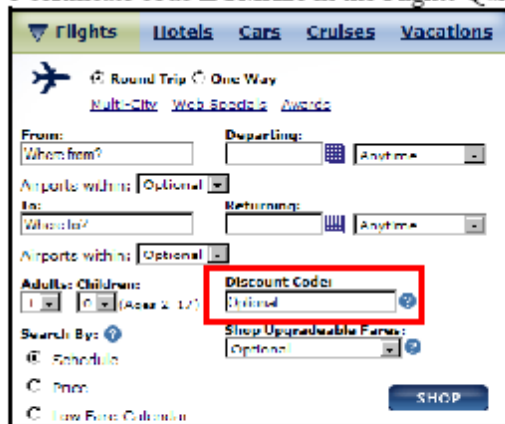
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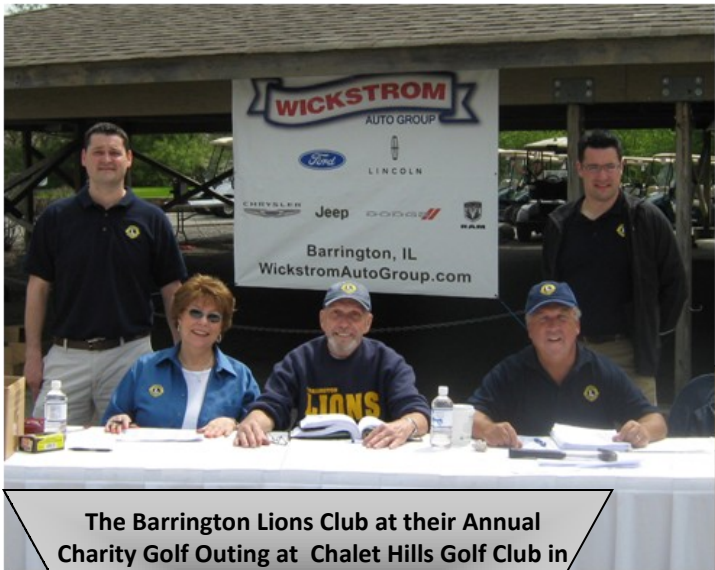
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The Zion Lions Club was presented with the traveling Tootsie Pop Day trophy from the Lions of Illinois Foundation at the State Convention on Sunday, May 15th in Effingham. In the picture: holding the trophy is Zion Lion President Leroy Graham, next to him in the front is Lion Lou VanTreck. Back: Lion Richard Coombe, incoming secretary Kristine Lindsey and Lion Steve Willett ZC.

Lions Motto: "We Serve"



The Barrington Lions Club at their Annual Charity Golf Outing at Chalet Hills Golf Club in Cary, May 9, 2011. Pictured ready to welcome the event golfers are Barrington Lions (left) Chris Graves, Lily Rudnick, Glenn Engelhardt, Don Thompson and Nick Howard.



Lake Villa Township Lions present their first college scholarship. Pictures are Lions Jean Hlavin, Mike Kaniok, Barb Stout, Jean Smuda, Caroline Jacobson and scholarship winner Alex Stephan



WANTED: Pictures of your Club activities and events for the newsletter. Please send with caption (including names) to: D1Fnewsletter@aol.com