



GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Lions of District 1-F:

We were all saddened by the passing of Newsletter Editor Lion Ed Mahoney. Ed was a talented and dedicated Lion who gave many years of great service to Lions and those we serve. Ed was not an easy person to replace but Lion Shelly Gallagher from the Lake Villa Township Lions has graciously stepped forward to fill his shoes. With great pleasure I announce the appointment of Michelle (Shelly) Gallagher as both the District 1-F Newsletter Editor and the Illinois State Magazine District 1-F Sub-Editor. Shelly is very experienced and competent. She will fill Lion Ed Mahoney's shoes admirably with the same dedication and attention to detail as he had. I am extremely grateful to her for stepping up to the plate and excited that she has immediately grasped the communication philosophy that Lion Ed and I had developed. **NOTE THAT THE NEW NEWSLETTER ADDRESS IS D1FNewsletter@aol.com. This is different!!**

Now that we are back on track the newsletter will be out on schedule.

I am pleased to report that we are on track for significant growth for the year. We show break even on the official international report but we have good numbers in hand and should show a nice gain for November. I would especially like to congratulate Lake Villa Township and Lake Forest/Lake Bluff for +23% and +25%, respectively, YTD growth! As I travel around the District I hear that many clubs are about to offset their drops from the beginning of the year. Lastly, the new Evanston Sunrise Club is close to Charter Status! I firmly believe that all this is from "getting back to the basics" by focusing on SERVICE, being PROUD of being a Lion and letting people KNOW we are the best opportunity for public service around! Keep up the good work so we may continue to fulfill the needs of our communities for many years to come.

If you are struggling with retention and/or growth issues please contact Lion 1st VDG Walt Holden or your Zone Chair for help from the Membership or Retention Team, they are well equipped and ready to help you!

We are working very hard on the final details of the convention which will be the first weekend in March. We are in the process of finalizing some dynamic speakers. We have reorganized the event and have added Sunday back. Basically, Friday is fun and celebrating/recognizing who we are, Saturday is our annual business and two speakers on important Lions topics and Sunday is all about Leadership. Look for a Special Edition of The Beacon in December with a full schedule and details (including on-line registration).

Thanks to all for your support, hard work and dedication!

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**EDWARD "ED"
MAHONEY**

**November 24, 1933 -
August 29, 2010**



We are deeply saddened by the loss of our friend and Newsletter Editor Ed Mahoney.

Ed was a paratrooper for the 82nd Airborne and was discharged holding the rank of staff sergeant. He was proud of his service to his country and had wonderful stories of "jumping out of a perfectly good airplane." Ed was the founder of Ultra Printing, where he continued to enjoy working up to his death. Ed was a member of the Vernon Hills Lions Club, and served for many years as a District Coordinator for the Lions of Illinois Foundation and as a member of the District Cabinet. Ed was a Past President of the Vernon Hills Lions Club and a member of the Board of Directors for 25 years. He was a Melvin Jones Fellow and a Lions of Illinois Fellow. Ed was one of the founding parishioners of St. Mary of Vernon, was a Eucharistic minister, and with his wife, Sue, was involved in Marriage Preparation and was a devoted family man and grandfather.

Ed touched the lives of many and was always there to volunteer his services to help others. He will be sorely missed, but memories of his kindness, bright smile, and infectious laughter will continue. Ed truly believed in Melvin Jones motto: "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else." Melvin Jones would be extremely pleased with Ed; for he "went far", indeed.

In memoriam, the family has requested donations to The Lions of Illinois Foundation.

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, "I used everything you gave me".

Erma Bombeck



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



Lions Focus on Service

My slogan for my year as Governor will be "Lions Focus on Service."

It will be on my pin and on the front cover of my Directory. It will remind me that the first duty of a Lion is to serve his community. I did not have to look far to find inspiration for this slogan. Lion Bob Abbott lived a life of service. We all know that Bob was a dedicated Lion. He served his Waukegan Little Fort Lions Club as its "100% Secretary" for 35 years. Being a Lion was only part of his life of service. He was also a leader in his profession. His obituary in the Lake County News-Sun listed 27 awards that he had won stemming from his career as teacher of the multiply handicapped and disabled. The honor that he held to be the highest in his life was having a public school named after him. The Robert E. Abbott School stands a monument to Lion Bob's dedication to public service.

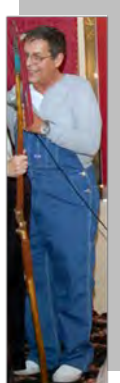
Few of us can climb to the heights of service reached by Lion Bob; but we can volunteer to help in our places of worship, our schools, our community organizations, and our Lions Club. We should be ready to accept Lion offices and committee assignments, to work in our club's fund raisers, and contribute our share to make all our Lions projects successful.

During my time of producing "My Lions Club" several Lions told me stories about when they knew that "they really became Lions." It was when they knew that they had done something that actually made another person's life better. This was their "Lions Pay Day."

If we truly focus on service, we may have many Lion pay days in our future.

Lion Dennis Burns, 2nd VDG 1-F

It doesn't seem like it, but we're fast approaching the mid-point of our Lions year. I've really enjoyed serving as your Second Vice-District Governor and am looking forward to the days to come. My intention is still to visit as many clubs as I can this year, especially those that I did not get to visit while I served as a Zone Chair. So please keep me in mind and let me know about your coming events.



When I became a Zone Chair and started visiting clubs, I had one request. How can I help? It was not and still is not my job to tell you what to do. It is my job to support and assist you to help those less fortunate, to become a better and stronger Lion, and create a strong Lions Club. So, please do not hesitate to call me if you feel that I can help. I'm not a mind reader and reports never tell the whole story. I need your help in order to help you.

This year, I had the honor of chairing the District Fall Event, AKA: The Pig Pen Derby. In looking back at the original Pig Pen Derbies, I learned that it initially started as a costume party. And with that in mind, and to use an old idea to bring new fun to the event, I brought the costume party back. I had a lot of fun advertising "(Street) clothing optional" to catch your attention. And it seemed to have worked, there were a lot of great costumes: the pirates, the clowns, Mr. Big Money, Cinderella and Prince Charming, the Big Bad Wolf, and many more. And we also had a great turnout for this year's Pig Pen Derby with Lion PID Phil Tom and Lion Betty joining the festivities. I admit to being biased, but I think we were able to accomplish what we set out to do: provide a very enjoyable evening for the Lions of District 1-F.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those who helped make the Pig Pen Derby a success. To those Lions and their guests who came for the fun and fellowship, thanks for coming and I hope we met your

expectations and thanks to all the "jockeys", you road your "steeds" with pride. There's also a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes and a lot of Lions put in a lot of time. It would make for a very long list with I were to mention all the clubs and individual Lions that donated prizes or financial support. So please, allow me to just to say thank you; you know who you are and we couldn't have had the Pig Pen Derby without your participation. There are a few that went above and beyond the call that I cannot omit. Lion DG Don: thanks for the confidence and support; it means a lot. I would like to especially thank Lion SZC Bob Surovitz and Lion Terri Surovitz. For those of you who are not aware, Lions Bob and Terri are the individuals who spent a lot of time gathering, organizing, and decorating all the racing prizes. And then, there's Colony Press who printed new racing tickets for this year's event allowing us to put a "new" face on our "steeds" and binding our racing packs. And to my better half: thanks for all the "little" things that you did and had to put up with; they sure weren't little to me.

Lion DG Don has an exciting year planned with emphasis on leadership and membership. I encourage you to take advantage of the programs that he is setting up. I've been privileged to be a part of that planning this year and can tell you that Lion DG Don has come up with some new ideas to make the programs both informative and interesting. This isn't going to be a year of the same old thing; you're not going to be lectured to, you're going to be invited to be involved. And in the process, you'll probably have a lot of fun. As an old saying goes: "Try it; you'll like it."

Again, I'm here to help. Let me know how I can.





We would like to celebrate the one year Charter Anniversary of the Elk Grove Leos, they have had a wildly successful year! They were awarded the LEO Club Excellence Award and LEO President Rachel Kaim was named as District 1F LEO of the Year.

This is the first Leo Club in the District in many years. There are possibly two more in the formation process. With the emphasis on public service in our schools this is an ideal time to look to forming a Leo Club in your community.

Sponsoring a Leo club brings new, young energy to your Lions club. Increases your Lions club's community exposure and attracts potential members and provides the satisfaction of mentoring and helping today's youth and young adults become better citizens and leaders for life.

Objective

To provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international community.

Motto

- ◆ **Leadership: Leo members acquire skills as project organizers and motivators of their peers.**
- ◆ **Experience: They discover how teamwork and cooperation can bring about change in their community and the world.**
- ◆ **Opportunity: Leos develop positive character traits and receive recognition for their contributions.**

FOR A COMPLETE GUIDE TO FORMING A LEO CLUB - CUT AND PASTE THIS LINK INTO YOUR INTERNET BROWSER - <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/youth/leo-zone/sponsoring-a-leo-club/index.php> OR GO TO <http://www.lionsclubs.org> AND TYPE "SPONSORING A LEO CLUB" IN THE SEARCH FIELD.

Two Lions

Once upon a time, long, long ago there were two unique lions in the jungles of Africa. Both, it seems, had human-like qualities that made them claim territory, daring the other to cross over the line. Strange as it seems, the boundary between their turf was a well traveled trail through the jungle.

All day every day, both lions lay in the brush staring across the trail at their compatriot, daring him to cross into their territory.

The local natives knew of this animal feud, but all this was unbeknown to African Jack, a well-known and must publicized guide who did not speak Lionese and was unfamiliar with the territory.

While he was leading a safari through the jungle, walking all day and cutting vines with their machetes, all this constant hacking brush had them worn to a frazzle. After seeing two or three of his safari drop from exhaustion, African Jack decided to stop on the trail between these two lions and camp for the night.

After setting up camp, eating, and getting his safari settled African Jack sat on a stump and began reading. While he was busily engaged in the printed page, the two lions, simultaneously, pounced on African Jack and ate him on the spot.

When the 6 o'clock news heard of the tragedy, they reported, "African Jack killed this evening. The motive is unclear, but it is reported he was reading between the lions."

"I want Lions to realize they are the ones that people look to for a promise of a better tomorrow.
They are the Beacon of Hope."

Sid L. Scruggs III
International President 2010-2011

ZONER'S CORNER...



Ang Marcheschi Zone

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

Lion Steve Willett, ZC

The Zone breakfast was held on Sunday, September 12th at Hackney's in Glenview. Thank you to the Lions that attended from Niles, Skokie and Winnetka. A joint zone meeting with ZC Molly's clubs is being held on Thursday, November 18th at the White Eagle in Niles. Canine Companions is presenting the program. I would like to thank PDG Lion Tom Laws for all his help in coordinating the program. We're looking forward to meeting the people the canines serve, as well as the puppy raisers. A club visit has been made to Glenview and I am looking forward to getting the other clubs scheduled. If anyone in the Zone needs any help please call me at 847-208-0099, I'm here to serve YOU!



Melvin Jones Zone

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

Lion Bob Surovitz,
Senior ZC

It has been a very busy fall. The Zone itself has been doing very well. Two clubs had very successful fund raisers. The Fox Lake Lions held their annual Flower Show and the Lake Villa Township Lions their annual Fall Pancake Breakfast. I myself attended the USA Canada Forum in Milwaukee, WI as well as the MD-1 Forum in Bloomington, IL. I will be leaving November 17th to attend the Senior Lions Leadership Institute in Albuquerque, NM. That's about it for now. I would like to congratulate Lion President Dominic and the Lake Villa Township club for having a great year in membership growth.



Lion Martin Reading, ZC

Jim O'Connor Zone

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

I am Lion Martin J Reading (Marty) and I have been asked to be the Zone Chair of the Jim O'Connor Zone by Lion Don Hook DG for the year 2010-2011. I am looking forward to serving my 2nd year as Zone Chair and would like to make sure that all my clubs have my contact information, LionMartyReading@aol.com, cell phone 847-980-6986. Most of my clubs I have enjoyed visiting already this year and have enjoyed the welcome I have received from each and every Lion I have had the pleasure to meet. I would like to remind everyone to check your emails and to pay special attention to the one about the District Orientation scheduled for 7:00PM – 9:00PM on December 3, 2010, at the State Bank of The Lakes located at 50 Commerce Drive, Grayslake, IL. I wish everyone a joyous Holiday Season.



Lion Molly Penny, ZC

Milt Tuttle Zone

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

My husband Julian and I attended Mount Prospect's annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner at St. Paul's School in Mount Prospect on November 5, 2010. As the new zone chair of the Milt Tuttle Zone, it's considered a duty and honor to attend zone activities and meet and greet club presidents, secretaries, and as many members as possible. We were amazed at the overwhelming support that the Mount Prospect Lions receive at this annual event, both in attendance and contributions from the community. PDG Lion Tom Laws greeted us and escorted us to our seats. All 42 tables in the gym were full of happy Lions and friends engaging in conversation and enjoying the great-tasting food. Raffles and bidding on "big ticket items" followed, interspersed with several dollar games which gave everyone a chance to stand and stretch, and pass your dollar to the next person. It was a wonderful evening for everyone.

ZONER'S CORNER CONTINUED...



Lion Wayne Deasy, ZC

Richard Kerscher Zone

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

The next meeting of the Rich Kerscher Zone will be Monday, November 29 at the Lake Zurich Lions Club Den, 81 E. Main Street, Lake Zurich. I will e-mail details of time & cost to the clubs.



Lion Todd Hoffman, ZC

Russ Boehm Zone

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

My name is Lion Todd Hoffman and I have been a member of the Prospect Heights Lions for nearly ten years. When I joined, my club was not very active in recruiting new members which threatened our very existence. Not being the timid type, I decided to do something about it and made recruitment my main focus. Eight new members later, our club has made the turn and is now beginning to grow again. All of us need to make it a point to bring one new guest to our meetings each year, not only for the good of our individual clubs but for Lions as a whole.

My favorite part of being a Lion is being able to help people of our community in their time of need. Whether it is providing glasses for our local children, sponsoring kids at Camp Lions or our local park district, helping stock our local food pantries or any of the many other ways we help our community.... I love doing it!

It is my goal as a Zone Chairman to bring the same passion in serving my local club, to serving the clubs in my Zone.



The 1-F District Convention is quickly approaching. Watch for a special edition of The Beacon in December.

Your help is needed right now!

Lions Terri Surovitz & Susan Borgwardt are Co-Chairs for the District 1-F Convention's Silent Auction, again this year. They are currently looking for donations (items, baskets, or gift certificates) to help make this years auction the best it can be. **They are asking for items by Friday, December 31.** They will not be accepting items at the convention, since there will be limited space.

If you have any questions or comments please contact Lion Susan Borgwardt at 847-209-7921 or borgwardtsusan@att.net or Lion Terri Surovitz at 847-438-4689.

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OR

Lion Terri Surovitz
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Thank you in advance for your donations!

LIF Trustees Info...



We just returned from Bloomington and the L.I.F. Board of Trustee's Meeting. We took care of some constitutional structural housekeeping issues and focused on the future of the Lions of Illinois Foundation and the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund.

To the point: we are facing a funding level in our budget, which in reality calls for a \$1,500,000 operating budget, but our realistic projections show only \$1,200,000 to \$1,300,000 expected funds from our current fundraisers. Candy Day, Tootsie Pop Day, Adopt a Camper, Birdies for Charity, and Sight and Sound Sweepstakes.

The most critical of these is Candy Day, which just passed, and we need all clubs to please report their efforts. Below is a link from which you may access the Final Candy Day Report Form from the L.I.F. web site: <http://www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org/Forms/pdfs/CandyDay2010FinalRpt.pdf>

The Lions of Illinois Foundation has been operating over the past 10-15 years with a Flat Operational Budget due to our Fund raising efforts having reached a plateau of between \$1,200,000 - \$1,300,000. The result of this is the Foundation cannot properly address the needs of those clients we are mandated to serve.

There are two areas of Fund raising that Clubs throughout the State can assist:

One: Candy Day. If your efforts have not been as successful as you had hoped, please consider supplementing with an additional fundraiser your club could undertake. It could be as simple as asking your local business community to underwrite your efforts on Candy Day. You can still do this after the fact.

Two: Walk for Sight; please make a special effort, to work with us, to make this a successful fundraiser, which could help plug, the gap in our Fundraising efforts.

Remember, without an increase in funding, the ones that will suffer will be Campers, Low Vision Clients and those in most need.

One very bright spot on the Horizon are the new efforts in cooperation with the Heartland Corporation (Burger King). While the initial efforts were not as successful as hoped, we have a very valued and motivated corporate partner to assist us in raising funds for Camp Lions. We are currently in consultation to improve our cooperative efforts to create a Fundraiser that has the potential of eclipsing our own Candy Day.

We need the Lions of District 1-F to reach down into their energy reserves and help us to successfully meet this Challenge.

Our Foundation has changed from awarding plaques for the top clubs in three categories, to having these clubs receive patches. The rationale was that most clubs today do not have club houses and trophy cases, most clubs do have banners on which they could display the patches, and patches are far less expensive than plaques, the result being more individuals served. Congratulations to the following District 1-F clubs:

Club	2009 Candy Day	2009 Sight & Sound	2009 Tootsie Pop Day
Lioness		Elk Grove Village	Elk Grove Village
Small	Wadsworth	Grant Township	Round Lake
Medium	Schaumburg/Hoffman	Glenview	Palatine
Large	Barrington	Lake Zurich	Mount Prospect

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

Focus on those "We Serve"!



Low Vision Screening... the heart of Lionism?

Lion Marianne Bailey

Sight Conservation & Work with the Blind
Coordinator, District 1-F

I believe it is! Most Lions have never had the opportunity to be present for a low vision screening. These screenings are far different from what you and I experience at the ophthalmologists' office. These children have severe visual and physical impairments and in most cases, only partial sight. Children come to us through their special education programs and are seen generally from the ages of 3 to 18.

These are God's Special Angels who will never live a normal life but who warm your heart with their loving smiles no matter how limited their communication skills. In order to examine these children Doctors have developed all manner of creative means for eliciting a response from a non-verbal child. It usually means sitting on the floor in front of the child and moving colorful, bright shiny objects while looking for any kind of reaction; trying different lenses and taking measurements. Most of these children are able to be helped through adaptive devices in addition to their glasses.

Think of the joy you bring to these families by helping their "special angels". There is never a dry

eye in the house when a child reacts and makes it known that he can see something! Most children leave having been fitted for new glasses and with \$1000 in adaptive technologies and devices to make their lives better and aid in their education.

This is what it's all about. You cannot put a price tag on these small victories. This is what Melvin Jones and Helen Keller wanted us to do. I am so proud to be able to coordinate these efforts for the vision screening. The cost of these screenings has doubled in the past year and is now more than \$500. This program alone costs the Foundation more than \$130,000. each year. If each club would sponsor even one screening it would help toward meeting the tremendous need.

Will you be my "Special Angels" and help a child see more today than he was able to yesterday?

God Bless you for all the work you do for the Blind, Deaf and Diabetics in this District. The world is better for your having been a Lion!





Fox Lake Lions Shirley Brophy, Headstart Site Director Lion Barbara Lukes, Shirley Sheets and Diane Brumbach admire Dave Herzog's marionette star, Flash, the Wonder Dog at a performance at the Fox Lake/Ingleside Headstart site.



Vernon Hills Lions Amber Martinez, Gabe Cotton, John Blackburn, Bernie Dost, Don Hook, Laura Jurey, Len Smith, Valerie Kanuch, Mel Norman and Gary Zabilka at the July 4th parade with "honorary Member" Matthew Jurey .



Lake Villa Township Lions Barb Stout, Julie Stanley and Michelle Marturano picking up trash during the Fall Adopt-A-Highway cleanup in October.



Winthrop Harbor Life members: Lions Mike Damko, Sandy Bradbury, Jack Bradbury, Barbara Abboud, PDG Louis Abboud, Hayden Evans, Al Alexander and Phil Leable. Sandy Bradbury received her life membership that evening.

Which phrase describes you?

“No we can’t”

or

“How can we?”

The Winthrop Harbor Lions celebrated their 56th Charter Night November 5th. DG Lion Don Hook was in attendance & is shown installing the club's newest member Lion Peter Brush (right) & Peter's sponsor, Hayden Evans (center).



The Lake Villa Township Lions Club John Janega Memorial Park Ribbon Cutting in Lindenhurst on June 2, 2010



Did you know?...
In 1987
 the international constitution eliminated the word "male" as a condition for membership, encouraging women to become Lions.



Lions Blackburn and Cotton of the Vernon Hills Lions Club getting ready for the 4th of July parade.

