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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Lions of District 1-F:

As we approach the spring and the promise it brings, let us all concentrate on finishing strong. We have just had a wonderful and inspiring convention. Some long dormant clubs are becoming reenergized. As a District, we are within striking distance of a positive growth year. Our clubs have done some great service projects.

We have transitioned our MERL Team into the new Global Membership Team and Global Leadership Team Initiative. The District Membership Team is actively and successfully helping Clubs. I will be working with Lion Governor Elect Walt over the balance of the year to strengthen our leadership training.

I would like to publicly thank Convention Chair Lion Don Borgwardt for his efforts in producing exactly what I requested in a Convention. If you enjoyed it as much as I please thank him. My thanks also go to the clubs who were actively involved.

Last year Elk Grove started our first Leo Club in many years. I am pleased to report that on Friday March 18th I turned in the organization papers for the new Borderline Leo Club, sponsored by Winthrop Harbor and spearheaded by Lion Angie Terracciano. I strongly encourage other clubs to consider this. This infusion of energy and excitement does wonders for the sponsoring club while introducing Lions to a new generation and their families.

We are making progress in becoming a stronger healthier organization. Let's all remember the choices we can make. The choice to make sure that we are relevant in our communities, to support our core missions and to insure that when we are gone there will be others to continue our service mission.

As we transition to a new Lion's year we cannot take our eye off the ball. Let's all close strong like champions!

LION DON



**REGISTRATION OPENS FOR
AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION
CAMPS**

For many children with diabetes and their parents, canoeing and camping are the last things on their minds in the winter months. But now is the perfect time to start thinking about the summer and signing up for an American Diabetes camp. Registration for most camps has begun at www.diabetes.org/camps

In addition to typical camp activities, kids can make friends and learn more about their diabetes at ADA Diabetic Camps. All camps are equipped with supplies, medical staff trained in diabetes management, and experienced volunteer staff. There are 42 ADA Diabetes Camps offering 54 sessions in 26 states. Most camps are overnight stays for kids under 18, though 17 of the sessions are day camps only that are geared for kids 4 to 14. For more information, visit www.diabetes.org/camps

**DISTRICT 1-F
SCAVENGER HUNT
ROAD RALLY**



**SUNDAY MAY 29, 2011
4:00 p.m.**

**VERNON HILLS LIONS DEN
294 Evergreen Drive, Vernon Hills, IL**

**\$30.00 per person entry fee
Includes dinner**

**Look for details and registration
info @ <http://district1flions.com/>
SOON!**

LIP No Lunch

Saturday, April 30

For various reasons, Lip N Lunch will be in a different format this year. There will be joint opening session for all participants demonstrating the "Fish" teamwork philosophy. There will then be four concurrent sessions: One for Presidents and Vice Presidents on various leadership issues and the required basic training mandated by International; one for Secretaries; and one for Treasurers. The fourth session will be for any Lion and will present what's new in Lionism and a refresher on our Foundations: Lions of Illinois Foundation (local mission) - LCIF (Our global mission). All Lions are welcome for any session. There will be no lunch and all will be out by 11:15. Look for registration forms soon!

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



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



The District Convention started Friday night with the Elk Grove Village Leo's leading the Parade of Banners. Watching the Leo's herd those grown-up's through their paces and getting them to put their banners in exactly the right place was worth the registration price. All the quest speakers were terrific! Coach Tim Lenahan talked about how to make any team a winner; ID Doug Alexander was both down to earth and inspiring; Chief "Buzz" Melton was downright heroic with his exciting story about the train that was stuck in the burning tunnel. After hearing those three gentlemen any Lion would be motivated to action!

ID Alexander presented an International Leadership Medal to Lion April Frick PDG. He also presented were given the International President's "Certificate of Appreciation" to Lions Betty Burns (Lake Villa) and Kathleen Marusich.. Lion Van Stone presented an "LIF Lifetime Achievement Award" to PDG John McCann; and a Leaf on "The Tree of Service" in memory of Lion Ed Mahoney. Lions PDG Priscilla and Geary Hedrick were also honored for their dedicated service to the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

Governor Don Hook honored Lions with District level awards. Lion Robert Surovitz was given the Milt Tuttle Award for the outstanding Cabinet member of the year; Lion Ron Niemaszyk the Richard Kerscher Award as "Lion of the Year"; and Lion Harold Flood the John Greener Award for adherence to the Lions Code of Ethics in daily life.

Lake Villa Township received two major District awards. Lion Michelle Gallagher the Robert Abbott Award for outstanding club officer of the year; and the Club the "Ang" Marcheschi Award for "The Club of the Year". This award, given by the Governor, goes to the Club that deserves special recognition for exemplary service to it's' community, significant growth, operational improvement, and successful completion of a major project.

The award was earned as a result of planning and hard work. At the beginning of the Lion Year the Club decided on the "Path for the Year" and budgets were planned. The Board of Directors was streamlined and each member of the Board given a specific job. The 1st V.P. assigned to administer the programs; 2nd V.P. the fund-raiser; and 3rd V.P. recommended how the money would be spent. The system worked!

The Club had a very successful Candy Day, donating 100% of the money to LIF. Four children were sent to Camp Lions! Both the spring and fall pancake breakfasts were sold out. The Club also awarded its' first college scholarship to a highly qualified high school student.

Of course, such success has to be celebrated. Each successful project is topped off with an open house party for everyone, both Lions and volunteers, who worked the event. Lion President Dominic Marturano summed up the attitude of the Club when he said: "Lions work hard to help the community and they have fun doing it. If it not fun, it's not Lionism". The big party of the year is the annual Pig Roast which is held in late August. Lion President Dom says that it is a great opportunity to meet new people and invite them to join the Club.

Congratulations Lion Walt on your election to the office of District Governor, Lion Bob on your election to the office of 2nd Vice-District Governor, and Lion PDG Priscilla on your election to the office of Lions of Illinois Foundation Trustee. I'm looking forward to working with you during the coming Lion's year.

This year's District Convention is now history and for those who were not able to attend the convention, you really missed one the best conventions in many years. There were a lot of changes made to this year's convention: we went back to a three day format, reorganized the order and content of the sessions, and went to a combination of individual and joint hospitality rooms. Lion DG Don was also able to bring in some excellent speakers. I'd like to extend a big pat on the back to this year's convention committee. Not only was this a job well done, this convention has set a bench mark that's going to be hard to surpass.

The District Convention does not mark the end of the Lion's year. There's still a lot going on and a lot to do. Many clubs have projects going on that could use your support. I encourage all the Lions in District 1-F to periodically check our District 1-F Web Site to see what's going on throughout the district. I also ask all the clubs to take advantage of the District Web Site and another means to advertise your project at no charge. How's this for an idea? How about looking at these various clubs projects from a different perspective? Yes, your participation will help make the project a success and allow that club to provide assistance in their community. But, can a similar project help your club achieve one or more of their objectives. Just a thought if your club is looking for something new. There's nothing wrong with borrowing ideas!

We're also reaching a point where we need to start looking at next year. It's time to prepare for your election of next year's officers. And once these officers have been elected, it is very important that their election is reported to BOTH Lions Clubs International and District 1-F. New officers are reported to Lion Clubs International through the WMMR membership reporting. Unfortunately, for many reasons, it is not practical to the district to rely on this as the only source for its list of club officers. For this reason, a District 1-F PU101 (officer reporting form) was developed and sent to all club secretaries. Both forms are important and need to been completed as soon as possible after the officers are elected.

One last thing, your District officers are here to help. Please let us know how we can help.

ZONER'S CORNER...



Melvin Jones Zone

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

Lion Bob Surovitz,
Senior ZC

My year as Zone Chairman is coming to an end. I have to say it's been a great year. In the beginning of the Lion year I only thought I need to get the zone meetings over with. To me the zone meetings are one of the most important phases a Zoner has to do. You have to think about attendance, the location, and most of all the content.

Now that my last zone meeting as a Zoner is near, I feel sad. I have to move on to my next job as 2nd Vice District Governor, that in itself will bring many new challenges. But in the end, I am leaving my last zone with a great feeling because the Lake Villa Township Lions were awarded many special awards. The Immediate Past President Lion Betty Burns received an International Presidents Award, as well as 100% president. Lion President Dominic Marturano received the A.G. Marcheschi Award for The Lake Villa Township Lions Club. Also, there is the secretary some of you may have heard mentioned a few times at convention, Lion Shelly Gallagher. Not only did she step up to help the Governor with his newsletter, she was awarded 100% Secretary and the first Robert Abbott Award. Also receiving awards were Lion Barbara Lukes of the Fox Lakes Lions, awarded 100% Secretary. And of the Grant Township Lions, Lion Susan Borgwardt awarded 100% president, and Lion Don Borgwardt awarded 100% secretary. I'm very proud to have these clubs in my zone. What a great memory of my last zone.

Russ Boehm Zone



Lion Todd Hoffman, ZC

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

I attended the tri-club meeting consisting of Mundelein, Libertyville, and the Host Vernon Hills. It was a wonderful and informative evening.

District convention was VERY inspiring, energizing, refreshing and most of all fun. The guest speakers were superb.

Our second Zone Meeting will be March 31 2011 at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person, The location will be **Larry Laschen Community Center**, 294 Evergreen Drive Vernon Hills, IL 60061

Ang Marcheschi Zone



Lion Steve Willett, ZC

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

Richard Kerscher Zone



Lion Wayne Deasy, ZC

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



ZONER'S CORNER CONTINUED...



Lion Molly Penny, ZC

Milt Tuttle Zone

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

Milt Tuttle Zone Lions club members should have received information from Lions of Illinois Foundation regarding holding an Alert Day co-sponsored by the American Diabetes Association and our Lions of Illinois Foundation to be held anytime between March 1st and May 11th, which is designated as Diabetes Awareness Month. Donations from any Diabetes Alert Day or any donations to the ADA or the LIF during this period of time will not only go toward the awareness and prevention of diabetes, but will also help fund the Lions research programs and camps for children with diabetes and our own Diabetes Retinopathy Screening program.

Congrats to all Milt Tuttle Zone members and clubs who attended and took part in our District 1-F parade of banners, seminars, hospitality rooms, Salmon races, brag boards, luncheon, Governor's Banquet, and final Sunday morning breakfast. It was great fun and lots of planning. Hope all who attended enjoyed the festivities.

Current Items on District Web Site

www.District1FLions.com

- ◆ Lip No Lunch
- ◆ MD-1 State Convention
- ◆ Walk for Sight



Lion Martin Reading, ZC

Jim O'Connor Zone

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

It is my honor and privilege to invite you and your club to a Zone Meeting of the Jim O'Connor Zone. This meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 29th at **Stone Creek Grill 206 Sheridan Rd, Winthrop Harbor, IL 60096**. The evening will begin at 6:30 P.M. with Social time followed by dinner at 7:00 P.M. The cost of the dinner is \$18.00 per person.

The evening is planned to be both fun and informative. The primary emphasis of the meeting will be on Membership. Each of the clubs will be asked for updates on new members. I am hoping to have a special presentation for the attending members which would be a great opportunity for any members that may have not attended a zone meeting before.

Please, RSVP by March 25th. I can be reached by phone at (847) 980-6986, fax at (847) 546-6092, or by email at LionMartyReading@aol.com.

If you have any questions or if I can help in any way, please let me know.

I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

District convention photos
are on-line now.

Go to the District 1-F website and
click on NEW POSTS on the top left of the
page.

Lion Jack Brey took 587 pictures during
the weekend!

Thanks Lion Jack



LIF Trustees Info...



Choices

Tim Lenehan, Men's Soccer Coach, Northwestern University

Friday night at the Opening Session of the District 1-F Convention we heard Tim Lenehan, speak about choices, passion, and attitude. He suggested that the choices we make have a direct bearing on the passion we bring to our Lions activities. When we make good choices, we come away with a positive attitude.

Lion Buzz Melton, State Retention Chairman

Saturday morning, Lion Buzz spoke about his role in the Baltimore train tunnel fire in 2001. Lion Buzz was Battalion Fire Chief of the Baltimore City Fire Department. He made connections between the choices needed in the time of emergency of the train wreck and resulting fire, and our need to make choices as Lions: choices about our clubs and new members; choices about our individual support of the programs of the Lions. Lion Buzz did tell us that we need to get up off our a**** and make the choices that will best benefit those we serve.

Lion Van C. Stone, Lions of Illinois Foundation Executive Director

Lion Van also spoke about choices. If we choose to participate in Candy Day, if we choose to participate in Tootsie Pop Day, Sight & Sound Sweepstakes, and the Walk for Sight, Birdies for Charity, then the programs of our Foundation will continue to be a leader of service in this state and in this country. If we choose not to participate, it is the children and adults not receiving service that will be hurt. We choose to participate and help those we serve or we choose to not participate.

**Focus on those
“We Serve”!**

“It is said some lives are linked across time; connected by an ancient calling that echoes through the ages” a quote from a recent movie which expresses how each Lion connects each generation. Anne Sullivan touched Helen Keller’s life and she has touched 1.3 million lives through time by Lions Clubs International. Will we be the one who chooses to carry the challenge forward or let the echo fade into the past?

All Candy Day donations are, or should have been sent in with the final report.

Upcoming events:

Birdies for Charity— District Chair is Lion Footloose.
Sight & Sound Sweepstakes— District Chair is Lion Terrence Dooley. Your club should have their books.

Tootsie Pop Day, May 6 & 7 Information at www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org

Walk for Sight— District Chair is Martha Garlock. June 11 at Lakewood Forest Preserve. New forms will be available soon at www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org

The choice is yours.

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



USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

As General Chairperson of the 2011 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, I want to personally invite you to this great learning event. Anchorage Alaska will be the site for this fall's top North American Lions educational experience. September 22-24, Lions from all across the United States and Canada will converge on the "Land of the Midnight Sun" to sharpen their leadership skills, renew old friendships and make new friends.

AIR FARES are still LOW! As of March 15th, a round trip non-stop fare from Chicago O'Hare to Anchorage with either United or Alaskan Air was still **UNDER \$500!!!** Peoria to Anchorage, round trip one-stop with American was **about \$600.**

Hotel rates of **\$99 per night** are still available!

Early bird registration fee is only \$260! It increases \$20 June 16.

You are encouraged to visit our website at www.usacanadalionsforum.org and check out the November and January Newsletters which are loaded with information on the speakers, seminars and hotels, along with articles on Alaska. Also on the home page is a printable registration form. **You can also register online with the online registration form.**

If you are/were thinking about attending the Forum in Anchorage, **DON'T PUT IT OFF ANY LONGER!** These low air fares won't last forever, and the hotels will begin to fill up quickly. So, please accept my invitation to join me and other Lions from across North America in Anchorage, September 22-24 this year for the most memorable Forum ever, our 35th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. I look forward to welcoming you!

Sincerely,

Bud Wahl

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

WANTED

2012 LIONS OF ILLINOIS STATE PIN DESIGN

Designs for the 2012 Lions of Illinois State pins are now being accepted. Deadline for the submission of the next's state pin will be April 30, 2011 to the Lions State Office, 19072 State Highway 123, Petersburg, IL 62675.

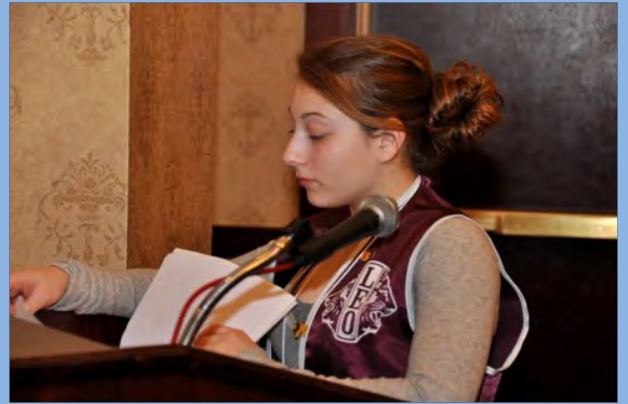
- ◆ The pin must be designed by a Lion, Lioness or Leo of Illinois
- ◆ The theme of the pin is Lions of Illinois and the place of that year's International Convention (**June 22-26, 2012: Busan, Korea.**)
- ◆ The paper size must be 8 ½ by 11 unlined
- ◆ The pin drawing must be close to actual size
- ◆ Design must be submitted in triplicate of which one must be in full color
- ◆ Two colors plus the background color can be used
- ◆ The pin must include the Lions emblem, Lions of Illinois, MD 1, 2012 (year), and place of the International Convention (**June 22-26, 2012: Busan, Korea.**)
- ◆ On the back of each copy the submitter must have their name, address, phone and club
- ◆ All entries become the property of the Lions of Illinois and reserve the right to reject any application that does not meet the pin design specifications.

The winner of the design will be awarded five (5) each of the pins, charms and stick pins





Waukegan Uptown Lions Club attendees and Seattle Banquet centerpiece designers Lions Cathy Smith, Nedra Cannon, Kathleen Hook, Molly M. Penny, and Lion Barb Lahtinen of Elk Grove Village Lions Club, Registration Chair



Elk Grove Village Leo Marki Kaim introduces the Parade of Banners



PDG's from District 1-A- The Pin Traders with District 1-F PDG Lion Bill Jordan



Governor Don Hook addresses the Convention

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

Did you know... as of February 2011 District 1-F has 1,266 members.



2011 District 1-F Convention

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