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A message from
the Governor

**Marilyn
Miedzianski**

We are over the halfway mark into this Lions year. They say time flies when you have fun and I certainly have had a good time as your Governor. I have enjoyed meeting Lions from all ends of the district and I have visited some towns for the first time, attending celebrations and events. But, no matter where I go I find the same dedication to serve their community – and you all do just that.

As we are coming into the last half of the year I will remind you that in order to qualify for the Club Improvement awards I must receive your information. The M & A report does tell me what is going on but be specific. On pages 8 & 9 of the directory we have listed the requirements and check to see what you may need to accomplish by the end of the year.

Membership continues to be our focus; we just have to begin to build our numbers if we are to be able to continue to provide the same good service. Be sure to call on our membership leaders in the district – they can visit your club and give you pointers on getting new members. PDG Les Wooden is our new membership chair; reach him at 815-699-7269 or 815-303-1525. Our leadership chair, Lion Jama Wahl also has a wealth of information and ideas. She can be reached at 815-672-1832. We have a great membership seminar planned for the convention, don't miss it.

While we continue to strive toward increasing our membership unfortunately we are still back-sliding. The month of November saw an increase of 44 members but a loss of 51. That puts us at a negative 7 and a total of 1267 in our district. If we go below 1250 we will begin to lose privileges as a district. We are 17 away from that happening! Each one of us needs to step up and ask someone to join this great organization. Those clubs adding to their numbers in October (we will always report a month behind because this newsletter goes to print before the end of the current month) are.....Coal City and Minooka. We want to continue to be the greatest service organization in the world and we need many new members to enable us to do so. Just ask!

Please let the rest of us know what your clubs are doing and the events that are coming up.
Happy New Year!

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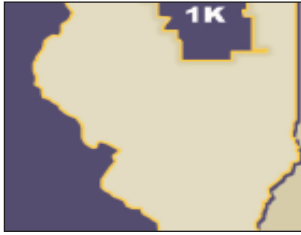
Governor Marilyn

The January 10th Cabinet Meeting will be at the Bruce Township Hall, 218 N. Sterling, Streator. We start at 10:00am and lunch will be at noon. Lunch will be pizza and will only cost us each \$5.00. If you cannot attend or need directions, please call me. 815-252-5011 or CST Foli. All Lions are invited – not just the cabinet.

District 1-K
Newsletter

January 2009

www.lionsdistrict1k.org.



Our website is up and running again. Lion Todd Becker has done a great job of recreating our District 1-K Lions website. Some features of interest are the links to the following : Lions International; Lions of Illinois; Lions of Illinois Foundation; LionNet and Club Locator.

Other features include a listing of Cabinet members, calendar of events and the District Newsletters. Coming soon will be a link with websites from other clubs within the district.

State Magazine Articles and Pictures

We have had many complaints and comments about District 1 K being hardly seen in the state magazine. Many people are still not aware of the guidelines that need to be followed to get their info into the publication. They are:

- All pictures and articles must be sent to the district magazine editor who is Lion Mary Promenschenkel at lions_tm@yahoo.com
- The state editor wants articles and pictures that tell how your activity or event impacts on the community, she does not have room for routine Lions events (candy day etc)
- The ideal way to submit your info is via email and attach your pictures but you can send hard copies if you do not have the internet
- New member info is great to include. Take a picture of the new member but also tell a bit about them, family, job etc. Also why they became a Lion
- Send only timely information. She will not print info about a Halloween party which you sent months later
- Newspaper articles and pictures are not acceptable – they do not copy well

It is Flu Season again!:

Let's keep healthy this flu season by following a few good rules of prevention.

- Wash your hands frequently
- Clean surfaces like telephones and keyboards regularly
- Use tissues when sneezing or coughing. If none are available cough into your sleeve
- Get enough rest, eat well, take a vitamin
- Get a flu shot
- Information about the flu can be found at www.who.org

Presidents, Secretaries & Treasurers

The District will be sending out the second half per diem club dues billings in January. Statements will be directed to your club's Treasurer. Please be punctual with your payment. If your club dues are not paid by our District convention, no one from your club may vote.

CST Bill Foli, PDG

PDG “Tweet” Vaughn

Tweet has been moved from a hospital to a “care center” and is asking about things back home. Cards can be directed to: Clifford Vaughn, 4707 Select Speciality House of Kansas City, 10500 Quurvira Rd. 4W, Overland Park, Kansas 66215.

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Streator Lions Club Annual Trivia Contest

Friday, January 9, 2009
Starts: 7:00 p.m.

Held at: Streator Knights of Columbus
(806 Oakley Ave., Streator)

Team: 5-10 members @ \$10 each

A Musical Trivia Contest will follow - \$5/each

Proceeds to benefit: Streator Lions Projects

Trustee Report

Greetings District 1-K Lions, Lionesses and Leos, I hope that all of our 1-K family had a very Merry Christmas!

Just a reminder that final Candy Day reports and donations are now past due. If your club has not sent in your final report and donation, please do so ASAP. I haven't received any print outs with figures for candy day since about the first of November. These reports were very preliminary because most clubs hadn't filed their final reports. We will keep you informed when the numbers are sent to us. The consensus from Lion Van and most of the Trustees is that Candy Day will be about the same as last year.



District 1-K Foundation Coordinators: We have a coordinator's meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 4, 2009 at The Chateau in Bloomington. Trustee Sandy and I expect ALL of our coordinators to attend this meeting. Susan Young sent everyone a reservation form several weeks ago. If you have not made your reservation, call or e-mail Susan at the Foundation office ASAP.

The Sight & Sound Sweepstakes Tickets will be sent to your club's chairperson or the president after the holidays. This Foundation fundraiser has the potential to be much larger than what it has been. If Lions would just carry a book of the sweepstakes tickets with them, they just about sell themselves. I know for a fact that 1-CS Trustee Russell "Wink" Wingerter sold over 750 books by himself last year! Let's try and improve the numbers for District 1-K this year. The drawing will be held at the Foundation's Annual Meeting at the state convention on Sunday morning.

Any Lion interested in running as the District 1-K Trustee to the Lions of Illinois Foundation for the term from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011 needs to file their nominating papers with the Nomination Committee and the 1-K Clubs 20 days prior to the start of our District 1-K Convention that convenes on April 24, 2009. Any

candidate may contact Trustee Sandy or me and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Trustee Sandy has chosen to not run for another term.

Speaking about the 1-K District Convention in April, PDG George Durbin and myself have been persuaded by Governor Marilyn to be the co-chairpersons for the convention ad book again this year. We will be sending out a letter and all the materials each club will need to conduct a successful ad book campaign around the first part of February. This is a great fundraiser for the district and it's not hard to do. Let's try to improve from last year's numbers. If every club in the district bought a \$50.00 ad, we would generate \$2,000.00 for the district without even trying to solicit ads from local businesses.

I am going to do a little bragging about myself in this last paragraph. A few days ago I received my Key of State from Lions International for sponsoring at least 75 new members.

Membership is a prime concern not only for our district, but for MD-1. It has taken me 38 years to achieve this milestone. Wouldn't it be nice if every member in District 1-K sponsored one new member this Lions' year! Membership also affects our Foundation. The more Lions we have working for our fundraisers, the more people our Foundation can help.

Keep thinking green and saving all those items we recycle.

May all the 1-K family have a prosperous and happy New Year!!

Trustee Bird

HAPPY NEW YEAR



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LIONS OF DISTRICT 1-K

FREE ADVERTISING HERE!

**WHY NOT LET US HELP YOUR CLUB
WITH ADVERTISING YOUR
NEXT EVENT OR PROJECT?**

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO

is send to:

**pgds124@verizon.net
what you would like to include
about your event/project.**

**(newsletters are sent out the
last week of the month)**

“Dandy Lion”

Do not forget the “Dandy Lion” Award available from your Governor. Presidents - just notify the Governor of one or more of your Lions who have exhibited “above and beyond” service to the club. It can be a new fund raiser, a way of doing things, bringing in new Lions or anything you deem to be helpful to your club. The way the little yellow dandelion grows is the way we hope to see these pins given out - prolifically!



***Guiding Lions?* Who are they?
What do they do? Could I be One?
Come to the State Convention and Find
Out! May 15-16, 2009 Lisle, IL**