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A message from
the Governor
**Marilyn
Miedzianski**

Whew! Aren't we glad to have January finished? What a cold, blustery winter. We can only look forward to spring's arrival.

A reminder – be sure to get your dues paid on time. It becomes a bookkeeping nightmare for our hardworking CST – Lion Foli.

The convention team is busy getting the details worked out for our district convention in April – be sure to read the promo sheet in this newsletter. Lots of helpful info and good fun will be enjoyed. Also watch for the data on the State convention in May and the International convention in July.

Membership continues to be our driving issue. Only 13 clubs have a positive number in their membership tally since the start of the Lions year. They are Danvers, Dwight, Gardner, Hudson, LaMoille, Seneca, Mendota, Morris, Normal, Odell, Ottawa, Long Point and Saybrook. While other clubs have added new members they have lost some too and it has made their total number a negative one. Our Past District Governors met in January and are working on a membership plan with our Leadership team – you will be hearing from some of them soon. Two clubs have an open house planned and we will be eager to see the results. I have all the plans for holding an open house so contact me if you are interested.

Many times new Lions (and at times those who are not new) are confused as to cabinet positions and functions of the district.

In this issue and the remaining ones I will have an orientation section to help explain some of these terms and the responsibilities. Many times we agree to fill a cabinet position with no clue as to what is expected. I hope this helps. If there are any other things you want more information about just contact me or our busy Leadership chair, Lion Jama Wahl. She has a great club improvement session listed in this newsletter for February. Please take advantage of this to help your club to function to the best that it can.

Again 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 so check to see what you may need to accomplish by the end of the year.

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

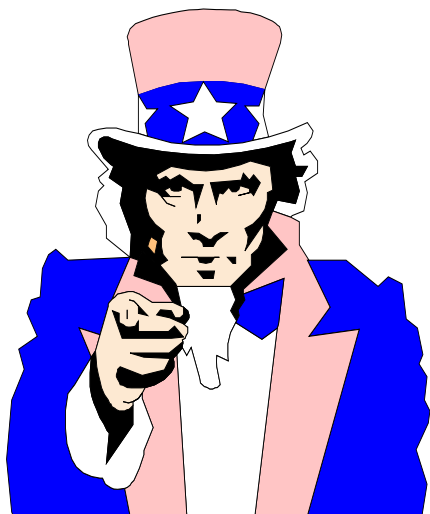
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Governor Marilyn

The last cabinet meeting of this year will be at the convention, see the flyer in this issue to read all the details. How exciting that for the first time we will be electing a second Vice District Governor for the district. Once elected, both Vice Governors will work with the new Governor as they learn about district leadership.



District 1-K
Newsletter



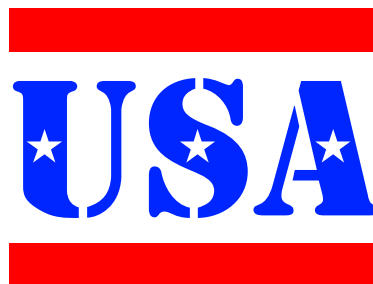
WE WANT YOU
to joins us at the Convention!

When: **April 24 & 25th**

Where: **Hawthorne Suites in Bloomington**

Lions Sandy Sowers & John Pajkos have been working hard to arrange a great convention for 1-K. Mark your calendars, more info and registration forms to follow in the next newsletter.
Friday Night Hospitality Room

There will be food, music, fun and games but best of all, meeting fellow Lions. This will all be done with a fun **patriotic theme** to honor the **SOS project** sponsored by 1- K from 2003 to 2008. Lions Mary & Tim Promenschenkel will be serving up tasty tidbits. If you are a veteran, wear your uniform, cammies or whatever. Who knows, Rosie the Riveter may even join us!



Saturday

Since getting new members to join our clubs has been difficult we are bringing in a dynamic membership duo from Indiana. They will spend time on Saturday morning sharing tips on how to increase our membership. Don't miss this great session. Lion Van Stone will also be doing a session on, "How to Sell". The silent auction will open to offer great bargains with Lions Mark & Patty Ferguson running the show. Saturday afternoon will be a busy one with a LIF program, the business meeting, and a meaningful memorial service to honor those Lions who have passed away in the past year. We will end with the Governor's reception and the banquet in the evening. Remember, first time District 1- K attendees register free.

District 1 K is divided into 6 zones

Region Chairpersons – There are two region zone chairpersons, one for the North and the other for the South. Their purpose is to work with the Zone chairpersons in their area to see that the meetings are held, the club visits are made and club problems solved. They also attend zone meetings if possible. They are on the Governor's cabinet and are to attend the four meetings.

Zone Chairpersons – There are six zone chairpersons. They work with the Region chairpersons to arrange zone meetings and visit clubs. Each chairperson should arrange 3 zone meetings and visit each club in their zone during the year. Reports are to be made to the Governor, and the Region Chairperson. These reports (called Governor's advisory meeting) can be found in the Zone Chairpersons manual which is in the District Resource section on the LCI website. This position is also a cabinet position and the Zone chairs are to attend the four meetings and submit a report.

Camp Lions Wish List for 2009

General Supplies:

- Paper Drink Cups
- Duct Tape
- Re-Writable CDs/DVDs
- Braille Playing Cards
- Large Storage Containers

Art Supplies:

- Jute
- Waxed hemp cording
- Beads
- Elmer's Glue
- Powdered Tempera Mix (1 gallon of each)
 - Red, Yellow, Blue, White and Black
- Liquid Acrylic Paints (1 gallon of each)
 - Red, Yellow, Blue, White, and Black
- Washable Markers
- Tissue paper assorted colors
- Large pad & easel (3)
- Construction paper
- Black permanent markers
- Kits of any kind
- Poster Board
- Tie-dye mix (4 each)
 - Pink, Blue, Red, Orange, Yellow, Purple Green
- Art smocks

Dear District 1K Club President,

Your club works hard to meet the needs of your community. It can become an even stronger club, meeting more needs, by participating in the 1K Club Improvement Workshop on February 21, 2009. Held at Park Church in Streator the topics listed will assist individual Lions and clubs to increase the amount of service to their communities. Each participating club will receive a FREE orientation CD. This workshop is open to all Lions. Club officers, or soon to be officers, are encouraged to attend.

What: 1K Club Improvement Workshop

Where: Park Presbyterian Church, 201 N. Vermillion Street, Streator, Illinois

When: Feb. 21 from 8:30am - noon
 8:30-9:00 Coffee and rolls, meet and greet
 9:00-9:50 Using the LCI Website to Make Miracles Happen

10:00-10:50 Targeting Your Community for Membership Growth

11:00-11:50 Public Relations:
 Sharing Your Club Story

Why: Our motto is “We Serve”.

Who: Contact Jama Wahl, 1K Leadership Chair with questions

RSVP by February 15, 2009 as to number of participants from your club

Phone: 815-672-1832

Cell: 815-822-3014

Email: jamawahl@verizon.net

This leadership opportunity will be completed by noon, so that Lions can have lunch on their own and still have time to enjoy the weekend. Please consider participating!!

Saybrook Lions Club

PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Feb. 14, 2009 & March 14, 2009

6 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Saybrook American Legion Hall

Everyone is welcome!

Upcoming Convention Dates

What:

Dist. 1-K Convention
 State Convention
 Int. Convention
 USA/Canada Forum

Where:

Hawthorne Suites, Bloomington
 Wyndam Suites, Lisle
 St. Paul/Minneapolis
 Memphis, TN

When:

April 24-25
 May 15-17
 July 6-10
 September 24-26

LIONS of ILLINOIS STATE CONVENTION



GOLF OUTING



Thursday, May 14, 2009
18-holes, Par 70

Friday, May 15, 2009
18-holes, Par 72
(9-holes/white tees &
9-holes/blue tees)

Carriage Greens CC
8700 Carriage Greens Dr.
Darien, IL
(630)985-3730
\$45, includes cart & lunch

Downers Grove GC
2420 Haddow Ave.
Downers Grove, IL
(630)963-1306
\$50, includes cart &
lunch

Tee times: 10:00-11:00

Reservations, with money, are to be in no later than
May 1, 2009. Make checks payable to Lions of Illinois

Mail reservations to:
Lion Harry Barber, PDG
136 Carriage Way Dr., #217
Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Tel: (630) 920-8547 (H)
(630) 209-6567 (cell)

e-mail: jbarber38@comcast.net

I (we) want to golf on Thursday, Friday, both days (please circle one)

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____

Contact:
name _____ tel.# _____

LIONS OF ILLINOIS 2009 STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

May 15, 16, 17, 2009

Wyndham Hotel – 3000 Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL.....1.877.999.3223

Person #1 _____ **District 1** _____

Club _____ Lion-Lioness-Leo-Spouse-Guest (Circle one)

Street Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone No: () _____ Current Lions Position _____

LIF Fellow: Yes ___ No ___ First Timer: Yes ___ No ___ MJ Fellow: Yes ___ No ___

Person #2 _____ **District 1** _____

Club _____ Lion-Lioness-Leo-Spouse-Guest (Circle one)

Street Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone No: () _____ Current Lions Position _____

LIF Fellow: Yes ___ No ___ First Timer: Yes ___ No ___ MJ Fellow: Yes ___ No ___

Registration Fee Lion, Lioness, Spouse, Guest	Cost	Person #1	Person #2	Total for both
No registration fee for Leos or under 18 years	\$10.00			
Panake Breakfast, Lisle Lions Club \$5.00 donation May 16, 2009 Saturday 8am-noon Please car pool with other Lions, directions will be provided in your registration packet	Pay at door			
LIF Ambassadors Lunch Open to all former LIF Trustees (Saturday)*	\$0.00			
Lions of Illinois Governors' Banquet May 16, 2009 – Saturday Evening	\$26.00			
Lions of Illinois Foundation Breakfast May 17, 2009 – Sunday Morning	\$13.00			

Total Enclosed _____

*The only sit down lunch on Saturday will be for the Foundation Ambassadors. There will be information in your registration packets for places to eat lunch as well as maps to get there. There will be ample time to go off site for lunch before the 2nd Plenary Session. The 2nd Plenary session will be a NON meal function.

Special Meal request for religious or health reasons _____

No meal tickets available on site

Please print clearly or type all information on this form

Make Checks Payable To: LIONS OF ILLINOIS, INC

(No credit cards accepted for Registration or Meals at this time)

Mail Registration with money no later than May 1st, 2009

Mail Registration Forms (with Payment) to:
Lions of Illinois, Inc
19072 State Highway 123
Petersburg, IL 62675

Cut off Date for Hotel Reservations 5/01/09
Room Reservations: Call 1-877-999-3223 or
www.Wyndham.com
Room Rate \$89.00 + tax
Tell them you're with the Lions!

Trustee Report

Greetings District 1-K Lions, Lionesses and Leos,

Let's CELEBRATE! It is our Foundation's 35th Anniversary – we hope your club has had or will have a Birthday Party to celebrate this milestone. Our Foundation has reserved two pages in a scrapbook for your pictures; please submit the pictures of your club's celebration to LIF Trustee Mary Truitt, 417 N. Rock Island, Vandalia IL 62471. Your gift from your club (or individual members) could be the 35th Anniversary sustaining supporter or 35th Foundation Fellow contribution to our endowment fund.



All clubs should soon be receiving the Sight and Sound Sweepstakes information – please join with us to support this fundraiser for your Foundation! It is a great opportunity for a chance to win good prizes as well as promote the services that your Foundation provides for the benefit of our communities.

AMERICAN DIABETES CAMPAIGN: This event for 2009 is from March 1 through May (pick your date). This disease is prevalent in many of our Lions as well as in our families and friends – let's do our part by informing our communities as to the signs and risks of diabetes! When your club receives the information to conduct this important campaign, please sign up. All monies collected are sent to the American Diabetes Association in Decatur, with 40% returned to our Foundation and the other 60% used for diabetes youth camps. No Administrative fees involved. The Foundation's 40% is used for our diabetic retinopathy screening unit, a unit accessible to your community to help fight this dreadful disease.

Trustee Bird and I thank each and every one of you for your continued dedication to serving the needs of your communities and the needs of the visually and hearing impaired – GOD BLESS you!

Also, don't forget to keep on recycling and helping this great country to stay "green".
Trustee Sandy

What is a Zone Meeting

Zone chairmen are required to have three zone meetings during the Lions year. They need to be in a central location in the zone and contain the following components:

- A meal should be served for a reasonable charge. (this may be arranged at a club meeting place, local restaurant or other meeting place) It is good to ask local clubs to host the event in different locations.
- All club presidents and secretaries are expected to attend. Any club members who would like to attend are also invited.
- Notice of the meeting should be mailed to all club secretaries, the Region chairperson and the Governor at least 3 weeks in advance of the meeting. RSVP's are required.
- A speaker should always be scheduled – the topic should be informative, related to Lionism, and last about 30 minutes.
- If time allows each club attending may give a brief summary of their club activities. Meeting should not go over 2 hours.
- Following the meeting the zone chairperson should send a report to the Governor and region chair if they were not in attendance.

Northwest Zone Meeting

Tuesday, March 10th starting at 6:30 p.m. to be held at the Spring Valley Highrise. Call 815-228-9568 for reservations and directions. Topic of discussion will be "Lions Orientation". All club Presidents and Secretaries are asked to attend. All members are invited and welcome. Meal will be \$6.00.

2nd Half Per Capita Dues

I will be sending out the 2nd Half Dues billing to all club treasurer's this week. Remember this bill must be paid prior to our District Convention for your club to be eligible to vote for our next District Governor, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, and Foundation Trustee.

Lion Bill Foli PDG
Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

Just What is a Guiding Lion?

Recently, several questions have been shared at meetings or trainings as to: What is a Guiding Lion? What is a Certified Guiding Lion? This article is intended to shed light on these questions and provide some answers. Information for the article is taken from The Certified Guiding Lion Program Manual prepared by the Leadership Department of LCI.

The first step taken should a Lion want to know more about being a Guiding Lion or a Certified Guiding Lion is to go to the LCI website, www.lionsclubs.org. A quick search provides current information on both of these opportunities for Lions. In short, being a Guiding Lion or a Certified Guiding Lion is about leadership. The quote on the cover of The Certified Guiding Lion Program Manual offered on the LCI website says it clearly. *“Leadership is more than service, it is enabling others to be more productive.”*

Being more productive as an individual Lion, means stronger clubs, better connected zones, a more empowered district, and ultimately more care and concern for those we serve.

So, what is a Guiding Lion?

A Guiding Lion is an experienced Lion appointed by the District Governor to assist and support a new club for one year. This Lion by virtue of experience supports the newly chartered club to become organized for service to the community, making connections to the local and global service of Lions Clubs International. A Guiding Lion might also be appointed to assist a club that is struggling. If clubs turn in their charters, communities suffer, people suffer. Every effort needs to be made to keep clubs strong and healthy. In either case, the District Governor has worked with the club to determine needs and direction, appointing a Lion best suited to provide support for this club.

And, what is a Certified Guiding Lion?

A Certified Guiding Lion is an experienced Lion, appointed by the District Governor with proven leadership skills. This Lion is committed to assisting a new club for two years. Two Certified Guiding Lions are appointed to assist a new club.

Becoming a Certified Guiding Lion requires the completion of the Certified Guiding Lions Course.

What does the Certified Guided Lions Course entail?

The objectives of the Certified Guiding Lions Course are to:

- understand the role of a Guiding Lion
- help to develop a plan to assist a new club
- provide tools to help the new officers manage their club
- locate the resources available to support the new club

There are three sections to the Certified Guiding Lions Course.

- Skills of a Successful Guiding Lion
- Club Officer Training
- Transition to Independence

Each section provides the participants the opportunity to develop the skills needed to become a Certified Guiding Lion. Typically, the training is organized and taught by the District Leadership Chair, other members of the MERLOW team, and/or an experienced Lion. The training involves three sessions. So, to do it right takes a full day or three separate sessions of a couple of hours. It is a hands on training. Participants leave with all the skills needed to be a Certified Guiding Lion. Once the proper work is completed, the participants receive a certificate. Those Lions who meet the requirements of the two year term as a Certified Guiding Lion then receive the Presidential Certified Guiding Lion Award.

And now the final question, and probably the most important, are there 1K Lions who are willing to step up to the challenge to become a Certified Guiding Lion?

If the answer is yes, please notify 1K Leadership Chair, Jama Wahl at 815-672-1832 (home), 815-822-3014 (cell) or via the internet at jamawahl@verizon.net. We can make it happen in District 1K, the King District of MD-1 Lions, if we have the commitment.



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Lions District 1-K
Proudly Presents
The Auction of the
“2007 Chicago International
Convention Bench”



Club Presidents – get approval from your club and bring your check. The winning bid will have the use of the bench for one year and will return it to the next convention.

**The auction will be held at the District
Convention on April 25th 2009
In Bloomington**

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



*Lions Den
of Sarrau*

We mourn the passing of our fellow Lions:
John Stonecipher*, Odell Lions Club
Ralph Mathes, Sr. *, Marseilles Lions Club
Jim Fitzgerald**, PDG, Danvers Lions Club
* Charter Member ** 1st 1-K Dist. Gov.