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**A message from  
the Governor**

**Marilyn  
Miedzianski**

I want to extend my thanks to those clubs attending the Northwest Zone meeting in March. It was the largest attendance of any zone meeting in the district. Those attending enjoyed a great Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner cooked by Lion Betty and a great program by Leadership Chair, Lion Jama Wahl. Thanks to LaMoille, Princeton, Peru and Spring Valley for attending.

• Congratulations District 1 K Lions!  
Our last membership report listed our district as being at minus 1 for the year, the best yet. Our loss was 82 and gain was 81 so we do still see the losses outnumbering the gains, but it is much better. Perhaps next month we will see that turn around! We must continue to work toward adding members to end our year at a plus number. Thank you to all who have worked hard to add new Lions to their membership. Those clubs adding members in March were – Gardner, Leland, Coal City and Gibson City. Keep up the good work. New Lions mean more hands to help provide more service to our community and the world.

We are getting excited about the convention drawing near this month. Be sure to join us for all the festivities and celebrations. Remember - first time attendees get to register free, just note that on the form. See the registration form and agenda in this newsletter.

Our hospitality room honors our veteran's and the SOS Project operated by District 1 K for 5 years. Has anyone read the book, "The Greatest Generation" by Tom

Brokaw? It is a great accounting of involvement in WWII by our fathers and mothers. Another good one is, "GI Joe & Lily" by Joseph Bonsall. Both books tell a story of those who sacrificed for the war. These great warriors served their country well – both in the war zone and here at home working in factories and dealing with rationing and strife. More importantly, this generation recovered from the war and continued to serve their country. Service organizations were organized as they provided service to those less fortunate than themselves. They instilled in us that same dedication; can we say the same about the next generation? I think so – we just need to be the examples and get out there and ask. Even though they are a busier generation there are many who are willing to join Lions Clubs. The majority of our new members are young. We need to nurture them, get them involved and be by their side as they learn what "We Serve" is all about.

We still need the names of your club orientation chairmen so send them to me as soon as possible. We will be scheduling the training for the orientation chairpersons soon.

Governor Marilyn

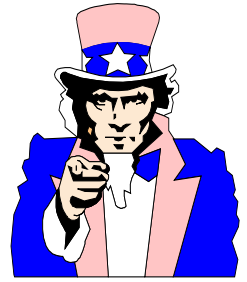
**NOTICE**

Awards Night 2009 has a change of date. It will be held on Friday June 12 at Marseilles Lion's Den. Save the date, more info to come.



**District 1-K  
Newsletter**

## LIONS OF DISTRICT 1-K WE NEED YOU!



**Your District Convention is scheduled for April 24 and April 25, 2009 at the Hawthorne Suites in Bloomington, IL.** The registration form and agenda are in this newsletter. The committee has worked diligently to provide you with an outstanding convention at a very reasonable cost.

Does your club have enough members? The convention will provide you with the necessary tools to achieve membership growth – all you have to do is come to your convention.

Did your club lose a member who has passed on to a kinder and gentler world? If so, you need to attend the necrology service which honors those Lions and Lionesses.

Friday evening is fellowship time! What a fun time it will be....we go back to the 1940 era, the USO and the pertinent foods. Dress is casual; if you are a veteran, we would like to see you in uniform (whatever part that fits is just fine). During my year as Governor of this great District, all veterans were honored with a framed certificate and I would love to see you attend.

Saturday morning is the seminars (see the agenda) and the afternoon is the necrology service and business session. The business session is when we elect our Governor for 2009-2010; two Vice-District Governors (1st & 2nd) and one Trustee for the Lions of Illinois Foundation (2009-2011). They need your support – each club is entitled to one delegate per 10 members, plus each Past District Governor is entitled to a vote.

Please bring your club banner for the parade of banners during the opening session on Saturday; we also will have space to display a “brag board” representing your club’s services and activities.

Each Lion of this District is vital – please plan on attending! **REPLY TODAY!**

Lion Sandy Sowers, District Convention co-chair

For over half a century the Lions of Illinois have been proud to sponsor Camp Lions of Illinois for the Deaf & Blind. The camp is a place of laughter and learning for both youth & adults who have visual and/or hearing impairments. It offers a safe environment for campers to be with their peers, learn new skills, take on new challenges, and make friendships to last a lifetime.

Eligible youth attending Camp Lions, age 7-17 years old, enjoy activities that are often not open to them in their communities simply because they have a hearing or vision loss. At Camp Lions we encourage them to expand their self-confidence by saying, “try it” not “it is too hard for you”. The attitude of you can always holds true at Camp Lions. This positive attitude can be seen wherever the campers are – on the baseball-beeperball fields, to the archery range, to horse riding trails, to water sports, the level of achievement by campers is as high as they dare try.

Adult campers, attending the Helen Keller Adult Program, are also inspired to make new friends and take part in a wide variety of events. It may be a dance, a hike along the Rock River, or sports, even a game of cards. In reality it is much more, it is a chance to not be the one person who is different, but part of the majority. For some of our adult campers it is the one week of the year when they are not residing in a nursing home or residential facility.

Cam Lions is a life experience to each camper. Some learn to maneuver across the camp with no guide, or limited help, which means greater freedom at home. Some meet another blind or deaf camper their own age and are inspired to realize they are not alone. For the most, Camp Lions is a place to have fun, swimming, making a nature craft, performing on stage for the Camp Talent Show, or learning to fish or canoe, and much more.

As we enter 2009 Camp Lions of Illinois season, we ask that each club help to sponsor a camper, or more if possible, to enjoy this enriching experience. The donation requested to adopt a camper is a mere \$525, a truly small amount for the joy, friends, and self-confidence a camper gains from Camp Lions.

While this amount does not cover the full expense of the program (nearly \$900 per person) it does, when combined with other donations, help to provide the needed funds. We hope that Clubs do not restrict their donation to only children & adults in their immediate service area, but remember that the entire state of Illinois relies on our help. Once you see the face of these campers you could never deny your aid. In return for an “adoption” you or your Club will receive a thank you card from the camper(s) you adopted. A picture of the camper will be included so you can see the joy on their face.



# WE SERVE

## DISTRICT 1-K LIONS



### 39th ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION

April 24-25, 2009 ★ ★ ★ Hawthorn Suites ★ ★ ★ Bloomington, Illinois

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



FRIDAY

ATTIRE: 1940 ERA - USO (Casual Attire • Veterans: Uniforms or Parts That Fit)

- 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Registration Open \*\*\* EVERYONE MUST BE REGISTERED (Peru Lions Club)
- 6:30 pm - Silent Auction Opens
- 7:00 pm - Governor’s Welcome in Hospitality Room
- 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm Hospitality Room Open with DJ

SATURDAY

- 7:30 am Registration Open \*\*\* EVERYONE MUST BE REGISTERED
- 8:00 am - 8:30 am Governor’s Welcome; Presentation of the Colors/Pledge of Allegiance; Parade of Banners
- 8:30 am Silent Auction Open
- 9:00 am - 11:00 am Seminar: **MEMBERSHIP** (Lions Dick Silveira & Barb Toosley, Indiana - Trained by LCI)
- 11:00 am - 11:15 am BREAK
- 11:15 am - 12:00 pm Seminar: **HOW TO SELL** (Lion Van Stone)
- 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm Lunch - Foundation Presentation (Lion Van Stone)
- 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm Necrology Service - Chaplain Mary Nevins/ Lion John Pajkos
- 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Business Session and Elections
- 3:30 pm - 5:15 pm Break in Hospitality Room; View Displays, Silent Auction closes half hour after close of Business Session (pick-up time will be announced prior to close of Auction)
- 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm Governor’s Reception
- 5:45 pm - 6:00 pm Doors Open for Banquet Seating
- 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm **BANQUET** - Doug Lozier, International Director - Keynote Speaker
- 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm Hospitality Room Open

#### Upcoming Convention Dates

What:	Where:	When:
Dist. 1-K Convention	Hawthorne Suites, Bloomington	April 24-25
State Convention	Wyndam Suites, Lisle	May 15-17
Int. Convention	St. Paul/Minneapolis	July 6-10
USA/Canada Forum	Memphis, TN	Sept. 24-26

**The LaMoille Lions Club  
Pancake & Sausage  
BREAKFAST**  
Sunday, April 19th  
8-12:30 pm  
308 Howard St., LaMoille  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT - \$5.00**

## Foundation Golf Outing

I'm writing this letter to inform you of an opportunity for your club. Your Lions of Illinois Foundation has put together their 16th Annual Foundation Golf Classic as a means to help support our Foundation Low Vision program.

In order to be a success we need your support. Your club can be a Platinum sponsor for \$1000, which allows you to send 4 golfers free and your clubs name on the Platinum Sponsor Board displayed in the banquet hall, a Gold sponsor for \$290.00 (which pays for one child through the evaluation) and gets your name on a hole or a Silver sponsor for only \$50.00. Also, we can use any items, such as, golf balls, umbrellas, clubs, bags, shirts, hats, or any other appropriate items as prizes.

We would like to see representation of a foursome or more from your club at the outing. Keep in mind that this is open to all golfers in the State not just Lions. Enclosed are all the details on this outing. Please send all monies to your Foundation earmarked for the golf classic before July 24, 2009. If you are planning on sending golfers, do so before July 16th as we only have room for 144 golfers.

We appreciate your help and any ideas you have to make this fundraiser a success, please let me know. We are hoping to make around \$15,000.00 this year. All monies raised will be used for the Lions Of Illinois Foundation Low Vision Evaluation program. My goal is to make enough that we never have to turn kids away because we are short of funds.

Please be GENEROUS, this is your Foundation. We need YOUR support.

Donald J. Robey, State Golf Chairman

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### THE LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION 16th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

**WHEN:** Saturday, August 1, 2009 12:00pm,  
Shotgun start – 4 person best ball scramble. \$75.00 entry fee includes: buffet lunch at 11:00 18 holes of golf, golf cart, evening banquet, free beverage on the course and prizes for everyone.

**INCLUDING THESE ADDITIONAL PRIZES:**

1. \$10,000 Hole in One (target hole)
2. \$500.0 Visa Gift Card (auxiliary hole)
3. 1 set of Nike Golf Clubs (auxiliary hole)
4. Bose Wave Radio/CD (auxiliary hole)
5. \$3000 Putting Contest (make 3 putts and win)
6. Everyone will get a coupon for a free golf bag and club.
7. Raffle for complete set of clubs and bag.

**PLUS**

Golf clubs, balls, umbrellas, bags, shirts, hats and many other appropriate golf items to be giving away at banquet.

**(No one goes home without something)**

**Pays Two Flights      First - Second -Third**

**WHERE:** The Railside Golf Course, 120 W. 19th St., Gibson City, IL 60936.  
Phone 217-784-5000. Hwy. 47 on north side of Gibson City.

**WHY:** All proceeds support the Lions of Illinois Foundation Low Vision program, which evaluates up to 500 children each year at a cost of \$ 290 each.

For more information, please contact Lion Don Robey at (815) 667-4965  
or Lion Mario J. Gumino at (800) 955-5466.

**14th ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION  
1-K CONVENTION  
APRIL 24-25, 2009  
BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS**

It is time to start thinking about the District 1-K Convention and specifically the SILENT AUCTION. This year the Convention is later, so we have a little time to think about what we are going to donate.

The DISTRICT CONVENTION COMMITTEE needs your Club’s help to defray the cost of the upcoming DISTRICT CONVENTION. We will be doing the SILENT AUCTION by bidding as in the past.

We are asking ALL Clubs and/or Individual Lions in the District to donate an auction item or give a monetary donation so that items may be purchased. Does someone in your Club have a specific talent to make an item for the SILENT AUCTION? Now is the time to find out.

If your Club decides to participate, please fill out the form below and send it to me at the address indicated. Please make checks out to Lion Patty Ferguson. If the Auction item cannot be delivered to the Convention by someone in your Club, please contact your Zone or Region Chairman or myself, so that we can get the item to the Convention. Let’s make this Silent Auction one we will remember....

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 815-673-2677 or E-Mail me at mpnd@msn.com.

Yours in Lionism  
**Silent Auction Committee**  
**Lions Mark and Patty Ferguson Co-Chairpersons**  
**1718 Highland Place**  
**Streator, Illinois 61364**

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Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Donation of Money \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation of Item(s) - Please list below:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## Trustee Report

In the beginning God created heaven and earth; just 35 years ago the Lions of Illinois, in their wisdom, created our Lions of Illinois Foundation to serve the needs of our visually and hearing impaired throughout this great state! Our Foundation is an extension of each club in Illinois and needs the support of each and every club; it has earned the trust of all of us. Why, do you ask....at our last Board meeting in February we learned that despite the downturn of the economy our Endowment Fund's losses were only 3.5%; this is in comparison to Yale University which lost \$4.9 billion or 25% of its endowment fund and Harvard University's which losses far exceeded that amount. Your Foundation's minimum losses were achieved through careful analysis, close attention to details and critical due diligence by our Executive Director, Van Stone, and Merrill Lynch. Hats off to them!

The next question is: how or what can our club or me, as an individual Lion, do to help our Foundation? As a club, you can participate in our fundraisers – the upcoming ones are the Diabetes Awareness Campaign (March 1 to May 30); the Sight & Sound Sweepstakes; Tootsie Pop Day (May 1) and the three Walkathons being held throughout our State. As an individual Lion (or club), you can contribute to the Endowment Fund by becoming a Sustaining Supporter (\$25 annually) or/and a Foundation Fellow (\$500). Also, you can support the John Deere Birdies for Charity by pledging an amount (even as low as a penny per birdie) in that upcoming event; the amount you contribute can then be applied to a Foundation Fellow – what a great way to receive the honor of a FF and also help your Endowment Fund! You also receive the opportunity to win some great prizes in the Birdies for Charity, including a 2009 Buick Hybrid car!! The pledge forms will be available at the Convention on April 24 and 25, or you may contact me prior to that date.

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 to stay "green".  
Trustee Sandy

### CLUB TREASURERS:

Thank you to all the club treasurers who have returned your 2nd half dues. The response this half has been great. As with any business, bill payment keeps the operation flowing. Again my thanks for your prompt response.  
CST Bill Foli PDG

### DISTRICT CONVENTION

Just a reminder to all our clubs, this year's District Convention will be the least expensive yet. PDG Sandy Sowers and crew have done an exceptional job on this one. Best yet 1st timers register for free. If you want to impress your new members now is the time.

For the first time ever we will be voting in a 2nd Vice District Governor. That's right, per Lions Clubs International, not one but two Vice District Governors in the District. We will also be voting in a new Foundation Trustee to replace PDG Sandy Sowers, we have two highly qualified Lions running for the position. Each club is authorized one (1) voting delegate per ten (10) club members, or greater, i.e. 16 members would be allowed two voting delegates, 14 members only one voting delegate. Come and be part of the Historical First Ever election of a 2nd Vice District Governor.  
CST Bill Foli PDG

### Note to CABINET MEMBERS:

Be sure to get your last report of this year to CST Foli by April 13th in order for him to get them in booklet form for the cabinet meeting.

### It Is Nearing PU101 Time.

Your slate of new officers should be complete by the end of April. Even if not installed yet you need to send the form to VDG Wayne Layton, International, and the Foundation office by May 16th.

Governor Marilyn

# "SIGHTS ON SERVICE"



39<sup>th</sup> Annual District 1-K Convention  
 April 24-25, 2009  
 Hawthorn Suites, 1 Lyon Court, Bloomington, IL



	PERSON #1	PERSON #2
NAME		
CLUB		
DISTRICT		
CLUB OR DISTRICT TITLE		
CLUB DELEGATE (Y/N)		
REGISTRATION FEE \$15.00* <small>Includes Hospitality Room *Kid's, LEOS, 1st Time Attendees from 1-K - FREE</small>		
SAT. LUNCH - \$6.00 <small>Jimmy John's sub, chips, soda or water and birthday cake (price includes tax)</small>		
SAT. BANQUET* \$23.50		
TOTAL ENCLOSED/PERSON		

Make checks payable to: District 1-K Convention

Mail this form and check to:

**PDG Sandy Sowers**  
**97 Happy Trails**  
**Diamond, IL 60416-7095**

Room Reservations:

**Call Hawthorn Suites**  
**309-829-8111**

(Reference District 1-K Lions)

Special room rates for Lions: \$75.00 (single) + taxes  
 \$85.00 (double) + taxes

**UNTIL April 3, 2009**

**\*Banquet Menu From BIAGGI's Served Buffet Style:**  
 (Cash bar for wine and beer will be available)

**Chicken Marsala** (2 chicken breasts, mashed potatoes, house vegetable, Messina salad, coffee and dessert.

**Pork Chops Alforno** (2 pork chops, mashed potatoes, house vegetable, Messina salad, coffee and dessert.

**Vegetarian Available**

Indicate banquet choice with "X"

Person	Chicken Marsala	Pork Chops Alforno
#1 _____	_____	_____
#2 _____	_____	_____

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Everyone must register and wear their name badge at the convention. \*Registration for District 1-K Kids, LEO's, New Members and First Time Attendees is FREE.**

**Send in your reservations early. Any questions, please call PDG Sandy Sowers (815) 634-3644, District Convention Chair**

**Camp Lions is having a Lions  
Visitation Day...  
and your invited!!!**

**Meet the kids!!  
It's Fun!! It's Free!!**

**Your Campers will be giving  
demonstrations of camp  
activities!!**

**A "Camping Meal" of hotdogs &  
hamburgers will be served.**

**Time: 3:00-6:30 (all Camps)**

July 10 - DuBois Center  
2651 Quarry Rd., DuBois, IL 62831

July 24 - East Bay Camp & Retreat  
24248 Ron Smith Memorial Hwy., Hudson, IL

July 31 - Reynoldswood Christian Camp  
621 Reynoldswood Rd., Dixon, IL 61021

## 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

Please return RSVP to:  
Mario Gumino  
c/o Lions of Illinois Foundation  
2814 DeKalb Avenue  
Sycamore, IL 60178

Lions Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Visitors: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select a camp:

- Camp DuBois in DuBois
- Eastbay Camp on Lake Bloomington
- Camp Reynoldswood in Dixon

## **Past District Governors to Increase Involvement**

The Past District Governors of District 1-K met in January to discuss various issues relevant to the District. One of the issues was their need to be more involved in club and district activities and events. They will begin meeting on a more regular basis, with Wednesday, April 15th at 7pm at the Marseilles Lions Den to be their next gathering. More details of their objectives will be shared with the Lions of 1-K in future district newsletters.

## **Membership:**

Membership is becoming an ever-increasing problem in most districts. We I District 1-K need to address OUR problem. The most recent membership count has us dangerously close to the magic figure of 1250. Membership is not only a concern of the District Chair but all Lions of the District. DG Marilyn's goal for this year is all clubs to finish the year at NET + 2. This is an attainable goal but work needs to start now. Remember there are individual out there waiting for you to ask, "Would you like to become a member of the Lions Club?" Ask now; don't put it off until tomorrow.

For a program on Membership call me: PDG Les Wooden, 815 699 7269 or 815 303 1525.

## **District Fundraiser Host?**

District 1-K is looking for a club willing to have fun, meet other Lions, and host a district fundraiser. There is one of two to do this. The first choice is to be the host club for the 2008-2009 District Golf Outing. The second choice is to host a District Bowling Tournament. Either of these are good, fun activities to host. It is up to the club to schedule the event as long as it takes place before the end of the Lion year. If your club wants to be considered for either event it is as simple as letting me know. I will take all clubs that submit their name to the District Convention and it will be voted on then as to which club receives the events. If interested please contact Jake Frobish by e-mail at [j\\_frobish@hotmail.com](mailto:j_frobish@hotmail.com) or phone at 815-584-9550 or 815-474-0598. A

simple line stating your club and which event you would like to host is sufficient.

## **Morris Lions Help Mom's Cookies:**

Morris Lions Club listened to a presentation by Pam Trippiedi of Mom's Cookies at a recent Lion's Club meeting and decided to help. Mom's Cookies is an organization that provides support for our troops, particularly those stationed overseas. Trippiedi explained that the organization started with "Care packages" of cookies and has expanded to include phone cards, personal supplies, holiday treats, and welcome home celebrations for area soldiers. She pointed out that they now ship to 31 countries. Following her presentation, the Morris Lions voted to donate 20 phone cards worth \$20 each.

Mom's Cookies volunteered to help the Morris Lions with our Fall Classic Car show in the registration tent, and was presented an additional \$100.00 donation for their assistance.

## **Morris Lions Club Donates to We Care**

The Morris Lions Club recently donated a large supply of toilet paper and paper goods for We Care of Morris. Denise Gaska was the speaker at the February 19th Morris Lions Club meeting, and members were encouraged to bring paper supplies to help restock the We Care Pantry. Gaska explained that cards to help families with food costs do not cover paper goods, so there is a constant need for toilet paper and such items. She went on to explain that We Care helps about 4,000 families per year, but the difficult economic times might increase the need. Gaska expressed her thanks to the Morris Lions Club for their donations and assistance with eye glasses and hearing aids, as well as the food baskets for families at Thanksgiving and Christmas. She also described how the new building has enhanced the food pantry services they are able to provide. The Morris Lions Club pledged to continue to assist We Care in its service to the community.



District 1-K  
**Newsletter**

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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 25<sup>th</sup> 2009  
In Bloomington**



### STATE MAGAZINE

Effective immediately all State Magazine articles and pictures should be sent to:

**DG Marilyn Miedzianski at**

[mernie839@comcast.net](mailto:mernie839@comcast.net)

Lion Mary has moved out of the district.



*Lions Den  
of Sorrow*

**We mourn the passing of our fellow Lion  
Russell Hiatt - Pontiac Lions**