



District 1-K Newsletter

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A message from
the Governor

**Marilyn
Miedzianski**

Hello Fellow Lions,

When this goes to press I will be jetting my way home from Thailand. Hopefully I will be well trained and ready to start my year as Governor of the great King district. We will move into this year following our new International President's motto – "Miracles of Service." My motto for this year follows his – "Sights on Service" and is where I want us to be headed. We will continue to provide the great community service projects as well as supporting those of the world.

Membership is a large focus – my goals for the district are to have each club end their year with a plus- two in membership as well as the district adding two new clubs. Membership has declined and it sorely affects all of us. As I said in my last message – we just have to ask.

I was very happy with the North Region Zone Officers Training held at the end of May. Seventeen clubs were represented as they learned important details about Lionism as well as officer duties. I would hope we continue that trend as our district leaders schedule Zone meetings and other important gatherings into this new Lions year.

Some important dates to remember are – July 12th, the 1st cabinet meeting in Marseilles (8 am), and September 10th – Candy Day Jamboree, also in Marseilles. More info will be sent as time draws near.

We all know that dandelions are a real

pain. But I am on the lookout this year for some "Dandy Lions" that are not. When I find them they will be recipients of our newest award!

I look forward to working with all of you in the coming Lions year and the good things we can accomplish. Following in Governor Glenn's steps will keep me hoping but he has promised to be there if I need his help. Thanks for all you do!!!

Governor Marilyn
815-252-5011

Vice Governor Message:

First of all I would like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve as vice governor. I appreciate the confidence that you have placed in me. I look forward to learning and growing in lionism.

Although this lion year has barely started, it isn't too early to start thinking about plans for the 2009 – 2010 lion year. If you would be interested in serving on the cabinet next year or would like to discuss opportunities, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Let me be the first to wish you a happy new year. As we start this new lion year I wish you and your club the best of success with all of your projects. As you are working on your projects don't forget to share the mission of lions with other members of your community. Who knows, you may get some new members just by talking to others about lions and what we do.

Good luck, and yes it is great to be a lion.

Wayne Layton
Vice Governor

Spring Valley Lions Club to Celebrate 70 years on July 13th

The Spring Valley Lions Club is celebrating their 70th birthday with a party in the park. All Lions in District 1K are invited to attend. The party will take place from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Kirby Park in Spring Valley. There will be food, cake, entertainment with a live DJ, a magician, and children's games. The hearing bus and diabetic retinopathy screenings will also be available. Our local radio station-WLPO/WAJK will be doing a live remote from the park as well. Since the Spring Valley club is a small one, volunteers would be much appreciated. For more details or to volunteer, please contact Lion Barb Fulara at 815-663-1119. Lions who plan to attend, should contact Lion Barb in order to receive a special birthday commemorative gift.



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LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION 15TH ANNIVERSARY GOLF CLASSIC

GOLFER REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return this form by July 14, 2008

CLUB NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE AND ZIP: _____

DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER: (_____) _____

NAMES OF GOLFERS: (\$75.00 per golfer/\$300.00 per team, unless Club/Team is a Platinum Sponsor)

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____



YOUR \$300.00 TEAM REGISTRATION FEE WILL INCLUDE:

A ROUND OF GOLF • GOLF CART • LUNCH
FREE BEER AND SODA ON THE COURSE
DINNER • PRIZES

Make Checks Payable to: **LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION GOLF CLASSIC**
AND MAIL TO: **LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION**
2814 DeKalb Avenue
Sycamore, Illinois 60178
Attn: Mario Gumino



LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION 15TH ANNIVERSARY GOLF CLASSIC

SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

CLUB NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE AND ZIP: _____

DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER: (_____) _____

AMOUNT PAID: _____

LEVELS OF SPONSORSHIP:

PLATINUM	\$1,000.00	Golf Classic Sponsor (4 Free Golfers)
GOLD	\$ 290.00	Golf Hole Sponsor (Sponsors One Child through the Low Vision Clinic)
SILVER	\$ 100.00	Driving Range Sponsor
BRONZE	\$ 50.00	Golf Cart Sponsor

All proceeds will be used to support the Lions of Illinois Foundation Low Vision Program.
Thank you for joining in our efforts to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Please respond by July 14, 2008

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Sycamore, Illinois 60178
Attn: Mario Gumino

The Lions Of Illinois Foundation 15th Anniversary Golf Classic



WHEN: Saturday, August 2, 2008
 10:00 am - 11:30 am Registration
 11:00 am - Lunch
 12:00 pm - Shotgun start
\$75.00 per Golfer - 4 Golfers per team
Includes: buffet lunch, 18 holes of golf, golf cart, evening banquet, free beverage on the course and prizes.

INCENTIVES: 2 FLIGHTS (A & B)
 First, Second & Third Place Prizes will be Awarded to Each Team

INCLUDING THESE ADDITIONAL PRIZES:

1. \$10,000 Hole-In-One (target hole - 176 Yards)
2. 7 Day Caribbean Cruise for two (Windstar Cruises) (Hole-In-One)
3. Full set RAM FX golf clubs and golf bag (Hole-In-One)
4. 2 roundtrip domestic airline tickets (American Airlines)(Hole-In-One)
5. \$3,000 Putting Contest (make 3 putts and win)
6. Everyone will get a coupon for a free golf bag
7. Longest Drive Prize

PLUS

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

(No one goes home without something)

WHERE: The Railside Golf Course, 120 W. 19th St., Gibson City, IL 60936
 Phone: 217-784-5000

WHY: All proceeds support the Lions of Illinois Foundation Low Vision program, which evaluates up to 400 children each year at a cost of \$290 each.

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



*Lions Den
of Sorrau*

By the Grace of God our
Den of Sorow is Vacant.

Trustee Report

We are just about ready to begin a new Lions year for 2008-2009. When a new Lions year begins, District 1-K, MD-1, Lions Clubs International and our Lions of Illinois of Foundation need the names and addresses of the new club officers so the various Lions entities can communicate with your club. If your club hasn't sent in their "Club Officer Reporting Form" to the Foundation, please do so ASAP. Copies of the form may be obtained from the Foundation's website: www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org.

Tootsie Pop Day was a success for our Foundation. We have collected just under \$31,000.00 and there are still some clubs that need to send in their reports. The Night Walk on June 1 was about the same as last year with about \$30,000.00 in pledges.

I was the Treasurer for the Lions of Illinois Foundation for the 2007-2008 Lions year and I am happy to report that we will come very close to or actually fund last year's \$1.285 million budget for the Foundation. This is the first time this has happened in many years. All the Foundation Trustees, Lion Van, Lion Mario and State Chairpersons thank the Lions and Lionesses in MD-1 for their hard work and support of your Foundation.

The next big event for the Foundation is Camp Lions in the various camps throughout the state. As of May 15, 2008, 11 Lions Clubs and 2 Lioness Clubs have donated \$7,725 for our "Adopt-A-Camper" program. There is still time to make a donation for Camp Lions. Send your donations to Lion Mario at the Foundation office.

Speaking of Camp Lions, the open house at the East Bay Camp near Hudson has changed its open house date from July 18, 2008 to Friday, July 25, 2008. The reason for this is that the Board of Trustees will have their board meeting the weekend of July 25 - 27 at The Chateau in Bloomington and it's always nice to have the trustees attend the open house. State Chairman for Camp Lions, Dick Sellers has asked Sandy and me for District 1-K to prepare and serve the pork chop dinner at the East Bay open house on July 25. The open house runs from 2-7 PM and dinner is served around 5 PM. We need the help of any Lions or Lionesses in the district that want to volunteer for the East Bay open house. You may contact Trustee Sandy (815-634-3644, ssowers39@sbcglobal.net) or me (815-795-2421, pdgbird1@mtco.com) ASAP so we can have an organizational meeting for the open house. Thanks.

The 15th Annual Foundation Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, August 2, 2008 at the Railside Golf Club in Gibson City. All the proceeds from this tournament benefit the Low Vision Program for the Foundation. Your club's donation for one of the sponsorship agreements to help those less fortunate than ourselves will help to make this event a big success. There are registration forms and sponsorship agreement forms included in this newsletter. Please be generous with your donations for this event.

The deadline for making pledges to the Birdies for Charity Program is July 11, 2008. Forms must be received at the John Deere Foundation office by this date to be included in this year's totals. If you need a pledge form, contact me and I will send you one.

I have a new e-mail address: pdgbird1@mtco.com. My address and telephone numbers have remained the same.

Keep saving those eyeglasses, hearing aids, cell phones, pop tops and Iowa cans!

Trustee Bird

Campaign SightFIRST II Update

District 1-K raised nearly \$80,000 in the crusade against darkness and Campaign SightFIRST II. The final numbers aren't all in yet, but should be available for our first cabinet meeting in July. Lion Jama and I are attending the International Convention in Bangkok the last two weeks of June and we will attend the gala celebration victory party when the announcement will be made that our \$200,000,000 goal has been reached!

At an average cost of only \$6 to give someone their sight back in this program, our district's contributions will represent saving the sight of over 13,000 people!!! What a tremendous accomplishment for nearly 1,300 Lions, Lioness and Leos in our district. That means that, on the average, every member in our district will be responsible for saving the sight of 100 people! Way to go!!!

I'll have a complete and final report in our next newsletter.

Thanks you Lions, Lioness and Leos!

PID Bud Wahl,
National Coordinator



USA/Canada Leadership Forum Report

The 2008 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be held September 18-20 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. There will be 64 seminars presented, in addition to great motivational speakers at all of the meals.

"Every Day Heroes Performing Miracles Through Service" is the theme for the 32nd Annual Forum.

Registration forms can be obtained by contacting PID Bud Wahl at: pidbud@verizon.net, or you can also register online at: www.usacanadalionsforum.org.