



District 1-K Newsletter

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A message from
the Governor

**Glenn
Cothorn**

Hello Fellow Lions,

This Lion's year has come and gone very quickly. It is with great honor and pride that I have been able to serve District 1 K for the 2007-2008 Lion's year as your District Governor. Lion Joan and I have met a lot of great Lions and made a lot of new friends. I feel honored to have had a dedicated group of Lions serving on my cabinet for the past year. Also, the many fine clubs in our District have shown their dedication in serving their local communities, District, State and Lion's International.

It is with great pleasure that I will be able to present awards to deserving individuals and Clubs at our District 1 K Awards Night on June 13, 2008 at the Country Mansion Restaurant and Banquet Facility located at 101 West South Street, Dwight, Illinois. The program will commence with a social hour at 6:00 PM followed by dinner at 6:30 PM. Reservations can be made either by mail or phone to CST Bill Foli. A registration form will be included with this Newsletter. I hope to see as many Lions as possible at the Awards Night to receive their awards.

The State Convention was a success with over 450 registered Lions in attendance. First Vice President Al Brandel was the featured speaker and gave a very inspirational speech. District 1 K will be very well represented on next year's Council of Governors State Chairmen Committees with Lion Jama Wahl being the new MD 1 Leadership Chairman and District Governor Glenn Cothorn being the new MD 1 International Convention Chairman. It was a very worthwhile event to attend and hope that more of our District 1 K Lions, Lioness and Leo

members will consider attending next year. Next year's State Convention will be held in Naperville, Illinois with the 2010 State Convention being held at either Springfield or Peoria.

The first annual Leo's Convention held on May 10th was well attended with Spring Valley Leo Club representing District 1K. There were 82 registered Leo members along with their Lion sponsors in attendance. Due to the outstanding attendance and enthusiasm in the Convention, next year's Convention is already in the planning stages by State Chairman Lion Perry Knutson. I am hopeful that the Spring Valley Leo Club will continue to be involved in the State Leo Convention with their outstanding Club. Hopefully we can get more Leo clubs started in the future.

I am looking forward to attending the International Convention in June where I will be representing District 1 K and MD 1 Lions. The Convention is being held in Bangkok, Thailand this year. All District 1 K Lions can look forward to attending the 2009 Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota next year. If you have not attended an International Convention, it is a great experience where you can meet Lions from all around the world. The International Parade is an awesome event that you will remember always. In addition, seminars, plenary sessions and entertainment events offer an enlightening experience for all Lions.

Lion Joan and I wish District Governor Elect Marilyn and Vice District Governor Elect Wayne best wishes and much success in the coming year.

Thanks for a great year. It has been a pleasure to serve and represent District 1 K.

"It is Great to be a Lion."

District Governor Glenn Cothorn



June 2008

Earlville Lions Fest

Saturday June 28th, 2008

Activities for the day are as follows:

11:00	Mini King & Queen Contest - 3 years old
11:30	Parade Registration
12:30	Parade
	Beer Garden Opens
1:30	Fire Department Kids water Fights
	Registration from 12:30-1:30
1:30	Pedal Pull - Classes by children's weight
3:00	Games in the Park
4:30-6:30	Pork Chop Barbeque
6:30	Draw Down
8:00-11:00	Street Dance (Free)
	Music provided by The Mavriks

All Day Activities:

- ♦ Dunk Tank
- ♦ Bounce House
- ♦ Pony Rides ♦ Moon Walk
- ♦ Church Food Booths

Come & Bring the Family!!!!

Spend the Day in Earlville!!!!

All Activities and Events take place in or area of Dodge Park.



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DISTRICT 1-K AWARDS NIGHT

FRIDAY – June 13, 2008 at Country Mansion in Dwight, IL.

SOCIAL HOUR – 6:00PM
DINNER SERVED – 6:30PM
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS BEGIN – 7:30PM

CHOICE OF ENTRÉE: (Please Select One)

Center Cut Pork Chop _____ Baked Tilapia with Breaded Parmesan _____
Parsley Butter New Potatoes + Carribean Blend Mixed Vegetables
Plated Salad, Dressing, Rolls + Butter
Beverage – Coffee, Tea or Milk

NAME: _____ Lion, Lioness, Leo, Guest

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Please make reservations by June 6th

COST: \$11.50 per meal includes tax + tip. TOTAL COST: _____
Make checks payable to – District 1-K Lions

Send to: District 1-K CST
Lion Bill Foli
2079 Country Road 900 N.
Secor, Il. 61771



Keep in Your Thoughts

Just was informed that Lion Larry Ahrends from the Pontiac Lions has had several strokes and TIA's in the past 6 weeks - please let's keep Larry in our thoughts and prayers - thanks. Sandy Sowers, PDG

PU101's

Attention ALL club secretaries. If you not done so, please send your PU101 form (next years officers, meeting place, etc...) to DGE Marilyn Miedzianski as soon as possible.
Dist Gov. Elect Marilyn Miedzianski
1204 Calhoun St.
Peru, IL 61354

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SPECIAL OLYMPICS
&
LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
OPENING EYES PROGRAM

Friday June 13th, 2008 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm
Saturday June 14th, 2008 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
ISU HORTON FIELD HOUSE



Contact: Lion John A. Rubis
District 1-K Opening Eye Chair.
507 S. Bloomington St.
Streator, IL 61364
Phone 815-672-9655

For a warm feeling
in your heart -
Come and help on
this project!



Lions Den
of Sorrau

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



Campaign SightFIRST II Update

Our District Goal is \$160,218.
28 Lions Clubs and 1 Lioness Club have
pledged \$75,748
Only 1 month remains!

We are “Knights of the Blind, in the crusade against darkness.” We are giving the gift of sight to millions of people. For someone suffering from reversible blindness, it takes only \$6 to give their sight back. How many people does YOUR club want to help?

To make a commitment to Campaign SightFIRST II, please contact PID Bud Wahl, National Coordinator, at 815/672-1832, or email pidbud@verizon.net

EARLVILLE LIONS CLUB
52ND ANNUAL GOLF PLAY DAY

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2008
EARLVILLE COUNTRY CLUB
SPEND THE DAY!!

GOLF-LUNCH-STEAK DINNER \$50
GOLF-LUNCH \$35
STEAK DINNER \$15

Pop & Beer Included • Golf Carts Available to Rent
Drive the Middle - Full Week Pass to John Deere Classic
*** LOTS OF PRIZES ***

The Lions Of Illinois Foundation 15th Annual Golf Classic

WHEN: Saturday, August 2, 2008 12:30 p.m.
Shotgun start - 4 person best ball scramble. **\$70.00 entry fee**
Includes: buffet lunch, 18 holes of golf, golf cart, evening banquet, free beverage on the course and prizes.

INCLUDING THESE ADDITIONAL PRIZES:

1. \$10,000 Hole-In-One (target hole)
2. Dell Computer System (auxiliary hole)
3. 1 set of Ben Hogan Custom Irons (auxiliary hole)
4. Bose Wave Radio/CD (auxiliary hole)
5. \$3000 Putting Contest (make 3 puts and win)
6. Everyone will get a coupon for a free golf bag

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)

Pays Two Flights: First - Second - Third

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 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 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

Make Checks Payable to: Lions of Illinois Foundation Golf Classic

Mail to: Lions of Illinois Foundation, 2814 DeKalb Avenue, Sycamore, IL 60178 ATTN: Mario Gumino

Trustee Report

With the arrival of spring comes the desire to plant something new and watch it grow; so, with that desire, let us think about our very own "planting bed" – YOUR Lions of Illinois Foundation! Trustee Bird and I have just returned from our annual meeting at the State Convention in Itasca; once again we have seen some of the clubs and individual Lions come forward to "grow" our Foundation during the Parade of Pledges. For the first time in ages, our yearly budget is showing good signs that it will be fulfilled and your Trustees appreciate the clubs and individual Lions that are meeting their responsibilities to LIF which was organized in 1974 by the Lions of Illinois.

The Foundation Breakfast at the State Convention on Sunday, May 18th had an attendance of 350! One of our new officers for next fiscal year will be Trustee Glenn "Bird" Combs as the Foundation's Vice-President – congratulations Lion Bird – 1-K is lucky to have you. Another important position is also being filled by one of our own dignitaries – PDG Dick Bark as the state chair for the Key Ambassador of Goodwill; he will be fulfilling the rest of Mush Kojima's term; thank you, Lion Dick for stepping in. Congratulations to the Marseilles Lions Club for achieving 3rd place in the whole state of Illinois for their 100% net contribution for Candy Day 2007 and congratulations to the Pontiac Lioness for their 1st place in the Lioness category for their Tootsie Pop donation. They also won 3rd place for their 60% net contribution to LIF for Tootsie Pop donations, competing with the Lions. THANK YOU very much Pontiac Lioness and Marseilles Lions for "growing" our Lions of Illinois Foundation!

The fiscal year's end is soon to be upon us – as we need each and every club's support, we ask for your consideration to "grow" our LIF by either participating in the "Walk for Sight" on June 1 at the Danada Equestrian Center in Wheaton (refer to last month's Trustee report) or/and the LIF golf outing on August 2 at Gibson City. For the golf outing we need sponsors for Holes @\$290; sponsors of golf carts @\$50 and golf prizes. A golfer registration form is enclosed in this newsletter. This is our 15th anniversary golf classic – let's make it the best one so far. All proceeds benefit the Low Vision program. How many visually impaired children do you want to help? Two hundred ninety dollars provides from \$800-\$900 worth of equipment – can you or and your club help us? Please contact Trustee Bird (815-794-2421; marslions@ivnet.com) or myself (815-634-3644; ssowers39@sbcglobal.net) to offer your help.

GOD BLESS all of you for your volunteer efforts. Remember: keep recycling too – this helps keep our planet green!

Trustee Sandy

District Governor Elect Report

As hard as it is to believe, this is my last message here in this spot. My next one will be as your District Governor for 2008-2009. I learned a lot for Governor Glenn this past year and now it is time to put that knowledge to work. I am sure my year as governor will go by just as quickly as this one did.

We have accomplished many good things in Governor Glenn's year and I look forward to the same dedication from all the good Lions in our District. I look forward to seeing all of you at all our training sessions, cabinet meetings and other Lions gatherings. Remember that all cabinet meetings are open to any Lion – join us to see what Lionism at the district level is all about.

At the recent state convention I met with all those from the state who are on my council of governors. We interviewed and selected those state chairmen and women who will serve our MD-1 this coming year. We also met as the new group of governors to decide what our goals will be for this year. I am happy to say that we will be pretty much carrying out the goals of Governor Glenn's council – that of increasing our membership. We are adding one factor that seems to be missing – that of accountability. That means all of us – including myself. We will be expecting all those who serve us as leaders to be accountable for doing what they say they will. We hope to turn the decline in membership around to have a positive number at the end of the year.

As part of my preparation for the training we will be getting in Thailand we were asked to submit a short essay about why we became Lions. What an eye opener to see it on paper. The reason why I became a Lion was – *I was asked!* So, lets go forward this year with that in mind – we cannot get new members if we do not ask.

DGE Marilyn



Saskatoon Shines!

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.