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*1-B's planting trees*



*Citizen of the Year  
in District 1-G*

*Bunker Hill Lions honor*

*Lion Peg Hilyard page 22*

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of Illinois  
Foundation  
honors PDG Gould**

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# Musings of the Council Chairman

PDG Terry Knollenberg, Council Chairman

I would like to provide a word of thanks to PDG Judy Fenton for her years of service as State Secretary/Treasurer. Lion Judy recently resigned and will be missed. When you see Lion Judy at upcoming events, be sure to provide your own words of recognition for her dedicated work for the Lions of Illinois.

The Executive Committee is working on obtaining a replacement and, along with the other Governors, will be running the State Office until then.

The Council of Governors is requesting any Lion in MD-1 wishing to participate in the Lions Environmental Photo Contest to visit lionsclubs.org and search "Photo Contest" to get the rules and deadline for the contest. Each sub-district is encouraged to submit one photograph for each category. The Council of Governors will judge the sub-district submissions at the February Council meeting and send the winning entries on to International for judging.

The Council of Governors is requesting that Lions in MD-1 wishing to provide a pin design for the 2013 International Convention get the rules by e-mailing the Council Chairman at md1cc1112@gmail.com. Submission of your design must be received at the State Office, 19072 State Hwy 123, Petersburg, IL 62675-9421 no later than February 1, 2012. The Council of Governors will vote on the submissions at the February Council meeting.

Have you sponsored a new member lately? The membership of Multiple District 1 continues to drop year over year, and the only solution to this trend lies in you, our Lions of Illinois. If each Lion would sponsor one new Lion, we would almost be up to the membership levels we were in the mid 60's. If half the Lions of Illinois would sponsor a new member we would be up to the membership levels we were in 1995.

You will notice this issue of the Illinois Lions magazine has combined three months. This was required to stay within expected dues income allocated to the magazine. Dues income comes from our membership. Fewer members, less dues income.

A re-districting committee has been formed and will meet soon to begin discussing this unpleasant topic. The only solution to re-districting of Multiple District 1 is an increase in membership.

It is not an easy task but if your club, your district, and the Multiple District are to survive into the future we all must sponsor new members. I see a lot of good our Lions clubs do around that State; think of how much more good we could do with more members.

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# USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Recap



Past International President Clem Kusiak and Mrs. Jeanie Kusiak, Lion Jim Olmsted, Lion Donna Mikolajczyk, Past International Director Bud Wahl, Lion Jim Kobrt, International President Dr. Wing-Kun Tam, Past International President Joseph Wroblewski, and Lion Jama Wahl

Past International Director Bud Wahl

Anchorage, Alaska was home to the 2011 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in September. More than 1,800 Lions from across North America were registered for the annual fall event. A number of Lions from overseas also attended.

Multiple District 1 Past International Director Bud Wahl served as General Chairperson of the event. Assisting him on the Planning Committee were 20 Lions from the USA and Canada. Lions enjoyed more than 60 seminars, four keynote addresses during the four scheduled meals, a tree-planting ceremony with President Tam, a Special Olympics Opening Eyes Screening, and the breathtaking scenery of the Alaskan mountain ranges.

“The Alaskan Lions were perfect hosts,” remarked Wahl. “They helped make this Forum one of the smoothest running Forums ever. They worked well with the Planning Committee, which has been busy since October of 2010, putting this together.”

Several Lions took advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity and signed up for pre-Forum and post-Forum tours. The weather was very cooperative, allowing attendees to walk from their hotels to the convention center. General Chairperson Wahl and his wife Lion Jama hosted a reception on Friday evening for all Illinois Lions in attendance.

Next year's Forum will be held in Tampa, Florida.

## Leadership

### One perspective on Leadership

*from the desk of Lion John Joseph Honiotes, Leadership Chairman, District 1-B*

Leadership can be defined as one's ability to get others to willingly follow. Every organization needs leaders at every level. Leaders can be found and nurtured, if you look for the various character traits.

**Vision:** A leader with vision has a clear, vivid picture of where to go, as well as a firm grasp on what success looks like and how to achieve it. But it's not enough to have a vision; leaders must also share it and act upon it. A leader must be able to communicate his or her vision in terms that cause followers to buy into it. He or she must communicate clearly and passionately, as passion is contagious. A good leader must have the discipline to work toward his or her vision single-mindedly, as well as to direct his or her actions and those of the team toward the goal. Action is the mark of a leader. A leader does not suffer “analysis paralysis” but is always doing something in pursuit of the vision, inspiring others to do the same.

**Integrity** is the integration of outward actions and inner values. A person of integrity is the same on the outside and on the inside. Such an individual can be trusted because he or she never veers from inner values, even when it might be expeditious to do so. A leader must have the trust of followers and therefore must display integrity. Honest dealings, predictable reactions, well-controlled emotions, and an absence of tantrums and harsh outbursts are all signs of integrity. A leader who is centered in integrity will be more approachable by followers.

**Dedication** means spending whatever time or energy is necessary to accomplish the task at hand. A leader inspires dedication by example, doing whatever it takes to complete the next step toward the vision. By setting an excellent example, leaders can show followers that there are no nine-to-five jobs on the team, only opportunities to achieve something great.

**Magnanimity** means giving credit where it is due. A magnanimous leader ensures that credit for successes is spread as widely as possible throughout the organization. Conversely, a good leader takes personal responsibility for failures. This sort of reverse magnanimity helps other people feel good about themselves and draws the team closer together. To spread the fame and take the blame is a hallmark of effective leadership.

Leaders with **Humility** recognize that they are no better or worse than other members of the team. A humble leader is not self-effacing but rather tries to elevate everyone. Leaders with humility also understand that their status does not make them a god.

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These are just a few of the character traits found in good leaders. The world's greatest leaders didn't start out fully developed, but rather improved their abilities through training, practice and a desire to improve. I myself have a desire to improve and that is why I am getting ready to head out to a joint meeting of the GMT/GLT (Global Membership Team/Global Leadership Team) members from Illinois and Indiana. It will include information on the International's move from MERLOW to GMT/GLT and training specific to make the transition easier. Lions wishing to improve their leadership skills have great opportunities through our International Website and also through upcoming local Guiding Lion Training Sessions soon to be announced.

## ***LEHP - Lions Eye Health Program update - Cataracts***

*IPDG George Endean, State LEHP Chairman*

In the last issue of the Lions of Illinois Magazine, I wrote about Age-Related Macular Degeneration. As one gets older there are other risks that can happen to one's eyes; one such is a cataract.

A cataract is a clouding of the lens in the eye that affects vision. Most cataracts are related to aging, and are very common in older people. By age 80, more than half of all Americans have either a cataract or have had cataract surgery. A Cataract can occur in either or both eyes. It cannot spread from one eye to the other. There are things you should be aware of regarding cataracts. How they develop, who are at risk, and what are the symptoms. Age-related cataracts develop in two ways:

**Best Tip:**  
*If you have any vision changes or loss symptoms, please see a doctor.*

### ***Clumps or protein reduce the sharpness of the image reaching the retina.***

The lens consists mostly of water and protein. When the protein clumps up, it clouds the lens and reduces the light that reaches the retina. The clouding may become severe enough to cause blurred vision. When a cataract is small you may not notice any changes in your vision. Cataracts tend to grow slowly, thus vision gets worse gradually. Seeing may become difficult, and your vision may get duller or blurrier.

### ***The clear lens slowly changes to a yellowish/brownish color, adding a brownish tint to vision.***

As the clear lens slowly colors with age, your vision gradually may acquire a brownish shade. At first, the amount of tinting may be small and may not cause a vision problem, over time the tinting may increase and make it difficult to read and perform other routine activities.

### **Symptoms of a cataract include:**

- Cloudy or blurred vision.
- Colors seem faded.
- Glare; headlights, lamps, or sunlight may appear too bright a halo may appear around lights.
- Poor night vision.
- Double vision or multiple images in one eye.
- Frequent prescription changes in your eyeglasses or contact glasses.

If you notice any of these changes to your vision, you need to see an eye doctor.

The risk of a cataract increases as you get older, other risk factors for cataract are certain diseases, of which diabetes is one; personal behavior, smoking and alcohol use; and the environment, prolonged exposure to ultraviolet sunlight. If you have any of these symptoms you need to see an Eye Doctor as they can also be a sign of other eye problems.

The earlier you see an Eye Doctor for any eye problems, the better chances you have in correcting an eye problem or stop a problem from getting worse. The main purpose of the LEHP Program is Making Vision a Health Priority and to help one to become aware of Eye Health Problems.

Check the next issue of the Lions of Illinois Magazine for additional discussion on eye-related problems.

## **POSITION OPEN**

The Lions of Illinois, Inc. has an opening for a person to manage the State office in Petersburg. Candidate must have knowledge of QuickBooks and have the ability to prepare financial statements; must be versed in Microsoft Office. Ideal candidate to be a self-starter, able to work alone, and a good communicator.

Must be able to operate typical office machines and maintain an office.

Interested parties send resumes no later than 11/19/11 via e-mail:

Council Chairman Terry Knollenberg at  
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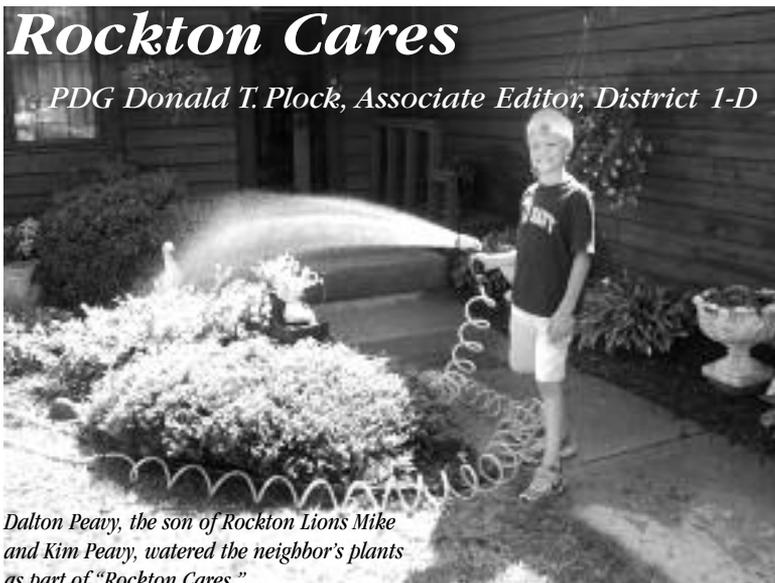
The “Rockton Cares” program began as a discussion amongst Rockton Lions Michael Peavy, Kim Peavy and Andrew Chavers. Relatively new to Lions, the three of them began discussing where there might be an additional need in the community. Eager to serve and fill a void, they came up with the idea of “Rockton Cares.” They pitched the idea to the Club at a monthly meeting and got a great response.

As Lion Andrew Cavers stated at that meeting, “We are a large group of professional individuals who have a lot of contacts in this community. We have been fortunate to succeed, and we should do what we can to help.” The Lions launched “Rockton Cares” in the community in local churches, schools, and food pantries, and have had a positive response.

We were recently contacted by the daughter of a Rockton resident asking for assistance with gardening and other household chores while her husband critically ill and in the hospital. Lion August Christopher’s wife, Mil, stepped up and offered to help. She stopped by and made contact with Virginia and immediately made a connection with her.

After a couple of visits to her residence she noticed that the yard needed much more TLC. During the Club’s annual Steak Fry in August it was brought to the attention of the Lions. A date was set that night to go the following weekend to Virginia’s home to have a workday and clean her yard. As the Lions arrived at the scheduled time, they were met by Virginia, and she explained how someone earlier that day, a man from the Club came by with two young boys and mowed the lawn! We just recently found out that person was Lion Andy Honkamp and his two boys. Andy had loaded up his mower in his vehicle and filled Virginia’s need.

“Rockton Cares” has been a huge success from the start. Lions showed up with vans and cars full of gardening and lawn equipment, including leaf blowers, gloves, weed whackers, and trimming shears – all ready to work. After two hours of hard work by lots of Lions, there were six leaf and lawn bags full of yard waste. The Lions Club’s mission is “We Serve,” and we couldn’t think of a better way to live our mission statement than this.



*Dalton Peavy, the son of Rockton Lions Mike and Kim Peavy, watered the neighbor’s plants as part of “Rockton Cares.”*

## Rockton Cares

*PDG Donald T. Plock, Associate Editor, District 1-D*

## Bartlett Recycles in a BIG Way

*submitted by Lion Greg Szdlowski, Barlett Lions Club, District 1-J* Hanover Township, in District 1-J, held a Recycling Extravaganza event in August and the Bartlett Lions joined the effort collecting used eyeglasses, cellular phones, and hearing aids. The effort was well worth it! They collected bag loads of glasses and cell phones, which will be taken to the Lions of Illinois Foundation. The large collection made it easy for the Lions to have Lions join in for a sorting party after the August general meeting.

1,300 pairs of eyeglasses, five hearing aids, four ink cartridges, and 400 cell phones were the total collected. The sorting gave the newer Lions the

opportunity to see what the sorting process entails. The older Lions got a refresher course and an opportunity to have more social time. As an added benefit, PDG George Endean will give the eyeglass cases to District 1-F. District 1-F has developed a program with a local church in order to use the cases, instead of just discarding them.



*Lions George Endean and Frank Schulter, with volunteer Ms Shirley Schrade preparing for the Recycle Extravaganza.*



This was a great way to take one event (the Recycle Extravaganza) during which the Lions were seen by over 400 people who drove by to drop recyclables, and develop it into a sorting party which helped the Club and the Foundation, and then helped another District with one of their programs.

## District 1-A "Connected and Engaged"

### District Governor Wes Salsbury



*Arirang Lions Club* presentation of officers and induction of four new members with Governor Wes Salsbury, Zone Chairman Mark Jerger, PCC Georg Toft, and CST Judy Toft in attendance. PCC Georg Toft inducted Kiho Lee sponsored by Lion Kilsung Oh, Lion Haeyoung Bae sponsored by Lion Kapjoon No, Lion Soonhee Chang sponsored by Sokon Kim, and Lion Yongsam Shin sponsored by Choong-Pae Chon.



Governor Wes Salsbury with the outgoing and incoming Presidents and the recipients of appreciation recognition by the Club.

*Mont Clare/Elmwood Park Lions* were seen roaming the halls at the Bethesda Home in the Mont Clare neighborhood, where they visited residents and a fun time was had by all. The seniors were entertained



with a piano sing-along, root beer floats and other refreshments. Cuddly lion dolls were given to all the residents and a real delight was Lion Eric's daughter, Diana, who helped to do the honors. Another feel good afternoon for the Lions.



## District 1-A (continued)



**Riverside Township Lions** were proud to induct a new member into their Club. Welcome to Dawneen Suriano sponsored by Lion Melissa Kotrba here with President Lion Olga Sylvester and Lion Alex Gallegos



**Southeast Lions**  
Andy DiSanto,  
Hegewisch  
George Petrich  
and wife  
Rosemary, Joe  
Gonzalez, Lillian  
Gomez, Irene  
Hurley, Margarita  
Carrillo and Gilbert



Medina presented a Braille Bible to a blind South Chicago resident, Nicholas Ayon, which was purchased from the Braille Superstore in Abbotsford, British Columbia.

## District 1-B "Perform Random Acts of Kindness"

### District Governor Paul Benetazzo



Governor Paul Benetazzo has given District 1-B a new friend, a great way for clubs to visit other clubs, and a way to make a little money for the District. We now have Lion Friendly. Frankfort Lion Sue brought Lion Friendly to Essex and gave him to President Marty when the Essex Lions Club hosted the Candy Day Jamboree. Essex President Marty then took Lion Friendly to the Breakfast in Bradley and gave him to the Bradley Leos Club. They were very excited to have him.



District 1-B held a very successful Golf Outing and here is the entire group of Lions golfers who withstood the cold, gloomy day to golf. Beecher Lion President Greg Szymanski welcomed the golfers. This years winners were Jeff and Shelly Saltzman with a 66!



The first 1-B District Cabinet Meeting was led by Governor Paul Benetazzo. During the meeting, PID Bud Wahl discussed LCIF with the Lions.

**Lions Clubs International: Mission Statement**  
To empower volunteers to serve their communities,  
meet humanitarian needs,  
encourage peace and promote international  
understanding through Lions clubs.

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## District 1-B *(continued)*



*In keeping with the message from the Lions Clubs International President Tam, the Bolingbrook Lions and Leos planted nine trees to beautify their community.*



*Lion Charlie Siefert, Bolingbrook's Male Citizen of the Year, received a plaque from Mayor Roger Claar at the Village Board meeting.*



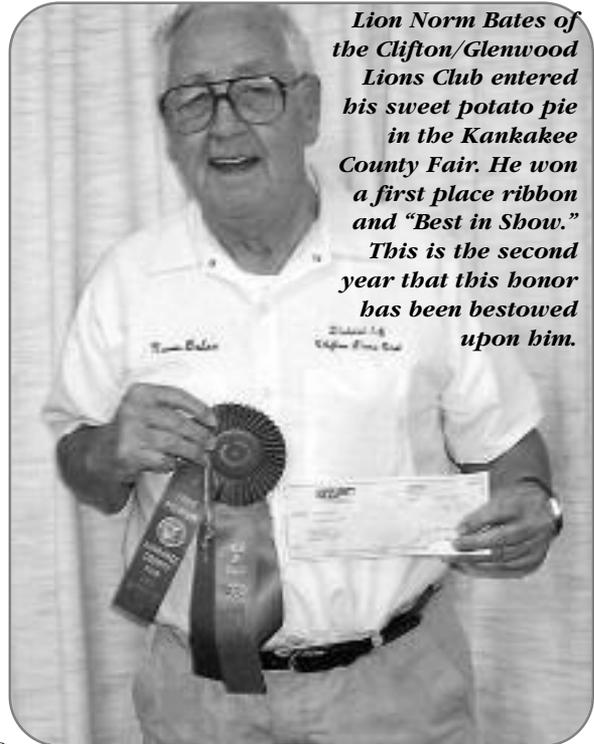
The Bolingbrook Lions Club and Leos Clubs once again hosted the Catholic Charities Foster Parent Picnic in September. The picnic saw almost 200 people attend. The children all enjoyed the games that were organized and run by the Leos. The Bolingbrook Park District provided their trackless train and portable climbing wall, and the Lions provided popcorn and sno-cones, and cooked the burgers and hot dogs.



The *Crete Lions*, including Peter Caldwell and Renee Hill, sold beer and wine and gave out free sno-cones (950!) during the Crete Park District's Park-A-Palooza event in September. Despite the weather, all had fun.



Here with Coach Lion Linda Johnson are Jazmine Frenzel, Lauren Johnson, Alyssa Frenzel, Megan Comise, Korie Poces and Vanessa Caldwell. Lion Linda presented a \$1,000 donation to Chicago Comets Manager John Herzog on behalf of the Club.



*Lion Norm Bates of the Clifton/Glenwood Lions Club entered his sweet potato pie in the Kankakee County Fair. He won a first place ribbon and "Best in Show." This is the second year that this honor has been bestowed upon him.*



## District 1-B (continued)

**New  
Lion!**

The newest Crete Lion, Don Corydon, here with his sponsor Lion Paul Herrmann and 1st Vice District Governor Karen Johnson, was welcomed this past summer.



Four, \$850 "recycle scholarships" were awarded by the Crete Lions by President Bob Johnson and Lion Dan Mulderink to Lauren Sopko (accepted by granddad Lion Don Sopko), Taylor Bogan, Therese Caldwell, and Robyn Norton.



The **Crest Hill Lions** have been busy lately! They've had three different events in August and several more planned before the end of

the year. The fun started at the Senior Services Fair, where the Lions of Illinois Foundation Hearing Screening unit was on location to serve 75 residents. The fun continued at the annual Crest Hill City Picnic at St. Joe's Park with the Lions working Bingo for the second year. That same week the Lions hosted Bingo at the Channahon Three Rivers Festival - one fantastic fundraiser they've participated in for almost ten years. Thank you to the **Channahon Lions Club** for welcoming the Crest Hills Lions back every year. The first Meet, Greet & Eat was held in **Chebanse**. The **Frankfort Lions** have again teamed up with Lincoln-Way Community High School to co-sponsor STRIDES: Lions Walk For Diabetes Awareness in October. 47th Annual **Ashkum Lions Club** Homecoming Fundraiser was held this past fall.

**Joliet Noon Lions** hosted their annual Steak Fry and Broom Sale Beans, a recipe that has been handed down from Lion to Lion for years. Lions and guests played euchre and bags; there was a 50/50 raffle and prizes. Lion Missy Honiotes thanked the Joliet Slammers Baseball Team, including Outfielder Reid Chenworth, Pitcher Kevin Crimmel, Bench Coach Ron Biga, and Pitcher Andrew Moss for providing a great program to the Lions during a regular meeting. Students of the Month of September are Kyle Teagarden from Joliet Central; and Jill Hickey from Joliet Catholic Academy.

The annual Gorski Steak Fry was held this summer, kick-starting the **Lemont Lions** year in usual fashion. Newest Lion Ted Jekiel (sponsored by President Tim Berner) was congratulated by Lion Bill Moffett. The Lions held their annual Golf Outing this past summer with a great day, super crowd, and good fundraiser for the community. The Lions played the annual Lions versus SRA Softball Game hoping to win this year, but came up short, again.

**New  
Lion!**



The **Lincolnway Leos Club** helped over 40 people with eye exams at Sharefest.



**Essex** hosted the District Candy Day Jamboree the day before they held a fundraising craft show and a Pancake Breakfast.

**Mokena Lions** began a seasonal event with the 1st Annual Golf Outing at Willow Run. They also took on their Poker Run.

The **Romeoville Lions** were visible at Romeofest manning an information booth all four days and selling raffle tickets for an iPad and a TV/DVD. A very excited winner, and possible new Lion, is here with Lion Brian Clance, Sr., Lion Cheryl Kirby, Heather Jelic, and Lion King Dave Bird.



Lemont Lion Rod Meier received a Lions of Illinois Foundation Fellow presented by LIF President and Lemont Lion PDG Bill Keenan.



## District 1-B (continued)



President Tim Berner led the Lions in the annual Lemont Labor Day Keepataw Days parade, here with Charlotte Drez and drivers Lions Gary Krueger and Pat O'Brien.



*Lemont Lions, including Dennis Lewandowski, helped the Chamber run Cruise Night parking cars, directing traffic and helping people.*



*Romeoville Lions at Romeofest this past fall.*

## District 1-CN "Take Time to Serve"

**District Governor Lydia Ellis**



Lions of Illinois Foundation Trustee Bill McKinney and 2nd Vice District Governor Morris "Mo" Ritzel visited the *Central City/Centralia Lions Club* joined Governor Ellis. Governor Ellis spoke of the District's goals of boosting membership. In following the goal, two of the newest Lions, James Maxey and Lion Eric Hatcher, were honored by being inducted by their Governor. While

**New Lion!**

there, Governor Ellis was the inducting officer for James Maxey, who is sponsored by Lion George Hatcher, and Eric Hatcher, following in the footsteps of his father Lion George and grandfather Lion Daniel Hatcher.

**New Lion!**



Lion Eric was pinned by his grandmother Pat Hatcher. Lion George, who sponsored both Lions, was asked by Governor Ellis to guide the new Lions and oversee education about Lionism.

During the meeting, the Governor, joined by Lioness Liaison Gary Toedte and Lion President Zach Roeckeman, presented a





Lions of Illinois Foundation Fellow to Lioness President Sandy Mecum of the *Central City/Centralia Lioness Club* for their philanthropic work in support of the Central City/Centralia Lions. President Roeckeman mentioned that the members of the *Central City/Centralia Lions* voted to recognize the Lioness as a special

group of people; it is too often that we do not say "thank you" enough or acknowledge all the work that the ladies of the Club do. He also stated that the Lions work hard to raise money so that they can support multiple worthy causes, and "every time we're out there raising money or working on an event, or doing anything, we're joined by the Lionesses, and they are a huge reason for our success!" Vice President Bill Luebben presented student Miss Molly Wehking with the Charles VanCleve Memorial \$500 scholarship to be used toward her education at Kaskaskia College in Centralia. Miss Wehking plans to transfer to Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, with the thought of studying law.



In July, the Central City/Centralia Lions welcomed yet another Lion as Kenny Hill was inducted by President Zach Roeckeman, and sponsored by Vice President Bill Luebben.

The *Nashville Lions* Club was recently instrumental in organizing relief donations for Joplin, Missouri tornado victims, affected by a tornado in May. This endeavor included donations from the entire Nashville community. The *Hoyleton Lions* and *Okawville Lions* Clubs were asked to assist, and each conducted a similar effort in their community. The response was excellent. The collection of donations from the



three communities resulted in two-thirds of a semi-truck load. NOTS, a local trucking company, donated the truck and NOTS employee Lion Alex Bartolomucci, volunteered to drive the truck to Joplin. In addition to organizing the collection of various items to meet the needs of tornado victims, the Nashville Lions gave \$2,100 to the Joplin Club to assist in their efforts to help victims of the disaster. Lions Arnold Bartling, Jay Colbrook and Lion President Russ Kohnen comprised the committee that spearheaded the Joplin relief effort.

**TOP 10 MOST WANTED NEW LIONS LIST**

- Family & Friends
- Local Businesses
- Community
- Neighbors
- Relatives
- Former Members
- New Lions
- High School Business

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**Monthly GMT Tip for October 2011**

Launching Water Balloons at WIDE  
 Lions Targets Is Fun!  
 Are Families and Children Actively  
 Involved in Your Clubs  
 and Their Projects???

*Do Something!*



# District 1-CS "Work for Positive Change"

## District Governor Alma Young



**New Lions!**



**New Lion!**



**New Lions!**

PDG Billy Kelley has received a letter of support from U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello regarding the H.R. #2139, Lions Clubs International's Century Club of Service Commemorative Coin Act.

The **Carbondale Lions** Club welcomed new members, Pattie Cuendet and Jim Morris to the Club. Carbondale native and State of Illinois Lieutenant Governor Shelia Simon visited the Lions this past summer.



The **Carterville Lioness** and **Carterville Lions** worked together during the Carterville Lions Free Fair. **Steeleville Lions** purchased a pair of eyeglasses for a resident.

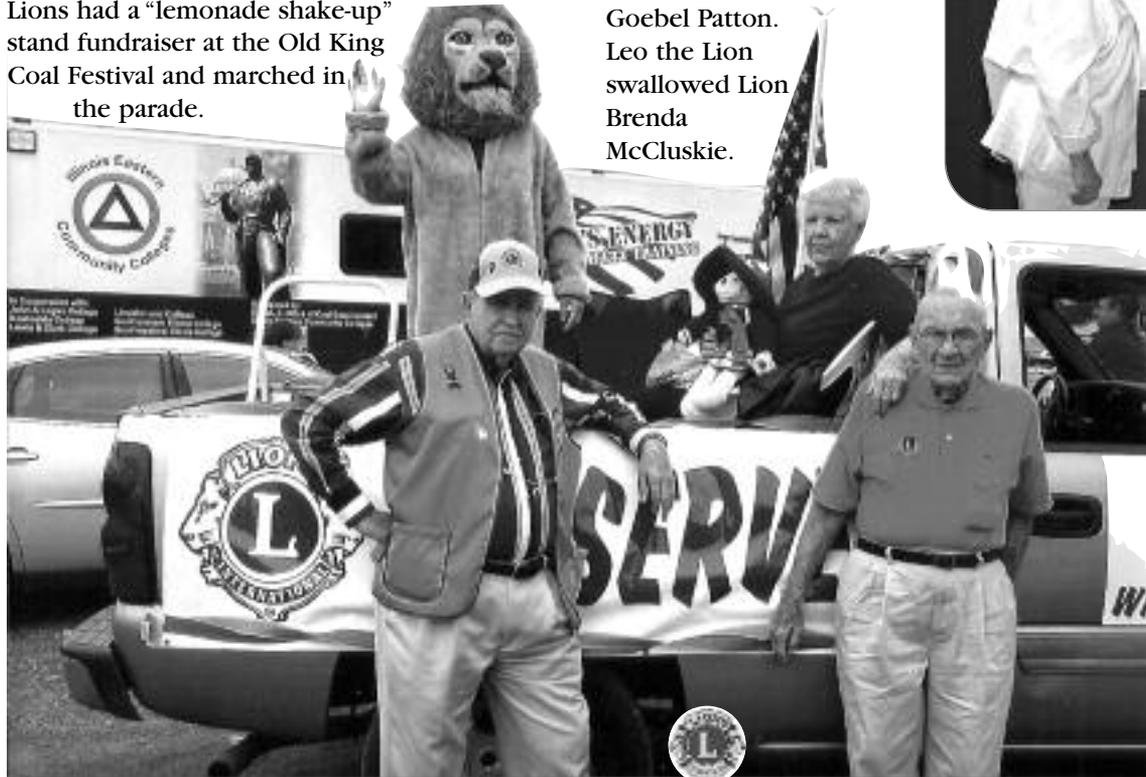
**Harrisburg Town and Country Lions** participated in parades and promoting Lionism in Ridgeway, Harrisburg and Eldorado, placed flags throughout their community on Labor Day and Patriot Day, had a visit from the Coleman Tri-County service who explained what their services provide for their visually impaired clients. The Lions welcomed new member Josh Miller, sponsored by Lion Connie Stricklin.

Lions of Illinois Foundation Trustee PDG Larry McGuire paid a visit to the **Johnston City Lions** Club. They recently donated to the local ministerial alliance, held a successful fish fry with the proceeds to help with the back to school supplies drive, and donated to the Johnston City Indians sports program. The Lions welcomed new members Andrea McNeill, Mark Kochan, and Phil and Karla Crosby.

**Norris City Lions** recognized several of their own on Awards Night. President Elaine Delap presented Lion Wayne McKenzie with a plaque thanking him for 22 years of service as the Club's secretary; PDG Troy Pate received a LCI Lifetime Membership. And, the highlight of the evening was PDG Ezra Millsbaugh who received a Melvin Jones Fellow. Along with family members and guests, the Governor Alma and ten PDGs were present to honor the Lions.

Trustee Larry McGuire, PDG recently visited the **West Frankfort Lions** to discuss "We Serve." The Lions had a "lemonade shake-up" stand fundraiser at the Old King Coal Festival and marched in the parade.

Lions Harold McGhee, Donna McGhee and Goebel Patton. Leo the Lion swallowed Lion Brenda McCluskie.



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## District 1-CS (continued)

President Allan Farris awarded the Tom Maybell *Sparta Lions Club* Scholarship to Jamie Woodworth here with proud father, Ron Woodworth.

### **Red Bud Lions** President

Pastor Mark Nebel made a sizeable donation to the Red Bud Public Library covering first year of service for the OverDrive program, allowing library patrons to



download audiobooks, eBooks, music and video onto their personal computers, various eReader devices and audio devices, all at no charge. Librarian Brenda Gilpatrick accepted the donation.

The *Marion Lions* took part in several fund raising projects to help the community. Club President Mike Dugger said, "The Club's efforts resulted in donations to Hearing Impaired School, Hands Of Hope, Marion Carnegie Library, Marion Ministerial Alliance, The Light House Shelter and Habitat for Humanity." Marion Mayor Bob signed a proclamation proclaiming Candy Day in Marion. There to commemorate the occasion were Chairperson Bob Wargel, and Lions Charles Pressley, and Bruce Holliday, Ed Russell, and President Mike Dugger.

President Charles Pressley presented the distinguished Lion of the Year award to Lion Tara Broy. Lion Tara has been a member almost three years and has served on the Candy Day, Golf, BBQ, Building, Used Eyeglasses, and Membership and Attendance committees; she has sold many Sight & Sound Sweepstakes tickets; and has always been willing to do more than her share of work on any project without being asked to do so.

*Lenzburg Lions* were recently visited by Governor Young and Trustee PDG McGuire. The Governor spoke on the need for increased membership and International President Tam's theme "I Believe." Trustee McGuire spoke on the Lions motto, "We Serve."

PDG Larry Mehring was the inducting officer as *New Athens Lions* welcomed two more new members, Dorothy Hentzel and Scott Daniels.



"We Serve"



*Steeleville Lions* purchased a pair of eyeglasses for a resident.

The *Loda Lions* Club recently lost its Clubhouse due to a fire. The amount of insurance on the building was not enough to replace it. They are seeking and would appreciate any donation of funds from other Clubs that may be willing to help us replace our building.

Donations can sent to:

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Any assistance is greatly appreciated! Thank you.  
Lion Don Ward, Secretary

## District 1-D "Challenge the Lion in You!"

### District Governor Paul Lindstrom



The City of East Dubuque received a financial flood relief donation of \$5,000 from Lions Clubs International. Lions Bill Lucy, Ben Andersen, President Tom Van Gelder, Governor Paul Lindstrom, City Mayor George Young, Club Treasurer Jen Heim were present for the check presentation. LCI granted \$10,000 to five Clubs in Jo Davies County for flood relief, an area hard hit by torrential rains in July, that left hundreds of homeowners devastated with property loss and much more.



**East Dubuque Lions** gathered for double duty in celebration of their annual Auction & Dinner and commemoration of their 75th Anniversary. Meeting the community service needs of East Dubuque include Lions Jerry Vaassen, Secretary Bernie Murray, Tom Sheehan and Public Relations Chairman Casey Klein. All were recognized for living the Lions motto: "We Serve."

The funds are intended for blankets, replacement of lost medications, toiletries, cleaning supplies, clothing and other needs. East Dubuque held a Flood Relief Fundraiser in August 21, and all funds raised, over \$40,000, went toward the aid of those in need due to the disastrous rains.

All at the 5th annual Galena Oktoberfest had a good time! The event, hosted by the Galena Lions Club,



drew over 4,000 visitors, who enjoyed the beautiful autumn day. 1-D dignitaries including District Governor Paul and First Lady Terri Lindstrom, 1st Vice District Governor Ruth Lyle and her husband Tom, Second Vice District Governor Fred Peska and his wife Sharon, and Canine Companions Chair PDG Judy Shaw and her husband Chaplain Duane Shaw, PDG.

125 Wiener dogs led the parade, after the trumpet call to post, cannon blast and ceremonial tapping of the keg. The day was filled with dog races and events, long lines for Oktoberfest beer, bean bag tournament, two bounce houses full of kids, lots of German-style

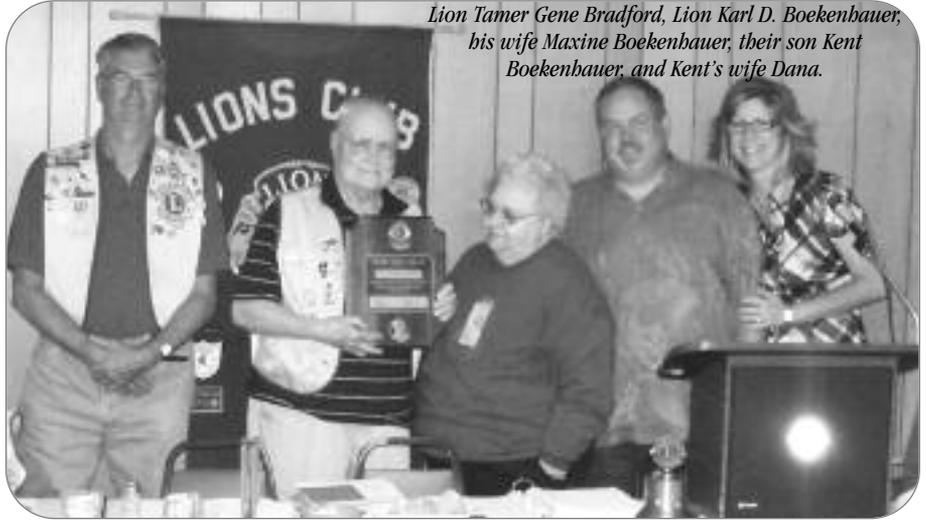
food, pumpkin decorating, beer stein endurance contest, bubble gum blowing contest, a clown making balloon animals, live polka music by two bands and polka dancing lessons, and a contemporary band for the evening. Galena Oktoberfest takes place every year at



## District 1-D (continued)

Depot Park, by the eastside riverfront in Galena. The date is set for September 22, 2012! Proceeds benefit the sight and sound needs of the community and for community projects, such as large donations to the food pantry and purchasing special equipment for public use.

The **Genoa Lions** were pleased to award a Melvin Jones Fellow to Lion Karl D. Boekenhauer. Lion Tamer Gene Bradford presented longtime friend of Lion "Boeky" the award. This prestigious award is rarely presented in the Genoa Club, this being the eighth in the Club's 59-year history. Lion Boekenhauer has been a member of the Genoa Lions since April 1972, held the office of president in 1984, and has been on the Board for at least 30 of his 39 years with the Club. Lion Bradford said this about his friend, "Boeky has been an active member of the Genoa Lions, and has



*Lion Tamer Gene Bradford, Lion Karl D. Boekenhauer, his wife Maxine Boekenhauer, their son Kent Boekenhauer, and Kent's wife Dana.*

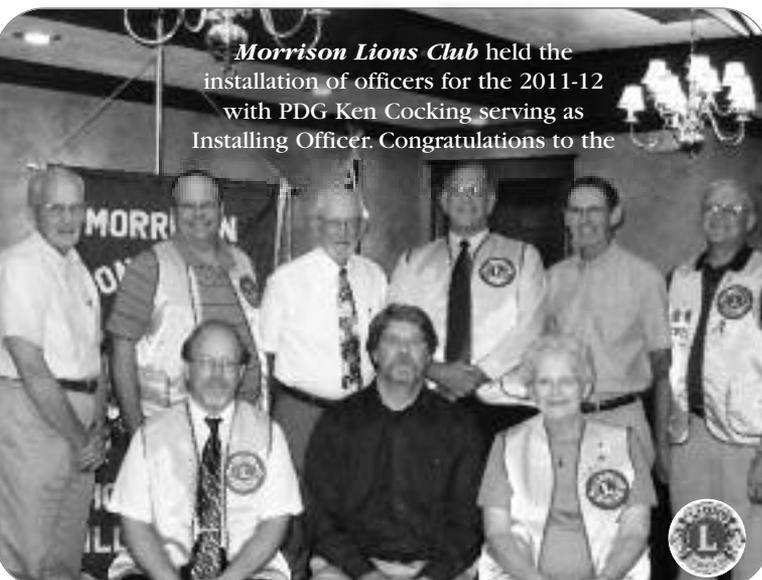
been an exceptional secretary for about 20 of those years, frequently receiving awards for reporting excellence from the District." To many local clubs, Lion Boekenhauer is the face of the Genoa Lions due to his longtime commitment to

being the best club secretary he could be. Lion Boekenhauer was surprised with this award; everyone, including his wife Maxine, kept it a secret from him until the last moment. All Genoa Lions appreciate the work that Lion Boekenhauer has done for this Club and City of Genoa over the years, and are pleased to make him a Melvin Jones Fellow.



**German Valley Lions** Club President Ronald Plock presented the German Valley Lions with the Five Star Club Award presented to him by PDG Ron Fruit for the 2010-11 Lions year. Secretary Donna Smith

received a 100% Secretary Award and IPP Donald Plock the coveted 100% President's award. This is the Club's second Five Star Club Award. Lions Shirley Stein and Donna Plock serving, and Aaron Rogers, Kerry Hoops, Rex McCoy, and Robert Ebbesmeyer grilling and others worked the Cub Foods Brat Stand fundraiser.

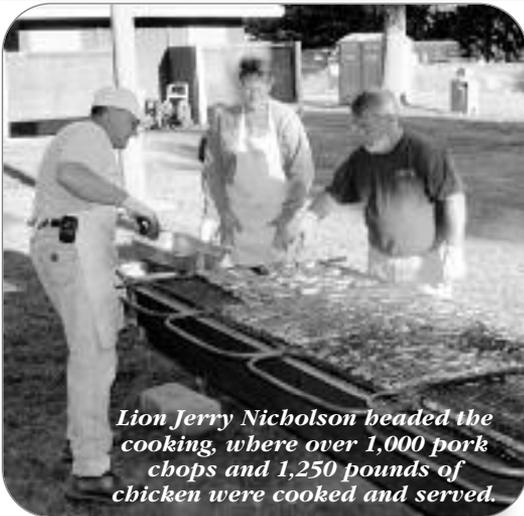


*Morrison Lions Club held the installation of officers for the 2011-12 with PDG Ken Cocking serving as Installing Officer. Congratulations to the*

new officers: 2-Year Director Bob Smith, Tail Twister Ken Jansma, and 1-Year Director Flora Stralow, PDG Ken Cocking, 1st Vice President Bart Smith, 2nd Vice President Fred Steele, President Steve Wroble, Treasurer Jim Blakemore, and Secretary Bob Countryman.



## District 1-D (continued)



*Lion Jerry Nicholson headed the cooking, where over 1,000 pork chops and 1,250 pounds of chicken were cooked and served.*

Wonderful weather and delicious grilled food filled the weekend in **Paw Paw** for the Lions Labor Day Festival. The Club will use proceeds for high school scholarships and community projects. The Parade Grand Marshal was Erv Safranek, who is a Charter member of the Paw Paw Lions.



*Over 200 entries were displayed in the Paw Paw Lions Labor Day Car Show.*

*Lions Pam Graney and Barb Shelton welcome back Rockford Noon Lions for an exciting Lion's year at the Annual Roundup Event.*



Each year the **Rockford Noon Lions** host a

supper for Lions and their spouses; this year they enjoyed a picnic supper held at the Center for Sight and Hearing. Lion President Charlie Quillen provided a program on the history of the Club and they enjoyed the induction of their newest member, Lion Carl Kole.

The Lions welcomed new Lion Carl Kole here with Lion Pam Graney and PDG Ray Hughes. Immediate Past

President John Bendixen and Secretary Pam Graney received 100% President and 100% Secretary Awards (respectively) presented by PDG Hughes.



During the **Rockton Lions** Club annual Steak Fry, Governor Paul Lindstrom administered the oath of office to the 2011-12 officers for the Club. Good luck to 1st Vice President Jerry Swenson, Director Dick Adams, President Josh Brown, Life Member and Director Jerry Wallace, Secretary and 3rd Vice President Kim Peavy, Life Member and

Director, standing in for Jack Lovejoy, Director Paul Cannell, Life Member, and 2nd Vice President Mike Peavy.



The **Stillman Valley Lions** were visited by Governor Paul Lindstrom. Governor Lindstrom has been a long-time friend of the Stillman Club during his many years serving in the District



Cabinet.  
Governor



## District 1-D (continued)

Lindstrom reviewed the themes for the year for the Lions International President Tam: "I Believe" and the Governor's theme for the District: "Challenge the Lion in You." He told of the inspiration he received at the recent Lions USA/Canada Forum. The Lions just completed a busy



weekend at the Stillman Fall Festival where they co-sponsored the stage, arranged for the rides and staffed the ride ticket booth, operated their food booth, sponsored the Horticulture Show, worked the parade route for Candy Day, and had a car in the parade. Candy Day

Chairman John Dotzel and a friend prepared to work the parade route. Lion Helen McNally also worked the parade route.



The **Tampico Lions** Club donated the profits of the fish fry during Tampico Homecoming Days and the profit was divided between

the Tampico Food Pantry and the Tampico Area Historical Society (TAHS). Fundraiser Chairperson Russ Lauritzen and Treasurer Duane Thompson presented the check to the President of TAHS, who thanked the Lions for this donation and also thanked the Tampico Lion Ron Church, Art Spencer, Duane Thompson, and Terry Gaskill for scrapping and painting the Tampico Historical Society Farm Museum building this summer and all thanked the Lions for all they do for the community.



Guests Governor Lion Paul Lindstrom and wife Terri visited the Tampico Lions and spoke on the importance of sharing the meaning of being a Lion not only within the club, but with the public in everyday life by proudly wearing the Lion clothing and bringing in more new members. New Lions Mike and Jennifer Lucas were installed by the Governor here with Lion Mike's sponsor, Lion Russ Lauritzen, and

now Mike is the proud sponsor of his wife Jennifer Lucas. While there, Governor Lindstrom installed the 2011-12 officers and explained the club officers are like ingredients of a cake as they all need to work together to make the club rise in its efforts to serve others! Congratulations to the new officers: Vice President James Hanrahan, President Tim McLoughlin, Membership Chairperson David Gerdes, and Secretary Terry Gaskill, Tail Twister Ronnie Myers, and Treasurer Duane Thompson, with Governor Paul Lindstrom.



A pavilion was constructed at the Thomson Village Park with funds from the **Thomson Lions** Club. The Lions were the recipients of a substantial gift from the **Rock Falls Lions** Club that was to be used for community service projects. Other projects the club has completed was an extensive tree planting project including some fruit trees and the purchase of four tables for the public library.



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# District 1-E "The Power of One"

**District Governor Richard King**



The **Danville Lions** participated in two Labor Day parades.



**Lion Deborah Strauss in the Westville parade.**



Lions Keith Strinmoen and PDG Bill Wallpe in the Danville parade. In Westville, Lion Mike O'Brien and PDG Walpe distributed candy during the parade.



The Club held a successful Candy Day. Here Lion Dave Fields thanks a donor, and Lion Terry Moore thanks a very young donor!



**Mattoon Lions** Secretary Elmer Voudrie, Past President Jack Keth, Food Center Executive Director Mrs. Janet Clark, Food Center Director Mr.



Joe McKenzie, and Lion John Doty who grew the sweet corn for the Lions Club. Lion Jack Keth presented the proceeds of this years corn sales to Mr. McKenzie in the amount of \$1,333.90. The Lions wish to thank their customers (those who purchased sweet corn) for making it possible for the Club to help the food center at a time when contributions are needed. Mrs. Clark expressed the appreciation of the food center and its recipients for the Lions efforts' when items being received from the Eastern Illinois Food Center (EIFC) has dwindled, especially proteins and commodities. When supplies are not available from the EIFC they must be purchased locally at a much higher

cost at a time when the need is at a all time high. This means the contributions being received don't purchase as much as they would if items needed were available for EIFC.

President Jim Means, of the **Hoopeston Lions** Club, and Governor Richard King here with the Hoopeston Sweetcorn Festival Sweetheart pageant contestants. Hoopeston Lions sponsor a breakfast for the contestants, and operate a foodstand at the Hoopeston Sweetcorn Festival.



## District 1-E (continued)



Lions of Illinois Foundation Walk for Sight District Chair Lion Lori Bennett presented the check to **Paris Lion** Treasurer Ron Stickler for the Club's participation in the Walk. Ms Nicole Shaughnessy spoke to the Lions about participation in the air evacuation program, which partners with other units throughout the country. Paris Lions Boyd Edwards, Dean Smittkamp, Ron Hensley, Nancy Brown, Steve Bennett, Ron Stickler, Norm Wilson, Ken Dennison, Melissa Hancock, Dave Brown,



volunteers Josh Seibert, Levi Shaffer and Millie, as well as Lions Brad Cash and Lori Bennett participated in the Paris Honeybee Parade, showing off the golf cart club car that would be raffled the following day. Miss Breese Kepper, daughter of Lion JoEllen Henson, here with Lion Brad Cash, drew the winning



ticket.

Other prizes included gift cards and a 50/50 cash raffle.

**Villa Grove** held its annual Club picnic cumulating in President Jim Mikeworth presenting a \$5,000 scholarship to student Alex Mitsdarfer.



The **Robinson Lions** held a fundraiser at the 1st Robinson Savings Bank, serving hamburgers, hot dogs and brats. Each Friday during the summer, the hometown bank hosts different civic organizations. They furnish everything, including the cook and the Lions serve. For a couple of hours work they netted over \$400 in donations, which will buy a few pair of glasses. Once again the Robinson Lions participated in the annual Heath Toffee Festival with the Popcorn

Giveaway. They also sold brooms and giant coloring books, raising over \$400. This was an excellent opportunity to be out in the community for a meet and greet making their presence known. Over 4,000 people from the area



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## District 1-F "Lions Focus on Service"

### District Governor Walt Holden



**Antioch Lions** Club Board of Directors presented Lions of Illinois Foundation Executive Director Lion Van Stone with a check for \$5,015 toward the Diabetic Retinopathy unit. Director Stone then presented Lion Dan Dugenske with a Lions of Illinois Foundation Fellow, bestowed by the Club for his more than 50 years of service. Lion Bruce Gottermeyer, Treasurer, looked on.



The **Elk Grove Village Leos** including Immediate Past President Rachel Mia Kaim, Treasurer Kaitlin Schmidt, President Marki Kaim, Lexi Schmidt, and Cheyenne Baker, participated in the Itasca Relay for Life, helping with the luminaries and conducting a bake sale, raising over \$800. Currently the Leos are selling Entertainment Books and collecting pet food to benefit the Elk Grove Village-based Almost Home Foundation. The Elk Grove Leos include Director Jamie Lankford, Secretary Olivia Fritz, Director Codi Oehelerking, President Marki Kaim, and Leo Loredana Lappano, volunteered at 11th Hour Haunted House.

The **Barrington Lions** Club is pleased to welcomed two new members: sponsor Lion John Loomis, new Lion Dan Smith, new Lion Bob Sundeen and sponsor Lion Don Thompson. The new Lions can assist with the Barrington Lions Club next big fundraiser.



The Lions Club provided 11 new eyeglass collection boxes to be placed in all of the School District 220 schools. The Club collects in excess of 3,000 pairs of used eyeglasses annually. Michael Proksa, owner of Barrington Millworks, donated \$1,600 in time and materials in the construction of the collection boxes. Here with the boxes are Lions Ed

Wichman III, John Loomis, Glenn Engelhardt, Nick Sauer (who is also a Barrington School District 220 Board member), Bob Christensen, Chris Cunningham, and Curt Pulkrabek.

The Lions Club held it's annual steak fry this summer, which serves as the first meeting of the fiscal year and gives a chance to members and prospective members to share in Lion fellowship. Joining in the fun were Lions Jim Shaffer, Glenn Engelhardt, District Cabinet Secretary Kathleen Marusich and Jim Wilson.



## District 1-F (continued)



Lion Jim Wilson started the Barrington Lions fiscal year off in the right direction by collecting aluminum cans to sponsor sight and hearing challenged children to Camp Lions. Through his efforts, the Club is able to send two to four children to Camp Lions every year.

The *Wintthrop Harbor Lions* Club hosted a dinner event for 20 veterans to thank them for their service. Guests included servicemen and women who served in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan, and they all enjoyed a wonderful dinner at The Tropics Restaurant at North Point Marina. Thank you to Lion Terry Morrison who organized the event.



## District 1-G "Living the Dream"

### District Governor John Hamilton

Mr. Bill Hamilton brother of Governor John Hamilton, has followed International President Tam's request to plant trees. Bill and his wife Rhonda have planted 35 fruit, pine and maple trees at their retreat near Ursa.



The *Highland Lions* have been busy in September. Ms Claire Geiger and Ms Jennifer Olivares of Highland High School were recipients of the annual Highland Lions Club Scholarship. Ms Geiger will go to the University of Illinois and Ms Olivares will go to Eastern. During her talk about her future plans Ms Geiger recognized the impact volunteer organizations have in the community and praised the Lions.



In September, 233 Highland Lions and friends sat in Big Mac Land at Busch Stadium in St. Louis to enjoy a Cardinal baseball game. Through the sale of tickets for the game, chaired by President Leroy Engelke, the Highland Lions earned \$1,500 that they divided between the activities fund at the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired and Minds Eye Readers Service in Belleville. Lions of Illinois Foundation Executive Director Van Stone paid a visit to the Highland Lions, and he praised the Club for its support of the Foundation. Governor John Hamilton and Vice Governor Larry Lewis visited the Highland Lions; they



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## District 1-G (continued)



stressed the theme of the power of one. The Club donated to Leader Dog at Rochester in honor of his visit. The Spengel Boulanger Funeral Home collects eyeglasses and hearing aids from the families of loved ones. Director Jay Boulanger and funeral home staff member Lion Tom Fowler presented over 300 pairs of glasses and 15 hearing aids to Highland President Leroy Engelke.



**Virden Lion** Lester Allison was recognized as a Lions of Illinois Foundation Fellow. Lion Lester, a Charter member of the Club, received this honor from his fellow Lions for his years of Candy Day service. Here

with the happy Lion are Lions Jim Ringer, Lester Allison, Dave Reichauer, Mick Bray, Paulette Miller, Jim Kirbach, and Kendall Cole. Editor's Note: Lion Lester passed away on October 17. Please keep his family in your prayers.

President Paulette Miller presented scholarship recipient, Ms Katie Webb with a check for \$500. Ms Webb attends Lincoln Land Community College. **Franklin Lions** Darin Seymour, Gerald Eddy, Ralph Johnson and Bob Campbell along with City Worker John Watret, put up a flagpole next to the Franklin Lions Den.

Bunker Hill's Citizen of the Year is Lion Peg Hilyard. Peg has served as secretary of the **Bunker Hill Lions** for 13 years and is concerned about the community. A life long Bunker Hill resident Peg has been married 58 years to her High School sweetheart, Jim, also a dedicated Lion. She feels that serving as a Lion serves her community well. Congratulations, Lion Peg: The Bunker Hill Lions are very proud of you and proud you are their Secretary!



## District 1-H "Believe in the Power of Lions"



**District Governor Diane Kroll**

This past summer, **Avon Lions** President Lion Barbara Baker, project leader Lion Joe Hendel, Al Henning, Gary Rohrer and Keith Rohrer, visited Camp Lions at South Bay to provide them with a treat in the evening. There were 31 campers attending ranged in age from 10 to 17 years old. The campers were very



## District 1-H (continued)

happy to have the sno-cone treats, especially all those who went back for seconds. Seeing the smiles, the fellowship, the excitement from their experiences as campers and their true appreciation for the privilege being able to participate, gave each of the Lions a deep satisfaction of being a Lion and living up to our motto, "We Serve."

After a very successful event of selling the best porkchop and ribeye steak sandwiches, in Fulton County at the recent Fat Steer Show, the Avon Lions Club, at their September meeting, presented checks in the amount of \$500 to the Avon Education Association and \$250 to the Avon Businessmen's Association. The Lions wish to thank everyone who supported the efforts so they could help support the community.

The **Coal Valley Lions** held a raffle to help Mr. Ben Snart and to show support of MDA in the hopes they find a cure. The Lions answered phones to help with the telethon. Mr. Snart drew the winning 50/50 ticket worth \$392.50 and it went to Mr. Rick Lasik of the Port Byron Bank in Coal Valley and the Lions "upped" that amount to make a \$500 donation to MDA! Coal Valley Lion Coral Meyer presented a check for \$300 to Principal Tammy Murphy-Lynn, of Bi-



centennial School in Coal Valley, to buy school supplies for those that cannot. Lion Boots presented a check to Ms Lori Langel, owner of Kids Corner Day Care, to be used toward the purchase of a utility shed. Another way the Coal Valley Lions help the community.

**Galva Lions** completed a roadside pickup this past fall; the Lions have done this for many years. Thanks to Lions Mike Terwilliger, Keith Luymes, Bob Melton, Jeff Anderson, Roger Ingels, Mark Nordstrom, John Goodale, Mark Van De Velde, and of course, the photographer Lion Larry Varner.

The **Galva Lions** have, for several years now, served a picnic lunch to the clients, their families and the staff of Abilities Plus in Kewanee. This local agency serves the needs of children and adults with disabilities. The clients begin talking amongst themselves many weeks in advance of this annual outing. Small



gifts are given out in addition to the picnic lunch. The clients and families enjoy an afternoon in the park playing games to finish the day off. Galva Lions Al Corkill, Mike Yepsen, and Bill Cardiff served lunch. The Lions served over 100 people.

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# District 1-J "Remember Yesterday, Serve Today for a better Tomorrow."

## District Governor Jim Addington



PDG George Gould was presented a Lifetime Service Award by the Executive Director of the Lions of Illinois Foundation Lion Van Stone for all of the support that Lion George has given to the Foundation and the many years he has served as a Lion.



The **Cary Lions** Club donated \$1,000 to the Cary Soccer Association (CSA) for assistance in obtaining sign interpreters for hearing-impaired children who require sign language to participate in the program. CSA Assistant Coaching Director Caulbert Smith received the donation on behalf



of CSA, stating their organization attempts to use volunteer interpreters whenever available but this donation was greatly appreciated as it will provide for paid interpreters when a volunteer interpreter is not available, thus keeping the hearing impaired active in the program. During the presentation with Cary Lions Treasurer Susan Schoepke, Mrs. Ellen Wisniewski (mother); Andrew Wisniewski, Mr. Caulbert Smith, and Mr. Mark Wisniewski (father), hearing impaired player Andrew Wisniewski expressed his excitement with a big smile and signed 'Thank You' to the Lions.

Just as it did on September 11, 2001, the **Crystal Lake Lions** Club U.S. Flag flew on Raue Center, the highest point in town, on the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

**McHenry Lions** Club President John Dunne presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ryan Moore, grandson of Lions Carol and John Perschke. Ryan comes out to help at all of the Club's events and they can't wait until he's old enough to become a Lion! McHenry Lions held their annual Steak Fry Retreat in August at one of the Lions'



homes. Lion Darlene Jackson and Gail, wife of PDG Steve Anton, rested their tootsies in the pool. The rest of the gals "jumped in" and the fun started!



**Johnsburg Lions** John Lusk and Rob Gough poured beer at the annual Johnsburg Lions Banjo Beer Night.



A Jim and Joyce Lifetime Service Award was presented to **Richmond Lion** Gary Smith by IPDG Bob Jackson.

The lion roared at the 4th of July Parade in **Wonder Lake!** Mike LeBoida, in the Lion costume, provided authentic jungle sounds from his cage, towed by President Bryan Tillmanns. Under the watchful eye of his wife, Mike would remove the Lion's head and consume water at every



## District 1-J (continued)



**Lombard Lions**  
Club President Kay Strek presented a 25-year chevron to Lion Bob Holdin.

opportunity. At the end of the parade, soaking wet and soggy, the Lion gave his last roar and climbed out of his cage. Lion Jerry Raske thanked him for his wonderful performance and tells him he has a whole year to rest up before next time.

**South Elgin Lions**, including Allan Shelton, Molly Huerta, Bruce Miller, Jenaneete Mihalec, and Viktor Scham, worked at the Club's second annual Pancake Breakfast.

**Aurora Noon Lions** sold ice cream this past summer at the Second Annual Alley Art Festival.

At the Tail Twister's request, the **Roselle Lions** August meeting was



"Name Tag Upside Down Day." They thought Lion Joanne didn't notice until she hung up her vest!



## District 1-K "You will never walk alone."

### District Governor Clyde Gaffney



PDG Carol Kojima, from the **Senica Lions Club**, with two Dwarf Burning Bushes she planted in keeping with President Tam's tree planting project.

**Gardner Lions Club** has two new members; inducted by Governor Clyde Gaffney, new member Dennis Baker, with Lion Pat Gaffney, and new member Vicki Baker, 1st Vice Governor Tom Senger, and PDG Sandy Sowers who sponsored the Bakers.



PDG Sam Tillmann, school Principal Melissa Bosnich, school Social Worker Ms Mindy Davis, and **Peru Lions Club** President Ryan



Peterson with some of the 66 backpacks filled with school supplies that were presented to the children at LaSalle, Peru, Oglesby, and Tonica schools.



## District 1-K (continued)

Peru inducted new members, with sponsor PDG Marilyn Miedzianski, new Lion Becky Lukosus, new Lion Becky Leschewski, sponsor DeAnna Carlson and PDG Sam Tillmann as installing officer.



**New  
Lions!**



Peru Lions PDG Marilyn Miedzianski, PDG Sandy Sowers and Lion Cindy Buchta with one of Alaska's former residents while attending the USA/Canada Forum in September. Peru Lions mascot, Lion Rick Kwit, recently threw out the first ball at the Central States games in Peru. Peru Lions in front of the first tree in their Tree Planting Project. Lion Mary Tillmann chaired the project and the Club has committed to plant at least 40 trees in the Peru area. One down and 39 to go! Lions Otto,



Shirley and Ruth did their stint on Candy Day. Kudos to Lion Lynn for a successful event.

At its September meeting, the **Spring Valley Lions** presented two \$500



scholarship checks to Leos. On hand for the presentation were Club President John Fulara and Governor Clyde Gaffney.

Spring Valley Lions, including President Fulara and Vice President Wally Dzierzynski, recently participated in the City of Spring Valley's 125th birthday parade. The **Leos of Spring Valley** were in the parade, as well.



# District 1-L "Get Involved!"

## District Governor Jim Strange

The **Athens Lions** Club participated in the Athens Fall Festival parade on in August. The large sunglasses were used to draw the attention to the need for used eyeglasses and to spread the word about the eyeglass-recycling program. The children and adults respond with a very warm smile when they see the Lions wearing these glasses.



The **Altamont Lions**, in cooperation with the City of Altamont, constructed a disk golf course this past summer. It is the hope that the course will give another recreational opportunity to the community and better use some existing park property. Lions VanDyke and Miller worked on the disk golf course. In



September, the Altamont Lions sold jack-o-lanterns at the Altamont Garden Club's Fall Festival. Lion Lynn Kull, Chairman of the District Tree Planting Committee, in cooperation with the City of Altamont, is taking wood from trees the city has harvested and converting it into jack-o-lanterns. The funds raised will be used to pay for the planting of new trees in Altamont. The purpose of this fundraiser is to support the Lions Clubs International goal of planting one million trees this year. The Altamont Lions soccer season started in September, with the first session to teach the young athletes how to kick and control the ball. After completing several drills with volunteers and coaches, the season began. This activity has been supported by the Altamont Lions for several years and is extremely popular with 125 kids participating this year.



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**IL Lions 1-A Grocery Store Dash Aids Food Pantries**  
**Great Job Lions of 1-A!!! Check out [www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9oVX6pDJcU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9oVX6pDJcU)**

*Do Something!*

The Ballard Nature Center held it's annual Fundraising Banquet at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Effingham, and during the evening, Altamont Lion Gene Logue presented a check on behalf of the Club to President of the Board of the Ballard Nature Center Jim Weiss.



# This Just In...

**1-F** Immediately upon the conclusion of the Pig Pen Derby, the Lion in charge relegates ownership of all the porcine paraphernalia to the next year's chair. This meant that last year 1st Vice District Governor Dennis Burns ceased to be responsible for all of the pertinent piggy trappings and 2nd Vice District Governor Bob Surovitz took over responsibility. Apparently 2VDG Bob was not being very observant as a few of the petulant piggys bolted. Fortunately, 2VDG Bob was rescued from the embarrassment of having to admit to the loss by some community-service minded piggy wranglers who presented him with the wayward porkers at the Milt Tuttle Zone meeting. They were returned to their rightful owner just in time for this year's Pig Pen Derby. A smirking 2VDG Bob with Elk Grove Lion PCC Mike Baumer with the wayward piggies.



"He stopped his car and ran across a lane of traffic to give me his donation," said Elk Grove Village Lion Bruce Swanson, as he described how during Candy Day, a young man dropped a \$100 bill into his can! Wow! He, and Elk Grove Village Lioness Joan Svoboda, both brought home the bacon with \$100 bills! Lion Diane Millar, a newer Lion with Elk Grove, did an amazing job bringing more than \$200 during her day collecting!

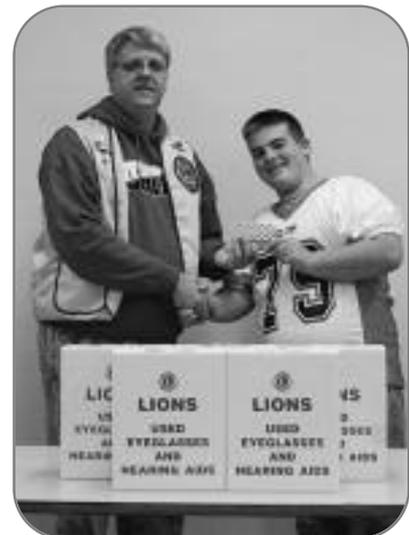
Lion Janet Holmberg presented a talking computer to Lion Sandy Abbadusky for her use as long as she wants it, on behalf of the Monmouth Evening Lions Club. Lion Sue Goodale presented a gift card to the Robert Johnson family who lost everything they owned,

including a mobility scooter Mr Johnson uses to get around, in a house fire in early October.



## 1-H

The Club recently partnered with the United High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) group to collect 279 pairs of used eyeglasses and one used hearing aid. The 70 member FCA group chose to collect the eyeglasses as a fall service project. United students, Thomas Davis and Amanda Hardesty, collected 87 pairs of eyeglasses each. They each received a \$20 Pizza Hut gift card from the Lions Club to recognize their efforts. They are here with Joel Zink who is co-advisor of the United FCA group and a member of the Monmouth Evening Lions Club.



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**1-D** Orangeville junior high student, Melinda Borgmann utilizes motorized “Stair-Trac” to lift her wheel chair up/down stairs to ease the accessibility challenge of getting to all classroom levels at school. Melinda’s parents (Joel, center back, Jacqueline 2nd R) plus Orangeville’s “Servant Leadership” team (around Melinda) through Highland College thanked Cedarville Lions Club as the major funding contributor. Cedarville Lions pictured are PDG Ken Bramer, Eldora Welch and President Wanda Bramer. The “Stair-Trac greatly improves the quality of Melinda’s daily activities and is a major time saver.

**1-G** The Gillespie Lions have a very dedicated Lion who truly personifies our motto “We Serve.” Lion Floyd Wright, who uses a walker, works at least four shifts over the two Candy Days. He has even been out in inclement weather. Thanks, Lion Floyd!



President Wanda Bramer and Zone Chairperson Betty Kraft-Hartman attended the dedication of large ramp at the Red Oak United Methodist Church, making it handicap accessible via main entrance. Cedarville Lions made a generous contribution toward ramp materials.



Cedarville Historical Society (CHS) partnered with the Cedarville Lions and the Village for community planting of flowering crab and silver maple trees at the Jane Addams Community Center. “While the seven large trees planted with CHS volunteers helps to beautify the community center grounds (including Lions Park), the major gain is improving our environment,” noted PDG Ken Bramer, who was

there with Village employee Dan Lobdell, volunteer Wayne Canale, President Wanda Bramer, and Lion Diane Tepper.



A sunny day and giving spirits were on tap for East Dubuque Lions Club Candy Day this year. Cash drive by donations in downtown East Dubuque totaled \$2,238.68. East Dubuque Lion Treasurer Jen Heim said that amount was about \$200 more than last year’s take.



**Walk for Sight October 2011 in District 1-H**

On Sunday, October 16, members of the Avon Lions Club worked their blind obstacle course at the District 1-H Walk for Sight event at Lake Story in Galesburg. The obstacle course gives a sighted person the opportunity to experience what it is like to be blind. Once the person is blindfolded, given a cane and begins to negotiate the course, the course is changed from what the person saw before they were blindfolded. While the course structure stays the same, a block Y-shape, the gates and obstacles are moved so no two people experience the same challenge.

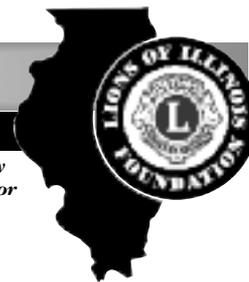


**Walk for Sight October 2011 in District 1-F**



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**Monthly GMT Tip for December 2011**

Each New Member  
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 Kind Heart, 2 More  
 Helping Hands,  
 and ... **More**  
**Hearing Aids!**

*Do Something!*





Antioch Lions Club  
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