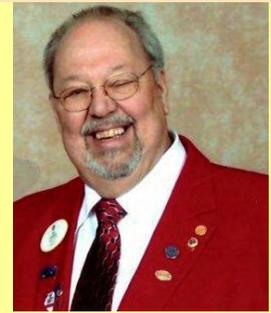




"CONNECTED AND ENGAGED"

District 1~A Governor's Newsletter



Governor Wes Salsbury

My message...

"Rippin' And Roarin"

Marcia and I have been very busy this month. We have visited with several clubs, attended lots of meetings, raised the roof at the 1A golf outing, attended our second MD-1 Council meeting in Bloomington, IL, got rained out at the Greenwood Lions Auto Show, listened to some fine music and have managed to keep my lid on. Thanks to all who helped to keep things rolling along.

District 1A is proud to have the LIP Program (Leadership Initiative Program). Several years ago our leaders had the foresight to realize that we needed to look to future leaders. I have noticed that some of the graduates from the LIP program are getting more involved with the district and this pleases me. We reached out to the membership and found volunteers who studied the ins

and outs of our district, our passions, and issues that are here to stay. (If any one of you want to hear more about this program let me know).

I fully endorse the "Dash for Cash" and expect to see all the ticket stubs returned to the LIP team. This is such a great cause...Supporting Food Pantries in the district.

September and October will be busy months for District 1-A. Candy Day Jamboree was on Sept. 7th where kick-off for the fund-raising for clubs and the Lions of IL Foundation (LIF). We had great fellowship as well as the presentation of Dr. Katz from the Midwest Center for Sight. We will also see you at the ticket booth at Maywood Park for "night at the Races"

(PS please keep me away from the buffet line....I am on a diet).

It will not be long until we unveil the plans for

the District 1A Convention in March of 2012. It will be held at the same great place in Itasca. More on that later..

So far, I am booked for governor visits with Arriang, Chicago Heights, Maharlika, Logan Square, Jefferson Park, Tinley Park, and several standing committee meetings. I look forward to meeting with all of you.

Until later, on my bike,
Gov. Wes Salsbury

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Thanks, Thanks, Thanks !!!
A big thank you to everyone who volunteered and supported the District 1-A Golf Outing



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SUPER LOW FOODS

District 1-A Lions "Grocery Da\$h"

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Dear Fellow Lions,

The District 1-A LIP (Leadership Initiative Program) Committee is pleased to present the Grocery Dash. The Grocery Dash was a notion conceived from a project. LIP participants have worked collaboratively to advance our motto "We Serve" by coordinating the talents and resources of each Lion dedicated to the success of the Dash. After several months of preparation we have met the challenge and have orchestrated a project that will highlight how Lions make an impact on the lives of those in need.

The Dash will reward three winners with an opportunity to grab as many groceries as possible given a finite length of time. The chance for such an opportunity is \$10. A maximum of 1,000 tickets are available. Proceeds will benefit three food pantries within our service area (selected by the contest winners) as well as to the various philanthropic activities of your District 1-A Lions organization.

This activity is calling upon our fellow Lions to sell or purchase these Grocery Dash tickets. Another option of reaching our goal of selling 1,000 tickets would be for individual clubs to purchase tickets in the club's name. In the event that an individual club wins, they will then have the opportunity to name a proxy to represent their club. This proxy may be a volunteer representing a local food pantry or a local resident in need of such assistance. Remember each winning ticket will also include a cash prize for a local food pantry.

Please act on this request in your next business meeting as the Dash is scheduled to occur on October 1, at the Super Low Grocery Store in Elmwood Park. Tickets will be mailed to club presidents/secretaries. Thank you for your time and attention to this request. If you need more information please contact Lion Ralph Zarada at 773-294-3872 or Lion John Gawel at 708-307-9068.

Yours in Lionism,

LIP Committee
Lion Ralph Zarada, River Grove Lions Club
Lion Diane Hansen, Montclare Elmwood Park Lions Club
Lion Gilbert Parent, Willow Springs Lions Club
Lion Joe Corna, Montclare Elmwood Park Lions Club
Lion John Gawel, Burbank Lions Club
Lion Joe Palazzolo, Oak Lawn Lions Club



SEPTEMBER CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Thornton	September 23, 1950
South East	September 3, 1953
Windy City	September 28, 2008



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1st Vice District Governor

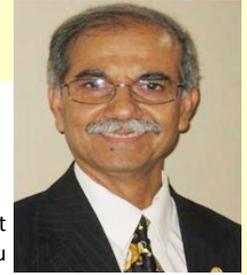
LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Two weeks ago I and Lion Terry had an opportunity to visit Leader Dogs for the Blind – a House of Miracles - facility in Rochester, Michigan. This is the second time we were visiting this site. Established in 1939 with the help of Lions in their community, today this establishment provides leader dogs for the blind throughout the world. What an achievement in the world of lionism!

With the cooperation of one electronic company they have developed Kaptan Plus GPS which guides the leader dog owner to cruise around even in a busy street. So far 14,000 people set free from their handicap. These dogs are adorable and great care takers. They obey their master to the word and maintain high discipline in

their lives. One visually & hearing impaired person is working for IRS with the help of Leader Dog.

They have an operating budget of \$11 million per year. Their facilities just water bill comes up to \$12,000 annually. Lions throughout the world support about \$2.5 million annually with the help of 5,000 lions clubs. Rests of the monies are coming from corporations, wills, donations, etc. They do not receive any government grant whatsoever. Their humble request to all the lions clubs in the world is to donate whatever donations they can to keep up this House of Miracles up and going. You can Google Leader Dogs for the Blind to learn more about them and for their contact information. Lion Joe Gonzalez is our District Leader Dog for the Blind Chairperson who is willing to visit your club for a presentation.



If you want to visit their facility, you can contact Kathleen Breen whose e-mail ID is – kbreen@leaderdog.org or phone # 248-651-9011 X 2052.

-PDG Lion Austin D'Souza, 1 VDG



Message from CST Lion Judy Toft

Have you, as a Lions Club Member participated in Webinars Training on the LCI Website??



Webinars are training tools for those Lions who don't have time to attend a class training situation as it can be done from your computer in your own home!

Webinars are virtual trainings generally one hour long that are conducted online with a group of participants and instructors. Participants use the Internet to connect the group members with the instructors. All information about the sessions and registering is available on the LCI website – search under Webinars.

Most webinars have one or two instructors and a moderator/host. Participants view a PowerPoint presentation and polling questions on their computer. They listen to the instructors either via their computer speakers or headset. The participants may use the phone for audio speaking or a computer headset with microphone to interact in discussions and respond to questions asked by the instructors, similar to training conducted in a classroom.

LCI is offering a number of different types of Webinars for the balance of this year and into April of next year. See what interests you and try one out – they are very informative and a great learning tool!

2011-2012 LCI Webinars

My Club, My Family – how to make clubs more successful. Intended audience, District Leaders, Zone Chairs and Club Officers: [Tuesday, September 27, 2011: 10:00 AM CDT](#) [Wednesday, September 28, 2011: 7:00 PM CDT](#); [Friday, September 30, 2011: 7:00 PM CDT](#)

Managing Club Meetings

How to prepare for, facilitate, and evaluate club meetings

Intended Audience: Leo or Lions club officers interested in improving their club meeting [Wednesday, October 5, 2011: 7:00 PM CDT](#); [Tuesday, October 11, 2011: 10:00 AM CDT](#); [Friday, October 14, 2011: 7:00 PM CDT](#)

Recruiting Members

How to recruit new members and market club activities:

Intended Audience: Club officers, membership committee and club members who plan to

recruit new members;

[Wednesday, January 11, 2012: 7:00 PM CST](#); [Tuesday, January 17, 2012: 10:00 AM CST](#); [Friday, January 20, 2012: 7:00 PM CST](#)

Managing a Service Project

How to coordinate and manage a service project

Intended Audience: Lions who are service project managers or would like to be a project manager [Wednesday, February 29, 2012: 7:00 PM CST](#); [Tuesday, March 6, 2012: 10:00 AM CST](#); [Friday, March 9, 2012: 7:00 PM CST](#)

Club Secretary Training

How to login, submit membership and service activity reports, and use club member data

Intended Audience: Club secretaries who want to become more effective in using the WMMR site; [Wednesday, April 18, 2012: 7:00 PM CDT](#); [Tuesday, April 24, 2012: 10:00 AM CDT](#)

[Friday, April 27, 2012: 7:00 PM CDT](#)



Message from 2nd VDG Lion Dave Hansen

September - 2nd Vice District Governor's Report

This past week end was spent at a great seminar, held by Lions Clubs International, to unveil the new Global Membership Team/ Global Leadership Team (GMT & GLT for short) program. The name may be different but, together GMT/GLT will cover: Membership, Leadership, Extension, Retention and Orientation as before, but with a new focus – "Creating active healthy clubs".

The Membership team has issued a short questionnaire to your Zone Chairs; you

should be receiving it shortly. We need to know the name and contact information for your club's Membership Chairperson. Please forward this information to me at lion-

The name may be different but...

dave1a@att.net, or call 708-453-4798

Please save the date of Saturday October 8th, 2011 for our GMT workshop, a flier will be put out very shortly, with the details. At this workshop we will be giving all of those attending, TOOLS that your clubs will be able

to use right away.

We understand that your time is very valuable so we are making this a Fun, Interactive and Hard hitting event. We promise to give your clubs TOOLS and information to use right now and a look at the GMT/GLT program which is starting now.

We will see you on Oct 8th; bring your questions, sense of humor and a desire to make your good clubs even better.

Yours with Pride in Lionism

Lion Dave Hansen; 2nd VDG

Message from IPDG Steve

Fellow Lions,

What a terrific summer we are having. Lion Gail and I have been around the District visiting Lions and clubs that continue to do the service that they have always done. While we travel it is nice to hear and witness all that they do.

In my own club, the Orland Park Lions Club, Lion Gail Christoffer-Baruch received a Meritorious Service Award from the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for her contributions promoting equal employment opportunities at the federal agency.

Lion Dawn Grogan and Lion Linda Cruz from the Bridgeview Lions Club, put together a fundraiser for a little girl who is suffering from Cystic Fibrosis at 115 Bourbon Street and it was a huge success.

We attended a benefit for Wayne and Kathleen Messmer's grandchild who suffers from GDS, a digestive disease and one of the entertainers was none other than Lion Steven Solomon from the Uptown Lions Club.

Why mention these events you ask? Sometimes we forget what Lions do outside of Lionism. We need to recognize them for their leadership, their donations and their achievements outside of the Lion world. After all, Lionism is just a part of what we all are. If you hear of any other Lions who we need to recognize, contact me at:

santonlions@comcast.net

Lion Gail and I attended a Chicago Cub game on August 25th and were able to go into the WGN Radio booth during the second inning and present to Pat Hughes and Keith Moreland the District 1-A Convention Pin. We were able to explain to them what we as Lions do for those in need.

Long Range Planning

I held the first meeting of the year with the Long Range Planning Committee and we have identified these issues to work on. Social Media, Lions View Magazine and Redistricting. If you have a concern for the LRPC, feel free to contact me at santonlions@comcast.net and I

will bring it to the committee's attention.

501(C) 3

There is good news on the 501(c)3 issue. The original committee of 6 Lions from across the district has submitted a list of 18 names of Lions and non Lions who they felt would be qualified to move to the next step in the formulation of the 501(c)3 process. I have mailed the information out to the candidates and have received their replies. I am in the process now of arranging the first meeting with them and the certification will begin. More on this as we progress.



Thank you for your service,

Lion Steve

IPDG

PDG Ken Accola, District Coordinator

As we all are aware the 100th anniversary of our great association will be celebrated here in Chicago in 2017. I ask each of you to join by participating in asking your Washington Senator and Representative to be a sponsor a proposed bill for minting a commemorative coin to celebrate our centennial. Our government has done this many times. A purchase fee would be included in the price that could generate up to 8 million dollars for LCIF. This money would be used to aid the visually impaired, the disabled, youth and those affected by major disaster. We are asking your help to put the first Lions coin into circulation. This is S. 1299/H.R. 2139. We need 290 Representatives and 67 Senators to back these bills. To date the following Senator has signed on as a sponsor – Mark Kirk and the following Representatives – Judy Biggert, Danny K. Davis, Robert Dold, Randy Hultgren, Tim Johnson, Dan Lapinski, Don Manzello, Mike Quigley, Peter Roskam, Bobby Rush, Aaron Schock, & Joe Walsh. The coin would be a silver dollar made from 90% silver & 10% copper and mintage would be 400,000 coins. I am positive that this will sell out early and no further coins would be minted. A web sight is available for more information at www.lionsclubs.org/coin.

Lions from around the world and LCIF are currently providing relief to the millions of people in Africa. LCIF has approved a grant along with the Lions in Kenya, Sweden and Germany. More information of this disaster will be available next month. I would hope that our District clubs would be interested in participating.

There is a relatively new program and we are asking all Lions clubs to sponsor blind and visually impaired students, ages 11 to 13, to compete in the "Children Know Peace" essay contest. Further information is downloadable through Lions International Essay Contest Rules. This is a companion to the Peace Poster Program. Let us try to get on board and become involved.

Each year there are various fund raising projects that are easy for our members to become involved from LCIF and LIF. We are all aware of the Melvin Jones Program honoring our members through a \$1,000.00 donation. I would like to remind all of our members of the "Contributing Member" Program. Each year there are 3 different levels of giving which are represented with a Bronze, Silver or Gold lapel pins. These levels cost \$20.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00. I would ask each of you to become a participant in this program. I currently have a supply of these pins and will have them available at the Jamboree. They provide a great pin to add to your lapel and show your involvement in our Lions organization.



Editor's Message

www.lions1a-us.org

Webmaster's Message



My Email is:
lionjoann@gmail.com

Please note:

Deadline is the **FIRST** of each month for any news items or articles you want put into the Governor's Newsletter. You may send me pictures, articles and upcoming events. Also....because of space & memory, please submit paragraphs only of any of your upcoming Events. If you have any fliers, please send them to Lion Dawn Grogan who is the Webmaster and will post your flyer there where everyone can see. Please go to our District Website to see these fliers.



You may contact our Webmaster, if you have any club fliers, pictures or information to... Lion

**Dawn Grogan at:
pcstdawn@gmail.com**

UPCOMING EVENTS

[9/7 Candy Day Jamboree](#)

[9/23 Mid Year Forum Fur Raffle](#)

[9/29 Night at the Races](#)

[10/4 Bridgeview Lions Club Car Show](#)

[10/14 Orland Park Haunted House](#)

[11/6 Logan Square Lions Club](#)



**Proud To Be A Lion
Of District 1~A!**



Memory Photos with Lions



District 1~A presenting check to Lighthouse



Gov. Wes with Ms Morales at LCI. Turning in grant proposal for Strickfadden Vision Van.



CPLC



Gov. Wes with Burbank Lions and Lion John Coleman



District 1a lions with check to be presented to the Lighthouse



Keith Moreland, Steve, Pat Hughes in the WGN Radio Booth



Wayne & Kathleen Messmer benefit for their granddaughter



Lions at the Victoria's Breath Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser



IPDG Steve presenting check to Dr Janet at Lighthouse from the proceeds from the Helen Keller walk

All Green Team Members,

As we get ready to do some tree planting, I want to share some resources with you that that Lions International has made available to us. To help keep us organized there is a [planning guide](#). They also provided a list of [resources](#) we can use.

To keep our tree count up, please remember to report on your activities using the [service activity report](#) (this is how we are able to track the number of trees planted). Every club that reports on their tree planting activity through the online service activity report will receive a special patch in recognition for their efforts and may qualify for the [Believer's Award](#).

We can track of the [number of trees planted](#) to date, at Lions Clubs International.

If you need additional information about the campaign, please feel free to contact me.

So let's get our **green thumbs** dirty and plant some trees,

Lion Bob Hoffmann



Maywood Park, 8600 W. North Avenue

Melrose Park, IL

September 29, 2011

Night At The Races

Buffett: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Donation: \$22.00

For Tickets contact your Zone Chair or

Lion Linda Nilsson, Chairperson Lion Jerrie Abrahamsen, Co-Chair

7922 N. Nora Avenue 847-678-7099

Niles, IL 60714-3216 E; jerriea2003@yahoo.com

Cell: 847-363-6440

All Reservations and Tickets MUST be paid for by September 20, 2011

Lions Supply Store Website...www2.lionsclubs.org



Lions of Illinois Forum

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11-12, 2011

I BELIEVE

Decatur Convention Center

4191 W. US Hwy 36

Decatur, Illinois

Go to District 1A Website for more information

www.lions1a-us.org

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