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## Musings of the Council Chairman

*PDG Terry Knollenberg, Council Chairman*

I hope you all had a blessed holiday season and have a start on a rewarding New Year. Notice the photo of me sitting in a sleigh during a

break at the third Council Meeting. This seems a little late to be seeing a Christmas picture but it is the first printing of the Lion-Lioness & Leo Magazine since before Christmas. The combination of multiple issues of our magazine was required to stay within anticipated income for the year.

This will be the last issue that will arrive at your doorsteps before the MD-1 Convention. I encourage all clubs to send delegates to the convention as there will be many items to consider. They will have the opportunity to decide on and endorse a candidate for International Director; the Constitution & Bylaws Committee is working on several amendments to the constitution that will be put to the vote. Some are minor changes and some are changes that will affect the Lions of Illinois for years to come, regardless of the outcome of the vote. There will be discussion at our opening session on Friday night, so I encourage each delegate to attend, join in the discussion and vote your conscience on these amendments. To all club leaders: please keep an eye out for a special mailing concerning these amendments, and discuss them at your club meeting

I encourage all Lions to visit the MD-1 website to see the most current updates on multiple topics, including current information on the Convention.

[illinoislionsmd1.org](http://illinoislionsmd1.org)

Lions membership is down 246 members since July 1; we now have 16,711 Lions in this Multiple District. This has been the trend for many years now and it shows little sign of changing.

Why do some Lions clubs always seem to bring in new members on a regular basis, while other tend to decrease in size, and still others have to fight to remain flat? Every good Lions club has six basic characteristics: A major service activity; a major fund-raising program; a strong public relations program; well-organized club meetings; a team spirit; and a strong membership growth program. The more firmly these qualities are embedded into the operating structure, the more success and growth there will be.

The above was gleaned from the May/June 1993 issue of this magazine, "From The Council Chairman" article and is still relevant today. Take a look at your club and if your club doesn't have all of these characteristics then you should begin working on those currently lacking.

Now some great news: The Council has hired a new State Secretary/Treasurer and she started the first of the year. Her name is Mrs. Michele Faires and she lives just north of Springfield. If an opportunity presents itself, please stop by the state office and say hello to Michele. Governor Ellis and I, along with Governor Strange will be training her over the next six months. If you can't stop by the office be sure to introduce yourself at the State Convention. Let's show her what a friendly and committed group of Lions we are.



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### Multiple District 1 Office

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### Address changes for *The Illinois Lion - Lioness & Leo Magazine*

A new address list is downloaded from International for Lions and Leos with each issue. If your address changes, please see your club secretary. For Lioness Club members, please send a typed list to the State Office annually and when any address/drops/add changes may occur.

# Diabetes Awareness Update

PDG Al Gort, MD-1 Diabetes Awareness Chairman

The Lions of Illinois Foundation and the Lions of Multiple District 1 have raised \$80,000 for the purchase of a new mobile unit and camera for testing for diabetic retinopathy. District Coordinators have visited Lions, Lioness and Leo clubs and presented programs on diabetes and the need of a new mobile unit to provide the testing for diabetes retinopathy. It was estimated that it would take approximately two years to raise the funds, but with the enthusiasm of the Coordinators and some help from the LIF Trustees, it was done in nine months.

With the help of Lions Clubs International who gave a grant of \$46,000 toward the unit, the dream of the Lions of Illinois came true. The new mobile unit was expected to be delivered in early January.

## You might ask, "What is diabetic retinopathy?"

Diabetic retinopathy is the most common eye disease and is the leading cause of blindness in American adults. It is caused by changes in the blood vessels of the retina. In some people with diabetic retinopathy, blood vessels may swell and leak fluid. In other people, abnormal new blood vessels grow on the surface of the retina. The retina is the light sensitive tissue at the back of the eye. A healthy retina is necessary for good vision.

If you have diabetic retinopathy you may not notice changes to your vision; but, over time, diabetic retinopathy can get worse and cause vision loss. Diabetic retinopathy usually affects both eyes.

## How does diabetic retinopathy cause vision loss?

Blood vessels damaged from diabetic retinopathy can cause vision loss in two ways: Fragile, abnormal blood vessels can develop and leak blood into the center of the eye, blurring vision. This is proliferative retinopathy and is the fourth and most advanced state of the disease. The fluid makes the macula swell, blurring vision. This condition is called macular edema. It can occur at any stage of diabetic retinopathy, although it is more likely to occur as the disease progresses. About half of the people with proliferative retinopathy also have macular edema.

Many thanks to the District Coordinators who assisted in raising awareness and funds.

<b>District</b>	<b>Lions</b>
A	Bob Hoffman, John Cwi
B	Bill Weber
CN	Herman Simpson
CS	Barbara Johnson

## Who is at Risk for Diabetic Retinopathy?

All people with diabetes-both type 1 and type 2 are at risk. That's why everyone with diabetes should get a comprehensive dilated eye exam at least once a year. The longer someone has diabetes, the more likely he or she will get diabetic retinopathy. Between 40 to 45 percent of Americans diagnosed with diabetes have some stage of diabetic retinopathy.

If you have diabetic retinopathy, your doctor can recommend treatment to help prevent its progression.

## What can you do to Protect Your Vision?

If you have diabetes, get a comprehensive dilated eye exam at least once a year, and remember:

- Proliferative retinopathy can develop without symptoms. At this advanced stage, you are at high risk for vision loss.
- Macular edema can develop without symptoms at any of the four stages of diabetic retinopathy.
- You can develop both proliferative retinopathy and macular edema and see fine; however you are at high risk for vision loss.
- Your eye care professional can tell if you have macular edema or any stage of diabetic retinopathy. Whether or not you have symptoms.

<b>District</b>	<b>Lions</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Lions</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Lions</b>
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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### Council Chairperson

Persons interested in the position of Chairperson of the Council of Governors for the 2011-2012 Lions year are now being sought.

LionsofIllinois@yahoo.com

Candidate must be a Past District Governor, having served as a MD-1 Governor within the previous three fiscal years (2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12). The Council Chairperson for 2012-13 shall be from a District other than the current Chairperson (District 1-H). More information is available at

LionsClubs.org

Applicants will be advised by mail or e-mail of the time of their interview. Candidates must supply a letter of intent and resume to the State Office no later than May 1, 2012. The duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson are detailed in the Lions of Illinois Constitution & Bylaws, and the Policy Manual which are posted on the MD-1 website [illinoislionsMD1.org](http://illinoislionsMD1.org).



# Bell's Gym

## *A story of Lions persistence and dedication to their community.*

*Lion Les Sontag, Hardin Lions Club, District 1-G*

The story of the Calhoun Fitness Center, known as Bell's Gym, had a hopeful beginning. It all started in 2003 with a call from the superintendent of the East Alton School District to Linda Basden, who was superintendent of the Calhoun School District at the time.

According to Basden, the message she heard held sufficient interest to cause her and another administrator to visit East Alton and check out for him or herself what sounded like quite an opportunity for Calhoun students.

The program they investigated was being offered through the National School Fitness Foundation (NSFF) whereby an impressive set of "free" exercise equipment was being made available to schools across the country, along with a computer driven system to enable tracking of student progress. In short it sounded and looked terrific.

The visit to East Alton supported the notion that this was a program worth considering for Calhoun. There was further encouragement by reports that many schools across the country were applying. There were two program stipulations for users; one, that a recipient school must have a place to house the equipment, and second, an upfront payment of \$250,000 which would later be reimbursed. Both were challenging to say the least. However, not to be easily discouraged, an exercise building committee was established. Co-chaired by teacher Penny Loft and Dr. Bob Parish, it also included school board members, physical education representatives, community members and Dr. Kermit Bell, all driven by a desire to serve the youth of the county.

The NSFF offering was convincing enough to persuade local banks to provide a loan to get the ball rolling. Then came a bombshell of a shock and disappointment. The Company offering the equipment declared bankruptcy. Not only did the free equipment disappear into thin air, many school districts were left holding a very expensive empty bag. Fortunately, Calhoun, unlike many others, did not lose the upfront money, but the project seemed dead.

Enter some folks who don't understand the word quit. Did the reasons for erecting an exercise center



still seem important? Yes. Was there still an existing need in the larger community for a health/exercise center? Yes. Did the school district feel it could no longer be a player? Yes.

So in stepped the Hardin Lions Club led by Drs. Bell and Parish. After having successfully built and provided continued support for a community swimming pool, they believed they could find a way to make this project happen, as well.

A major hurdle was overcome by securing funding support in the form of loans from local sources. And, as they had done before, the Lions relied on countless hours of volunteer labor. An exercise building began slowly to take shape. The result was a 50x60 foot structure which could provide adequate space for a large array

of weight training machines, treadmills, ellipticals, spinning bicycles, etc. It also needed shower and restroom facilities for both sexes. A nice additional feature was a large second floor room for various kinds of group exercise activities. And, after doing all of that, the only other thing missing was the equipment.

While the center missed out of the "free" equipment, the excellent used equipment which now fills the building was secured through the tireless efforts of Dr. Bell. Whether from sales by Lewis and Clark Community College, professional athletic teams, or brokers, pieces of equipment were gradually obtained. The dream to have a viable community exercise center was becoming a reality.

It is important to understand that the building and its excellent equipment did not just magically appear. This has been an eight-year undertaking, starting in 2003 with the doors officially opening to the public May 6, 2011. There is no way to adequately measure the countless hours that have been given freely by Lions and, most particularly, by Dr. Bell. The Lions Club now officially owns and operates the exercise center, continuing to rely heavily on volunteers to staff the building during open hours.

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The story is still a work in progress. There is much work to be done, not the least of which is obtaining more volunteer support. There is also a need for fine-tuning the schedule of open hours, along with setting up classes; all designed to best meet the needs of youth and adults of the community. The hope is that increasing numbers will find the center to be a convenient, inexpensive and effective way to help satisfy fitness needs. And, from the perspective of the Lions, the motto is: "Build it and they will come!"

## Spreading the Word



Club in 1950. In 1950, a Lion named "Jones" dedicated the original monument.

It was a very exciting time and the chance to speak with so many Lions from both the US and Canada was terrific.

### Lion Chief Buzz Melton, MD-1 GMT Coordinator

I recently had the opportunity to visit Lions District SD-10 in Sault Ste. Marie, in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to present the "Do Something!" strategy during three different club meetings. While there, I had the remarkable opportunity to participate in the re-dedication ceremony for a Goodwill Monument presented to the Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan Lions Club by the Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario Canada Lions



### Katherine Y. Brown is the MD-1 Public Relations Chair

Lion Dr. Katherine Y. Brown is a Beverly Ridge Lion, PR Chair for District 1-A and MD-1, and was recently featured in the Lions Club Rap Video "Rockin The Vest." She has a strong background in social media and marketing, and hopes to increase the visibility of MD-1. In her personal life, Lion Katherine is founder of Dr. Katherine And Associates CPR Courses. She is an educator and humanitarian on a mission to help save lives.

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If you have an idea or need PR assistance, give her a call!*

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### State Committee Chairpersons

*Resumes for State Committee chairperson are now being accepted.*

Prospective candidates must supply a letter of intent and resume to the State Office no later than May 1, 2012, by mail or e-mail: [LionsofIllinois@yahoo.com](mailto:LionsofIllinois@yahoo.com).

Qualified applicants shall have served at least one year as a district appointee to the committee he/she seeks. This requirement may be waived by the Governors Elect if no application is received with the appropriate requirements or if they are not in favor of any applicant.

Positions are for a one-year term. A brief description of the duties and responsibilities of each committee and the current Chairperson may be found in the Lions of Illinois Policy Manual, posted on the MD-1 website, [illinoislionsmd1.org](http://illinoislionsmd1.org).



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**Multiple District-1  
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2012**

**Golf Outing**

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**When: Thursday, May 17 & Friday, May 18**

**Where:** Scovill Golf Course

**Tee Times:** 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

**Cost:** \$40 each day, per Golfer

**Includes:** Golf, Cart, Lunch

**Contact:** Lion Bill Rider (217) 416-6439 (evenings)

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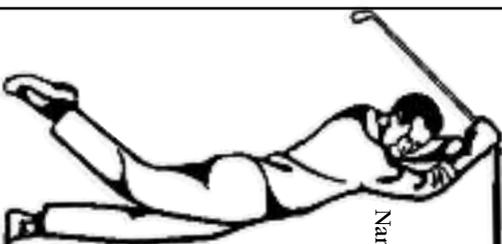
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**Attention Lions: Any Lion who would like to have an item or flyer included in the Convention Registration Packet must get said items to the State Office NO LATER than May 1, 2012!**



**Multiple District-1  
Lions of Illinois State Convention 2012  
Registration**

Decatur Conference Center & Hotel, Decatur, IL

**Person #1**

FIRST TIMER? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

CHECK ONE:  Lion  Lioness  Leo  Guest

DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**REGISTRATION FEE** for Lion, Lioness, Spouse, Guest  
NO Registration Fee for Leos or children under age 18. **COST** \$10.00

**TOUR of Decatur** (subject to minimum registrations) \$5.00

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** sponsored by the Warrensburg/Latham Lions Club 7 a.m.-11 a.m. on Saturday, May 19. Donations at the Door. Donation

**LUNCH** build your own, deli-style Saturday, May 19 \$20.00

**BANQUET** Saturday, May 19 CHECK ONE or TWO:

Pork loin, Amish-style Roasted w/Cranberry Breast, Marinated Almond Dressing with Jus lie  Chicken  Salmon, Soy-seared, with grilled Pineapple **\$25.00**

**LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION BREAKFAST**, Sunday, May 15 (American Breakfast) \$12.00

Special Meal Request for Religious or Health Reasons: **TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail Registration Forms by May 6.

Hotel information:

Room Rate: \$80.99 per night

Call for reservations: (217) 422-8800

Mention "Lions Convention" to receive the special Convention rate.

Hotel Reservation Cut-Off is April 16!



# District 1-A "Connected and Engaged"

## District Governor Wes Salsbury



District 1-A hosted over 120 people, including Santa Claus for the annual Christmas party. All profits from the event went to the First Lady's favorite charity - the Inspiration Café. Inspiration Cafe provides restaurant-style meals, case management, support groups, life-skills training, financial assistance and other services to homeless men and women in a therapeutic community that promotes dignity and respect. Guests of the Café have access to a

full range of Inspiration Corporation's programs, including employment training and career services, voice mail, and subsidized housing. Inspiration Cafe's goal is to help men and women overcome the causes of their homelessness and find stability by securing income and affordable housing.

**Chicago Fil-USA** Lions Club celebrated their Seventh Charter Night and Installation of Officers Gala Night with over than 200 Lions and guests in attendance. The newly installed officers were proud to stand with IPDG Steve Anton, PDG Ralph Koller, PCC



Georg Toft, 1st VDG Austin D'Souza, PDG Robert Zavorka, Governor Wes Salsbury, and 2nd Vice District Governor Dave Hansen presented 16 Lions with Lions of Illinois Foundation Sustaining pins towards Foundation Fellows. President Lindy Tan sponsored new Lion Jessie Domingo, inducted by Governor Salsbury.



7<sup>th</sup>

Governor Salsbury and President John Cwi inducted Dr. Marealita Pierce, with her sponsor, Lion Dr. Cynthia Reynolds-Temple during the **Hyde Park** Lions 90th Charter Night. Also there to congratulate the stability and age of this Club were Governor Wes Salsbury, PCC Georg Toft, Trustee PDG Ralph Koller, and 1st Vice District Governor Austin D'Souza.

**Mayfair Lions** PCC Georg Toft, CST Judy Toft, Ken and Harriet Fliegel,

Jeffrey Scheck, Kitty Theisz, Jerrie Abrahamsen, Mike Stanfa, and Ann Elliott with the toys that were donated to two needy families from the area. The Mayfair Lions saluted to American heroes for the tenth year. This year those honored included WWII Army Veteran Chicago Logan Square Lion George Rico; Posthumous Remembrance of Vietnam Marine



90<sup>th</sup>

New Lion!

"We Serve"



Donald Frank Sansone; Chicago Police Officer retired Anthony Spatafora, Jr.; 2011 Korean War Veteran Air

## District 1-A (continued)

Force Walter J. Eliassen; retired school teacher Mr. John "Jack" Randazzo, and Engine 89 Truck 56 Ambulance 47 of the Chicago Fire Department. Over the years, the Club has honored 44 individuals who, in some cases have given their lives for the country.

### **Oak Lawn Richards Leos**

Club advisor **Oak Lawn** Lion Carol Manny at the Leo

Installation of Officers and the induction of over 50 new Leos! She was presented with a check for \$245 because the Leos Club earned a 40 %

rebate on funds they raised at the District Lions Helen Keller 5K Run/Walk last May. Congratulations super star Leos!

**Southeast** Lion Joe Gonzalez installed Nicholas Ayon, a visually impaired young man to whom they had previously presented a Braille Bible, while Lions Vince Moreno, Aurora Castellano and Gil Garcia look on.



Dan O'Reilly presented Governor Wes Salsbury with a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation. Governor Salsbury thanked Lion Sheldon Weiss of the Uptown Lions who owned a car wash and sponsored many of the Club's early fund raisers (the club's pin is designed around the car wash).



**Willow Springs** Lions President Jim Grant and Village Mayor Alan Nowaczyk presented a check for \$500 to Debbie Cousineau and Pastor William Orr for the Grace Lutheran Church Food Depository.



The Lions also delivered 18 Christmas meals to area residents in need over the Holidays.



## District 1-A (continued)

Lion Mark Jerger, PDG Harold Burkett, Governor Salsbury, CST Judy Toft, Dr. Janet Szlyk and a member of the staff from the Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind during the 90th Charter festivities for the Uptown Lions Club.



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

### District Governor Paul Benetazzo

The Governor held a 1-B Cabinet Meeting in *New Lenox* and the Cabinetman finally got a great looking cape, compliments of PDG Siefert and *Bolingbrook* Lions Jim and Jean Thorpe. Pretty clever!

1-B Lions have done some walking in the last few months: *Wilmington* Lions held their Spook Hike in October. *Frankfort* Lions held their annual Strides Walk for Diabetes, and also held a 5K run called "Pant

for the Pantry" that benefited a local food pantry. It's a known fact that Lions like to serve food and 1-B has been busy doing plenty of that: *Essex* held a successful pancake breakfast; *Loda* served a chicken dinner; *Lemont* had its annual Chilli Supper; *Bolingbrook* hosted their annual



All You Can Eat Spaghetti Supper; and the *Bonfield* Lioness hosted a ham dinner. The *Lemont* Lions also hosted a joint club meeting with the *Willow Springs* Lions at Bonnie's Catering. Meet Greet and Eat gatherings were hosted by *Lemont* and *Romeoville*, *Bonfield*, and *Joliet Noon* and *Rockdale* Clubs.

Some clubs combined fundraising with Santa Claus. Both the *Rockdale* Lions and the *Joliet Noon* Lions hosted breakfasts with Santa. *Onarga* Lions once again went on the road with their Santa train, which is always a big hit with participants. Another winter event was the *New Lenox* Blizzard Dance. *Bradley* Lions held a program Children's Safety Center. *Bolingbrook* Lions celebrated their 45th Anniversary with a dinner event. The *Lions* and *Leos* held their 4th annual Coat the Kids Drive and collected 338 coats: 182 from businesses, 122 from Lions, and friends of Lions and collection boxes, and purchased 34 coats with money that was donated. Lion Mick Kozy related a story about the last distribution day at Rancho Santa Fe, "A young boy came in



with his mother; he was wearing only a sweatshirt. After some time, they found a coat that would fit the boy. He tried it on, but then was going to take it off. We told him it was his coat to keep. He was so excited that he didn't take it off. Everyone there was teary eyed."

The *Braidwood* Lions have had a busy holiday season with their annual Christmas tree sale fundraiser, Christmas basket raffle and visit with Santa, which were very well attended and served as fundraisers for the Club's services. *Braidwood* Lions and volunteers assembled and delivered over 650 fruit baskets to Senior Citizens in the *Braidwood*, *Godley* and *Shadow Lakes* communities. Many thanks to volunteers *Corita Davis*, *Tracie Brownlee*, *Pam Vehrs*, and Lions *Ron Maly*, *Cindy Howard* and *Mary Kaminski*, and volunteer *Rich Bieda*, among others! Your work was well

appreciated.



## District 1-B (continued)



**Crete** President Bob Johnson presented the 2010-11 Lion of the Year award to very deserving Lions Dan Mulderink and John Medansky. President Johnson pointed out how unusual it is to have two members given the award, but as Lions, they both have held multiple offices and have chaired several committees, including their current positions as co-chairmen of the Lions Recycling Center, where their work with the Club's largest fundraising project vaulted them to the top of awardees. Gerald Curran received his 35-year pin and the special recognition of being named a Life Member of Lions Clubs International. Awards were given to officers and committee chairs that had also excelled in their positions of service. Several members, when combined, represent more than 200 years of service to the community for their long-term service to the Crete Lions Club.



Recognized were Peter Keffel for 46 years, Joseph Battaglia for his 37 years, Raymond Meredith for a remarkable 34 years, Robert Kraemer with staying power for 30 years, and Robert Johnson for 25 continual years of service. Others who received recognition were Lions Karen Johnson, Lloyd Olsen, and Donald Aprati for 20 years of service, and Lions Daniel Mulderink and Donald Sopko for ten years of service.

Lion Jamie Holmes presented a \$1,000 donation to Ms Mindy Swaney, sponsor of the Science Club at Crete-Monee School District 201-U.

The **Essex** Lions had a good turnout at their Halloween party, where they served free hot dogs, chips, and deserts along with a bag of candy for each child. The children could then play games and decorate pumpkins, in addition to competing in the costume contest. The winners were little Abigail West, Lillie Wepprecht, and (Elvis) Dylan Mills.

Miss Jessica Cherrington, a 7th grade student from Hufford Junior High, took a step forward toward becoming a nationally recognized artist by winning the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest sponsored by the **Joliet Noon** Lions Club. Miss Cherrington, a 12-year old from Joliet, said she wanted to help foster the thought of world peace by submitting her poster, which went on to be judged first among 26 posters submitted from Joliet District 86. Her entry then went on to place first among 16 submitted by clubs from District 1-B. Miss Cherrington is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Cherrington; her teacher is Mrs. Miranda Campbell; and thanks to Lion Dianne Argoudelis chair of the Peace Poster Contest.

Mokena President Lee Kaz was delighted to present Lion Derrald "Doc" Taylor with the

Mokena Lion of the Year plaque because of his activities with the Mokena Lions for 23 years! Lion Doc is well known throughout District 1-B and in the Multiple District.

The **Plainfield** Lions Club's annual Christmas basket program, now in its 65th year, benefited more than 500 people this year.



## District 1-B *(continued)*

Each of the 126 families were given a gift card to Jewel food stores, said Larry Wiers, who co-chairs the effort with Ron Lee. "I'm incredibly proud of our Club and its caring heart," Wiers said. "The response we get from the families is truly heartwarming. We know we have touched them in a very real way and hopefully lightened their burden during this holiday season." "In the last 13 years, the Plainfield Lions have provided nearly 1,200 families with \$123,525 in food gift certificates," Weirs said. The number of families being helped has increased as the population has grown, prompting the group to increase its allocation from \$2,221 in 1999 to \$15,550 in 2011.

Mr. Cameron McIntosh, a young man from Shorewood, lost his sight due to a rare genetic eye disease, Leber's Hereditary Optic Neuropathy (LHON). Imagine the devastation of going from perfectly healthy to legally blind in a short period of time. While he was a student at Joliet Catholic Academy, the Joliet Noon Lions learned of his affliction and persuaded him to attend a Lions of Illinois Foundation summer camp. Cameron was so impressed and encouraged by his camping experience that he returned the following summer and was accepted as a camp counselor. He is now attending the University of Florida majoring in health science and hopes to make a difference in the fight against LHON. Cameron and his

parents are working with others to help fund an ongoing LHON gene therapy study to help develop a treatment and prevent the onset of this dreadful disease. The immediate goal is to raise \$100,000 by the end of January to fund a special clinical study. The Joliet Noon Lions and residents of the greater Joliet community, wanted to help make a difference, as well. The Lions contributed \$500 to this project being conducted at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami. With help from Joliet Radio Station WJOL, the Lions asked the greater Joliet community to help make a difference in the fight against this serious and devastating eye disease. If you can help in any way, please contact the Joliet Noon Lions Club.

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

### District Governor Lydia Ellis



The *Carlyle* Lions held a new member induction ceremony in conjunction with a fish fry and Governor Lydia (under the mistletoe) Ellis's visit, where she welcomed Kenneth O'Dell, David Laws and Eric Nordike, here with Secretary Larry Boyd.



The *Dupo-East Carondelet* Lions Club held their 2nd annual Harvest of Thanks, with a chicken dinner and a program, the cost of which was a donation for the local food pantry, DuKare. The Lions collected over 400 items and \$1,900 all to benefit DuKare. They also recognized local veterans, police and firemen, EMTs, and mayors with certificates of appreciation, and had a wonderful program that was enjoyed by all. This event is all underwritten by local businesses and Lions.

District Governor Ellis and Lions of Illinois



"We Serve"

Foundation Trustee PCC Bill McKinney, recently visited the *Nashville* Lions Club, and President Russ Kohnen, 1st Vice Mike Kramper, and 2nd Vice Carl Tebbe were on hand to greet them. Governor Ellis addressed the Lions regarding the fact that this District is a transitional district, so all must work on growing membership. Trustee McKinney commented on the Open Area Fund, which provides cost assistance on eyeglasses and hearing aids, and encouraged support for the Lions of Illinois Birdies For Charity program. The Nashville Lions are once again providing financial assistance to the State Theatre, an important source of community entertainment that is struggling financially. The Club allocated \$3,150 to purchase 700 tickets for



## District 1-CN (continued)

distribution to students at three Nashville grade schools.

**Mascoutah Evening** Lions assisted the Leu Civic Center with their annual Children's Halloween Parade by serving hotdogs to the crowd. In addition, they gave a donation to help offset the cost of this annual activity. The Lions participated in the Lions



of Illinois Candy Day, collecting nearly \$3,000 and giving 60% to the Lions of Illinois Foundation. Joining the Mascoutah Improvement Association, the Lions assisted with Thursday BINGO-in-the-park fundraiser, keeping a percentage of the proceeds for the club. Christmas tree sales, one of their bigger fund raising events of the year, were good

again this year. The Evening Lions teamed with the **Muscoutah Noon** Lions to provide food certificates for families in need.



On behalf of the Lions of **Okawville**, Lions of Illinois Foundation Executive Director Van Stone presented Foundation Fellowships to Lions Roy Brammeier and David Luechtefeld during a recent meeting.



## District 1-CS "Work for Positive Change"

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### District Governor Alma Young



Benton 4th and 6th graders learned they would be enjoying pizza compliments of the **Benton** Lions Club and the school for being winners of the eyeglass collection campaign. 4th grade teacher Walli Kimmel with her students Jared Shaw and Brooklyn McMahon and 6th graders Jessica Schilli and Gehrig Wynn along with their teacher Paula Fuller, are joined by Principal Sue Krapf, used eyeglass collection chair Lion Charles Towle, and 6 graders



Brett Bonenberger and Hamilton Page, Club eyeglass campaign chair Cindy Page, 5-8 Principal Tammy McCollum. The school collected a total of 500 used eyeglasses, and an additional 500 was collected from the community.

**Carbondale** Lion Gary Metro received a recognition pin from President Dick Daesch for his sponsorship of three new members.

**Carterville** Lions rented their building to the Williamson County Senior Citizens Program on Aging so lunch can be served to senior citizens, donated to the Lions of Illinois Foundation to support a low vision screening for a local teenager, provided eyeglasses for three children, and sponsored a Haunted Hayride. The Club allows the local Boy and Girl Scouts alternate years for providing refreshments for the riders,

held the annual Candy Day event, donated funds to the Lynn Byrnes Scholarship Fund, a local retired teacher and long time coordinator of the Lions Free Fair Queen



Contest, participated in the city's Halloween event by providing treats to the local trick or treaters.

**Carterville Lioness** participated in the Carterville City-Wide Halloween event called the Pumpkin Path by providing more than 700 treat bags to children trick or treating in the downtown area. Further, they were privileged to have Governor Young and her husband, Lion Bob, visit. The Governor praised the Club for their involvement in the community and their



contributions to the District. The Lioness filled 30 large Christmas bags for seniors living in the Tri-C area. They also provided gifts for eight clients of the Shawnee Alliance for Seniors group and answered 268 letters to Santa written by children who attended the Christmas in Carterville event. These letters were hand written by Santa and sent to children from 19 communities.

Thanksgiving was a little brighter for eight families in Marion thanks to the **Marion Lioness** Club. Members provided names of families that fall between the cracks of the other local charitable organizations. The Club purchased the perishable items. Thanks to the hard work of the

Thanksgiving Basket

Committee:

Myrna Litton, Ida Nell Wargel, Gina Hill, Michelle Clark, and Jackie Hancock.



**Eldorado** Lions Governor Alma Young, Bill Harris, Eric Johnson, Steve Griffin, and President Aurby Falk distributed Christmas food baskets to families in need. Thanks, also, to Lions Joe Bozarth and Janet Bixler who helped distribute the baskets.



The **Murphysboro** Lions took 35 children Christmas shopping at Walmart, where each child was allotted \$75 to spend. They donated to the annual Community Christmas dinner for senior citizens, and helped cover the cost of equipment given to two students from Murphysboro who were tested at a Lions of Illinois Foundation Low Vision clinic.

The **Lenzburg** Lions collected nonperishable food items for needy Lenzburg families, and then Santa distributed toys that Lions collected and purchased; some purchased more than one toy, even a bag full of toys. The **Marion** Lions provided eyeglasses for a resident, held a Christmas Party for special needs children, and made a donation in memory of Lion Charles Pressley's wife, B.J., to help disadvantaged children.

**New Athens** Lions presented President Vickie Luter with a Lions of Illinois Foundation Fellow in honor of her service. PDG Larry Mehring presented President Vickie with an LCI key pin for recruiting 15 members. The Lions donated to New Athens



**Harrisburg Town & Country** Lions were quite active last fall welcoming new Lions Josh Miller and Jessica Dunn; held their usual Bingo fundraiser; held their Annual Lights Parade with Lion Jack Wise as Parade Marshall; provided Christmas Eve meals to senior citizens of their community; held the annual Club Christmas Party, and donated to the Shop with a Cop program.



## District 1-CS (continued)



After Prom Committee, and to the New Athens Home for the Aged. They held their semi-annual Pizza Fundraiser, selling more than 500 pizza; the proceeds will be used to support Club projects.



**Shawneetown** Lions welcomed two new members, Robert and Evelyn Riley! The Club continues to have their monthly Fish Fry, along with other fundraising



projects that helped with Club donations to the Paducah Telethon of Stars and a scholarship award to a local high school graduate. Their "Recycle for Sight" eyeglass collection box is overflowing thanks to generous donations from the community, they will be sent off for recycling through Lions Clubs International. This year they have also sent many, many soda can pull-tabs to the Ronald McDonald House. Donations of Proof of Purchases for the "Box Tops for Education" program are ongoing. They capped the year by donating to the Christmas Angel Tree gift giving.

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

### District Governor Paul Lindstrom



Recently the **Albany** Lions Club donated \$500 to the 3M Saring Tree for the children in Whiteside County. Secretary Ken Gooley presented the check to Ms Connie Peters, a 3M committee member. The Sharing Tree serves Clinton County (IA), and Rock Island and Whiteside Counties in Illinois; last Christmas, they provided gifts for approximately 200 children; this year about 75 families will be helped in Whiteside County.



The Albany Lions donated \$500 to the Albany food pantry. President Richard Bielenber, with Ms Jackie Smith and Ms Mary Okrasinski, who run the Albany food pantry that is now assisting 24 families in the area. The nine year old pantry was started by Mr. Derek Schaver in a small room in his antique shop and was run by his grandmother Mrs. Maxine Faley. Currently, the food pantry is located in the United Methodist Church in Albany.

The **Belvidere** Lions took ten children Christmas shopping at Walmart in Belvidere. Lions Tom Bonacorsi, Jim Culvey, Dennis Hissong, Becky Maggio, Valli Jo Rubeck, Larry Rubeck, Bob Wesley, Liz Wesley, and special friend Kim Heldmann and Ryan Veeder as "the Lion" escorted the children. The children spent \$1,033.69. One of the boys bought gifts for everyone in his family,

except himself. Lion

Hissong was his escort and let the other Lions know about the boy's unselfish act. While

Walmart employees were wrapping the presents and treating the children to cookies and beverages, Lion Dennis went and retrieved an item that his shopper had shown interest. His present was wrapped and sent home with him without him knowing that he also had a gift. Lion Wesley was the photographer.



## District 1-D (continued)

Congratulations to the 2011 Peace Poster Contest winner, Miss Sarah Gross, whose artwork was chosen from all the 6th grade class. She said, "Peace is a worldwide message. It should be known in all religions, by people at all ages." It went on from the **Durand** Lions Club to be the District winner, as well.

Durand and Cedarville Lions Clubs held a joint meeting and the Presidents of each club, Lion Dan Wagner and Lion Wanda Bramer congratulated each other on a successful meeting. Cedarville Lions Club provided the program for the evening: Mr. Eugene Hayes is a medic who served in Afghanistan with an incredible story.



He was presented with a donation to be used to purchase items to send to children in Afghanistan.



Lion David Waller was honored by the Durand Lions with a Lions of Illinois Foundation Fellow presented by PID Russ Sarver. Their Christmas Ham Sales project was a success, with sales of 350 hams.

Miss Skylar Culbertson, a 6th grade student at East Dubuque Elementary, has taken the first step to becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by the **East Dubuque** Lions Club. Miss Culbertson's poster was among more than 350,000 entries submitted in the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. President Tom Van Gelder said he was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students at both East Dubuque Elementary and St. Mary's Schools. "It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. I'm so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions." Congratulating Miss Culbertson were Lion Casey Klein, PR Director for the East Dubuque Lions and Elementary School Principal Mrs. Michelle Till.



**Freeport** Lions rang the bell and collected donations for the Salvation Army, at the entrance to Sullivan's Foods on Galena Avenue. Thanks to Lion Rick Eastman, Joe Serafini and Duane Smith. On the heels of a successful Lions Rose Day, Freeport Lions and guests had an opportunity to learn, first-hand, where Rose Day donations go. The Center for Sight & Hearing hosted a dinner meeting and tour. CSH President Diane Jones said they employ a staff of 22 with doctorates, masters and bachelor's degrees; all professionals with high desires and passions to improve lives of visually and hearing impaired people of all ages. She told of many heartwarming success stories, especially for children who may have heard their own footsteps, or saw shapes and faces clearly, for the very first time.

Artist David Fromi, a 7th grade student at Genoa-Kingston Middle School (GKMS), has won the first round, local level of the 2011 Peace Poster Contest. David's poster conveys peaceful cooperation. "My poster is showing how two children can get along peacefully to complete a common goal. The goal in this picture is to keep the life of the plant growing and healthy. I painted the poster with a lot of colors to show detail and the peace that the children feel," David said of his design as it illustrates this year's theme of "Children Know Peace." Visual arts instructor, Mrs. Julie Sorensen, selected David's work from those entered at GKMS, for its originality and thoughtfully well-crafted design. The **Genoa** Lions Club is pleased to sponsor this local contest that encourages the creativity of local young people while they learn about the humanitarian work of the

Lions Club worldwide. David is shown here flanked by second place winner Miss Jessica Harmon and Miss Alison Kramer, third place winner.



Genoa Lions held their annual Christmas Party, a time to celebrate good cheer and good work for the community. The event was held at WalCamp in Kingston, hosted by Ranelle Palmer and other



volunteers; the Lions appreciate the effort made by WalCamp throughout the year, and on behalf of the Club, emcee Gene Bradford presented a \$250 check to



## District 1-D (continued)

help with sponsoring a camper this summer. In addition to this donation, the Genoa Lions donated money to the Voluntary Action Center, Opportunity House, DeKalb County Animal Shelter, and purchased Christmas presents for three elementary students from the G-K School System. Lion Renè VanDerHeyden is here with a mound of gifts donated to the three elementary students this year,



continuing a holiday tradition for the Genoa Lions Adopt-a-Family program. The Genoa Lions thank this Community for its support and wish everyone a very, merry Christmas.

**Harvard** Lions Secretary Don Larson recently presented Harvard High School Band Director, Mr. Korey Coffey, with a \$500 donation to be used toward the purchase of new band uniforms. Harvard President Alan Wilkening recently honored Duffield "Duffy" Seyller with a certificate celebrating 25 years of



commitment and service to the community. Thank you to all the community members that recently supported the Harvard Lions Club Candy Day. The contributions help support the Lions mission of community service. The Club supports a HERS Softball Club, community



food pantry, Christmas baskets distribution, Boy Scouts, 4-H, high school scholarships, and other local causes. This year Harvard High School student, Enriquez, helped collect the needed funds during Candy Day. Harvard President Alan Wilkening, with teacher and *Schaumburg Hoffman* Lion Cynthia Spaeth, and Harvard High student Enriquez.



**Kirkland** Lions were involved in fundraisers over the year, which allowed them to donate the money to build the stage cover, which will help protect performers from the elements during the Annual 4th of July Celebration, and be used by many other groups throughout the year. Lions worked for five hours helping Dekalb County with their Annual Recycling Day, checking cars in, directing traffic, and helping sort batteries.

Students at Lena Winslow School participated in the LCI Peace Poster contest, and 13 students of Ms Linda Vories art class submitted entries. **Lena** Lions President Richard Holmes introduced Ms Hope Enck and presented her with a certificate as Club winner. Thanking her for her encouragement of



the young artists, President Richard Holmes presented Ms Vories with a \$100 donation.

Lena Lions completed their Operation Goodfellow project with 38 grocery boxes and 190 fruit and cookie plates, which were assembled and delivered to families in the Lena, Winslow, and McConnell. The Lions purchased the groceries, and the members of the Lena Women's Club and Lions baked the cookies. Past

President Ron Heitkam, his son Scott, and wife Cynthia made the Christmases a little merrier.

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## District 1-D (continued)

Lena Lions held their spouses night dinner meeting with Zone Chairman Gary Meyers there to give an update on Lions activities and then to induct three new members. Jim Cox sponsored by Lion Don Strohecker, Richard Holmes sponsored by Lion Rev. Brian Lebaron, Lion Laverne Michael and Gordon Dammann sponsored by Lion Don Kluck. ZC Gary also



presented Lion Mike Thill with the 100% Secretary award for 2010-11, and then the 100% President's award for 2010-11 was given to Lion Virgil Gordon. The Lena Lions Club received the 5 Star Club Award presented by PDG Ron Fruit.

The Club held it's 61st annual Fall Festival under perfect weather, and with large crowds attending. The Lions provided a pork chop barbecue at Lions Park serving 1,437 meals and operated the BINGO stand and ham stand on Main Street. The raffle grand prize was a 2011 Chevrolet Malibu won by Cassie Miller of Winslow; a Polaris ATV was also raffled and was won by Ken Koester of Freeport. Lion Dave Gruendler was the Car Raffle Chairman here with the winner Cassie Miller and Lion Ron Heitkam, Festival Chairman. The Festival Chairman was busy presenting grand prizes as he gave the keys to Ken Koester winner of the ATV, here with ATV Raffle Chairman Rick Polhill.

Lena Lions cleaned up the trash on Route 20 west of Lena; this was the fourth and final time for this year; the next trash pickup will be in April. Clean-up crew included Lions Jim Cox, Don Hoffman, Lee Wenzel, Jim Brenner, Richard Holmes, Bob Lyvers, Dave Finkenbinder, and Lee Otte.

**Morrison** Lions welcomed the debut of the new Club mascot, which came out to the Morrison Christmas Walk Parade. Umbrellas were needed; Lions Martha Kophamer, Tracy Muur, Mascot Ken Jansma, Flora Stralow, Darlene Smith; and Lions Aaron Johnson, Steve Wroble, Jim Blakemore, Dave Jennings, and Jackie Woodman, did not let the weather hamper them! The Morrison Lions donated caps, scarves, mittens and gloves to the

Helping Hand organization. Lions Bob Schick and Flora Stralow helped sort some of the donated items. The Lions completed the fall cleanup of a mile of Route 30. Clean-up crew included Lions Bob Schick, Martha Kophamer, Steve Wroble, Sandy Shetler, Ken Jansma, and photographer Bob Countryman.

**Stockton** President Jim Sarles presented Lion Jim Slickting with a 25-year service pin. Lion Jim has been a dedicated worker and is always there to help. Candy Day was a big success with 100% of money collected going to LIF Donations also were made to the Stockton Food Pantry, a Boy Scout troop, and an Eagle Scout project.



## District 1-D (continued)



Treasurer Duane Thompson presented a plaque to honor Past Treasurer Floyd and his wife Rita Toppert for 23 years of loyal service of 23 years as Treasurer to the **Tampico** Lions Club. The Lions gave the Topperts appreciation applause and Mrs. Toppert thanked the Lions for the beautiful flowers that she received. The Lions were able to round up Santa Clause to distribute candy and fruit at the

Tampico Elementary School and all the children and staff were excited to see Santa and his helpers! Thanks to these Lions for bringing joy: President James Hanrahan, Finance and Eye Glasses Chairman Ron Church, 3rd Vice President and Santa Russ Lauritzen, Activities Chair Jen Lucas, Treasurer Duane Thompson, and Secretary Terry Gaskill.



## District 1-E "The Power of One"

### District Governor Richard King



PDG Bill Wallpe rang the bell for the Danville Salvation Army as one of several **Danville** Lions who did so that day at the Big R. Lion Keith Strinmoen helped load Christmas food baskets into his vehicle to assist the Club deliver to 20 needy families in the community. The Club spent nearly \$1,400 on this project. Lions

Fred Faulstich and Wayne Jones assisted with the



delivery. Lion Dan Rodriguez and his daughter Joanna, received hugs from some recipients; others shed tears upon receiving their basket.



The **Paris** Lions held an auction, raising over \$650, according to Lion Steve Bennett. President Barb Pinegar affixed the Membership pin on new Lion Jeff



Pinegar. Welcome to Lion Jeff! Paris Lions held their annual Christmas Party/Charter night where Lions and family from Paris, Arcola, Mahomet, Robinson, and Georgetown, came to enjoy the food, fellowship, and a magic show! Lions of Illinois Foundation Trustee John Hove accepted a gift from Treasurer Ron Stickler to go toward Camp Lions from the Paris Club.



**Robinson** Lions Club President Larry Wilson presented a donation to Robinson Food Pantry



The Paris Lions appreciate the efforts of volunteers, Dolores Tobeck and Charlie Brown. Hopefully, they will be Lions soon!



## District 1-E (continued)

representative Mr. Dwight Buckle. The Lions donated \$200 from the treasury and passed the hat at a recent meeting to collect the rest of the almost \$500 donation.



The Robinson High School group Jobs for Illinois Graduates turned to the Lions for help in gathering items for their current project: collecting items for the Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis; they asked that the Lions supply some Giant Coloring Books. The Lions were happy to help with this worthwhile endeavor.



The Lions took time to honor Veteran Lions Tom Bailey (Air Force), President Larry Wilson (Marines), Frank Binder (Army), guest- Dr. Atienza (Navy Medic), Lions Nory Japson (Navy) and Henry McKee (Air Force), veterans who attended a recent meeting.

Lion Katrina Taylor brought guests Ms Debbie Parker and Ms Donna Blevins representing the Relay for Life committee for 2012 to a recent meeting; they reviewed



the plans for next year and past years' successes, as well as telling how the Lions could participate and help out.



This year in organizing Robinson Candy Day project the Lions found that several Lions had conflicts and couldn't volunteer to work, but luckily others, being thanked here by Lion Nancy Stewart and her volunteer (her sister) Alice Tennyson along with volunteer Brittney McKee (niece) of Lion Virginia. In appreciation they were invited to a dinner meeting so that the Lions could honor and thank them.

Immediate Past President Bob Abernathy was presented with a banner patch by Zone Chairman Kevin Mendenhall, sent from Past International Director Sid L. Scruggs III for meeting membership recruiting goals of the Year-Round Growth program in 2010-11.



President Larry Wilson welcomed Governor Richard King during a recent meeting, where he spoke on his experiences at the International convention and reviewed LIC President Tam's goals and how the Lions can work to make them happen. He also spoke about his personal theme "The Power of One" and its meaning. In an effort to make him feel welcome and a part of the team, the Tail Twister fined

him before he could leave.



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

### District Governor Walt Holden



Foundation Director Van Stone presented Lion Dan Dugenske with a Lions of Illinois Foundation Fellow, bestowed by the *Antioch* Lions Club for his 50+ years of service; Treasurer Bruce Gottermeyer looked on.

*Barrington* Lions Club supported Barrington Giving Day during which 400 families in need were invited to participate in the Christmas event. Civic organizations and individuals donated their time and resources to this worthwhile day. Families were treated to warm coats, toys for the children, blankets, paper goods, packaged food items, and a turkey and a ham for Christmas dinner. The Barrington Lions Club donated \$2,000 in paper goods toward the effort. Thanks for making the holidays brighter for so many and for your support Lions Bill Lee, Nick Sauer, Jim Wilson, Glenn



Engelhardt, Gene Francis, Bob Bush, Steve Floyd, Chuck Thyfault, and Curt Pulkrabek and Dan Evasink. Lion Steve Belknap presented a \$1,000 check to Mr. David Chidley to help defray maintenance costs of the Roy Wilmering Scout Cabin. For over 75 years the Scout Cabin has provided Barrington Scouting youth with a safe, secure, permanent place to meet. Mr. Chidley is President of the Cabin volunteer governing committee.



The Lions invited Barrington High School "Generation Crossroads" to tell the Lions about Crossroads.

The goal of Crossroads is to develop understanding and friendship between teenagers and seniors. They visit senior centers in Barrington, monthly. Barrington High School teacher and sponsor of Crossroads, Nancy Vonau, Secretary and sophomore Emily Schaffer, Co-presidents and seniors Lilia Cirrincione and, Michelle Vu, here with Lion Brian Cecola.



President Anne Feichter with the Elk Grove Community Spirit Award sign and members of the Community Spirit Committee.

The Elk Grove Community Spirit Award is presented monthly to an individual, family or group that exemplifies commitment to community, random acts of kindness, demonstrations of helpfulness and compassion to others. The *Elk Grove* Lions Club was honored to be the recipient of this award in November. The Elk Grove Lions Club has served the community for 53 years. Although the Lions are known for their work with the blind and hearing impaired, the Club has made many contributions over the years to the Village, including its first swimming pool, senior buses, mobile crime lab and mountain bikes for the police department, Sparky the robotic fireplug, DARE program support, hearing aids and eye glasses for needy families, 4th of July fireworks, financial support to community organizations and individuals in need, and much more.



## District 1-F (continued)

Immediate Past President Bill Butchart takes a jaunty pose in front of the humongous stack of boxes filled with over 4,000 pairs of glasses ready for delivery to the Foundation. It was his goal for the Club during his year as president to collect a pile of glasses taller than his 6 plus feet! Congratulations and thanks to the Elk Grove Village Lions, Lioness and Leos on this special endeavor!



Village residents Mr. Mark and Mrs. Joan Evans' family were guests of the Elk Grove Lions at their November meeting and while there, President Feichter presented with a donation of \$2,500 to help with their growing medical expenses. Their story was recently featured in the *Daily Herald* newspaper.

**Elk Grove Leos** presented the Evans family with a check for \$500 during a fall meeting. The family is facing hard times: Mrs. Evans has been diagnosed with stage four breast cancer, their triplets all have cerebral palsy, their youngest son is autistic, and Mr. Evans recently lost his job. The Evans thanked the young people for the generous donation, saying that it would really help their situation.

The Leos celebrated their second full year of service in Elk Grove by holding an awards dinner, during which several recognitions were made, including the Silver Seal Award, which was presented to President Marki Kaim, IPP Rachel Mia Kaim and Leo Autumn Carney for completing over 50 hours of community service in one year. President Kaim received the October Membership Growth Award for



recruiting three members that month. The Leo Award of Honor for outstanding accomplishments, presented by her peers, was presented to President Kaim. Many District 1-F cabinet members joined in the celebration and Governor Walt Holden praised the Leos for outstanding work in their community. They were also joined by many of the Elk Grove Lions and Elk Grove Lioness.

The Club recently concluded their 3rd annual pet food drive, amassing a collection of over 2,250 items this year.



The items were delivered to the Almost Home Foundation animal rescue based in Elk Grove Village. Leos gathered at President Kaim's home where two vans from Almost Home were loaded. The Club thanks Jewel Food Store, Elk Grove Village Library, the Elk Grove High School, Byrd Elementary School, Von Fossen Chiropractic, and the Elk Grove Park District for allowing them to put collection boxes in their locations. Also, thanks to the Arlington Heights Animal Hospital and the Academy of Dog Grooming Arts in Arlington Heights. Thanks to everyone who donated.



## District 1-F (continued)

The Grayslake Central High School and the **Grayslake** Lions had a very successful food drive for the holiday season. The students collected 61,500 pounds of non-perishables, and it was sorted and boxed by the Student Council. The Lions Club purchased turkeys, milk, bags of apples, and potatoes for each of the 159 families that received food. The excess was donated to the Avon Township Food Pantry and to a local church for their food pantry. Following delivery, the students were treated to breakfast as guests of the Lions Club.

The Lions Club had several volunteers help with the packing of meals for "Feed My Starving Children," which is a charity that packs dried meals for shipment to third world countries in an effort to reduce the starvation of children. The Grayslake Lions sponsored a Christmas party for residents of Winchester House. They were served cake, ice cream and soda and were entertained by 27 choir members from Grayslake Central High School. In addition to the refreshments, residents were given gifts, courtesy of the Lions.

**Lake Zurich** Lions presented Life Memberships to Lions Footloose



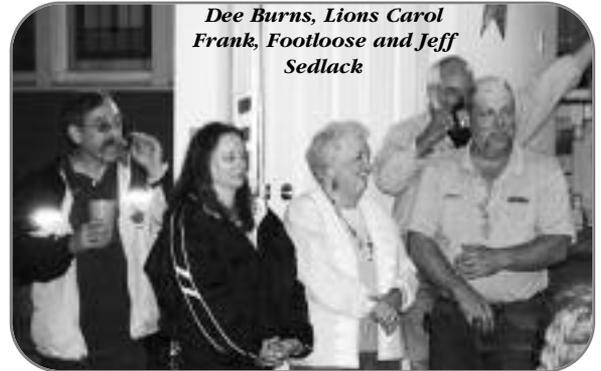
*Lions President Ryan Heybeck and Jeff Sedlack*

Frank and Lion Jeff Sedlack. Congratulations to both Lions for their many years of great service.

The **Waukegan Little Fort** Lions Club hosted their annual Christmas Party and Luncheon for the



Waukegan School District 60 Developmental and Special Needs Children where several guests, including Waukegan School Superintendent Donaldo Batiste, also a Little Fort Lion, were in attendance. The tradition of sharing Christmas with the hearing impaired and visually challenged children continues after the passing of longtime Lion Secretary Robert Abbott



*Dee Burns, Lions Carol Frank, Footloose and Jeff Sedlack*



*Lions Donaldo Batiste, President Frank Kuzmickus, and Past President Rafael Rivera, with staff of the Waukegan Schools Developmental Program.*

who, with Lion Bill Vickers, championed the annual event. Lion Norma Jensen chaired this event, which brought smiles, food, gifts, and fun to the children, their teachers, fellow Little Fort Lions, and guests.



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**New Lions!**

The **Winthrop Harbor** Lions celebrated 57 years of service to the community at their Annual Charter Night held this past fall, during which two new members were inducted. PDG Louis Abboud and President Mike Winheim, new Lion Tanya Winheim, Lion Angela Terracciano and new Lion Dee Georgou.

In November, Hadley School announced its new Blinded Veterans Initiative at a Veterans Day Observance during a **Winnetka** Lions Club meeting. Blinded Veterans Association Executive Director Steve Beres spoke about his life as a blinded veteran and shared his support for the initiative. Beres has taken several Hadley courses. The initiative will educate and inspire blind or visually impaired veterans to pursue professional and personal goals and help support their families. Subjects include business and entrepreneurship, technology, independent living skills/adjustment to blindness and Braille literacy. Programs are tuition free for all visually impaired veterans and their family members, thanks to the generous support of Goldman Sachs Gives, a donor-advised fund - recommended by Winnetka native John S. Willian, a managing director at Goldman Sachs and long time supporter of the Hadley School.



## District 1-G "Living the Dream"

### District Governor John Hamilton



Governor Hamilton was guest at a recent Tri-Club meeting with Lions from *Benld*, *Gillespie* and *Staunton* and spoke about the great work Lions are doing throughout the world and how Lions affect the lives of people locally and worldwide. Three Presidents: Lion Bob Wirth of Gillespie, Lion Richard Cavins of Benld, and Lions Josh Thorn and Doug Booth of Staunton with the Governor and his First Lady Marsha.



At the Annual Halloween Parade in Benld, the Lions Club along with the Italian American Club, Rotary, Firemen, and the Coal Country Chamber of Commerce distributed goodies to 118 costumed children at the end of their parade down Central Avenue.

**Highland** Lion Jim Rehberger spent Swiss Independence Day in Highland's sister city, Sursee, Switzerland. While there he visited the local Lions Club and over lunch, Sursee Lions Club President Mitro Meyers and Lion Jim compared Lions Clubs. Both clubs were founded in the mid 1970s and both meet on the same nights of the month. Lion Jim presented Lion Mitro with a Highland Lions Club pin, which is Swiss-themed in keeping with Highland's Swiss heritage. Lion Mitro presented Lion Jim with a Sursee club banner. Lion Jim presented the banner to Highland President Leroy Engelke.



Lion Dan Grandame chaired the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest and 70 students from three schools submitted entries on the theme "Children Know Peace." Three went forward to District competition where the poster submitted by Cole Trost of St. Paul Elementary School was selected to go to state.

Lion Larry Gilbert schedules speakers for programs for the Highland Lions Club, and recently EMT and a volunteer fireman Lt. Steve Clayton from the Highland Fire Department spoke to the Lions. The fire department responds to approximately 150 fires calls per year and EMTs respond to approximately 2,000 calls per year. He emphasized that he views his task as not necessarily a fire fighter, but rather a fire preventer. He noted that in nearly two-thirds of fire deaths annually there was either an inoperable or no smoke detector.



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

### District Governor Diane Kroll



The Avon United Methodist Church and the *Avon* Lions Club partnered again to bring Christmas cheer into the homes of 17 area families by providing them with Christmas. The lead partner is Pastor Trish Chapman, and she and her Avon United Methodist Church members determined which families would receive the baskets, provided the majority of finances needed, collected donations to fill the baskets, and assembled the baskets for delivery. Club President Barbara Baker and the Lions provided financial support, assistance to purchase items for the baskets, and then delivery of the baskets. Christmas Basket project Chairman Lion Al Henning presented a check in support of the project to Pastor Trish Chapman.



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## District 1-H (continued)



Governor Kroll inducted new member, Trevor Sloan into the Club. Lion Trevor continues a recent trend toward welcoming younger members; he will most definitely bring new thoughts and new energy to the Club. President Barbara Baker said, "It is exciting for older club members to welcome these younger members who have committed to do their part in fulfilling "We Serve," the Lions motto. Lion Trevor was sponsored by Lion Will Zimmerman, a new member himself a year ago.

The Club again provided financial support to Avon FFA's flag the purpose of which is to purchase new flags to replace worn flags, and add to the total number available for use by the Village. The Club donated \$250 to the FFA project and thanked the members of the FFA for allowing the Club to be part of the community improvement. Club President Barbara Baker and Lion Joe Hendel presented the check to FFA President Marie Lock; FFA members are Abigail Stier, Vice President Dylan Dare, President Marie Lock, Paul Dansbach, Trenton Walsh and Madison Benson.



Santa sat with **Coal Valley** Dan the Lion and Mo, the Mascot from the Quad City hockey team, the Mallards as they are prepared to bring on the children. The Coal Valley Lions bring Santa to town every year, and he gives each child a gift and a candy cane, and sits for a photo with each. Thanks to the efforts of Lion Co-chairs Boots and Abe.

The **Dallas City** Lions Club delivered over 800 dozen roses. Approximately 200 dozen were delivered to other Lions clubs and other civic organizations in Illinois and in Iowa. This has been the Club's largest fund raiser for over 25 years. Lion Larry Longley, as he has done for several years, did an outstanding job in organizing the delivery of the roses.

The **Lewiston** Lions Club became official in November! Many guests came from across 1-H to help commemorate the event. PDG Jim Entwistle of the Macomb Lions Club presented the president of the new club, Lion Deryck Sonaram, with their official charter. Pekin Lions, who sponsored the formation of the Lewistown Lions Club, were on hand to congratulate the new Lions. The two Guiding Lions for the new club, PDG Carolyn Godby and PDG Dick Ronna from the Pekin Club, will be working on a continuing basis with the officers of the new club to ensure their success. The speaker for the evening, Lion Chief Buzz Melton of the Wyoming



Lions, focused on the future involvement in the Lewistown Community and its needs. The Lewistown Lions with their goal of serving the local youth will carry the motto of the Lions, "We Serve," forward. New club officers are President Deryck Sonaram, Secretary Alicia Campbell, Treasurer Josh Chaplin, and Membership Chair Anna Rains.



The **Milan** Lions Club has been very busy this fall: They were the sponsoring organization for the Milan Indian Summer Festival.



## District 1-H (continued)

Lion Roger Slaight was co-parade marshal and the Lions participated in the parade. They helped during the Festival, as well. In the early fall, the Lions worked the gates for the MIP Arts and Crafts Fair and assisted Lion Gene McWilliams' family with a benefit for Gene due to his having Lou Gehrig's disease. Candy Day was successful, and the Lions participated in the Milan Chamber of Commerce "Trunk n' Treat" event.



The **Moline** Lions Club collected 220 pair of eyeglasses, seven used hearing aids, 12 ink cartridges, and seven cell phones. They also purchased a hearing aid and a pair of glasses for a resident. The Lions held a Lions of Illinois Foundation Diabetic Retinopathy Screening and Hearing Screening. Donations were made by the Club to The Dispatch Good Fellow Argus Santa Fund, In Touch, Shoes that Fit, Lions of Illinois Foundation, New Kingdom Trail Riders, Salvation Army, Christian Friendliness, Children's Therapy, Leader Dog for the Blind, Arrow Head Ranch, and Hope Creek Home, and provided funding for Newspapers For Education for Erickson School.

The **Peoria Heights Suburban** Lions loaned a magnifier to six year old, Jaden Fauser. Mrs. Fauser, Jaden's mother, said that Jaden loves to play school after regular school. Mr. Fauser explained that her vision would help her greatly with her at home studies. They are shown here with PCC John Allsworth on behalf of the Club.



The **Princeville** Lions Club was host to the Lions of Illinois Foundation Executive Director Van Stone who presented Lions of Illinois Foundation Fellows to Lions John Underwood, Alfred "Butch" Gardner, and Lori Stahl. Lions John and Butch are relatively new



members of the Club but spearhead the cooking fundraisers

and service projects for various organizations in the community where the Club does the food preparation. Lion Lori has been the Club Treasurer for several years. Public Relations Chairman Janet Rasmussen has asked that each Lion report to her the number of volunteer hours they have given to the community, whether it be for their church, the Club, the Village, or any other service activity. Governor Kroll supports and applauds her efforts. While at the Princeville Club,

the Governor assisted President George Smith present the Cecil Simons Memorial Award to Lion Ted Gilles. The award is named after one of the Club's charter members and is given annually to the Lion who exemplifies the Lion's Motto, "We Serve."



PDG Tom Martin presented the Lion of the Year award to Lion David Stoner for the super service he provides, and his dedication to Lionism. The Club recently donated

288 dictionaries to the Princeville Grade School 3rd and 6th grade students. PDGs Tom and Jane Martin presented the Project Dictionary program to the Lions and they enthusiastically endorsed the project. In addition, they voted to support the program annually, thus assuring that 3rd and 6th graders will be receiving a grade-level specific dictionary every year.



## District 1-H (continued)



The **Wyoming** Lions were approached by an eye doctor referring a person whom the club voted to assist with the costs of an eye exam and eyeglass purchase, and were subsequently told that the patient needed cataract surgery. The Lions voted to help with the cost of the surgery and they have been working with area agencies to help cover additional portions of the surgery.

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

### District Governor Jim Addington

Zone Chairperson Maria Andrews lead 1-J Lions in singing the Lions' version of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" with PDG Nancy Cummins, Zone Chairman Chris Halsey, 1st VDG Leo Snyder, 2nd VDG Mario Gumino, and Governor Jim Addington.



# 80<sup>th</sup>

Over 65 Lions and guests celebrated the **Crystal Lake** Lions

Club's 80th anniversary this past winter. The club was chartered in August of 1931, but the new club celebrated and received its charter at the Crystal Lake Lodge in early December of 1931. Lion Norm Vinton and his wife Liz put together this memorable event for the Lions.



### Cortland Lions

Club had 344 registrations, over 200 spectators, and 50 volunteers at its second annual 5K Race in November. Five Lions Clubs from the surrounding area (Elburn, Waterman, Hinckley, and Sycamore and DeKalb Evening) were either participants or runners that day.

**Elburn** Lions Chris and Cindy Halsey survey all the toys that were purchased from proceeds of donated baked items and trail mix sold at Bingo Nights. Lion Cindy had fun, fun, fun shopping for bargains! Lion Chris volunteered his truck to take the many bags of toys to West Towns Human Services in Sugar Grove for distribution among western Kane County children in its programs.

**Lombard Lions** Club brought Service Dog Flame and her owner, Lauren Pell, to speak at a recent meeting.

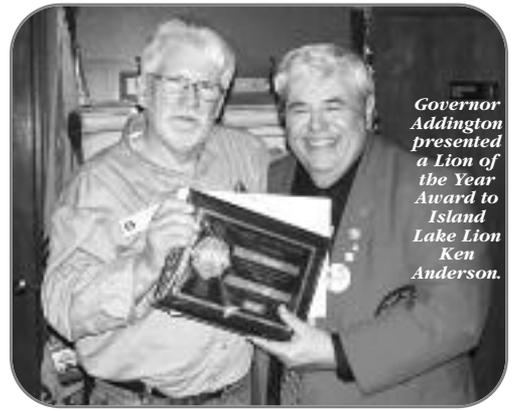


## District 1-J (continued)

Trainer Tom Dornback and Femel, a 6-month-old in training, were also there. President Kay Sirek presented a \$125 check to PDG Tom Laws for the Lions Project Canine Companions for Independence.



In December, **Richmond** Lions Club President Tim McKeever presented a \$1,000 donation to Richmond Middle School's Principal Tim Molitar. DG Lion Jim Addington and ZC Lion John Hilliard presented another \$1,000 to Ms Katie Coon, RBCH Honor Society Advisor, for all the group's help to the Lions Club.



Governor Addington presented a Lion of the Year Award to Island Lake Lion Ken Anderson.



This photo was almost 20 years in the making. It started when John Barsanti became a **Roselle** Lion; he sponsored Terena Schneider about ten years later and she is now the Club President. Lion Terena has now sponsored new Lion Jill Szczekocki.



1st VDG Leo Snyder took the lead during the Reindeer Games hosted by **South Elgin** PDG Dan St. Jacques during the first joint meeting/party with **Elgin Lions** Club in December. It was well attended by members of both clubs. This is what Lion Leo is promoting when he asks "Are we having fun?!"



South Elgin Lion Bill Holder affixed a Lions pin on the vest of new Lion Bernadine Dolinski.



For the fourth year, the **Bartlett** Lions have been making the Holidays a little better for local families in



need by providing food boxes containing food items to make a Holiday meal, and then some. In the boxes are ham, potatoes, canned vegetables, hot chocolate mix, and much more. Four years ago, they started by helping 100 families; and today it has grown to providing food boxes to approximately 400 families. Lions are always looking for ways to serve, and here was another opportunity to serve and hopefully make the Holidays a little more enjoyable for those in need.



## District 1-J (continued)

Charter Member of the **Malta** Lions Club Larry Peterson prepared the creamed chicken for the Club's annual Senior Citizen Luncheon held in early December: 80 seniors attended and another 20 meals were delivered to shut-ins in the area.



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

**District Governor Clyde Gaffney**



**Hardscrabble** Lions delivered 20 Thanksgiving Baskets with the help of Lions Karen Ranger and Mary Sullivan who packed boxes.

**Streator Hardscrabble** Lions have been Christmas Caroling at local nursing home for the past seven years; thanks to Lions Connie Artman, Jama Wahl, PID Bud Wahl, and Russ Artman, among others as they brought holiday cheer to the residents.



**Morris** Lions Lori and Irene posed, in costume, at the start of the Lions Halloween Contest in October where children and adults were encouraged to compete in the contest, with prizes and



treats for all. Morris Lions Club recently donated new signs to the city of Morris; thanks to Lion Bryan Leopold who worked with Mayor Dick Kopczick to design these nifty new signs.



The **Ottawa** Lions Club donated seven iPads to students in a hearing impaired class in McKinley School in Ottawa. Using the new technology students are offered a new way to interact and learn. Teacher Ms Susan Hendrickson here with Lion President Pat Gaffney and Lion Kim Emmett, with three of the students: Cody, Nicky and James. In appreciation for the kind donation, the students gave the Ottawa Lions Club a quilt on which the children depicted what the Lions mean to them.



Oglesby Librarian Megan Baznik-Wilson and library board President Evelyn Moyle received an optical reader from the **Peru** Lions



presented by President Ryan Peterson and Immediate Past President Rick Kwit. President Peterson with Parkside School student Alexus Kiefel, who won first place in the LCI Peace Poster Contest, competing against 69 other entries. President Peterson presented a donation of \$3,000 to the Illinois Valley Food Pantry Manager Ms Donna Hess to help with holiday needs.



**Princeton** Lions Club President Lewis Bodamer rang the bell on the 911 Rememberance float in the Princeton Homestead Parade.



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The **Seneca** Lions Club held their annual food drive this past fall, collecting over 200 pounds of food, plus monetary donations. Thanks to all of the



Lions Mary Ann Elens, Penny Thompson, PDG Carol Kojima, Steve Thompson, and Ron Elens.

Mrs. Karrah Jensen, Principal of Towanda Elementary School, accepted a donation presented by Lion Steve Shipley for the school's Character-Gram program. Students can earn Character-Grams by exhibiting appropriate behavior and positive character traits and can redeem the Character-Grams for various school-related items or snacks from the school store.

The Character-Gram program is one of several community-centered events supported by the **Towanda** Lions Club.



## District 1-L "Get Involved!"

### District Governor Jim Strange



Lion Charlie Niehaus of the **Altamont** Lions Club presented a donation to Lion Jeff Walton, ACHS soccer coach for the

Altamont Community High

School soccer team in thanks for their help with the Lions Youth Soccer program in Altamont. Lion Santa and Elf Steve Stice distributed gifts. PDG Jerry Curry thanked Lion Santa and the Altamont Lions for the donation to the Mary Bryant Home. The singers also preformed for the Springfield Noon Lions Club recently.



The **Athens** Lions Club is proud to be the sponsor for Toys for Angels for the Athens School District. Volunteer Destiny Riley, gives many hours to help get the names of those in need, receives and pre-sorts the toys, and makes the preparations for

distribution. The Lions provided

the manpower and helped to secure the resources to provide for

all the angels. This year the number needing toys was 142. The Athens Community Citizens provided the money and toys to make sure that each child received at least two gifts this Christmas. On distribution day, Lions and volunteers moved the toys from the Athens State Bank basement to the Athens High Scholl Cafeteria were they were sorted and made ready for

distribution. When the

recipient's parents arrived, they picked out the toys for their child or children. Thanks to Ms Riley's organization, all was completed by 4:30 pm. The Athens Lions like to thank the Athens-Cantrall school students for purchasing over \$1,370 worth of toys to help support this program. Students raised the funds with activities during their Spirit week. Kindergarten and early childhood raised \$279, 1st grade raised \$201, 2nd grade raised \$147, 3rd grade raised \$163, and the intermediate grades raised \$580. This program is supported by the teachers under the guidance of Ms Amy Strickler. The true meaning of spirit was demonstrated by their



President  
Larry  
Baughman

## District 1-L (continued)

actions. Thank you for making sure others could enjoy the gifts of your giving.

Governor Jim Strange inducted four new members into the *Springfield Noon Lions* at his recent visit to the Club. New members with their sponsors are Tom Kavanagh, Jim Hopewell, James

Hockenyos, Karen Hockenyos, Steve Frankenstein, Jamie Leslie, Jack Foster and Deb Foster. Two additional new members not able to attend this induction ceremony are Becky Fishel and Helen Hellner. Congratulations to the Springfield Noon Lions and their six new members!

The Lions and the American Red Cross sponsored their inaugural bowling fundraiser with over 160 bowlers. Four who advanced to the final games were Gerry Gardner, Al Hall, Ralls Melotte, and Carl Oberg. Gardner took home the first prize, Hall took second prize, third place winner Melotte and fourth place winner Oberg. After winning first place, Gardner lost an exhibition game at Scheels against Bill Hickerson, aka Dr. Swing of radio station WQNA. Bowlers at the Friday night event also took home more 100 gifts and gift certificates as door prizes donated by dozens of area businesses and individuals. Collectively, the door prizes exceeded \$1,000 in value.

Amie Meneghetti of WQQL Cool 101.9 assisted in awarding many of the prizes. A complete list of donors is available at [springfieldnoonlions.com](http://springfieldnoonlions.com). The Lions and American Red Cross express their deep gratitude to the participants, volunteers, AMF Laketown Lanes, Scheels, and the many other generous individuals and businesses that helped make this event a success.

Lion Patty Jordan received a certificate from Lions of Illinois Foundation Trustee PDG Jim Weiss recognizing her ten years of 100% sustaining support to the Foundation.



Hard times are hitting everyone this year; every food pantry is being used and Lions are stocking and donating to the Pantries as part of their mission.

Please join the Convention Host Committee in bringing a non-perishable item or paper product with you to Convention to present to our host Club, the Decatur Lions, so that they can pass on our gift to the local pantry.

**MD-1 State Convention 2012**

This year's Silent Auction at State will be unique because the Host Committee is asking you to bring something with you to offer in the Silent Auction. Best items are about your area or your club, such as a Land of Lincoln basket (Lincolnland Lions) or a Fall Festival basket from the Sycamore Lions. It can be a single item or a basket or a wheelbarrow to stock a bar! Get creative, have fun! Please make a list of what is included in the basket or a description of the item, and the name of the Club offering for the Auction.

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Executive Director Van Stone was happy to receive two checks from the John Deere Classic Golf Tournament, one for \$361,934.91 for contributions by Lions and friends for the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund and one for \$28,954.79 for 8% Bonus Bucks.



Read all about it - Lions are planting trees to realize IP Tam's goal. See the next issue!



# *Elk Grove Village Leos Club*

*Making life better. See page 21*