



The District 1A 2015 Mid-Year Forum will be held on Saturday, January 24 at Moraine Valley Community College, 9000 W. College Parkway, Palos Hills.

The MY Forum will provide meaningful workshops and seminars throughout the day with topics ranging from fundraising to membership to motivation. The committee has been working diligently to put together a forum that will provide current information that will benefit all Lions and help to inspire and reinforce why we are all part of this service organization. We hope everyone has a good time. No matter what position you hold in your club, this year's forum offers programs to help all of us build and maintain stronger organizations. We hope our members have a good time networking and catching up with old and new Lions friends from around the District.

Program format

We have changed the format this year! Attendees can build their own program, participating in sessions based on topics that interest them.

- The morning consists of 15 sessions scheduled in three different time slots. Each session will last 40 minutes and participants can choose to attend one session in each time slot.
- After the lunch break, Dr. Janet Szlyk, President and Executive Director of the Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind will provide the keynote address. Dr. Szlyk will talk about the long and rich history the Lions of District 1A have with the Lighthouse.
- In the afternoon, we will have Roundtable discussions for Region and Zone Chairs and Club Presidents, as well as membership and social media workshops.

The registration fee for the 2015 MY Forum, including breakfast, lunch, an afternoon snack, and a commemorative pin, is \$25.

Please come and join us for a day of learning, discussion, and friendship. Contact [IVDG Ralph Zarada](#), [Lion Herb Zimmerman](#), or [Lion Janice Wiggins](#) for more information.

MY Forum agenda

The following is a list of the programs being presented. It is a tentative schedule and is subject to change as we finalize the itinerary.

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Registration and breakfast
Welcome, VDG Ralph Zarada
Governor's Welcome, DG Terry D'Souza
Event overview, TBD

Morning session one (Five options, choose one)

9:20 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Succession**, Lion Ernie Lapid, Chicago Philippine American Lions
Eye Bank, TBD
Goal Setting, Lion Ron Schammert, River Grove Lions
2017 Convention, Lion Bob Block, Calumet City Lions
Reading Action Program (RAP), Lion Judy Toft, MayFair Lions

Morning session two (Five options, choose one)

10:10-10: 50 a.m. **I'm New, I'm Leaving, and I'm Gone**: Lion Ralph Zarada, River Grove Lions
Leader Dog Puppy Raisers: TBD
Fund Raising: Lion Todd Combs, LaGrange Lions
V.O.I.C.E.S.: Lion John Torphy, Stickney-Forest View Lions
Public Speaking: Jerilyn Willin, JWillin Consulting

Morning session three (Five options, choose one)

11:00-11:40 a.m. **LIERI**: Lions of Illinois Eye Research Institute TBD
Lions of Illinois Foundation: PDG Mario Gumino, Executive Director
Karen Putz Inspirational Speaker, TBD
V.O.I.C.E.S.: Lion John Torphy, Stickney-Forest View Lions
Public Speaking: Jerilyn Willin, JWillin Consulting

11:45 a.m. – 12: 10 p.m. Lunch

12:15-12:50 p.m. **Keynote Address**
Dr. Janet Szlyk, Title
Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind

Afternoon session (Four options, choose one)

1:00-2:30 p.m. **Social Media Workshop**: Lion Gail Anton, Orland Park Lions and Lion Tom Drez,
Lemont Lions Club
Region Chair/Zone Chair Roundtable: Lion Herb Zimmerman, Orland Park Lions and
Lion Janice Wiggins, Cook County Lions
President's Roundtable: Lion Dave Guerin, River Grove Lions and Lion Tracy Alder,
River Grove Lions
Membership: Lion Andreas Brandt, Westchester Lions and Lion Tamara Ivetic, Cook
County Lions