

# The Illinois Lion & Leo

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Hardscrabble Lions Patty Ferguson, Karyn Dzurison and PID Bud Wahl scrape the retaining wall for a new coat of paint and a fresh design. The wall welcomes visitors to town.

## Council Chair Speaks:

### Greetings MD1 Lions!



Hello Lions! Let me be the first to say to all of you, Happy Labor Day! I hope it was a memorable weekend for everyone. From backyard BBQ's to extended weekend getaways, surely the weekend provided some form of entertainment and relaxation. Isn't it strange that we have to wait for a day called Labor Day to take a little time for ourselves and loved ones? Let us remember that although we may love the work we do as Lions that time must be set aside to unwind and enjoy the simple things that life has to offer. The work we do as Lions should be enjoyed, after all the work we are doing is by volunteer. So at some point, something drew you into taking part in something amazing, something inside you heard the call and course. As we sail the waters of Lionism and reach out beyond the horizon let us keep a watchful eye for these weary travelers. Lend a hand and come along side to help them find there way back to smoother currents. Remember our code of ethics? Remember that we are flying the same colors, no matter which part of the globe you are from.

Our work under the flag of Lions is to join together to build unity among all people, to help those in need. To build up and not destroy. I humbly ask you, my counterparts, comrades, friends and fellow Lion,

will you come along side? Will you find the courage to regain the passion and rekindle the fire and drive for the betterment of our world? We currently sit around 1.5 million members worldwide, (14,000 est. in the state). If we each went out and asked one person to join our efforts just imagine the numbers we could build in the next year. Just imagine the impact that force would have in so many areas. I challenge everyone reading this article to make it a point at least monthly to engage someone in conversation about becoming a Lion, you never know, you just may make a new friend in the process. Volunteering not only helps those in need, but helps the one doing the volunteering as well. The winds of change are blowing. What lies ahead? TOGETHER WE WILL FIND OUT.



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MD-1 Council Chair Elect

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## Editorial:



## Empowering Clubs through the Power of Action

The Global Action Team was built with a vision that one day every need in the world will be served by a Lion or Leo. It brings together the three key areas of Lions:

- Leadership development
- Membership



- Service  
By unifying the Global Leadership Team (GLT), Global Membership Team (GMT) and Global Service Team (GST) as the Global Action Team, we will create synergy and new opportunities

- Identify leadership development opportunities to empower all Lions
  - Find compassionate new members and keep current Lions coming back
- You can do more good for more people when you have some extra help. That's your Global Action Team. **At the end of the day, it's all about service.**

-Dr. Austin D'Souza, Editor  
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for clubs to grow and serve.

**Our Mission** – The Global Action Team will champion the vision of LCI & LCIF and build on the passion of our Lions and Leos through service.

**Our Goal** – To impact over 200 million lives through service, increase our membership to 1.7 million Lions and Leos, and provide learning opportunities to over 500,000 members by the year 2020.

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The Global Action Team can help you energize your members and take your club to the next level.

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# CANDY DAY

## October 12-13, 2018

Raising funds for the visually and hearing impaired

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**2018-2019**

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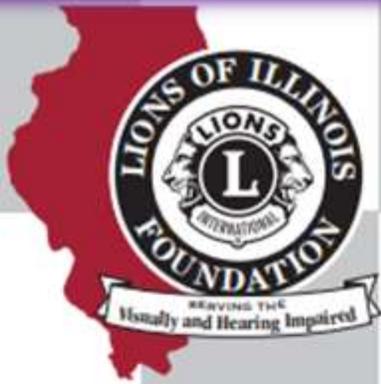
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*9 am - 3 pm*

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6. Finish filling out information. In the box that asks for a student name enter your Club name and click **“REGISTER”**
7. Start shopping\*



\*\$14 shipping fee for physical cards.

Candy Day is October 12th and 13th, 2018.



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Lions and volunteers will be visible throughout the community on October 12th and 13th, 2018 for Candy Day! Lions will be giving away rolls of candy and accepting monetary contributions to be used in helping the visually and hearing impaired. It is almost impossible for those who can see and hear normally to fully understand what it is like to be visually or hearing impaired, but they can help through their support of Candy Day.

People can show their support by giving generously, helping underwrite the price of a case of candy, or volunteering for a few hours on Candy Day. Persons wishing to join the Lions in their fight against the effects of vision and hearing loss should contact the local Lions Club or the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

## Reduce your risk for developing diabetes

### Lose weight

Make wise food choices  
Eat smaller portions

### Be physically active every day

Walk, ride a bike, swim  
Rake leaves, work in your yard or garden

### Check your blood pressure

Eat less salt  
Reduce Alcohol

### Check your cholesterol

Eat lower fat foods

### Talk with your doctor and dietitian

For additional information  
**American Diabetes Association**  
[www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org)  
1-888-diabetes

**Lions of Illinois Foundation**  
[www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org](http://www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org)  
1-800-955-5466

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Enjoy some of this issue's features and digital extras:

- Meet your international president, Iceland's Gudrun Yngvadottir, as she reaches for new horizons in [A Lion's President](#).
- Find out what shaped International President Yngvadottir into the Lion she is today. Her [bio video](#) tells the story.
- Watch how Lions in Sebastian, Florida are joining the fight against childhood cancer in [Lions Combat Childhood Cancer](#).

Don't miss a single issue of LION!



MyLion



July, 2018 Volume 2, Issue 1

## Hello mobile Lions.

July has been a busy month as we celebrated the 2018 Lions Clubs International Convention. Thank you to everyone who attended or tuned in on social media! In this edition of MyLion Connect, we'll update you on the release of MyLion on the web, the web browser companion of the MyLion app, and share more ways to get involved with the MyLion community.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK





(L-R Lions Bill Siders, Mary Freeman, Amy Baughman and helper Holly Henning-Buhr) The **Athens Lions Club** members and helper Holly Henning-Buhr, Anne Smith and her two helpers Brendan Good and Randy Schommer gathered on Wednesday night, Aug 1, to fill bags of school supplies for 75 school children, K thru 8th grade, in the Athens School District. On Saturday Aug 4, the Lions will help distributed those supplies to the children in need. In addition to the required supplies, each child will be allowed to pick out a backpack if they want. The list of eligible children came from Central Illinois Services. Menard County Housing Executive Director Anne Smith coordinated the event which including purchasing all the supplies.



(L-R Del Haschemeyer, Terry Brown, Larry Baughman, Bill Siders, Sandy Brackney, Mary Freeman, Holly Henning-Buhr, Amy Baughman, Larry Buhr, Don Porter) A total of 350 children in the Athens, Petersburg, and Greenview schools will benefit from this program. If you have a child that has a specific school supply need, please call the Menard Housing Authority office at 632-7723 and leave a message. The back to school supplies program is funded by donations from businesses, groups, such as the Athens Lions Club, and individuals. If you would like to donate, call 632-

7723 and leave a message. The Lions made a monetary donation as well as providing manpower for the event in keeping with the motto "WE SERVE"



The **Hardscrabble Lions** prepare to do highway cleanup. This service to the community meets the pillar of saving the environment. The photo was taken by Club President Kathy Huey.



## Wauconda Lions selling raffle tickets at Cruise Nights for trip to Daytona 500

Fundraiser to benefit Wauconda community:  
1st Place is Trip for two to Daytona 500 (4 days, 3 nights) \*winner can opt for \$2,000 cash payout. 2nd Place \$150, 3rd place \$100. Winning ticket will be drawn 9/18/18 at the Wauconda Moose Lodge during the Sept. 18 Cruise Night event.  
Raffle tickets \$10 each.





Imagine a world without color;  
Imagine not being able to see the faces of friends and family.  
This is what we work for, to help the visually impaired.  
This is what the Lions are about!

District 1F Lions present...



Date: Saturday, September 15, 2018  
Time: Seating: 6:30 pm; Lights out & Dinner: 6:45 pm  
Location: Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel, Northbrook  
Cost: \$25.00/person for the 1<sup>st</sup> 50 paid reservations  
\$30.00/person thereafter  
Includes: Salad, Entrée, Vegetable, Dessert and Beverage

There will be a guest speaker and other fun things

ALL LIONS & FRIENDS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

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Checks made payable to District 1F Lions should be mailed to  
Lion Martha Garlock, 126 Anthony Parkway, Wauconda, IL 60084

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email & phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dinner reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_





Pictures of Camp Manitowa, in Benton, Illinois from Open House on August 3. #1-2 Campers, #3- Campers playing Dodgeball, #2-Dist 1-CS Governor Waymon Johnson, First Lady Barbara and their grandson.



## Carnival announcements



The annual Lions Carnival is quickly coming up. Be sure to mark your calendars: Sept. 7 & 8.

- Contact Lion [Andy Harding](#) for job assignments.
- A club-wide work day is not necessary this year but there are a few projects that do need attention.

And CAKES! CAKES! CAKES! Contact Lion [Rita Church](#) if you have questions about the need for cakes.



**Chicago Chatham Lions Club held a Memorial Service at the gravesite of Lions Founder Melvin Jones. Some of the dignitaries attended the event: PID Dan O'Reilly, Gov. Howard Swacker, PDG's Jerry Novak, Wes Salsburry and Ralph Zarada, ZC Cathy Wilkerson, etc.**

**NEWS FROM DISTRICT 1M:**



**Altamont Lion Mike Walker (R)** received an award for increasing membership.



This year's **Altamont Lions Club** male scholarship winner **Kaleb Whitt (R)** standing next to Lions Club President **Lynn Kull**.



The **Altamont Lions Club** offered free hearing testing at Altamont Grade School on August 7th and 8th.



**Arthur Lions Club** held a Pool Party for children through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and their families. The pool party included snow cones, hot dogs & chips, a DJ, and of course, swimming. Everyone had a great time.  
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**Blue Mound Lions** serve with style. Their steak sandwiches are a big hit at the annual Blue Mound Fall Festival.



**Champaign Lions** did a cooking class at Harvest Market - Champaign! Menu, designed by Lion David Lin, was perfect! Emily was a great teacher who gave us useful tips on cooking. This was a fun night!



**Lions from 1M** receiving awards from Lions of Illinois Foundation



**Danville Lions Club** says Thank you Dr Stephen Nacco, Danville Area Community College President, for sharing your enthusiasm for our community! Dr Nacco was our speaker this week, pictured here with Lion Greg Green (L) and Lion Brian Larson (R).



PDG Moe donating a check to Trustee Butch of 1M



July 23<sup>rd</sup>, the guest speaker is **Mahomet** resident Stan Bergman. Stan was speaking about his cornea transplant that was aid by the Gifford Lions.



The Clark County fair just wouldn't be the same without the **Marshall Lions Club**. Serving up fresh popcorn this year included Lion Marilyn Norton, grandson Logan Waller, Lion Gordon Anderson, Lion Kathy Horsley, and Lion Dave Garner.



**Paris Lions** Chris Garner, Renae Powers, Lori Bennett, Steve Bennett, Brian Walker and Carol Abernathy joined other organizations at the Horizon Health Center's Back to School Bang with free vision screenings. Thank you, Miss Bailey, for stepping in while Lion Renae and LEO (the mascot) were out working the crowd and thank you Lion Steve for taking pictures.



**Paris Lions** wrapped up another successful year of Paris Lions Minor League T-Ball. Serving children 5-6 years old, Paris Lions Club has been helping children learn basic physical and team skills for about 50 years!



At the Boo Crew Haunted House construction team breakfast Saturday morning, **Rochester Lions club** VP Tom Patterson (L) presented Lion Glenn Jones (R) with the Melvin Jones award for his dedication and work with the Lions Club and haunted house. Congratulations!

service to the club Larry. Current President Jim Seefeldt is seen presenting the award.



Thanks to the Rochester High School football team for helping at the **Lions Club Boo Crew Haunted House** today! They put up a fence and split firewood. Great work team!!

Westville Lions Tail Twister had a super fun, team building activity for us last night. Teams of 6 had to use a rubber band and some strings to create a pyramid stack of the cups! 🤗

Lion Larry Runion was honored at the club's August 2nd meeting. Larry recently completed his third term as the Lions Club President. Thanks for your

**District 1M** held our Candy Day Jamboree on Thursday, Aug 9<sup>th</sup> in Arcola. One of the highlights of the evening included a video of Camp Lions with participants telling why Camp Lions is so important and is so much fun. The Pride of District 1M included the outstanding clubs who earned awards for their support of our Lions of Illinois Foundation, including 17 clubs who achieved the Trustee's Challenge. Thank you, PDG Mario Gumino, President

Butch Guennewig and Trustee Jani for organizing the event and inspiring our Lions to support our Foundation.

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PDG Ruth Lyle presented a Melvin Jones Award to **Morrison Lion** Aaron Johnson during the club's Installation of Officers for the 2018 year.



**Morrison Lions Club** members and spouses gathered for dinner at the Forest Inn recently for the annual installation of officers. PDG Ruth Lyle was the installing officer. Pictured seated is PDG Ruth Lyle and Lion Tamer Clarence Harridge, center row, left to right: Board Member Tracy Muur, President Darlene Smith, Vice President Martha Kophamer, and Board Member Keith Hamstra, Back row: left to right, Tail Twister Ken Jansma, Secretary Bob Countryman, and Treasurer Jim Blakemore.

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**The Leaf River Lions Club** fixed a lunch for the Homeless Veterans at the Drop in Center in Rockford on July 27.

Grilled hamburger and brats were served along with fresh sweet corn. Fruit pies were also made and served with ice cream. This was all a big hit with the 21 veterans that were served as they seldom get fresh sweet corn or fresh fruit pies.

The Leaf River Lions that made the trip- to serve were Tom & Dorothy Mahon, Sid Anderson, Kathy Rose, Connie Hartje, Leatrice Bicksler, Carol Kuntzelmann and Paul & Terri Lindstorm.

The Veterans meals always start with a brief service and prayer. Taking the time to sit and visit them during and for a time after the meals is always very

interesting. More Lions Clubs should take the time to serve the Homeless Veterans. You will find it rewarding.



The **Amboy Lions Club** recently donated \$3500 to the Amboy American Legion to be used for the new flag area at Veterans Park. \$1000 of the donation was in honor of Lion Ted Lilja and will be used toward the main center flag pole. The remaining \$2500 will be used toward the purchase of the surrounding flag poles for the various branches of service. The Club was proud to be a contributor to this beautiful addition to Veterans Park.

The Amboy Lions have already place AED devices in the Amboy Community Center and the Sublette Community Center. The Club is planning to purchase additional AEDs' for area churches over the next several years.



Part of a Legacy Project completed last fall, this pavilion received a new metal roof and a basketball hoop was added in one corner of the parking lot at the City of Morrison's French Creek Park. Members voted this spring to continue some maintenance to the structure by adding some reinforcements. After the wood reinforcements have dried, paint will be applied to all the framework. Shown at the completion of the reinforcement project are left to right: Jim Blakemore, Keith Hamstra, Jim Strating (volunteered his help and is a member of the Parks and Recreation Board) and front is Bob Smith. Bob Countryman, club photographer, also assisted in the second step in refurbishing the structure.



Lion Larry Holland and his daughter Mickela spent the evening of Sunday, August 5 gathering school supplies for less fortunate students in the Orion Area School District. This year, **Orion Lions Club** helped 17 students. Also this fall, Orion Lions Club refilled diabetic kits which the club supplies to several Orion classrooms and school buses.



This year's Annual Golf Outing of Lions of Illinois Foundation was held at Senica's Oak Ridge Golf Club. Several teams took part in this successful golf event.



All participants enjoyed a tasty barbeque ribs, corn and potatoes.



District 1A held their Annual PDG Harry Barber Memorial Golf Outing was held in August 2018. Governor Howard Swacker is ready to roll on the golf cart.



**Naperville Noon Lions** enjoyed a great day at the District 1J Golf Outing – the weather was perfect and all had a good time. (l to r) Lions Chris Williams, Al Knotek, Jim Ebers, and guest Jim Mlyniec.

The **40th Annual Lions Handicap Fishing Derby** was held on July 19th at Shabbona Lake State Park. There were 226 guests and 120 Lions from 16 clubs in three Districts who sponsored and attended the



event this year. **Sycamore Lions Club** served lunch, serving approximately 346 people. Special thanks to Vice District Governor Jerome Perez who chaired the Sycamore Lions Fishing Derby Committee. (left) Serving Lunch at the Annual Lions Handicapped Fishing Derby — (left back row) Lions Ray Puentes, Chuck Bergsmith, helper Will Gates, Lion Vice District Governor Jerome Perez, seated from left Lions Kevin Brint & Jerry Malmassari.



This past summer, **Westmont Lions Club** helped send their local community Westmont Boy Scout Troop 6 to the Florida Keys on an Eco-STEM adventure on a sailboat for a week through Boy Scouts high adventure Camp Sea Base. Seven Boy Scouts and five leaders were able to attend, and on this trip, Scouts learned about the many habitats and ecosystems within the Florida Keys. They participated in nightly classes regarding the environment in which they were interacting. One of the main areas the Scouts learned about was the importance of the Mangroves and how Mangrove forests are home to a large variety of fish, crab & shrimp, and how their dense root system allows the trapping of flowing sediments which helps stabilize

the coastline and prevents erosion from waves and storms. This once in a lifetime experience, truly, would not have been possible if not for the support of the Westmont Lions Club.



**Aurora Noon Lion** Dick Schindel and his wife Susan, model gear, floppy hats and long-sleeved shirts, from their expedition to Ecuador’s Galapagos Islands. They chronicled their March 1-11 trip with photos and video footage for a very interesting travelogue for the club at a recent meeting.



Two new members for the **Algonquin Lions Club!** (l to r) Sponsor Lion Bill Moore, New Lion John DeFrancisco, New Lion Fred Martin, and Sponsor Lion Dennis Olsen. Lion Fred was a past member of the Algonquin Lions some 35 years ago and has now returned.

**Wheaton Lion** Keith Carlson (r) presented scholarships to two Wheaton High School graduates to help with college expenses. Danielle Spaid graduated from Wheaton North H.S. She will be attending Illinois State University and will study to become a registered nurse. Mark Sweeney graduated from Wheaton Warrenville South H.S.



and he will be attending Valparaiso University, studying Meteorology. Two other scholarships were also presented to graduating students.



**Sycamore President Lion** Brian Bickner (l) receiving the Lion’s Gavel from Past President Lion Kevin Berry (r).



Commentators at the **Waterman Lions** Antique Tractor Show Parade (l to r) Farm Broadcaster Max Armstrong, Club President Lion Shawn Blobaum, and a representative from the DeKalb County Farm Bureau



**Crystal Lake Lions Club** Board Members hold a facsimile check indicating the amount, \$17,000, spent on local eye care over the past Lion Year.



**New Sun City-Huntley Lions Club** members, Lions Wally and Deb Swan, sponsored by Lion Jim Graves, enjoy dinner before their induction. Lion Wally is legally blind, shared their reasons for joining Lions – they saw the impact the SCH Lions Club had in the community and wanted to be part of the giving.



**Sun City-Huntley Lion** Richard Myers, Culver's Manager, presents the \$469 fundraising check for the club's "Scoopie Nite" to Co-Chair Lion June Brock.



**Waterman and Shabbona Lions Clubs** provided the pontoon boat and canoe rides at the Handicapped Fishing Derby.



**Sandwich Lions Club** had short notice in July for a required ramp, so an aluminum ramp was set up temporarily until Lions had time and materials to build a permanent one.



Fishing Derby.

**Waterman and Lee Lions Clubs** helped participants put on life jackets for the canoe and pontoon boat rides at the Handicapped



**Sun City-Huntley Club**  
 President  
 Lion Jim Harper  
 presents the  
 Melvin Jones  
 Fellowship  
 Award to  
 SCH Lion Dr.  
 Deb. Junkins.  
 Lion Dr. Deb

is a veterinarian, owner of Pet Vet in Huntley and working more than full time, so most of her service to the Lions is during her rare "personal" time.



**Chicago Northwest Lions Clubs Annual Screening** at Eli's Cheesecake Factory. We screened 20 for hearing and found 5 that needed further screening We screened 12 for eyes.



## 1 st VDGs Visit: Leader Dogs for the Blind



The 1st Vice District Governors from IL along with their counterparts from WI visited Leader Dogs for the Blind in early August. This year, some of the VDGs rode the bus to Rochester Hills, MI with the WI VDGs. Sharon and I, along with Lions Joni and Denny McMillan, Tony Holland, Joe and Ann Vinyard and PDG Mario Gumino, met the bus at Lions Club International in Oak Brook. Besides the 1st VDGs from WI, also on the bus were PDG Len Quinn, accompanied by his lovely daughter and Lion BJ Blahnik. Both Lions Len and BJ are motivational speakers for Leader Dogs for the Blind and made this bus trip quite memorable with their story telling! This was a terrific bonding experience for the VDGs from IL and WI. PDG Len and I have been trying for several years to have the IL 1st Vices included with



this bus trip and it was so neat to see our plan finally come to fruition! Once we arrived at the Embassy Suites in Romulus, MI, we met up with VDGs Richard Delp and his wife Deb, Kathy Dieker, and Susan Hastings. The next morning, we were off to the LDB campus for a full day of touring, blind-folded dog walking and inspirational talks – along with that GREAT lunch of chili and donuts! When you see them, ask your 1st VDG how their puppy is doing! You'll be hearing about the challenge Leader Dogs gave the 1st VDGs next year as they begin their year as the leader in your Districts! These Governors will do GREAT things for our Multiple District and we can't wait for them to get started! "In every Leader Dog beats the heart of a Lion" (PDG Len Quinn) PCC Fred Peska and Lion Sharon, Leader Dogs for the Blind MD1 Ambassadors.



(Pictured here – front row: PDG Mario Gumino, 1VDG Joan McMillan (1A), Deb Delp, Leann Brackney Sharon Peska, 1VDG Kathy Dieker (1G), Ann Vinyard and 1VDG Susan Hastings (1F) ; back row: PCC Dennis McMillan, 1VDG Richard Delp (1D), 1VDG Tony Holland (1H), 1VDG Dave Johnson (1M), PCC Fred Peska, and 1VDG Joe Vinyard (1J).)



The **Sycamore Lions** sent two teams to the recent District 1J Golf Outing at Hughes Creek in Elburn. From left, Lions all; Kevin Brint, Tom Moline, Vice District Governor Jerome Perez, Ed Kuhn, Jerry Schultz, Honorary Lion Justin (President of Justin and Papa – Golf Ball Rescuers "Helping kids get glasses") Tom Fewell, John Toles and Jerry Brantner.



At a recent meeting the **Sycamore Lions** welcomed two new members. Being introduced, from left are Sponsor Lion Erin McNeal, a Malta Lions Club Member and daughter of new to be sworn in member Kathleen Weisser, new to be sworn in member Sean Weisser and his sponsor Sycamore Lion Kevin Berry.



The **Sycamore Lions** recently made a \$500 donation to the Sycamore Food Pantry. Presenting, from left, Second VP Lion Tony Sgarlata, President Lion Brian Bickner and receiving is Joel Maurer Food Pantry Volunteer. The Lions had earlier made a matching donation to the Salem Lutheran Food Pantry.



## President's Message

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### Pursuing New Horizons with International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir

**Dear District Governor,**

Our compass points us toward a world built on compassion and kindness. This promise is our privilege to deliver through service. As a leader, you must be equally ambitious and determined in your membership and service goals so that together we can bring hope to 200 million people this year.

It is essential that we remember how new clubs and service work together to increase our global strength and impact. When we charter clubs, we create opportunities for greatness. For our members and for our communities. I want you to continue to make chartering clubs your first quarter priority so we can accomplish our future goals and bring new service to those who need us.

Our clubs inspire their members. They inspire their communities. And together we inspire the world. Let's set a course for unimaginable success this year. Because we don't just dream of a better world. We serve and make it a better world.

In friendship,

**Gudrun Yngvadottir**

**Your International President**



## First Quarter Charter Club Challenge

Your Lion leaders are hard at work creating new Lions clubs in your district. And who better to recognize them but you! Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to honor Lion leaders while achieving your Lions club charter goals for the quarter.

- **Charter** new Lions clubs with at least **20 members** each.
- **Achieve** your group's charter club goals in the first quarter.
- **Recognize** the achievements of your Lions leaders with a **special award**.

So charter new Lions clubs to get ahead of your goals for the year. For more information, visit your [Awards Website](#).

## August Updates

- Read my [August Message](#) to club leaders in which I encourage clubs to focus on our Global Causes so that together we can serve 200 million this year.
- Make **chartering new Leo clubs** a priority this year to earn special recognition. More details will be provided soon.
- [World Diabetes Day](#) is on November 14, 2018, and we're counting on you to prepare your Lions and Leos for action! Learn more and download resources online now.
- Remind your clubs that they can report their service activities using either MyLion™ for web or [MyLion](#) during this year.
- [Download the MyLion app](#) if it's available in your area, and then join me in promoting this revolutionary app to your Lions and clubs.



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Find the application there, fill it out and attend your first dinner meeting free of charge. Come to know us, know what we do, appreciate your community in the way we do and SERVE. It will fill a void you may have not even noticed yet. We Waterloo Lions are family and we welcome you to become a Lion.

Afterall, "A World in Need needs a World of Lions."

Bartlett Library ask the **Bartlett Lions Club** to sponsor a Hearing Unit from Lions of Illinois Foundation, Sycamore on September 1, 2018. L to R Lion Andy Watson, Lion Joanne Watson, Lion Dave Barry, Leah Dudak (Library Host), Lion Charlie Siefert (technician). →



Lions Joanne Watson, Andy Watson, Dave Barry having their hearing tested.



The **Bartlett Lions Club** held a Lions Day Dash. There was a 5 k and a 10 K race with 75 runners. L to R Front row Lions John Hilliard, Dave Barry, Andy Watson, Joanne Watson, Chris Barry

L to R Back row Lions Prakash Patel, Wayne Johnson, Matthew Kelley Jim Wells, Brian Clinite, Jimmy Bell.



When the Police Department needed hot dogs for National Night Out our **Bartlett Lions Club** was there to help. We cooked, wrapped and served 4,000 hot dogs. There was also water, chips, fruit and ice cream. Left side Lions Ray Deyne, Val Ponce. Right side Lions Cheryl Lemvig, Joanne Watson, Jimmy Bell.



Our Finest Bartlett Police lending a helping hand as always.



Frankfort Lions ready to take part in the parade.



2018 Frankfort Lions Wurst Fest. — with Joe Rohaly, Nancy Schmitz, David VanderLaan, Sherri Worthington, Judy Hageman, Sue A. Wolf and Lion Marilee Kadar at Frankfort Fall Festival.

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