



## District 1A Governor Marilyn McLean's Monthly e-Newsletter

# SEPTEMBER 2020

### Hello Lions of District 1-A!



Can you believe it's already September? August went by fast and was a busy month for the Lions of District 1-A.

**August service projects – thank you for making an incredible difference!**

Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Lions in our District are finding ways to serve safely within their communities. Here are just a few examples of the great work our Lions are doing:

- Members of the **Chicago Bayanihan-Sampaguita**, **Chicago Ecuadorean**, **Chicago Filipino-American**, and the **The Forest Kala Sampath** Lions Clubs teamed together and volunteered their time at Feed My Starving Children. The meals they packed were shipped to children in the Dominican Republic and Guatemala. Soon, precious children will be eating nourishing meals because of these hard-working Lions.

- Members of the **Oak Lawn** and **Mt. Greenwood** Lions Clubs helped during St Paul Lutheran Church's Mobile Food Pantry. The event was sponsored by the Greater Chicago Food Depository and distributed food to more than 600 cars.
- At the District level, we collaborated District 1-CN on the **Bags for Beds** service project, where we collected plastic grocery bags to make mats for the homeless. Did you know that it takes approximately 450 bags to make a mat? That's a lot of groceries! Thank you to all Clubs who donated plastic bags, and a special thank you to **FVDG Gail Anton**, for spearheading this environmental service activity.

### **District Service Project: Greater Chicago Food Depository Hunger Pilot Grant**

One of my goals for the District this year is to partner with the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) to help expand the capacity of the

Prepared Meal Program through a virtual donation campaign. Through a matching grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) your donations will be multiplied. Every donation will provide nourishing food for our neighbors at risk of hunger, and support to the more than 700 local pantries and programs in our area.

**I'm asking all Clubs to participate in this important program**, first by making an online donation, sharing the link to the campaign through your Club's social media accounts, then asking your members to share the link on their individual social media accounts. Watch for more information from Lion Richard Castillo, District 1-A GST Coordinator.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the Lions motto "We Serve."

Have a safe Labor Day weekend!

**Lion Marilyn McLean**  
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By FVDG Gail Anton

Hello District 1-A Lions,



I would like to tell you a story about a Glenwood Lioness who had an idea to do some good for some people in need. Many of you knew the late BJ Schichner, who started having a yearly Baby Shower to benefit Aunt Martha's. The Aunt Martha Family Case Management Program is an Illinois based organization serving over 600 communities. The Lioness/Lions have been working with the Park

Forest, IL chapter. Their goal is working with pregnant Moms and infants up to 12 months old. This organization works with these Moms to reduce infant morbidity.

The idea is for everyone to purchase baby items especially playpens, diapers and baby clothes. The items are labeled boy or girl and the size. (example girls' size 9 months).

In the past the Lioness BJ and the Glenwood Lioness hosted the Baby Shower every year, when BJ passed away the Tinley Park Lioness and now the Tinley Park Lions continued the tradition. I know all of us have been to Baby Showers but I had the opportunity to attend a few of these in the past few years. I was blown away, I have never been to such a fabulous baby shower ever. It was hosted at Lion Mary Renaldi's home who is Chicago's version of Martha Stewart. It was a large shower and the gifts collected that day completely

filled Lion Mary's dining room. The food, the décor and the games were all top notch. Lion Mary did not miss a detail. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 the baby shower can't be held this year in person. The Tinley Park Lions decided to hold a virtual Baby Shower between September 1<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. They would like everyone to go online to their favorite shopping site and buy a gift and have it shipped to

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7701 161<sup>st</sup> Place  
Tinley Park, IL 60477  
[kmagenius@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmagenius@sbcglobal.net)  
708-903-8658

Lion Kim with the help of the Tinley Park Lions will sort items by age, season and then distribute to Aunt Martha's. Region 5 has already agreed to participate, but we need everyone's help. I hope you will consider participating in this worthwhile cause.

## "Bags to Beds"

If you have plastic bags that you have been collecting please bring to Candy Day pickup to the following locations Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Southside**-Joey's Hotdogs 173<sup>rd</sup> Wolf Road Orland Park, IL (PCC Steve Anton 708 514-4215) **6-8 PM**

**Northside**-Chicago Elite Homecare Inc. (Ben & Yoly Zoleta 815-546-5777) 6323 N. Avondale Ave. Chicago, IL **3-8 PM**

**Don't forget to add these activities to MYLion**

Stay Healthy, Stay Smart & Stay Kind!

Lion Gail  
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from your  
Global Action  
Team

**Global Membership Coordinator**  
**News** By GMT Coordinator **Daniel O'Reilly**

**Membership**

**Members of All Ages**



Our members represent nearly every culture, background and generation on earth. This year, we can strengthen our clubs—both today and tomorrow—by inviting young people *and* seniors to join us in service. This multi-generational approach is key to unifying people, leveraging skills and experience, and making clubs a welcoming

place for all. So, let's make inviting both young and experienced men and women into our clubs a priority this year.

This year we brought you a Virtual Young Lions Seminar on August 29<sup>th</sup>, if you weren't able to make it and would like the recording please let us know. Email us at [jointhelionstoday@gmail.com](mailto:jointhelionstoday@gmail.com). We will have an in-person presentation in the spring if Covid-19 restrictions allow.

### **NAMI (North American Membership Initiative)**

Governor Marilyn's Goals are to have clubs bring in 144 members this Lion year, we are at 26. To date we made 18% of her goal. Unfortunately, on the retention side, her goal is to limit drops to 72. In the same time period we dropped 30, using 42% of her limit goal. This Year LCI is waiving the new member entrance fee, use this to help strengthen your membership and help our Governor with her goals for our District.

With the Pandemic, our communities are depending on us

more than ever. We need to use innovative ways to continue to serve safely and understand our changing community needs. Remember your first service project as a Lion? The satisfaction you felt that you joined a club with a purpose and how proud you were to be part of it. We need to examine our clubs and make sure our members are still feeling what you felt when you first served others. Our NAMI Team is here to help your club examine your member satisfaction. Please contact PDG Ralph Zarada to see how the NAMI Team can help you.

Governor Marilyn's other membership goal is to charter two new clubs. Our first area of development will be the West Loop in Chicago. If you have any family, friends or work associates from this area please forward their contact information to us and we will invite them to our informational meeting.

**Global Leadership Team**  
**Coordinator News** By GLT  
**Coordinator Tom Elsey**



**New Member Orientation**  
**Training**

We will be offering New Member Orientations on a monthly basis for the remainder of the Lion year. The first training will occur virtually on **Saturday, September 19, 2020**. Further details will be available on the District website soon. General emails will also be sent to all clubs and cabinet members detailing the training.

While the training is designed for new lions and their sponsor/mentors, all interested Lions are invited to attend a session. The anticipated time needed for the training is 2 ½ to 3 hours. A Q&A session at the end of the training will be held. Instructors for the first training will be 1<sup>st</sup>VDG Gail Anton and GLT Coordinator Tom Elsey.

### **Guiding Lions Training**

The Guiding Lion Program is designed to assist clubs that are newly chartered, established or determined as priority designation. Guiding Lions are assigned for a two-year term by the district governor in consultation with the sponsor or established club president. Guiding Lions are limited

to serving no more than two new clubs at any point in time.

Currently, in the District we have eleven(11) Certified Guiding Lions. There are also many Lions certifications that have expired recently. District Governor Marilyn McLean wants to invite interested Lions interested in becoming a Certified Guiding Lion and help the District.

The training will be held virtually on **Saturday, October 17, 2020**. Depending on the number of Lions attending the training, we might attempt an in-person training session. Won't you consider helping the District?

### **Region Chairperson/Zone Chairperson Training**

The first of four training sessions entitled, **The Role and Responsibilities of the Zone Chairperson** will be held virtually on **Thursday, September 24, 2020**, at 6:30 p.m. The session is scheduled to last 2 ½ hours. All-Region Chairpersons and Zone Chairpersons are invited to attend. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me at (708) 865-7042 or email at [thomas.elsey@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.elsey@gmail.com)

This session provides participants with a basic understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the zone chairperson. Participants will also review key resources and will identify potential challenges of the position.

### **New Member Orientation Facilitator/Instructor Training**

Training for those Lions interested in bringing new Lions up to speed with what Lions do are invited to this training session to help prepare you to conduct a New Member Orientation training session on your own. The session will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The session is scheduled to last 2 ½ hours. All Region Chairpersons and Zone Chairpersons are invited to help provide the training for new Lions in our District. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me at (708) 865-7042 or email at [thomas.elsey@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.elsey@gmail.com).

This session will be used to discuss the outline of the course, teaching tips and customization that can be done to make the training more effective for the participants. We will practice a

short section of the presentation to develop a comfort level with the when giving the training. Course materials will be shared prior to the training session.

**Global Service Team**  
**Coordinator News By GST**  
**Coordinator Richard Castillo**



### **Greater Chicago Food Depository Service Project**

This year District 1 A is working with the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) to alleviate hunger in the Chicagoland area and surrounding suburbs. We are encouraging regions, zones, and clubs to **volunteer**. Here is the link to view the Greater Chicago Food Depository volunteer calendar and details to know:

<https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/volunteer/>.

They are currently limiting the number of groups to 10 people in compliance with the CDC in maintaining social distancing. If you have more questions or need assistance with organizing time for you and your group to volunteer, please feel free to let me, Lion

Richard Castillo, District 1A GST Coordinator.

Or contact, Ida Kutechko, GCFD Sr. Volunteer Engagement Coordinator at [ikutechko@gcfd.org](mailto:ikutechko@gcfd.org) or 773-648-4927.

Since March, the Greater Chicago Food Depository is providing twice the amount of food to those in need. The district is working to organize a virtual fundraising campaign and detail to come out soon.

## MyLion Service Training

To increase service reporting, we will be hosting two MyLion training webinars in September to assist clubs by walking you through how to use MyLion for reporting service, donation, and fundraiser. Keep your eye out for the registration and invitation will be going out shortly. Save the dates for September 16th and 23rd.



**Passionate Volunteers  
Dynamic Leadership  
Innovative Service**

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### Dear District 1-A Cabinet Members,

Thank you all for attending the 1st Cabinet Meeting (ZOOM) of our District 1-A Governor Marilyn McLean. I do believe we are now getting better with this virtual meetings, although, we all wish we can go back to the face to face meetings when we all feel safe, due to this COVID-19 pandemic..

Today's meeting we started signing in by 8:30 AM and we had 43 who signed up but four of those were couple sharing the ZOOM screen, so a total of 47 attendees. Thank you all for your cooperation and your detailed reports and new ideas you brought in and shared

with all the attendees. Thanks to Lion Richard Castillo for being the ZOOM host and monitored it smoothly.

The District 1-A Directory books are now available but we were not able to distribute them today as planned. They will be mailed to all the respective Region Chairs and the RC's will distribute them to their Zone Chairs for distribution to their club presidents and secretaries who will get one book each. In addition to the directories, the RCs and ZCs 2020-2021 Badges will be also in the package.

A special thanks to PCS Robin Kirar's help and assistance in helping me out on preparing for the

cabinet meeting and all I needed to know and must do for the Cabinet Secretary's job. THANK YOU and enjoy your birthday on Monday, Happy Birthday.. .



Yours in Lionism,  
CST Andy Liamaga



Greetings District 1-A Cabinet Members, Can you believe its already a new Lions year? I hope all of you and your families are healthy and safe.

Over the last few months of the quarantine I have sent some emails out to the District regarding the saving of plastic grocery bags. I have partnered with IPDG Anne Ragsdale fro District CN (Southern IL) to collect these bags so that plastic mats can be made from them for the homeless. It takes approx. 450 bags to make a mat. IPDG Ann has the loom to

weave the plastic bags into a mat. IPDG Anne needed more bags, and I thought what better way contribute while in quarantine but to save our grocery bags.

So now that we are having a LIVE cabinet meeting, what better time to have you bring these bags to the cabinet meeting so that I can collect them from you and then make plans for a road trip to Southern IL to drop off these bags to IPDG Ann.

Please take your bags and flatten them out and then place in one bag. You can fit 25-30 bags in one bag. This will help when transporting them.

Also please remember to add this service activity to My Lion for your club. Your secretary can enter this information for you

Include the following:

1. Service activity name District 1-A Bags for Beds.
2. Approx. number of bags collected.
3. Please also note that this will be considered a Environmental service activity.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.....

Please note, Phase 2 of this project will be to bring this project to the Chicago area. More on this later.

Look forward to seeing you all at the Cabinet meeting on August 8, 2020 (Four Points Sheraton).

*Stay Healthy, Stay Smart and Stay Kind*

*Lion Gail Anton, FVDG*

*708 479-4779 (H)*

*708 514-4215 (C)*

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**NORTH SIDE CANDY PICK UP**

*Chicago Elite Homecare Inc.  
6323 North Avondale Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60631  
Lions Ben and Yoly Zoleta  
815-546-5777*

*Your order will be available for pick up on Wednesday  
September 9, 2020 between 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.*

**SOUTH SIDE CANDY PICK UP**

*Joey's Red Hots  
17400 South Wolf Road  
Orland Park, Illinois 60467  
PCC Steve Anton  
708-514-4215*

*Your order will be available for pick up on Wednesday  
September 9, 2020 between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.*

If you received your District 1-A 2020-2021 Directories or upon receiving them from your respective Zone Chairs, there was a change on Region 5, Zone 5B, the new Zone Chairperson is ZC Richard A. Moy, replacing Lion Bob Zabka.

See ZC Richard's contact information below:

Yours in Service,  
CST Andy Liamaga

Richard is the new Zone 5B chairperson. Please forward to everyone. Thank you  
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Dear Lions Clubs,

Candy Day 2020 is scheduled for October 9 and 10, 2020, and we are excited for this important event! Candy Day is a significant source of fundraising for the Lions of Illinois Foundation ("LIF"), and the revenue from this event is critical to sustaining LIF's services for visually and hearing impaired individuals throughout the year. We appreciate your participation and support!

By now, your club should have received information concerning how to host a traditional Candy Day event, which is conducted similarly to years past, and a nontraditional Candy Day event, which is conducted virtually and/or with limited in-person interaction. The decision whether to host a traditional or nontraditional Candy Day event rests solely with each individual club. LIF supports each club's decision and remains ready to help. **Please understand that the safety of our Lions and our community remain the top priority for LIF.**

If a club chooses to host a traditional Candy Day or any other in-person fundraising event, **all Candy Day and fundraising event volunteers must be informed of and comply with the following requirements.** All volunteers must:

- Stay home if feeling sick or if they experience any COVID-19 symptoms in the 14 days prior to Candy Day or other fundraising event.
- Stay home if exposed to an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19 or is under medical supervision to determine whether he or she has COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to Candy Day or other fundraising event.
- Wear a face mask at all times.** The face mask must cover the individual's nose and mouth at all times. The use of face shields in addition to face masks is also recommended.
- Avoid shared items. Each volunteer must have his or her own donation bucket and supplies.
- Wash hands with soap and water or apply hand sanitizer at least every 30 minutes and:
  - Upon beginning and ending solicitation and after any break
  - After using the restroom
  - When hands are visibly soiled
  - After coughing, sneezing, using a tissue or touching the face
  - After eating or drinking
  - After handling a cell phone.
- Avoid touching his/her eyes, nose and mouth. Do not spit.
- Cover his/her mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing or use the inside of the elbow when a tissue is not available. Promptly throw used tissues in the trash.
- Comply with social distancing requirements, including remaining at least six feet apart, when possible.

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Additionally, a club may choose to implement the following measures, which are designed to limit in-person interaction during a traditional Candy Day event:

- Set up a table where volunteers can display a donation bucket and candy while remaining socially distanced from donors.
- Put up a plexiglass shield or barrier at a table to separate volunteers and donors.
- Consider creative ways to promote social distancing. For example, one volunteer used a lacrosse stick to hold out a donation bucket to ensure social distancing between the volunteer and donors. He did not pass out candy to donors and still raised valuable funds for Lions!
- Encourage online donations.

It is important to remember that public health guidance is continually changing, and each club is responsible for keeping abreast of any changes. Additional health and safety information is available here:

The Centers for Disease Control at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>.

The Illinois Department of Public Health at <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19>.

In these challenging times, all fundraising efforts are critical to LIF.

Together, we can ensure that Candy Day 2020 is a safe and successful event for all.

Please contact LIF if you have questions or need assistance: [LIFoffice@lifnd.org](mailto:LIFoffice@lifnd.org)

Thank You for all that you do and Thank You for thinking "out of the box" for your upcoming fundraisers.

Sincerely,

*Trish Fisher*

Trish Fisher  
Executive Director

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## "Out of the Box"



### Fundraising Ideas



No Candy was distributed and all monies collected were dumped directly into a large garbage can and then dumped into a smaller bucket which was brought directly to the bank for deposit.



Lacrosse sticks were used to adhere to social distancing



Thank you Lion Dr. Kugler for sharing these pictures and this "out of the box" fundraising idea which raised over \$2,200 dollars.



Masks and gloves were worn



*Stickney – Forest View Lions Club's  
7th Annual  
"Lions Run for Hope"*



**Wellness  
House** for LIVING  
with CANCER  
You'll feel better inside.

*5K Run/Walk for  
Breast Cancer Research and the Wellness House*

**SUNDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2020**

**8:00AM START**

**41st & RIDGELAND AV  
Off Street Parking Available**

**STICKNEY, ILLINOIS**

**Certified Course - Chip Timed**

**Medals & Prizes for the Top 3 Male & Female Overall Finishers  
Medals for the Top 3 Male & Female Finishers in all Age groups**

Registration Online Only at [bit.ly/SFVLC5K](http://bit.ly/SFVLC5K)

There is a virtual option for those who might not be ready for crowds yet.

We will be following CDC safety Guidelines

For more information: [lionsrunforhope.org](http://lionsrunforhope.org)

*Andrea Darlas*

**Guest Host**

