



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

# DECEMBER 2020



### Greetings to all Lions and Leos of District 1-A

Greetings Lions and Leos of District 1-A Christmas, the happiest time of the year is almost here. This Christmas and always, may your

heart rejoice as you celebrate the miracle of our savior's holy birth. District 1-A reminds everyone

to celebrate safely with your family this holiday season. Again, as COVID 19 cases rise, the safety

of Lions is our top priority. Please find time to reach out and connect safely with lions, family and

friends. We want to inform you that the committee has made the decision to cancel the scheduled

District Annual Christmas Party on December 13, 2020 at the Four Points by Sheraton, Schiller Park.

## **New Club in District 1-A**

One of my goals is to charter 2 New Lions Club this fiscal year. Please join me in welcoming my second new lions club “Willow Spring Lioness-Lions Club”. I am happy to announce that this new club was chartered on December 4, 2020. My best wishes to a successful year to club president Karen Triezenberg and to all the members of the Willow Spring Lioness-Lions Club.

This new club will be assigned to Region 5, Zone A, Lion Dennis Maloney as the Zone Chairperson and SVDG Tony Zartler as the Region Chairperson. A very special thank you goes to PDG Mike Smigielski and Richard Bragassi from Willow Spring Lions Club for accepting the position as the Guiding Lions. I would like to extend my congratulations to the Willow Spring Lions Club as their sponsor club. Stay tuned for the Invitation of their upcoming Charter Night. A big shout out to GMT/ NAMI Champion PID Dan O’Reilly and PDG Mike Smigielski for all their

hardwork to form this new club. I am happy and grateful to my District 1-A NAMI Team for helping me reached the goals of chartering 2 new clubs this year despite of the significant burden we all experience due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **Lions Clubs International / LCIF - Updates**

### **Campaign 100 / “Empowering Service”**

Our new total Funds Raised is \$180,058,440.33 60%. LCIF continues to move forward in meeting the needs of Lions Clubs around the world during the COVID 19 pandemic. We are asking all the clubs to please continue to support the LCIF. Your club donations will help award grants for service projects in your community in need and around the world, and help award the deserving Lions for their hardwork for Melvin Jones Fellow recognition. The LCIF Board has extended the campaign to run through June 2022 due to COVID 19. Please join the LCIF fundraising on Facebook called “Let’s Make A

Difference” hosted by IPDG Joni McMillan, District 1-A and MD1 LCIF Coordinator.

## Membership Fees

The three initiatives that started on July 1, 2020 are coming to an end on December 31, 2020.

These items include: 1) To waive the chartering fee for the new club 2) To waive the new member Initiation fee 3) Not to put any club on status quo for the next six months in regards to the club’s balance dues to LCI.

Please continue to invite new members to help your clubs membership growth. The more volunteers means

the more services that we can provide our community in need and around the world.

## Peace Poster Contest

I want to thank Westchester Lions Club for submitting the Peace Poster entry this year. The name

of the artist who participated was Gabrielle Arnold, 7th grade from Westchester Middle School.

District 1-A would like to congratulate you for participating in this contest.

Lion Brian and I wish you and your family more blessings, good health and joy this Holiday Season. Thank you all so much for your continued support. Christmas is all about giving. Let us all continue to Serve the World with Love and Kindness. Stay safe always.

Governor Marilyn Mclean  
District 1-A

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[govaustin@gmail.com](mailto:govaustin@gmail.com)

For Governor’s Newsletter.

**Before 26<sup>th</sup> of each  
Month. Late arrivals  
will be ignored!**

## Passing of a Great Lion



Dear Lions,

Lion Janice Wiggins

May 7, 1962 – November 23, 2020  
Stickney-Forest View Lions Club

It is with a heavy heart that I share the sad news of the passing of Lion Janice Wiggins on Monday evening, 23rd. of November.

Lion Janice has been hospitalized for a couple of weeks with pneumonia and tests revealed that she also had cancer.

Lion Janice has been a dedicated Lion for over 11 years. She was a

Charter Member of the Cook County Lions Club where she served as President and Director.

Lion Janice proudly served the Lions of District 1-A on many levels including Zone Chairperson, Public Relations, GST Coordinator, GLT Coordinator, District Convention Committee and Hunger Grant Committee Member.

Lion Janice transferred to the Stickney-Forest View Lions Club in June of 2016. While as member of her club, she enjoyed many of the club activities including the District 1-A Bowling and Region Hospitality Room.

Lion Janice will be remembered for her warm smile, her caring heart and her desire to help others.

May she Rest In Peace

Funeral Services are pending and information will be shared when it becomes available.

You may send your condolence

cards to Mr. Roger Wiggins at  
1028 Westchester Blvd.,  
Westchester, IL 60154

**All Club Secretaries, kindly share  
this with your club members.  
-CST Andy Liamaga**



I would like to share this story with you, from an acquaintance that was sent to me.

I need to share this story. It shows- that there are still good people out

there in every race. There was a lady standing on the corner today. As I walked around Walmart I thought about her as I was filling up my cart. I thought how lucky am I to be able to afford everything in my cart. Some stuff I needed some I just bought because I wanted to. I kept thinking about her sign and all she wanted to do was to feed her kids. I left Walmart and pulled my car into a spot. I went over to the girl and started talking to her. I was explaining to her that I just wanted to help her. I wanted her to know my intentions were not to hurt her in anyway. As we were talking a young black man walked up and handed her \$20.00. He was not rich but he was willing to help this girl. Then a car started honking at me. It was a friend of mine named. I took the girl to Walmart and told her to shop for her kids. I called my friend and she offered \$50.00 towards the grocery bill. She was also willing to help this girl. The girl finished her shopping and we got in line. She

was saying a prayer. The girl called her son and asked him to please thank me for buying her food. It's a nice feeling to know this girl's family will not go hungry tonight.

Please times are hard right now, help somebody when you can. Everybody at some point in life needs help. I know I have had a lot of help from friends and family. It's nothing to be ashamed of. I will sleep good tonight.

Thanks for reading.

I think the story speaks for itself. Wishing you all from PCC Steve and myself to you and yours a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy Kwanzaa.

AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR (IT CAN'T COME SOON ENOUGH)!!!!

Stay Healthy, Stay Smart – Stay Kind!

**Lion Gail Anton**  
**First Vice District Governo**

## District 1-A Mid-Year Forum

Hosted by:

***FVDG Gail Anton***



***All together again...We hope!***

**Saturday, January 16, 2021**

Chuck's Southern Comforts Café & Banquets

8025 S. Cass Ave. – Darien, IL

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**More information to follow**



**SAVE THE DATE!**



## From your Global Action Team

Global Membership Team Coordinator News

By GMT Coordinator Daniel O'Reilly



### Membership

With the continuation of Phase 3 mitigation in our area, meetings, fundraising and service projects have definitely put a dapper with our clubs being able to function in their normal capacity. The service you can perform, make sure the community knows you are out there; social media is the best tool out there right now. The only cost is your time, use it!

Service needs continue to grow, stay safe and stay in touch with your members. This holiday season gift your friends, the opportunity to serve. We still have the entrance fee waiver until December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### North American Membership Initiative

#### Governor's Goals

	New Clubs	New Members From New Clubs	New Members In Existing Clubs	Member Losses	Net Growth
Goal	2	40	144	72	112
Actual	2	47	56	115	-12

## **New Club Development**

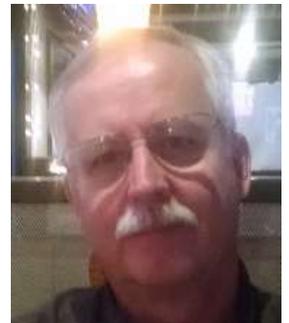
The “West Loop Lions Club” has generated some genuine interest from the residents and local businesses alike, the problem we’re experiencing in the area is having a place for us to get together with the parties interested. We continue to work with local leaders to secure a spot. The COVID spike is definitely hurting our efforts, but we remain committed to make it work. The NAMI committee continues to put out feelers and follow up leads. Please forward me the information of any areas where you feel a club is needed, would be supported and any contacts to help get the club started.

## **Membership Satisfaction – Leadership Support**

The clubs under 20 nearly doubled in our District. If your club has fallen into a position where you feel some outside support for your club could help you get back on track, please don’t hesitate to ask. Your NAMI Team is here to provide some Leader Support; we’re all in this together. One Lion Family!

## **Global Leadership Team Coordinator News**

By GLT Coordinator Thomas Elsey



## **New Member Orientation Training**

New Member Orientation was offered virtually on **Saturday, December 5, 2020.**

The first New Member Orientation of 2021 will be offered virtually on **Saturday, January 9, 2021.** Further details will be emailed to the district allowing self-registration for the training. The February New member Orientation will be held on **Saturday, February 13, 2021**

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 1½ hours. A Q&A session at the end of the training will be held.

If you are interested in becoming a Guiding Lion and were not able to attend the last training, please contact me at [thomas.elsey@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.elsey@gmail.com).

## **Zoom Training**

A training session on the use of being a Host or Co-Host for a Zoom Virtual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 2021.

Topics covered include:

1. Types of Zoom Accounts
  - a. Cost
  - b. Capabilities
  - c. Limitations
2. Setting Up, Editing or Deleting a Zoom Meeting
  - a. Configuring settings for your meeting
  - b. Locating Prior Meetings
  - c. Recording your meeting and locating for future use
3. Meeting Protocols
  - a. Tips for Productive Meetings
    - i. Muting sound
    - ii. Turning off Video
    - iii. Sharing screens
    - iv. Sharing files
    - v. Chat sessions
  - b. Ending a meeting
  - c. Removing unwanted attendees
  - d. Tracking attendees

## **Region Chairperson Zone Chairperson Training**

The fourth session of four training classes entitled, "Assessing Club Health" is scheduled virtually for January 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

The Assessing Club Health session shows participants how to determine the health of the clubs in their zone. In the course, we will identify characteristics of healthy clubs, utilize the Club Health Assessment report to analyze how our clubs are performing and once identified, review LCI resources available to assist in reaching out to clubs.

The session is scheduled to last approximately 1 1/2 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).

### **Public Speaking Skills Development (To be offered in February 2021)**

The first session for the Public Speaking Skills Development training will be tentatively held virtually on Thursday, February 25, 2021.

This *course* presents how to prepare a *speech* and how to deliver a *speech* effectively. Included in the *course* are practical tips and checklists, as well as examples. Depending on your experience, you can use this *course* to review or to learn a new leadership skill- *public speaking*.

- Presented in three sessions (virtual and in-person)
  - Planning A Speech
  - Developing Speech Content
  - Delivering a Speech
- Ongoing Meetings, Training and Feedback for Improving Public Speaking Skills
- Potential Groupings for Public Speaking Competitions

Global Service Team Coordinator News

By GST Coordinator Richard Castillo

**Global Service Office Hours**



GST office hours are now in session throughout December for any club that needs assistance with reporting their service projects on MyLion. An email will be going out to all club secretaries, service chairpersons, zone, and region chairpersons with a signup sheet to schedule one to one session. Office Hours will be on Wednesdays and Fridays of this month.

### **Holiday Project Idea**

This Holiday season, Would your Lions Club be interested in helping local families that have fallen on hard times by purchasing Christmas gifts that they otherwise wouldn't be able to afford? This is the perfect volunteer opportunity for shop-a-holics and present expert wrappers! A great opportunity to make an impact this Holiday season, and bringing some holiday cheer to a family in need. If you or your club is interested in participating, please reach out to me at [lionRichardC@gmail.com](mailto:lionRichardC@gmail.com).

### **Update on the Greater Chicago Food Depository Virtual Campaign/Service Project**

As of December 1st, 2020, Our District Virtual Hunger Campaign has raised to **\$4,446.94**, not including the three checks in the process. In addition to the three donations should take us a little over USD 5,000. I will send updates once those donations get posted by the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD). We still need your help to work with the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) to alleviate hunger in the Chicagoland area and surrounding suburbs. Please consider contributing to helping us reach our goal. Check out our District 1A Lions Club-Campaign:

<https://www.myfooddrive.org/drive.php?4afd015224>. Please share our virtual campaign with your family and friends as well as your networks on Facebook.

If your club doesn't have a club debit card, you can still participate; our partners from **Greater Chicago Food Depository are accepting checks** that can go towards our virtual campaign. I've provided a point of contact below where checks can be mailed, along with indicating District 1A's virtual

campaign and their specific team (The Name of your Club). They will add your donations to the system, so they appear on our district campaign page on the Greater Chicago Food Depository website. If your club has sent in a check, please reach out to me, your GST Coordinator Richard Castillo at [LionRichardc@gmail.com](mailto:LionRichardc@gmail.com).

**Mail to:**

Nicole Ramos  
Greater Chicago Food Depository  
4100 West Ann Lurie Place  
Chicago, IL 60632

**Please indicate which Virtual Food Drive:**

1A Lions Clubs 2020 Campaign

Team Name: **(Your Club Name) Example:** Chicago Windy City Lions Club

**Update on the Greater Chicago Food Depository Virtual Campaign/Service Project**

Since District 1A launched its Virtual Hunger Campaign at the beginning of September we have had already seven clubs who've participated, with their donation we achieve 9% of our goal. We still need your help as we work with the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) to alleviate hunger in the Chicagoland area and surrounding suburbs. Please consider making a contribution to helping us reach our goal. Check out our District 1A Lions Club-Campaign:

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We are encouraging each of the 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.**

**To All District 1-A Lions,  
Please share this with your club members. Thank you.  
CST Andy Liamaga**

**Holiday Greetings from Lions of Illinois Foundation,  
Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs since 1974**

Yes the holidays are right around the corner. This year you may not be able

to be with your family and friends but you can send them some gourmet snacks through our webstore to let them know you are thinking of them and give a gift back to a student or adult with vision needs.

All proceeds of our Terri Lynn Webstore go to help fund our programs and services like our Student Low Vision Program which donates \$1,000 of services and equipment FREE for each of the students with vision low vision or our Adult Orientation and Mobility training program which teaches low vision/blind adults how to navigate their environment safety.

What a great way to say Happy Holidays to a family member, friend or co-worker then to have them receive one of the delicious holiday tins from Terri Lynn and give a gift that gives back this year.

Please cut and paste <https://LIF.terri Lynn.com> into your browser and start shopping for a holiday tin or the many other delicious gourmet snacks and baking goods from our Terri Lynn Webstore. One more thing.

Help us get the word out!! If you would mention our Webstore <https://LIF.terri Lynn.com> on Facebook and Twitter. Add to Newsletters. Email everyone you know (who doesn't like chocolate 😊).

**Thank You and Have a Safe Holiday Season,  
Lion Trish Fisher  
Executive Director  
Lions of Illinois Foundation  
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Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974**

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## A Little Goes a Long Way

You can make a difference without making a dent in your budget. Percentage giving is the answer.

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## We're Here to Help

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# 2021

## MD1 State Pin, Charm & Stick Pin

Stick Pin - \$1.25

MD1 Pin - \$2.50

Charm - \$1.25

Not Actual Size Shown

Each year our MD1 Lions of Illinois has a Friendship Pin made for the International Convention. Here is the 2021 MD1 State Pin, Stick Pin and Charm that are available for purchase.

You can purchase each item separate or get all three for \$4.25 per set.

**USA Postage**

1 to 5 Pins ..... Add \$3.75  
 6 to 10 Pins ..... Add \$5.00  
 Over 10 Pins ..... Add \$7.50

Along with the 2021 State Pin, there are a number of pins that are remaining from past International Conventions. I have a limited stock, so the availability of the older pins could be limited to the year requested. Please contact me direct as to the specific year that you are looking for. As of now, I have pins and sets for Minneapolis, Minnesota (2009), Japan (2016), Chicago (2017), Las Vegas (2018) and Singapore (2020) to name a few. These pins are \$2.00 each with a set (if available) for \$3.50 each.

If you are interested in any of the past year's pins, please contact Lion Bob Block prior to placing your order for older pins and sets.

### ORDER FORM

2021 State Pin _____	@ \$2.50 each	\$ _____
2021 State Charm _____	@ \$1.25 each	\$ _____
2021 State Stick Pin _____	@ \$1.25 each	\$ _____
2021 State Set _____	@ \$4.25 each	\$ _____
Handling / Shipping ( if needed)		\$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed		\$ _____

Make Check payable to : **DISTRICT 1-A LIONS**

Send this form and check to: Lion Bob Block  
 615 205th Place  
 Dyer, Indiana 46311  
 (219) 671-0287

Lion Ben Zoleta  
 3507 Lakewood Drive  
 Crystal Lake, IL 60012  
 (815) 546-5777

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