



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

FEBRUARY 2021



Greetings to all Lions and Leos of District 1-A

I hope that you and your family are doing well and staying safe. We are approaching the end of January,

and do you know what that means? For a lot of us, it means our New Year's resolutions are already a thing of the past. It is not that we are not committed to positive change. It is just that sometimes we are not clear about how to achieve it. Especially if the resolutions were specifics. Sure, we all want to lose weight, save more money, or recruit new members and charter new club, but it can be hard to follow through during these difficult times.

So, what is the answer? First, when it comes to membership, you need to be specific about what you want to accomplish this lion year. For

instance, how many new members do you want to join in your club? Do you see a community that needs Lions Club? The second essential part of success is planning and then sticking with it.

Here are some criteria you can set in motion that can keep your club going in the right direction and years to come.

- * Develop a growth program specifically for the club.
- * Encourage club members to recruit new quality members.
- * Ensure implementation of proper recruitment and orientation procedures.
- * Report ways to reduce the loss of the members.
- * Encourage planning and continued New Club Development - for help contact GMT Coordinator PID Dan O'Reilly, email: jointhelionstoday@gmail.com

* Create a membership recruitment plan.

* Always stay connected with your club members.

District Updates:

* District 1-A 3rd Cabinet Meeting on February 6, 2021 will be conducted once again via Zoom due to COVID-19 Pandemic and recent restrictions by the State of Illinois.

* Our next Virtual New Member Orientation Training will be held on Saturday, Feb.13, 2021.

* All new members, sponsors and all interested Lions are invited to attend the session. To join the Zoom here's the sign-up link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register>

* District 1-A Bowling Tournament on Feb 20, 2021 to be held in Lisle Lanes will be canceled this year due to Covid 19 pandemic and

establishment restrictions said Lion Leilanie Magana, Bowling Chairperson.

MD-1 Virtually Speaking Forum:

I would like to congratulate the MDI Global Action Team for organizing the MDI Virtually Speaking on January 24, 2021. The event was a success. 100 Lions attended the forum. And yes, they hit the goal on Zoom. District 1-A had 14 Lions who attended in the event. FDVG Gail Anton was one of the presenters and she did a great job. All the presenters did a wonderful job. I enjoyed the Leadership break out room with our special guest 3VP Dr. Patti Hill and GLT facilitator Jama Wahl. For those who missed the event, the forum was recorded, and it will be available on the MD1 You Tube channel -

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMzSWIXd1HUmPufbwUx8lpw>

Lions Clubs International Updates
We received the great news! The LCI Board has extended the waiver

of the entrance fee of new members and charter fee from January 1 through June 30, 2021. With the current economic condition, this dues relief will really help club membership. Let's take advantage of the waived fee and finish strong with lots of new members and charter more new clubs this Lion year.

The 2021 Montreal Lions Club International Convention will be transitioning to a Virtual event. This decision was made by the LCI Board of Directors due to the safety and health of the Lions, staff, and participants in mind.

All Lions and Leos are invited. Registration fee is \$50.00 until March 31, then \$75.00 beginning April 1. The Convention is scheduled for June 25-29, 2021. More details to come. Please share this information to your club. Encourage your new members, or Lions and Leos who have never been to International Convention. Kindness matters now more than

ever. Continue to find ways to serve your community safely.

Stay connected with your club members to make sure that they are doing fine. We as Lions, are resilient, strong and we need to move forward. We are all in this together.

Have a Happy Valentines Day and

enjoy the day with someone you love, family members and friends.

Stay safe always. God bless everyone!

DG Marilyn McLean

District 1-A

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Hello District, 1-A Lions.....



FVDG Gail Anton

What to talk about this month???????????????

I know LCIF

Are you aware our State and District chair for LCIF IPDG Joni McMillan has launched a program to help increase donations for LCIF?

It is called "Let's Make a Difference."

The concept is an online raffle that takes place weekly (sometimes more). You can buy raffle tickets for different amounts of money, to win gift cards, split the pot and other items of interest.

How do I join? Go to Facebook and search for Let us Make A Difference. This is a closed group which you ask to join. Once you are accepted to the group you will be able to scroll through the site to see what is available. You can then pay with Zelle, Venmo & PayPal. You never know you may get lucky and win. A portion of each raffle game proceeds will go to LCIF. The drawings are scheduled and held live on Facebook.

Can you imagine if every Lion in District 1-A played once, how much we could help LCIF? It is a lot of fun; you can spend as much or as little as you want. I have won a few times, and I am hooked.

Here are of some of the games you can play or have been played:

- o Show me the Money
- o \$200 Grocery Gift Card
- o Bedroom Make Over
- o Pick A Line
- o Emeril Lagasse Power Air Fryer

If you have questions contact IPDG Joni MacMillan and she will be more than glad to help you.
govjonimac@gmail.com

Another way to help is to buy tickets from some of our Clubs for Queen of Hearts Raffle.

- o Orland Park
- o Stickney/Forest View
- o Thornton
- o Worth

Any of these clubs would love to sell you some tickets.

I know many of our clubs are not meeting, due to COVID, but this is an easy way to help from your home. Remember our Motto "WE SERVE" even during a PANDEMIC. See you next month.

Stay Healthy – Stay Smart – Stay Kind



From your Global Action Team

Global Membership Team Coordinator News

By GMT Coordinator Daniel O'Reilly



Membership

With the second half of our Lion year in full swing, COVID mitigations are finally loosening up in our service area. But with COVID's lasting impact on the world, THE LCI Board have extended the waiver of the entrance and charter fee from January 1 through June 30, 2021. In our 1st sin months 38% percent of our existing clubs took advantage of the waiver, adding 72 members to existing clubs along with 47 charter members.

I encourage all our members to take advantage of the vaccine, as you become eligible, I am looking forward to putting this behind us. Hang in there, service needs continue to grow, stay safe and stay in touch with your members. As we increase our service impact, membership should also increase.

North American Membership Initiative

You can see below, the North American Membership Initiative plan is working with most goals, except for member losses. Just as the needs of the people we serve are increasing, so is the needs of our members. We are not exempt from the burdens most people are feeling. Our members are in the same boat, we need to be compassionate to them as well. That is what is causing our big number drops. Hang in there!

Governor's Goals

NoAMI Goal: Next step

	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	79	159	-33

New Club Development

With our goal met, it is time continue to reach out to areas that need a Lions Club to serve them. We will continue our efforts in the "West Loop Lions Club" which has generated some genuine interest from the residents and local businesses alike. As the city begins to open back up (hopefully soon!) we will continue are extension plans there.

The NoAMI 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

Thank you to Zone Chair, Lion Sandy Nedza for identifying to clubs in her zone that really need help to get back on track. We have contacted Lions in those two areas and our working on a plan to support keeping the clubs viable for years to come.

If your club is struggling and you are feeling alone in your efforts, please reach out we are here for you. We will work with you to make every attempt to keep your service area open and thriving. Just contact the any of the GAT Team, your Region & Zone leaders.

If you're not meeting and would like support to meet virtually, we can provide support with those needs.

Remember. your NoAMI Team is here to provide some Leader Support; we are all in this together. One Lion Family!

Global Leadership Team Coordinator News

By GLT Coordinator Thomas Elsey



New Member Orientation Training

The **February** New Member Orientation will be held on **Saturday, February 13, 2021.**

Sign Up

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcofuitqDkqEtLvNn5vCvrp-zxqKumwvince>

The **March** New Member Orientation Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 18, 2021** at 6:30pm

Sign Up Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvf-2uqT8tH9Av_A4v2bl-vahxKfd7--Tz

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 1 ½ hours. A Q&A session at the end of the training will be held.

Guiding Lion Program

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.

Public Speaking Skills Development

The first session for the Public Speaking Skills Development training will be held virtually on Thursday, February 25, 2021 beginning at 6:30pm

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/or 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

Sign Up

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtcOyrqzsqH9KmgliXEN-NOR3dl4BquhBwV>

Global Service Team Coordinator News

By GST Coordinator Richard Castillo



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



Fundraising Goal
(in meals)
75,000

Total Dollars To Date
\$22,287.93

Total Pounds To Date
80,237

Total Meals To Date
66,863

Average Gift
\$586.52

As of January 26, 2021, Our District Virtual Hunger Campaign has achieved 89% of our overall goal. District 1A's goal in partnering with the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) is to alleviate hunger in the Chicagoland area and surrounding suburbs. The impact of the two Blast Chiller will help support 149,760 meals chilled per year. One Blast Chiller unit will impact 864 people each year when broken down means 2 meals/day, 5 days/week, 52 weeks. My fellow Lions we still need your help and support.



For the 53 other clubs in District 1A, you still have time to help support by either making donation to our District 1A Lions Club-Campaign: <https://www.myfooddrive.org/drive.php?4afd015224> page on the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) website.

If your club does not 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 have 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 is planning on sending in a check, please reach out to me, your GST Coordinator Richard Castillo at LionRichardC@gmail.com that so I can ensure your donation gets counted to our overall total.

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

We are asking you to please share our virtual campaign with your family and friends as well as your networks on Facebook. If you need assistance or would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities feel reach out to me directly.

Update on District Service Reporting

As mentioned previously we only have 25% of 73 Lions Clubs who are reporting service activities in District 1A. We are third in the percentage of clubs reporting service activities throughout MD 1. In a recent report requested from LCI, we have identified 39 service reporting club officers in our district that are not registered on MyLion. If you are having issues reporting your service activities and would be interested in being invited to MyLion training, please reach out to me your GST Coordinator Lion Richard Castillo at LionRichardC@gmail.com and I will be more than happy to assist you in accessing and reporting your service activities. *****



DISTRICT 1-A
Birthplace of Lionism
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS



OFFICIAL CALL TO CONVENTION

January 19, 2021

All Lions are hereby officially notified that the 53rd Annual Convention for District 1-A, Lions Clubs International will be held March 20-21, 2021 to conduct the Business of the District.

The purpose of the Business of the District is to elect District Officers for the year 2021-2022; and to consider resolutions presented in proper form and order.

In accordance with Article VI, Section 5 of the District 1-A Constitution and By-Laws all Lions Clubs in good standing with District 1-A and Lions Clubs International are entitled to **One (1) Delegate and One (1) Alternate for each Ten (10) members or major fraction thereof who have been enrolled for at least one year and one day, based upon membership records as of February 1, 2021, as certified by Lions Clubs International. A newly chartered club that is less than one year and one day is allowed One (1) Delegate and One (1) Alternate.**

A Lions Club, to be considered in good standing must have all of its District and State per capita bills paid, and owing Lions Clubs International no more than Ten Dollars (\$10.00), which shall be certified by Lions Clubs International. Outstanding bills must be paid 15 days in advance to Lions Club International and District 1-A to be eligible to vote. Any monies paid after the 15 days will bring your clubs bills current but will not entitle you to vote.

Last day for LCI and CT Andy Liamaga to receive dues is March 6, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Andy Liamaga

Lion Andy Liamaga
District 1-A Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer
Lions Clubs International

To All the District 1-A Lions,

We are all aware that during our Annual District 1-A Convention in March, one of the exciting events is the drawing of the District 1-A Grand Raffle which proceeds will benefit a group or organization chosen by the current District 1-A Governor. After consulting the financial situation with some of the district officers, namely ID Bob Block, PID Dan O'Reilly and PDG Mike Smiegelski, it is with the best option to cancel the Grand Raffle as we cannot afford to lose money and we do not have an allotted budget to cover up any loss.

Due to the COVID-19

Pandemic's social distancing, I can not imagine how we can promote the sales of these 300 tickets at \$100.00 each and at the same time people are financially hurting to have an additional expense. We can not pursue this fundraising not knowing how we can distribute and sell them without an in-person approach. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call. We are all in this together.

Thank you so much and wishing you all a Happy New Year! Stay safe and well.

-DG Marilyn McLean

DISTRICT 1A OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022

DATE: December 28, 2020

TO: Clubs in Good Standing
in District 1-A

FROM: Lion John Chisum,
Resolution & Nominating Chair,
District 1-A

SUBJECT: Resolution and
Nominating Procedures

Resolution/Endorsement
Procedures for Elected District 1-A
Officers, Lions of Illinois Foundation
Trustee and Voices 1-A Directors

Subject to the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws, any active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing in District 1-A seeking endorsement as a candidate for the office of District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, District 1-A Lions of Illinois Foundation Trustee for 2021/2023 or V.O.I.C.E.S Lions 1A Directors shall:

(a) Deliver such endorsement by mail with dated postmark from a chartered Lions Club in good standing in District 1-A a resolution endorsing such candidate to the District 1-A Cabinet Secretary indicating his/her intention to run for office to;

**Lion Andy Liamaga, Cabinet
Secretary/Treasurer
District 1-A
5323 N. Kildare Ave.
Chicago, IL 60630**

(b) Any resolution endorsing a candidate for the District 1-A offices mentions above will be read at the, February 6, 2021 District 1-A Cabinet meeting, if received on or before, January 31, 2021.

(c) Each notice so delivered shall be presented by the Nominating and Resolutions Committee to the District 1-A cabinet, February 6, 2021 for

review of qualifications. After presentations to the District 1-A cabinet, if there are no objections, the Nominating Committee shall place in nomination at the March 2021 District 1-A Convention the names of all candidates so qualified.

(d) Any chartered Lions Club in good standing in District 1-A may submit a resolution nominating a qualified active member of said club for the office of District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, District 1-A Lions of Illinois Foundation Trustee 2021/2023 or V.O.I.C.E.S Lions 1A Directors. Each club shall furnish with the said notice of the nominee's intention to run for office evidence of his/her compliance with the qualifications for said office set out in the International Constitution and By-Laws.

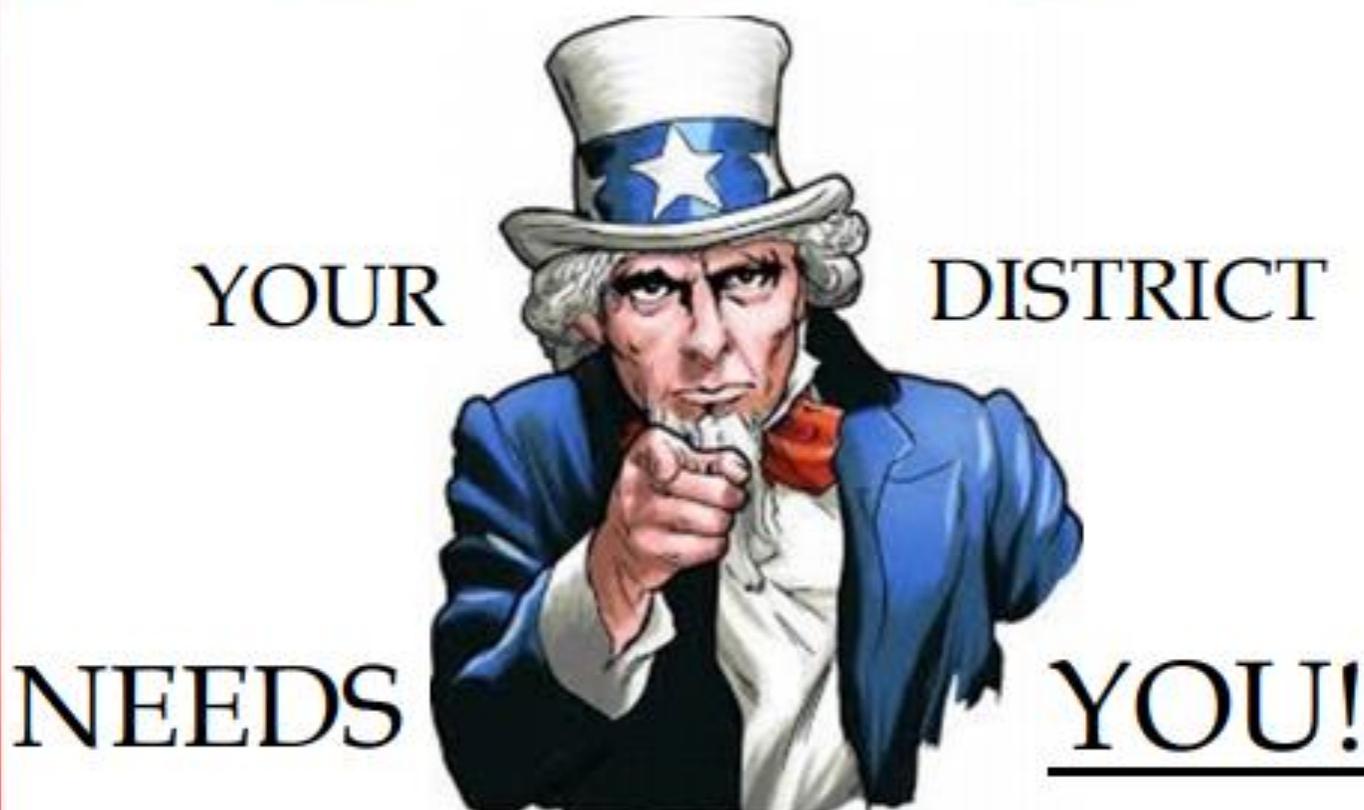
(e) Candidates seeking endorsement for the office of

District Governor must currently be serving as First Vice District Governor.

(f) Candidates seeking endorsement for the office of First Vice District Governor must currently be serving as Second Vice District Governor.

(g) Candidates seeking endorsement for the office of Second Vice District Governor must submit sufficient evidence that he/she has meet the following qualifications:

- 1) Candidate is an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in District 1-A.
 - 2) Candidate is endorsed by his/her Lions Club.
 - 3) Candidate has served as Club President and Club Board of Directors.
 - 5) Candidate has served as Region or Zone Chairperson or Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer. None of the above being accomplished concurrently.
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Lions of District 1-A, your district foundation **VOICES of LIONS 1-A** is looking for dedicated Lions that will help guide our foundation into the future. At our District 1-A Convention this March, we will elect three new Directors* to serve for **the 2021-2024 term**.

Due to unusual circumstances this year, we need to elect three additional Directors to complete the **2019-2022 term**. These Directors will serve one year from *July 2021 until June 2022*.

The future for VOICES of Lions 1-A is filled with exciting new possibilities. With new tools at our disposal we are now able to extend our fundraising capabilities beyond our District Lions.

VOICES of Lions 1-A
VOICES1ALions@gmail.com

*For more information on Director Qualifications can be found on the website. VOICES1a.org



WE WANT YOU
TO BE A
LIF TRUSTEE

SEND YOUR CLUB RESOLUTION TO:

**Lion Andy Liamaga,
Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer
District 1-A
5323 N. Kildare Ave.
Chicago, IL 60630**





Lions Clubs International

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Hello to the Lions of MD-1 and beyond from ID Bob & Brenda

Brenda and I hope that everyone is doing well. It is unfortunate that we are still facing the reality of not being able to meet in person for our Club and/or District meetings and fund raising activities. But as Lions we have accepted this challenge and we are becoming good at seeing how to face this ongoing situation.

Congratulations to MD1 for the strong start that we have with the chartering of new clubs within our Multiple. The six new clubs represents your commitment in bringing MD1 back to the leadership role that we once had. The chartering of these new clubs has shown that things can be done during this pandemic.

Your Executive Officers and Board of Directors have been busy, virtually working on some of the concerns that are facing the Association in these times. There was an overall drop in the association membership during the earlier part of this year, but that has been turned around to bring us back over the 1.4M members that we had a year ago.

From the executive Board Meeting a number of resolutions have been presented to the Board of Directors for their approval and all have passed unanimously. They are:

1. Charter and entrance fees are waived from January 1- June 30, 2021
2. No clubs in good standing on December 31, 2020 will be suspended or canceled through June 30, 2021 for late payment of dues. Full payment is required to be received before June 30, 2021 to avoid suspension or cancellation.

Note that clubs that are placed on financial suspension on December 31, 2020 will remain on suspension until full balance is paid. Those clubs will still need to address their outstanding dues or make arrangements for repayment with the Accounts Receivable Department at LCI to avoid cancellation scheduled for March 31, 2021.

The next resolutions were the hardest decision to make, but necessary to do. Just like other Districts and Multiple Districts, we had to be sensitive to our memberships health and situations regarding worldwide travel restrictions. Yes, the format of the International Convention will be virtual instead of in person as planned. The virtual convention will take place over the same dates - June 25-29, 2021.

There will be a registration fee of \$50.00 till March 31, 2021 and after that it is \$75.00. Registration for Leos is \$30.00. You are able to go to the website to register. If you are already registered for Montreal, you will be contacted directly by LCI to explain the registration options that are available.

The elections of the Executive Officers, International Directors and the voting on proposed resolutions will be conducted electronically. More information will be coming on that soon.

As you can see, the month of January has been busy with the changes that have been made for our association and its future. Please stay in touch with your fellow members, to see that they are doing okay and to see if they are in need of anything. We talk about the service to others, but now we need to take care of our own Lions as well.

Stay Safe and Healthy
ID Bob Block, 2019-2022

Community Center last December 24, 2020.



On Friday, January 15th, there is no Family Assistance Ministry of St. Pius X Parish provided meals to families in need in the **Stickey-Forest View** area. Members of our Club volunteered and assisted with purchasing the meals, prepping them, and packing them for pick-up.

Trak Silapaduriyang a member of **Filipino American Lions Club** together with Asian Chicago Cop served at China Town helped around 90 Seniors at Chinese

At the end of the evening, 22 families consisting of 98 people were provided a hot meal of roast chicken, baked potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, and chocolate chip

cookies. Click the link in the first comment to learn more about the Lions Club International Global Cause of Hunger.

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