



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

JANUARY 2021



Greetings to all Lions and Leos of District 1-A

I hope that you and your families enjoyed the Holidays Season, and all are doing well. I wish you all a Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

It was out of the ordinary for most of us how we celebrated Christmas differently. Hopefully, we will be able to meet in person again and continue to serve our community better and do what we Lions do best.

Can you believe it is already January 6, and we are already halfway through our Lions fiscal year? December went by so fast but rather a busy month for the Lions of District 1-A. The year 2020, from start to end, will be the one we'll never forget. So many sad and unforgettable moments we all experienced and encountered. But we also had exciting things that

happened. I am glad to share with you. We added two newly chartered clubs last year, and we are hoping to get more before this fiscal year ends. Unfortunately, even with new clubs and new members, some clubs are struggling to maintain their memberships due to financial hardships. To date, we have added 118 new members but dropped 158 members. District membership is currently showing a net loss of 38. I wish to extend my appreciation to those clubs for their efforts with an increase in membership growth. I am asking all the Lions in District 1-A to help recruit new quality members and maintain quality existing members. I know that we can do it, as we are all in these together.

In these unprecedented times, we as Lions serve for one reason: You. While you have done your part to help keep your club moving, the District Team has worked hard to do their part as well. We have enhanced our membership, leadership, and service. I big thank

you to our GAT Team for working so hard last year. And it's all about Teamwork that we all can learn together. I am so proud and grateful to all of you.

December Service Projects - Thank you for making an incredible difference and kindness to others. The Lions in our District are finding ways to serve safely within their communities even during this unprecedented pandemic. Here are some great works that our Lions accomplished during Christmas Season.

* Members of the Stickney Forest Lions Club - volunteered at the Greater Chicago Food Depository last December 16, 2020. They assisted with repackaging pasta from large bulk containers into smaller packages for distribution to people in need. They helped process 1,055 meals.

* Members of the Chicago INDO-US Lions Club - distributed gift cards for food and gas to the needy

families and children in their community.

* Members of the Chicago Windy City Lions - dropped off Christmas gifts with Santa last December 19, 2020, to the three needy families and children in their community. They also delivered and decorated a Christmas tree for the needy donated by Orland Park Lions Club last December 13, 2020.

* Members of the Oaklawn Lions Club and the Richards Leo Club - collected foods, turkeys, and gift cards for the needy families' Christmas baskets last December 21, 2020. Both clubs also made donations to the food pantry in their community.

MD Upcoming events:

The Virtually Speaking event is coming up on January 24, 2021. Check previously posted on the websites and FB pages for the actual full web link to sign up. This event is open for the first 100 participants. Space is limited.

Register at:

<https://www.signupgenious.com/go/10CoD44ACAB2BAAF9CF8-md1>

Date: Sun, 01/24/21 Time: 1-4 PM

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Patti Hill, 3rd International Vice Pres.

Total currently signed up: 93 of 100 slots filled

District 1- Service Project - Greater Chicago Food Depository Campaign:

We are aware that so many people have been impacted financially due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Food donations are more important and more needed than ever. I want to thank those clubs in District 1-A who made the donations in supporting the efforts of the GCFD, help alleviate hunger, and bring hope to our neighbors in the Chicagoland areas. Our meals fundraising goal is 75,000, and the total meals to date we have been 63,443. We have 11,557 meals to go. Every \$1.00 can help provide three meals. A special shout out to Lion

Dr. Raj Rajaram from District 1-J for donating a total of 45,000 meals last year. Thank you so much for your kind generosity and assistance to get the matching grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation. District Lions and friends can donate online anytime.

<https://www.myfooddrive.org/drive.php?4afd015224>

Mail check to:

Please indicate which virtual food drive

Nicole Ramos

1A Lions Club 2020 Campaign

4100 West Anne Lurie Place

Greater Chicago Food Depository

Team Name (your club name)

Chicago, IL 60632

Once again, my heartfelt gratitude for all the hard work that you do. Keep up the great work, and let's all hope for a better and brighter 2021. I can't wait for all of us to gather and have fun again with our fellow Lions.

Happy New Year and wishing you all healthy and more blessings in the coming years!

DG Marilyn McLean

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For Governor's Newsletter.

Before 26th of each Month. Late arrivals will be ignored!



The Oak Lawn Lions and Richards Leo Club collected food, turkey's and gift cards for needy families in our community.



The local food pantry also received donations from both clubs as well. Thank you to all who help us this year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Chicago Windy City Lions had their Annual Drink with Santa Virtual even in the month of December 2020.



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

I hope all of you and your families had a wonderful Christmas. I also want to wish you a Happy, Healthy and **Normal** New Year!!!! It really is time to move forward into 2021.

So, what is new????

DISTRICT 1-A MID-YEAR FORUM

January 16, 2021

Unfortunately, it was necessary to cancel the District 1-A Mid-Year Forum 1/16/21 due to government restrictions imposed on number of attendees at meetings held at restaurants. I am working on possibly rescheduling this event later in the year.

Bags to Beds UPDATE

Thanks so much for all the Bags that have been delivered to my house. Lion Steve is ecstatic because it forced him to re arrange the garage.

As you know Covid-19 has caused some delays with this project. I will be at Tuscan Gardens in early January to start the process of making beds. Once we have a workable process. I will start asking for Clubs to donate their time to help make the beds. Stay tuned. It's gonna happen.

MD-1 Virtually Speaking Seminar

January 24, 2021 via ZOOM

I hope you have received the flier for the **MD-1 Virtually Speaking**

Seminar, which will be held January 24, 2021. I will be one of the speakers. My presentation is "What Do I Do? I'm a Speaker at a Virtual Meeting." Space is limited

to 100 Lions. I would sure like to see some familiar faces from

District 1-A. Checkout the agenda below.

MD-1 Virtually Speaking Agenda January 24, 2021

AGENDA

Welcome, 1:00-1:05pm

Session One, 1:05-1:30pm: FVDG Gail Anton, 1A

What Do I Do?.....I'm a Speaker at a Virtual Meeting

Session Two, 1:30-1:55pm: DG John Barsanti, 1J

Whose Rules? E-rules!

Session Three, 2:00-2:30pm: PDG Lori Bennett, 1M

Virtual Fundraising: Real Money

Session Four, 2:30-2:55pm: PDG Ken Novak, 1BK

Our Service Journey: Riding the Storm Out

Keynote, 3:00-3:45pm: Third Intl. Vice President Dr. Patti Hill

Closing Comments, 3:45-4:00pm

Register Now! Space limited to 100 Lions!

[Lions of Illinois MD-1: MD-1 Virtually Speaking \(signupgenius.com\)](http://signupgenius.com)



From your Global Action Team

Global Membership Team Coordinator News

By GMT Coordinator Daniel O'Reilly



Membership

At the halfway point of our Lion year, new members added to existing clubs is on target for the first six months. Congratulations to the numerous clubs who took advantage of the entrance fee waiver. I know it is only \$35, but during these times everyone's budgets are tight.

Hang in there, service needs continue to grow, stay safe and stay in touch with your members. The vaccine rolls out should loosen the restrictions before this Lion year is over. 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 bote, 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: Check in

	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	72	157	-38

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

If your club is struggling and your 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.

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 next New Member Orientation will be offered virtually on **Saturday, January 9, 2021.**

Sign

Up

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpcOusqTsvHNfkgnQjYkMshSV9QM-pXwlf>

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

Sign

Up

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcofuitqDkqEtLvNn5vCvrpzxqKumwvince>

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.

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

Registration

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYtdOyoqDstHtKPeiU8RG159-wl781mqm-c>

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.

Public Speaking Skills Development

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



Update on District Service Reporting

As of January 1st, 2021, 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. For the clubs that have donated to the District Virtual Hunger campaign, please do not forget to report your donation and the number of people served, for every \$1.00 you help provide three meals to those in need. If you are having issues reporting your service activities, 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.

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

Every \$1 can help provide 3 meals.



As of January 1st, 2021, Our District Virtual Hunger Campaign has achieved 84% of our Goal, we still need your help as we are only 26% away from our overall goal of raising \$25,000 USD. Thank you to the 18 Lions Clubs from District 1A and our friends from District 1J who have supported our district service campaign. For the 55 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

District 1A's goal in partnering with the Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD) is to alleviate hunger in the Chicagoland area and surrounding

suburbs. 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.

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 LCIF CHAIR:

As your District 1-A LCIF Chairman, I have sent LCIF, on behalf of District 1-A, \$806.00 through the LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE site I started on Facebook on November 12, 2020. Not only did LCIF receive money, the below people (Lions and non-Lions) also won cash or gifts by participating in LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

WINNERS:

Lion Helen Dolbeer - Air Fryer
Lion Robin Kirar - \$200 Amazon Gift Card
Lion Carole Burke-Hallberg - \$200 Cash
Tammy Lynn Castaneda - \$100 Cash
Lion Brenda Stevens - \$100 Cooper Hawk Gift Card
Kayla Flores - \$300 Grocery Gift Card
Julie Ashe Mason - \$125 Target Gift Cards
PCC Dennis McMillan - \$217.60
Tina Saide - \$100 Cash

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Steve Martinez - \$200 Southwest Airlines Gift Card
Lion Ed Palenik - \$128
Tony Costella - \$300 Cash
Tammy Lynn Castaneda - \$200 Cash
Lion Bonnie Price - \$50 Cash
Steve Martinez - \$50 Cash
Lion Bonnie Price - \$50 Cash
Lion Tony Zartler - \$50 Cash
Felix Flores - \$50 Cash
Lion Robin Kirar - \$25 Cash
Stephanie McMahon - \$35 Cash
Tony Costella - \$35 Cash
Lion Bonnie Price - \$35 Cash
Lion Tony Zartler - \$35 Cash
Katie Lynch - \$35 Cash

LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE is an on-line raffle where, as you can see, you can win cash, gift cards, or prizes. The cost for each chance that is being raffled ranges from \$5.00 - \$25. The next LIVE FACEBOOK drawing will be on

January 3, 2021 at 2:00pm, One of the items being raffled is a \$300 Southwest Airlines Gift Card with \$200 CASH. There are 25 chances available at \$21 each. The other 2 items are for CASH!!! WHO WILL BE THE NEXT LUCKY WINNERS?!!?

Go to

www.facebook.com/groups/868087337263459/ and check out the LET'S MAKE A DEAL GROUP. Hop on board and take a chance at winning some money, as well as supporting LCIF.



Lion Joni McMillan
Immediate Past District 1-A
Governor
District 1-A LCIF Chairperson

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.
- 4) Candidate has served as Region or Zone Chairperson or Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer.
- 5) None of the above being accomplished concurrently.

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