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The Norris City Lions Club sponsored a Christmas Home Lighting contest



Thoughts from the Council

Chairperson:



Hello Lions and Leos of MD-1. I hope you are all healthy and well.

I hope you all enjoyed the holiday season!! The calendar has flipped to 2021 – and boy it is good to put 2020 in the rearview mirror! The beginning of a new year provides a couple of opportunities for us as Lions.

One opportunity is that it marks the halfway point in our Lions year. That is always a good time as a club and organization to take stock of how the first half of the year went and to adjust for the second half of the year. This year that task is complicated by the impact of COVID-19 on everything but can still a useful exercise for your club to complete.

In line with that – the second opportunity is to set some goals for 2021. As individuals many like to make new year's resolutions. In the case of our clubs, they

can set or update goals for the rest of this year to best serve their communities.

Since January is World Hunger Month, one goal for your club could be to hold a drive-through food collection effort. Many of our pantries have been severely stressed due to the pandemic and the higher demand placed on their supplies. This project can be done in a safe manner so that there is no contact with the public. The person donating opens their truck or hatch and the Lion removes the donation and shuts the vehicle.

A great example of a successful effort was completed by the Roselle Lions Club. They held a drive through food collection and gathered over 6000 donated items and collected another \$2500 in cash donations for the local food pantry.

MD-1 will be holding a virtual forum on January 24th from 1:00 to 4:00. It will be on Zoom and limited to the first 100 that sign up. It will be recorded as well for those that cannot make it. It will cover various items that can help us as Lions and Clubs survive and thrive in the current pandemic environment.

A couple of the topics are how to fundraise and how to deliver service in this current environment. 3rd International Vice President Patti Hill will be the keynote speaker. I urge you to consider signing up – here is the link to do so:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD44ACAB2BAAF9CF8-md1>

If your club is not meeting at all, please consider using a free version of Zoom to at least get your club together to talk. If Zoom is not your cup of tea check out FreeConferenceCall.com as an option. You can check on how our members are doing and discuss things your club can be doing to help people in the current environment.

In closing I want to thank you for all you are doing to serve your communities. Thank you for reading.

MD-1 Council Chairperson Joe Vinyard
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FROM GLOBAL LEADERSHIP CHAIR:



Experience best practices in virtual Lionism. Gain insights from noteworthy Lions. The pandemic has impacted so much of what we do as Lions, but it cannot keep a good Lion down. On January 24, 2021 from 1:00-4:00pm CST,

join Lions from around the state and beyond by attending *MD1 Virtually Speaking*.

Register at [Lions of Illinois MD-1: MD-1 Virtually Speaking \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD44ACAB2BAAF9CF8-md1)

Space is limited to 100 participants. Do not procrastinate. Those attending have a chance to win one of four \$50 gift cards. Must be present to win. Register now!

Session One: FVDG Gail Anton, 1A What Do I Do....I am a Speaker at a Virtual Meeting.

Join FVDG Gail for tips and tricks to increase your confidence when presenting in the virtual world. Have some fun along the way as you become more comfortable with public speaking from your computer. Topics include:

- Embracing technology, you really have no choice if you want to succeed.
- Reviewing basic Zoom rules of the road.
- Knowing your topic, own it.
- Handling stage fright, we all get it.

P.S. FVDG Gail always does a spectacular raffle at her presentations....so you do not want to miss!

Session Two: DG John Barsanti, 1J Whose Rules? E-rules!



MD1 Virtually Speaking

January 24, 2021

1:00-4:00pm CST

Join Lions to experience best practices!

Lions are SERVING even during the pandemic!

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!
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DG John will share information about electronic meeting rules, electronic elections, pitfalls, e-platforms and in the one-minute left, the changes from the 11th edition to the 12th edition of *Roberts Rules of Order*.

**Session Three: PDG Lori Bennett, 1M
Virtual Fundraising: Real Money**

To provide service, clubs need money. The pandemic has put a damper on many of our tried-and-true fundraising activities. Join PDG Lori as she shares the latest and greatest ideas for virtual fundraising. Yes, it can be done!

**Session Four: PDG Ken Novak, 1BK
Virtual Service: Riding the Storm Out**

The lifeblood of Lionism is service. But how do we serve amidst the pandemic? PDG Ken has some answers for safe, socially distanced service. Clubs are being creative. Needs are being met. Take an idea back to your club!

Keynote: Third International Vice President Dr. Patti Hill

Vice President Dr. Patti Hill is a dynamic speaker with a passion for service, leadership, and membership. VP Patti will share her expertise with attendees. Enlightened Lions can and will make a difference, especially during these challenging times. Do not miss this opportunity to hear VP Patti!



**Lions of Illinois, INC.
Synopsis of Actions 2020-2021 Council of Governors
December 5, 2020
Via Zoom**

Synopsis of Actions:

1. Motion: to approve the agenda
Action: Motion carried unanimously.
2. Motion: to approve the September 12, 2020 Council of Governors (COG) Meeting minutes as presented.
Action: Motion carried unanimously.
3. Motion: approve the minutes from the November 2, 2020 Executive Committee meeting
Action: Motion carried unanimously
4. Motion: approve the minutes from the December 1, 2020 Executive Committee meeting

Action: Motion carried unanimously

5. Motion: accept the financial report as presented

Action: Motion carried unanimously

6. Motion: approve a virtual forum on January 24th limited to 100 members

Action: Motion carried unanimously

7. Motion: provide funds to support a virtual MD1 Forum not to exceed \$500

Action: Motion carried unanimously

8. Motion: COG recommend approval of the resolutions at the MD1 Convention

Action: Motion carried unanimously

9. Motion: approve all the reports as presented

Action: Motion carried unanimously

10. Motion: accept the proposal from E-Time Pay in Mokena, Illinois for payroll processing for 2021

Action: Motion carried unanimously

11. Motion: the February 2022 COG Meeting be held at the Holiday Inn East Peoria and to accept their proposal

Action: Motion carried

12. Motion: accept virtual meetings such as Zoom as face to face meetings cannot be held currently and that committee chairs must follow all existing protocols for meetings even in the virtual format

Action: Motion carried unanimously

13. Motion: approve an in person gathering for the FVDG at a time in the future under the supervision of GLT Jama Wahl

Action: Motion carried unanimously

14. Motion: COG go into closed session

Action: Motion carried unanimously

15. Motion: approve what was discussed in closed session

Action: Motion carried unanimously

16. Motion: moved to adjourn

Action: Motion carried unanimously



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Persons interested in the position of Chairperson of the Council of Governors for the 2021-2022 Lions year are being sought.

To be eligible, a candidate must be a Past District Governor, having served as an MD-1 Governor with one of the previous five Council years (2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021) or be a sitting Governor on the 2021-2022 Council. The Council Chairperson for 2021-2022 also must be from a District other than the current Chairperson's District (District 1-BK). More information regarding eligibility is available at www.Lionsclubs.org.

The duties and responsibilities of the Council Chairperson are detailed in the Lions of Illinois Constitution and By-Laws and the Policy Manual, both of which are posted on the MD-1 website, www.illinoislionsMD1.org.

Candidates must send a letter of intent and a resume to the State Office to be received no later than March 31st, 2021 in order to be considered for the position. The mailing and email address for the State Office is listed below. Applicants will be advised by mail, e-mail or telephone of the time and location of their interview.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Applicants for **State Committee Chairpersons** for the 2021-2022 Lions year are being accepted.

To be eligible to serve as a Chairperson of a State Committee, a candidate shall have served at least one year as a district appointee to the State Committee he/she seeks. This requirement may be waived by the District Governors Elect if no application is received with the appropriate requirement of if they are not in favor of any applicant.

Positions are for a one-year term unless denoted otherwise. A brief description of the duties and responsibilities of each State Committee Chairperson may be found in the Lions of Illinois Policy Manual, which is posted on the MD-1 website, www.illinoislionsMD1.org, along with a list of the current State Committee Chairpersons. Candidates must send a letter of intent specifying the State Committee Chairperson position being sought and a resume to the State Office, which is to be received no later than **March 31, 2021** in order to be considered for the position. The mailing and e-mail address for the State Office is listed below. Applicants will be advised by mail, e-mail or telephone of the time and location of their interview.

Applications are being accepted for the following State Committee Chairperson positions:

Global Service Team
Global membership Team
Global Leadership Team
Campaign & Liaison
Constitution & By-Laws
2022 International Convention

Information Technology
Leo & Youth Activities/Quest
Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP)
2022 State Convention
State Magazine

Applications also are being accepted to fill positions (1 or 2 depending on expiring terms) on the **Finance Committee**, which is a three-year term beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024.

Applications also are being accepted to fill the **Council Parliamentarian** position, which is for a one-year term.

Please submit letters of intent and resumes to:

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Membership Moments

By MD-1 GMT Coordinator
Barb Stewart



It is hard to believe that we are already half-way through our Lions year. Lots of exciting things are happening in our Districts! District 1-A has added two new Lions Clubs. A third new Club has just been approved to charter! Please help me in welcoming the **Silvis Lions Club**, the newest Lions Club chartered in District 1-H. But wait – there is more! District 1-J has two more charter applications pending for new Clubs! There is at least one other District not mentioned yet that is also close to submitting a charter application for a new Club. This means that there are 3 newly chartered Lions Clubs with at least 3 more on the horizon in MD-1! This is extraordinary news considering the challenges we have faced due to pandemic restrictions. These District Governors, District GMTs, and the rest of the leadership teams are to be commended as they have persevered in their contributions to keep our organization going. THANK YOU!

Unfortunately, even with the addition of these newly chartered Lions Clubs, our overall membership numbers are struggling to be maintained. There are only two Districts currently showing a neutral/positive net growth (1-CN with a +7 and 1-H holding at 0). All other Districts are currently showing a net loss in their membership. Within MD-1, we currently have 12,853 Lions. This is a net loss of -266. To date, we have added 395 Lions and lost 661 Lions. It is a real possibility that we may lose a few Clubs and more Lions yet this year.

What does that mean for our future? We need YOUR help! EVERY Lion in MD-1 should be asking their friends, family, neighbors, business associates, etc. to join a Lions Club. If even 3% of our current membership sponsors a new Lion, we will have more than made up our current losses.

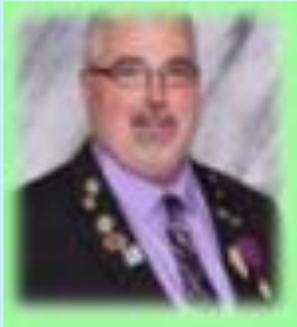
I notice recently in reviewing reports that there is one Lion who has repeatedly shown the true definition of Lionism and is showing no signs of slowing down as he has continued to accomplish a lot this year. **Lion Erv Safranek of the Paw Paw Lions Club** (1-D) has the longest service as a Lion in MD-1 (member since May 1946). This year alone, he has sponsored 2 new Lions. THANK YOU LION ERV! To the rest of the MD-1 Lions, we should use this example as a bar for us to reach by having each of us sponsor at least one

new Lion by June 30th. If you or your Club is struggling to find new members (or with anything else), please reach out to your District leadership team for assistance. These Lions are in place to

help you. Let us see what we can do with the second half of this year as it pertains to membership!

Have a safe and Happy New Year! Thank you for your service!

We are Halfway There...



PCC Darren Van Duyn – MD-1 NAMI Champion
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Happy New Year Lions!!! Let us all pray and hope that 2021 finds us all getting back together to enjoy the fellowship and fun that we are all used to.

At this time of year, we are looking at our numbers from the first 6 months of our year and seeing where we need to go. From here on, as I mentioned in my last article we will no longer be known as North America Membership Initiative. The initiative is now known as the Global Membership Initiative, same great program, just a different name. With the many successes of the initiative (GMI), the program was rolled out globally instead of just in North America. This will hopefully turn the membership trends of

our entire organization towards the upward trend.

Now is the time to take a good long look at our District/GMI goals and see where we have excelled and where we need to focus the last 6 months on. I will tell you in your Champion's opinion, this initiative is working and will continue to work as long as we keep the focus and continue to move forward. As GMT Barb will update you all on, our numbers do not look all that desirable, however, we have already started more clubs in MD-1 than what we have in the past 5 years. I believe that we would not have put such focus on starting the clubs had it not been for the initiative. Let us keep going. The goals that each one of our District had set creates a good start to what I believe will be a good turnaround in the membership trends in MD-1.

Along with looking at our current goals, our FVDG's need to look at the goals and plans for their year as District Governors.

Hopefully with the thoughts of the initiative in mind, and the help of your Governor teams and GAT teams, you can all create a long-term plan in your Districts. Share these plans with all so that your success is measured District wide. When the initiative was rolled out it was said that this is not a one-year thing, but a long term, on going initiative that can and should become a way of life for the Lions of MD-1.

With the last 6 months of this Lions year ahead of us it is now time to dig in and make things happen. We know that COVID has limited some of us to accomplish certain goals. We as Lions always find a way, and that is what I am asking of you. Find a way to start at least 1 new club in your District, find a way to add new members in the clubs that are struggling; Find a way to improve the member experience in the clubs in your Districts; Find a way to improve the Leadership in your Districts.

Always keep in mind that there are numerous resources already created for you by our awesome teams at Lions Clubs International. Visit the North America Membership Initiative page on www.lionsclubs.org for your needs. You all also have Champions in your Districts that you can reach out to and I am always here for you. I had recently been invited to participate in a focus group of all MD

Champions. This was initiated by Lion Mark Piva from MD-4 in California. There was a lot of things shared from Champions from Nebraska, Wisconsin, California, and of course Illinois. We plan to try to do this monthly so stay tuned for some new and exciting things from these meetings.

In closing I just want to say THANK YOU for a great first 6 months, and I look forward to the great things that you all will accomplish in the next 6 months of the year. It will take all of us to turn the trends around and as Lions of MD-1 we can do it. Once again, Happy New Year to you all and if you need anything, make sure you reach out and let me know. I AM HERE FOR YOU!!!





Christmas
LOVE & CHEER

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!

BOB AND BRENDA
AND OUR FAMILY



The time is near to start a New Year. So, let's be ready!

May everyone stay active and healthy. Safe travels in 2021!

Brenda and I along with our family wish you and your family
a Healthy and Happy New Years.

ID Bob and Brenda Block, 2019-2022





Join Our Team

Most people are ready to welcome the year 2021. We celebrate renewal as we begin another year, and we are at the half-way point in our Lions year. Goals we made in July need to be re-evaluated. The Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service committee is two and one-half years into the campaign to raise \$300 million for Lions Clubs International Foundation. We are over half-way to that goal. A goal is important, but more service to hungry children, people with diabetes and cancer, and people who have faced natural disasters are the real reason for giving to our International Foundation. Lions have embraced Campaign Sightfirst and Sightfirst II in the past. The need still is there even after 95 years of serving as Knights of the Blind, a child goes blind in the world every minute. Is your club part of the team? Have you helped personally? Each person on the list below is asking you to join us in Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service.

You can do this by donating at lionsclubs.org/en/donate. You can also TEXT LCIF 243-725. Or contacting your district Chairperson:

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This is the artwork for the winning state pin design for the 2022 convention. Please include in the next state magazine:

The winning pin design was submitted by PDG Lori Bennett.





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