

The Illinois Lion & Leo

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**The presentation of the \$100,000 grant from LCIF to MD-1
LIF for their new hearing & Vision bus.**



Hello MD-1,
I hope you all had an exciting Halloween and are still enjoying your candy. And just like that it's November.

MD-1 continues to prosper, at this writing the state is currently a +103 members. Thank you to all the Lions of MD-1 for your efforts to increase membership. We certainly could not accomplish this without each and every Lion in the state.

What to write about this onth?????

How about why you should attend your District Convention? I had the pleasure of attending the District 1-CN convention in Centralia, IL September 14 th & 15 th. First of all, my congratulations to DG Sherry Gates and convention chair PDG Deb Graney for an entertaining and informative convention.

They changed it up by having the

convention at a wonderful venue, where all the convention activities took place. We also had a chance to visit and have some fun with the Lions of CN in the Hospitality room on Friday & Saturday evening. I appreciate your district adopting the Bloody Mary/Mimosa Toast which started in District 1-A. My district was flattered that you liked this idea. We borrowed the parade of banners from District 1F and we still use it today. It just goes to show you how we learn and share from each other.



While I was at the District 1-CN convention, I attended some interesting seminars. The first one was about a product called Caption Call.

Caption Call is part of a federally funded program to benefit people with hearing loss who need captions to effectively use the phone. This fund pays the

total cost of service for qualified users. Caption Call displays big easy to read text that automatically captions your conversations. It rings, and works just like a regular phone. If you are interested, contact them at 877-557-2227 or CaptionCall.com. I 'm sure you have many candidates in your districts that would qualify for this program. I have already shared this information with my club and they are working with the Veterans in our community.



Additionally, another interesting fundraising project I learned about at this

Convention was about the Monroe County Lions who are currently selling Columbian coffee at \$16.00 a bag. The interesting part about this project is the coffee is from local farms in Caturra, Columbia. The coffee is locally roasted in Monroe County, IL so it's always fresh. I have attached a link should you be interested in

ordering some if this delicious coffee. <https://cherrystreetroasters.com/product/monroe-county-lions> If I had not attended this Convention I would have never, learned any of this great information.

The next convention, I plan on attending is the 1-M convention November 4 th & 5 th in Effingham, IL. Will I see you there? This District is also well known for some interesting seminars.

I have also included a list of upcoming MD-1 District and State Convention. If you have not attended your District convention, why not go this year. You never know what you could learn and have some fun with the Lions.

- District 1-A 3-24/25/26-2023
- District 1-BK 3-31- 4--2023
- **District 1-CN 10/15/16- 2022**
- District 1-CS 4-14 - 2023
- District 1-D 3-24/25 - 2023
- District 1-F 2-24/25 - 2023
- District 1-G 3-3/4 - 2023
- District 1-H 4-2 - 2023
- District 1-J 4-14/15 - 2023
- **District 1-M 11-4/5 - 2022**

· State Convention 5-19/20/23
I would like to take a moment to wish all of the Lions of MD-1 and their families a very Happy Thanksgiving from PCC Steve and myself. As bad as the world out there may seem, the Lions help

make our world a better place by doing what they do best, serving their communities.

Thank you so much for your Service!

CC Gail

**District Sub-editors:
Remind all your club secretaries to send the news and the pictures of their club events to**

you so that you can send them to me to the following address:

ILStateEditor@gmail.com

A Message from the MD1 GMT



GMT State Coordinator

Greetings Lions of MD1! Greetings MD1 Lions!

MD 1 is growing in membership so far this year, up by 107 members to date. That is good news, but we all

know that we are also losing members as well. I will be meeting with the district GMTs this week to discuss resources strategies for member retention.

A big part of retention is member satisfaction. I'd like you to reflect on a few questions. Do those who join our clubs think their time and effort are being used wisely? Do they feel that spark of Lionism in the activities they are doing? You can assume you know, or you can ask. LCI offers a Membership Satisfaction Guide that contains a new member and a former member questionnaire, as well as a step-by-step process for assessing and improving membership satisfaction. It can be found online at

https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_lwUqisFwZs46.jpg.pdf?v=1. These tools can focus efforts so that time spent on membership activities yields results.

Another great resource for acquiring new members and motivating existing ones is the Lions Club International YouTube Channel. This channel shares inspiring videos about how Lions are making a difference globally. We can engage friends, family and the community through service by using these videos. SHOWING is more effective than TELLING. As the description states, "A picture is worth a thousand words, and action speaks louder than words". These videos would be a great resource for sharing with the members attending club meetings and the potential members attending informational meetings. It was very simple to share a video on my Facebook page this morning. Check it out at <https://www.youtube.com/c/lionsclubs>.

I am currently working on a Membership Development Grant for District 1-CN. These district level grants can fund retention and

recruitment activities. Used in conjunction with the Membership Growth Event Toolkit from LCI- a region or regions could hold events to increase and/or engage membership. If we truly believe in what we do as Lions, then we all need to work toward improving the health of our clubs and our districts. Think about getting a grant application together.

Always remember that you also have "people resources" in the form of your district GMT and myself. We are here to serve you in all your membership efforts. I am including their names and contact information for your convenience. Please consider adding a club membership goal to your agenda if you don't have one already, AND a plan to reach it.

Finally, take time to enjoy the beautiful fall weather, family, and friends. As we move towards the holidays let us count our blessings and be thankful for all the service Lions around the world do for those in need.

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Yours in service,
Lion Deb Greaney MD1 GMT

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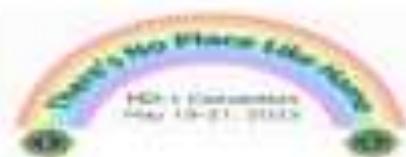
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2023 MD-1 CONVENTION BOOK ADS

Lions, Clubs, Districts, or Lions Affiliate: Ads for the 2023 MD-1 Convention Book are now available for purchase!

- ❖ A Full Page is \$100 and is approximately 5" wide x 8.5" high
- ❖ A Half Page is \$50 and is approximately 5" wide x 4.25" high
- ❖ Business card is \$25 and is approximately 2.25" wide x 2" high

Please submit your ad(s) as follows:

- *Submit your ad electronically in a ".jpg" file format in the exact size as listed above along with a copy of the form to lionbarbstewart@gmail.com
- *No fax or hard copy information will not be accepted
- *Submissions should be in black and white
- *Mail payment (cash or check) along with a copy of the form below to:
Lions of Illinois, Inc, 828 South 2nd Street #101, Springfield IL 62704
- *Make checks payable to Lions of Illinois
- *Ads and payment must be received by Friday, Feb. 3, 2023 in order to be included in the Convention book

If you have any questions regarding the Convention Book, please contact the MD1 Convention Chair Lion Barb Stewart at lionbarbstewart@gmail.com.

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2023 State Convention Book Submission Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Contact Person (if club or organization) _____

I wish to purchase: Full Page - \$100 Half Page - \$50 Business Card - \$25

Enclosed is my payment of \$ _____ Cash Check # _____

MD-1 State Convention

May 19-21, 2023



Follow the yellow brick road to the

President Abraham Lincoln Hotel

701 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL

(217) 544-8800

Rooms are \$102 plus tax per night

To reserve your room and to get this rate by May 3, 2023:

Call the hotel and mention the special “Lions of IL” group rate

OR

Online at www.my-event.hilton.com/lionsofillinoismd1convention/

HANDICAP ASSESSIBLE ROOMS: There are only a limited number of these rooms available in our block and are on a first come, first serve basis. You will need to CALL the hotel to reserve one of these rooms!

SAVE THE DATE!

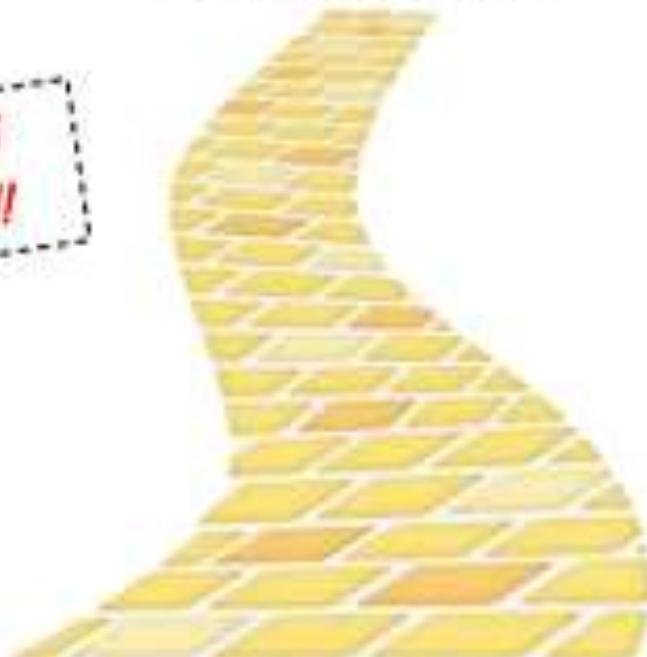


MD-1 Convention
May 19-21, 2023



**Follow the yellow brick road to the
President Abraham Lincoln Hotel
Springfield, IL**

**MORE DETAILS
COMING SOON!**



Second Meeting of the 2022-2023 Council of Governors

September 10th, 2022
Embassy Suites
East Peoria, IL

for the Midwest
Breakfast at the 2023 International
Convention being held in
Boston.

Synopsis of Actions:

1.) Motion: To approve the agenda

Action: Motion carried
unanimously

2.) Motion: To approve the minutes from the May 20th COGs meeting

Action: Motion carried
unanimously

3.) Motion: To approve the minutes from the May 21st and May 22nd State Convention

Action: Motion carried
unanimously

4.) Motion: To approve the minutes from the June 28th COG meeting held in Montreal, Canada

Action: Motion carried
unanimously

5.) Motion: To reaffirm the selection of PID Bud Wahl and PID Bob Block as co-chairs

Action: Motion carried
unanimously

6.) Motion: To approve the Establishment of Goals for the current fiscal year.

Action: Motion carried
unanimously

7.) Motion: To reaffirm the date of May 18th -May 21st, 2023 for the MD-1 Convention.

Action: Motion carried
unanimously

8.) Motion: To approve the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget.

Action: Motion carried
unanimously

9.) Motion: To approve transferring \$6,000 out of the building fund to the operating fund to cover the cost of rent for the State Office for one year.

Action: Motion carried
unanimously

10.) Motion: To approve transferring \$28,000 out of the residual fund to the operating fund to cover the year deficit, if needed.

Action: Motion carried unanimously

11.) Motion: To approve all the financial reports as presented.

Action: Motion carried unanimously

12.) Motion: To investigate bringing FDI to MD-1

Action: Motion carried

13.) Motion: To approve having two GMA Champions in MD-1 - Lion Guideon Richeson and Lion Barb Stewart.

Action: Motion carried unanimously

14.) Motion: To approve having a \$20.00 registration fee at the MD-1 Convention

Action: Motion carried unanimously

15.) Motion: To approve a 100.00 meal package at the MD-1

Convention.

Action: Motion carried unanimously

16.) Motion: To approve the cost of the ads in the MD-1 convention booklet at \$100.00 for A Full Page, \$50.00 Half Page, \$25.00 for a Small Business Card size ad.

Action: Motion carried unanimously

17.) Motion: To support PID Mark Lyons as the candidate for the International Third Vice President.

Action: Motion carried unanimously

18.) Motion: To approve March 10th and March 11th 2023, for the dates of the Spring Forum.

Action: Motion carried unanimously

19.) Motion: To approve January 20nd - 22nd ,2023, for the GETS/VGETS training.

Action: Motion carried unanimously

20.) Motion: To approve all reports as presented.
Action: Motion carried unanimously

21.) Motion: To adjourn the meeting.
Action: Motion carried unanimously



*Hosted by The Chicago Lighthouse
Co-Chaired by Jeffrey M. Jackson, Ph.D., and Gary Rich*

Thursday, November 10, 2022

**Single Stack Entry: \$100 Donation | Double Stack
Entry: \$175 Donation**

6:30 p.m. Zoom Room Opens | 7:00 p.m. Welcome & Tournament Rules
| 7:10 p.m. Cards Fly
Tournament is held in CST and is expected to last 3.5 - 4 hours.

[Register Now](#)

Grand Prize: \$5,000

Prizes will be awarded in the form of gift cards of the winners' choosing.

View tournament structure [here](#).

Whether you're a seasoned poker player or new to the game, go-all in for your chance to win big!
In addition to great prizes, the tournament will feature rebuys and add-ons, as well as Zoom breakout rooms to interact with your fellow players or even celebrity poker champions. Refer your friends to get free rebuys.

All proceeds support The Chicago Lighthouse serving the blind, visually impaired, disabled, and Veteran communities.

Questions? Contact Karoline Kijowski at (312) 447-3447
or karoline.kijowski@chicagolighthouse.org



Share your **TEAM 1M** Spirit

District 1M Lions Convention

With District Governor Scott Frieese

November 4-5, 2022

Holiday Inn & Conference Center
1301 Avenue of Mid-America, Effingham, Illinois

Your Information:

TITLE (Circle one) LION LEO GUEST CHILD Current Office _____ DELEGATE: Y__ N__
Name _____ Club _____ District _____
ADDRESS _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Spouse/Guest Information:

TITLE (Circle one) LION LEO GUEST CHILD Current Office _____ DELEGATE: Y__ N__
Name _____ Club _____ District _____
ADDRESS _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Mark the selection that indicates your registration choice:

- Early Registration only.....\$10.00** Qty _____ Amt _____
Prior to October 15, 2022. Fee waived for LEO & children under 12 yrs.
- Late Registration.....\$20.00** Qty _____ Amt _____
Meals not available with late registrations. Fee waived for Leo/Children under 12 yrs.
- Lunch..... \$27.00** Qty _____ Amt _____
Loaded Baked Potato Soup, Turkey & Swiss on Kaiser Roll served warm, Seasoned Homemade Pub Chips, Coffee/Tea/Water
- Banquet..... \$34.00** Qty _____ Amt _____
Mixed greens salad, Chicken Bearnaise & Pork Tenderloin Combo, Garlic Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Roll, Assorted Deserts, Coffee/Tea/Water
- Full Event.....\$67.00** Qty _____ Amt _____
Includes Registration, Lunch & Banquet, Must be received prior to Oct 15, 2022

* Indicate special diet needs here: _____ **AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$** _____

Fees must accompany registration form payable to District 1M. Deliverable to: CST Brad Cash, 621 W Jasper, Paris, IL 61944 (Questions? 217-465-5382)

Hotel Reservations: Event code LCI prior to October 15, 2022, to reserve your room at Lions rates:

Connected Hotel: Holiday Inn

Standard room – \$125, Suites - \$155 (plus tax & fees)
1301 Ave. of Mid America Effingham, IL 62401
Phone: 217-540-7777 - press *0*

Sister Hotel: Country Inn & Suites

Standard Room - \$95 (plus tax & fees)
1200 N. Raney St. Effingham, IL 62401
217-540-5555

Check our pages for updates: Facebook – 1M Lions, Website – district1m.org, or the weekly E-Blast
Questions? Contact Convention Chair: Lion Lori Bennett 217-466-2675 (call or text) or lionlorib@gmail.com



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Mark Your Calendars

CELEBRATE TEAM 1M WORLD SERIES STYLE

November 4-5, 2022 at the
Holiday Inn Convention Center, Effingham, IL

With *District Governor Scott Friese – Your Biggest Fan*

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S GOAL – 80% of our Team 1M Clubs Represented

ZONE CHAIR CHALLENGE – Zone with the most member participants

CLUB CHALLENGE – Club with highest percent of attendees



FRIDAY EVENING: Register for the Weekend

Hospitality by the Stewardson Lions Club – Team 1M Goes Hawaiian!

Wear your favorite team jersey or Hawaiian shirt

SATURDAY MORNING SESSIONS:

Angels In the Outfield - LIF
Knocking It Out of the Park with GMA
Beep Baseball
Field of Dreams – Falconry
The Dugout – You Pitch, ID Bob Lee Listens
A League of Their Own – Mind's Eye Radio
Going For the Fences – Vision Technology



SATURDAY ACTIVITIES:

Registration & Certification
Silent Auction
Humanitarian FundRaiser
Pin Sales
Team 1M Trivia
Club Brag Boards
Voting/Elections

AND AS ALWAYS, FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP

Lunch followed by Honoring our Legendary Lions

Reception for ID Bob Lee & Lion Pam

Banquet with Keynote Address & Awards

Hospitality provided by Paris Lions Club

THIS EVENT IS ALL ABOUT YOU – THE MEMBERS OF TEAM 1M

BRING YOUR:

Club Brag Boards
Silent Auction Items
Friends, Family & Fellow Lions & Leos
Team Spirit



Questions? Contact PDG Lori Bennett – 217-466-2675 or lionlorib@gmail.com



Pittsfield Lions Club

100th + 2

Anniversary Celebration

We are celebrating 102 years of service to our community. Past International Director Bud Wahl will be here as our guest speaker and we would like you to join us for a meal and an evening of fellowship.

Date: Saturday November 5th, 2022

Place: Pike-Scott Farm Bureau Hall

1301 E. Washington St

Pittsfield IL 62363

Time: 5:00 – 6:00 Meet and Greet

6:00 - Meal

Roast Beef

Mashed Potatoes and gravy

Homestyle Green Beans

Rolls

Dessert

Please indicate any dietary restrictions due to medical reasons on your reservation.

The meal cost is \$15.00. Please detach bottom of form and mail with your reservation and check made payable to the Pittsfield Lions Club to DG Robert Wilson at 304 S. Madison St. Pittsfield IL 62363 by **October 17th 2022**.

If you have any questions call DG Robert Wilson at 832-217-9252 or email mnwilson6684@yahoo.com

Names _____

Club _____

#Attending _____

Dietary Needs:

2022 MDI State Pin, Charm & Stick Pin

New Delhi, India & Montreal, Canada



Stick Pin - \$1.25



Charm - \$1.25



MDI Pin - \$2.50



Stick Pin - \$1.25



Not Actual Size Shown

Each year our MDI Lions of Illinois has a Friendship Pin made for the International Convention. Here is the 2022 MDI State Pin, Stick Pin and Charm that are available for purchase.

You can purchase each item separate or get all three for \$4.00 per set.

USA Postage

1 to 5 Pins Add \$3.50

6 to 10 Pins Add \$5.00

Over 10 Pins Add \$7.50

Along with the 2022 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), Singapore (2020) and Montreal (2021) to name a few. These pins are \$2.00 each or the set (if available) for \$3.00 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	New Delhi, India	Montreal, Canada	Amount
2022 State Pin _____ @ \$2.50 each			\$
2022 State Charm _____ @ \$1.25 each			\$
2022 State Stick Pin _____ @ \$1.25 each			\$
2022 State Set _____ @ \$4.00 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 203th Place
Dyer, Indiana 46311
(219) 671-0287

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

Call or email either Lion Bob at lionbobblock@gmail.com or Lion Ben at zeltravel@gmail.com to arrange the delivery of your order if you do not want to receive them by mail

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| 3. Lions Low Vision Clinics: For Students | 8. Reconditioned Hearing Aid Bank |
| 4. Low Vision for Adults-Orientation and Mobility Training | 9. Recycling: Used Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids, Keys, Cell Phones |
| 5. Children's Vision Screenings | 10. Social Services and Referral |
| | 11. Lions of Illinois Funds for Emergency (L.I.F.E.) |

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Dear Lions Club,

Thank you for making the Low Vision Clinic possible for us. I got to pick two new pairs of glasses out when I was at the clinic. One pair helps me see things far away and the other pair is for reading. The doctors explained what glasses I needed and what the glasses would do. That was helpful to me!

Thank you for helping!

Kaitlyn

Dear Lions Club,

Thank you so much for allowing the students at ISVI to go to the Low Vision Clinic. It meant a lot to us that we were able to attend the low vision clinic. I was able to get 2 new pairs of glasses and a monocular. The doctors told me about my eye conditions and if I had questions, they were willing to answer them. Thank you again for allowing the students at ISVI to attend the Low Vision Clinic.

Sincerely,

Makayla

Low Vision Clinics for Students are done Annually throughout Illinois



All Services and Vision Devices are given FREE of Charge to all Students in Need

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Proceeds from the LIF Car Show go toward the Lions of Illinois Foundation's vision services, such as:

Vision

Our vision programs test, treat, and rehabilitate those who are visually impaired. Student Low Vision focuses on providing vital tools for students to succeed in school.



Camp Lions

Camp Lions gives visually and hearing-impaired children the opportunity to have a week of fun and make friends with those who have similar abilities.



For questions contact us at LIFoffice@lifnd.org
or call (815) 756-5633