

# The Illinois Lion & Leo

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**Darien Lions Club and Darien Park District put together the Lions Club's Christmas Baskets. To give one the broad scope of the donation to the community, see the gymnasium filled with bags of food and toys for families in need. Outside, Lions loaded everything in a rented 1-ton, possibly a 2-ton, truck to deliver to the less fortunate families before Christmas.**





## WELCOME 2023!

And just like that it is 2023. Do you know what Auld Lang Syne means??? The phrase translated literally is "old long since" (This information I found when reading the Thornton Lions Club newsletter). We all have memories that we cherish and keep. Remember those but move on. So, let's move on to the second half of the Lions year...

A New Year, new resolutions. I know, we all make resolutions. But how long do we keep them.?

But let's talk about what are your **Lions resolutions for 2023.**

Membership, Membership &

Membership. **We all talk about it.**

Retention, Retention, & Retention. **We are also all talking about it.**

Service, Service & Service. **We all talk about it.**



**Lions talk about a lot of things. WE NEED TO ACT!**

So maybe this year we **will ACT** instead of talking about it. Acting can be done very simply. Ask a friend to join and don't abandon him/her once they become a member.

- Call a member who doesn't come around to your meetings and find out why.
- Support a service project in your club or District.

One small action by **you** can help improve the health of your club and District.

Let's review the current Metrics for MD1:

We are currently +88 as of this writing (12,304 members).

Unfortunately, we lost 2 clubs due to non-payment. Those Districts are working hard to hopefully reinstate these 2 clubs which accounted for a loss of 20 members. One of the District Governors goals for 2022-23 is, to add 1 club and to be a plus 1 in membership over last year.

As far as service we are currently at 39% of the clubs reporting their service activities. The District Governors goal is 60% by June 30, 2023, which is an attainable goal. So please make sure all of your clubs are reporting service. The District Governor's completed their 2<sup>nd</sup> Service project in December where they collected children's pajamas in District 1-M.

I am happy to report the Hopedale Storage locker has been cleaned out. We are now onto the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the project where the past Council minutes will be scanned, eliminating storing all paper copies.

There is an opening on the Finance committee. All resumes should be sent to SST Mary Pemberton by 1/5/2023.

The Council is currently finalizing updates to the policy manual, which will be presented at the next Council meeting in February.

GETS/VGETS will take place in January for all FVDG & SVDG's in East Peoria, IL. PDG Lori Chassee is busy preparing for these classes.

The Council will be working on MD-1 Technology. SVDG Tom Drez will be moving on from his position as Tech Wizard for MD-1. The Council will need to review the options for the future and develop a workable plan. Of course, FVDG Tom has offered to assist in a smooth transition.

Don't forget conventions will start up at the end of February through May. Please try to support your District Conventions. And of course, our State Convention in May. The conventions are a great time to meet and mingle with fellow Lions and also share new ideas.

Make 2023 a year you will never forget. A year you are a better Lion, better friend, and a better citizen.

Keep Smiling and Serving,

*CC Gail*



The Finance Committee currently has an opening for a member of the Finance committee. Attached below is a description of the duties of the Finance Committee. If you are interested please submit your resume to SST Mary Pemberton at [sst@illinoislionsmd1.org](mailto:sst@illinoislionsmd1.org) by January 5, 2023, for consideration.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee shall meet quarterly either at the State Office, another location with minimal cost, or via teleconference. Additional meetings may be held as necessary. The Finance Committee Chairperson shall call all meetings. The State Secretary-Treasurer shall provide all requested financial information to each member of the Finance Committee at least one week prior to each meeting. The Committee shall report in writing matters discussed and recommendations made immediately following each of its meetings to the Council Chairperson and to the Council of Governors.

The Finance Committee shall make recommendations to the Council of Governors for the Council's annual balanced budget and spending plan.

The Finance Committee shall review all bookkeeping and financial record keeping functions of the State Office. The Committee shall recommend to the Council of Governors any changes in office procedure necessary to ensure proper financial record keeping and reporting.

The Finance Committee shall review Lions of Illinois, Inc. financial reports and make recommendations to the Council of Governors concerning revenue, expenditures, investments and adherence to budgets and spending plans.

The Finance Committee shall consult with the Council Treasurer who shall work with the State Secretary-Treasurer and the auditor to rectify any omissions or deficiencies reported in the annual audit.

The duties of the Finance Committee, as a recommending body, shall not infringe on or conflict with the duties of the Council of Governors, the Council Chairperson, or the State Secretary-Treasurer.

## **GLT Report**

### **COG December 4, 2022**

1. GAT Summit: We held the GAT Summit in September with 54 attendees. Responses were overall positive. The training was reported to LCI. Hopeful for another GAT team meeting in the near future, likely early December, to be called by CC Gail Anton, state GAT Chair.

2. GETS/VGETS With the approval of and input from CC Anton, the dates have been established, contracts with the hotel signed, and sign-up has commenced. The training will be held January 20-22 at the East Peoria Holiday Inn. Total contract amounts:

Lodging: \$5,432.00

Mtng Rms: \$ 650.00

Food/Bev: \$2,000.00 plus tax & sc

To date, 11 participants have indicated that they will attend. Per

the direction of CC Anton, we will have a room rented for hospitality both Friday and Saturday evening, it is my understanding that the 1VDG will be responsible for that, see CC Gail with questions. The schedule is being set and materials prepared. I will be sending another reminder and once I have heard from each of those invited, reservations will be made, and confirmation numbers sent to all participants.

I completed a grant application to LCI for the training and have been approved. We will receive \$100.00 per 1VDG who attends, and \$75.00 per each 2VDG; this is the maximum award for this training.

3. GLT Zoom Meetings: Due to the responsibilities and multiple meetings of most Lions, we had 3 participants, none of them actual District GLTs. Discussions were held regarding different outreach

options, increasing interest and participation, and allowing our newly appointed GMA reps to get their feet on the ground and include them in future discussions.

4. Spring Forum: Will be held March 10 & 11 at the Embassy Suites in Peoria. I sent an email asking for help and received only a few responses. Please step up to help if you can. Also please note that if you tell someone else you will help, that doesn't mean that I am aware of your availability. The tasks breakdown so far:

Programs:

Lori Chassee & Darren Van Duyn

Marketing:

Deb Greaney

Moderators:

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IT/Facility assistance:

Sergeant at Arms:

Exhibitors:

Sponsorship:

Registration:

Will coordinate with state office

Basket Auction:

**Wishing everyone a happy and safe Holiday Season!**



**Submitted by: Lori Chassee,  
MD1 GLT Chair**

# **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

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Rooms are \$102 plus tax per night

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

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**OR**

**Online at [www.my-event.hilton.com/lionsofillinoismd1convention/](http://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!



## 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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 # \_\_\_\_\_

# SAVE THE DATE!

There's No Place Like Home

MD-1 Convention  
May 19-21, 2023



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

MORE DETAILS  
COMING SOON!

# Consider a Part of the Tax Refund to LCIF

The mail and the TV will be hitting us hard shortly after we cross into 2023 about our plans for our "tax refund". We can buy a new car, sofa, or whatever. Some folks must see a bigger refund than comes to our house.

Got an idea. How about helping some people through the Lions Clubs International Foundation. You can't stop hunger for everybody. Maybe one or two. You can't stop all childhood cancer, but you can assist in its eradication. The same with water shortage and vision and hearing impairment. Natural disasters continue to plague so much of our country and the world. A small donation can add up to helping so much. With many of us contributing, a large amount can appear. Your Multiple District 1 chairpersons ask you to join them in making a difference through your Lions organization. Our goal is to have every club in Illinois participate. We pledge to be

the largest and most active service organization and we can prove it in 2023, and the last half of the Lions year.

You can easily make a contribution by going to [lionsclubs.org/en/donate](https://lionsclubs.org/en/donate). You can also TEXT LCIF 1-888-801-5959. Work right at home and contact your district Chairperson from this list.

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WHEN YOU ARE ABLE**



**RECYCLING ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE M-F 10AM-3PM  
OR YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR ITEMS ON THE SKID  
LOCATED AT THE BACK OF OUR OFFICE ANYTIME**

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Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974.

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Through the Foundation, communities and clubs benefit from these services:

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| 1. Camp Lions for Children                                 | 6. Mobile Retinal Screening Unit                               |
| 2. Camp Lions for Adults                                   | 7. Mobile Hearing Screening Unit                               |
| 3. Lions Low Vision Clinics: For Students                  | 8. Reconditioned Hearing Aid Bank                              |
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| 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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## The Lions of Illinois Foundation's

### FREE LOW VISION PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS

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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## 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.



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