



# July, 2015 Governors Newsletter

The start of my leadership year is a sign that we are getting closer to that milestone of the Centennial convention. Our district will be ramping up the coordination and recruitment for support of this convention. We will need to communicate this down to clubs and to the individual members. To pull this off we will not only need the logistical support of every member in the district and state, it will also need the financial support of the membership. The centennial committee has put forth several fundraising programs to help bring in the funds needed to put on a convention of this caliber. Recognition programs are in place to acknowledge those clubs who have helped support the 2017 centennial convention.

As part of this centennial celebration message to the district I want to encourage all the clubs to participate in the Centennial challenge to serve 100 million people by June 2018. There are four categories in this challenge in which a club can participate: Youth, Vision, Hunger and Environment. Right now the centennial challenge tracker is at 32 million. We are about a quarter of the way to reaching our goal of serving 100 million people. So please log your service hours on the LCI website and support this goal of our association.

I am going to change gears and give a little background on the design of my Governor's pin. Every pin that a governor has is of a different theme. It is unique and a lot of thought is put into the design. I had a lot of ideas on the design of the pin from my fellow lions. But you need an outstanding graphics arts person to put it all together to come up with a winning design. I want to thank Lion Rich Polanek for putting it together into a design.

When I went to college, Chemistry and the Sciences were my choices for study. In Chemistry we were taught

about formulas. Formulas are used to express a chemical reaction or to define a blend or recipe of components the making of product that will give us certain properties. The result of the blending of the ingredients will make something that is better than the individual components.

If you take a look at my pin you will see that there are three test tubes. These are the principal components to my formula. I have identified them as Service, Caring and Social. Each one of those components has a property that contributes to outcome of what I call Lionism, The Perfect Formula.



Each one of those components enhances the other for the perfect formula. With Service as one of the components, we help those in a community and global level by coming together and helping them at the time of need, suffering or displacement. With caring we show our empathy to those that are less fortunate and in need of help. And the last ingredient being Social where we celebrate as community of Lions the fellowship and comradery with our fellow members as a club, district and association. These three components together form what I call the perfect formula called Lionism.

I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation to all of the Lion Leaders and Lions who have shared their thoughts and advice with me. As your District Governor I cannot do this on my own. I will need the help of the District leaders, Region, Zone chairs and all the Lions within the district. I can say that that I will do my best to keep this district moving forward in to our next 100 years.

May God bless all of the Lions of the world and District 1A.

**Ralph Zarada, Governor, District 1A, Mother District of Lionism**

**Editorial:** Our International President's theme for this Lionistic year is: Dignity, Harmony and Humanity. His theme is to bring Dignity to others through Humanitarian Service.

We Lions show dignity to others - humankind in this world by serving their needs. That is our – Lions Clubs International's Motto for the past 98 years "We Serve" and we spread this love and respect to one another through our humanitarian services.

Every year Lions spend millions and millions of dollars by providing eyeglasses, hearing aids, leader dogs, white canes, scholarships, relief for natural disasters, children in need, senior care, building ramps, bridges, schools, nurseries, hospitals, taking care of measles, river blindness, diabetes, etc., etc.

We created good leaders through lionistic training in our communities. As of now we are 1, 373,000 Lions throughout the world and we serve all human beings regardless of their religion, caste, creed, color or nationality.

We are starting our new Lionistic Year – 2015-2016 with new Governor, International President, some new cabinet members, new themes, service activities, working on new clubs in Broadview, Chicago Ridge, Elmwood Park neighborhood. It looks like District 1A is going to have another wonderful Lionistic Year. That means we have to work harder, smarter and grow in membership.

Last year's Governor Terry had a wonderful year with 91 plus in membership, one new lions club and one new leo



club. She was honored as the #2 best governors by Lions Clubs International in North America. Same people who asked me "Is she going to make it?" were asking me, "How she did it?" If we take any challenges seriously and work towards success, nothing is impossible in this beautiful world of ours.

Let us join our hands together and bring more hands in our fold to work harder for Governor Ralph Zarada. His success will be ours. Let Mother District of Lionism shine in the US with great rainbow colors and prepare to celebrate Centennial Celebrations in another two years.

*-PDG Austin D'Souza, Editor*

### Editor's Note:

Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, Cabinet Members and Committee Chairpersons – you are all most welcome to send your articles to Governor's Newsletter. Deadline is 20<sup>th</sup> of every month. Please pardon my delay in publishing this month's newsletter as we were in Hawaii for 18 days and Internet on the cruise was extremely expensive.



## **DR. JITSUHIRO YAMADA INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, of Minokamo, Gifu, Japan, was elected to serve as president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 98<sup>th</sup> International Convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, June 26 through 30, 2015.

President Yamada is a neurosurgeon.

A member of the Minokamo Lions Club, President Yamada has been a Lion since 1985. He has held many offices in the association, including district governor and GLT constitutional area vice leader. He served on the international board from 2005 to 2007 as a member of the Executive Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee and Vice Chairperson of Convention Committee. He also served as a board appointee for 2011-2012.

In recognition of his service to the association, President Yamada has received numerous awards, including the Humanitarian Partner Award, 10 International President's Awards and an Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, President Yamada is chairperson for several organizations including the Social Medical Corporation Koseikai, the Kizawa Memorial Hospital, the Social Welfare Corporation Jikeikai, Nozominooka Hospital and Ajisai Nursing College. He is a standing director of the Japan Hospital Association and an affiliate professor at Gifu University.

President Yamada has been active in the area of international relations, serving as president of the Gifu-Hungary Friendship Association, Gifu-Morocco Association and Gifu-Salzburg Association. He is a recipient of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary, the Medal of Honor of the Alaouite Dynasty of the Kingdom of Morocco and an honorary citizen of Beijing City, China, in recognition of his service to international friendship building.

President Yamada and his wife, Dr. Toshiko Yamada, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son, one daughter and three grandchildren.



**68TH ANNUAL  
FDG HARRY BARBER MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2015  
7:45AM SHOTGUN START**

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On 4 Par-3 Holes  
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Burr Ridge, IL 60527  
(630) 620-8617

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Checks and Reservations MUST be made by  
July 28, 2015  
Make checks payable to:  
District 1 - A Golf**

Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_  
Player's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**PDG HARRY BARBER MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING**  
**Wednesday, August 12, 2015**

Dear Fellow Lions and Friends,

The PDG Harry Barber Memorial Golf Outing Committee is pleased to announce that our 68th Annual Golf Outing will be held at the Village Greens of Woodridge on August 12, 2015. There will be FOUR (4) Par-3 Mega Holes, each offering a MEGA CASH PRIZE of \$5,000 for a HOLE-IN-ONE.

Last year it seemed like everyone wanted to get the name of their club, business or family in the spotlight by becoming a Hole Sponsor. Hole Sponsors will have their name printed on a LARGE SIGN that is posted prominently at one of the holes. Sponsor a MEGA-HOLE and we will post your name on an EXTRA-LARGE SIGN. Since there will be a lot of competition for hole sponsorships, you should sign-up early to be certain you will be getting your name in the spotlight.

**SPONSOR 1 HOLE**  
**\$60**

**SPONSOR 2 HOLES**  
**\$100**

**SPONSOR MEGA-HOLE**  
**\$200**

Now grab your checkbook and take advantage of this Limited time offer.

**AUGUST 7 DEADLINE**

1 Hole - \$60

2 Holes - \$100

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**JULY 14 DEADLINE**

Mega-Hole—\$200

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Please make checks payable to:  
**District 1-A Golf Outing**

Send your application and check to:  
Lion Joan McMillan  
15230 Hamlin Avenue  
Midlothian, IL 60445  
(708) 389-5960  
lionjonimac@gmail.com

**CLUB, BUSINESS OR FAMILY NAME**  
**To be on the Sign**

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**(PRINT CLEARLY)**

# 37 Million

## People Benefited



## Centennial Service Challenge



Dear Lions,

Welcome to Lions100 – a website devoted to all things related to our Lions Clubs International Centennial celebration. It will be your main source of up-to-date information throughout the 3½ year celebration. I'm Past International President Frank Moore, and I'm honored to serve as the Centennial celebration chairperson.

We officially launched our Centennial celebration July 8th, 2014 at our International Convention in Toronto with the announcement of our Centennial Service Challenge. The service challenge is an ambitious call to action for Lions around the world to serve 100 million people from now until June 30th, 2018.

Our centennial celebration will focus on three main points:

1. Honoring Our Past
2. Highlighting Our Present
3. Planning For Our Future

We have a vibrant past, built around our founder Melvin Jones' famous quote, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody

else." It was upon that principle that our motto "We Serve" emerged. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Our organization has grown from humble beginnings and continued to grow and evolve to meet the needs of communities around the world. Today, we are the world's largest service club organization, perhaps even surpassing the vision of our founder. With Melvin Jones' vision in mind, our Centennial celebration slogan is "Where There's a Need, There's a Lion." This is as true today as it was in 1917.

The Centennial celebration is designed to engage every Lions member, every Lions club, in every country and geographic area. This site will continue to expand as elements of our Centennial plan begin to unfold.

This is our time to ROAR! Get ready to celebrate!!

Sincerely,

J. Frank Moore, III

- See more at:  
<http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/about/index.php#sthash.RYKDnrh3.dpuf>

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