



Lions View

District 1-A Lions Clubs
On Line Number 9



Candy Day



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From the editor:



We begin the new Lions Year with many thoughts and ideas for the future of our Lionism worldwide and here at home. We host the world in less than two years, LCI has presented us with the Centennial Challenge, to help one hundred million people by 2018 and Governor Ralph has presented his goals for new clubs, better retention and membership growth in or district, Are these goals achievable? What must each of us do make them happen?

Think about your membership, you as a Lion. When or have you ever sponsored a new member? I would bet you know someone that would be a great asset to you club, have you invited that someone?

Think about the service requests your club gets from folks outside of your club area, again, I would bet that if some of your members worked together you could start a new club in that area if you set your minds to do so.

And, think about the members dropped over the years, did you and your fellow members involve them, excite them, give them a reason to participate in the community service you're known for? Did they get a Thank You, did they feel a part of the club or did they just vanish and no one ever found out why?

It is up to each of us to reflect on our membership, what can each of us do to make our clubs stronger and better to meet the challenge of service to our communities?

Perhaps an open meeting to allow the members to toss out ideas about membership, retention and extension is the way to go. You know the territory better than anyone, maybe it's time to see what all of the members think.

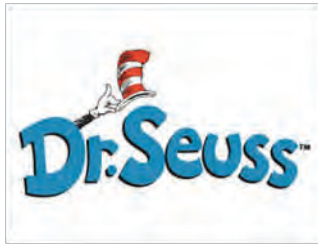
Why are you a Lion? Wouldn't it be great to pass on that warm fuzzy feeling to others? You can do it, if you try!

Lion Georg



CANDY DAY JAMBOREE





A Brief Summary from the RAP Committee

As a group, District 1A has only started collecting books and letting us know what progress they are making. Starting with the Candy Day Jamboree evening, we are happy to report we are pretty close to the 2,500 mark – half way to our goal – with 6 months to go in this District wide community service project. Already 19 clubs have reported in with several others on the cusp! Clubs are going out into their communities and finding local organizations who are in need of books for their kids!

This report is to provide a synopsis of the progress already underway and moving forward..

1. A new lion has really gotten involved in her community to let them know that the lions are collecting books. To date she has gotten - their village put an announcement on the local cable station they have posted the collection information on the Village's digital sign - The collection information has been put in with the water bill and there are posters around the village, including the community center - the library and recreation center have made donations - The Chamber of Commerce office is serving as a drop-off point for books -additionally, this lion has set up book collection Sundays at two local churches with one happening in October and the other in February.
2. She has been in contact with a teacher in one of the lower income schools who has been in desperate need of books for her class room and is in the process of fulfilling her needs.
3. Another lion has collected and distributed over 124 new books to the local community association and another local community group she just found out about.
4. Since the middle of July, Over 225 books have been donated and delivered to Yactman Center of the Advocate Children's Hospital in Park Ridge who provides books to the new born and kids who come in for medical exams.
5. A first year teacher in a lower income south side school is the recipient of over 300 books which will be used by her middle school students as well as lower grade students thanks to the Lions.
6. A club has a collection box and flyers at their local bank as well as the Alderman's office for the neighborhood to find out what the Lions are doing.
7. One club has taken it a step further and collected over 300 books to be given to residents in senior citizen housing.
8. One club has collected new books and read them to kids at a local Community Center.

Whether a club donates 1 book – 5 books - 500 books – the need is great and a part of the fiber of many of the communities in our District. That one book can mean the world to the child who receives it! As Dr. Seuss once said:

**The more that you read,
the more things you will know
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go!**

Submitted by District RAP Committee

BETWEEN THE LIONS



Great Job Lions! The Governors Goal of 5000 books collected is half way there, clubs brought almost **2200** books to the Jamboree! Plus the books collected and already delivered to local schools, community centers and other places in need by many clubs, maybe we can achieve the Governors goal by Christmas!

It is Official, the 2017 Lions Parade will be on State Street, downtown from Wacker to Congress. The committee met with the city and got approval.

Tinley Park Lioness will have a Candlelight Bowling on October 17th

Oak Park Celebrated 95 years of Lions service August 25th

Windy City Lions added 4 new members and collected books at their social meeting

Burbank and Bridgeview Lions celebrated 100 years of community service together
Night at the Races is Sept 24th

Westchester Lions will celebrate 50 years of service with an Oktoberfest Sept 26th, a fun afternoon. Lederhosen Optional !

Logan Square Lions are presenting an original mystery "The Eyes of the Owl" on Nov. 1st. See it Live don't wait for the movie!

VOICES is well on the way to start Pre-School screening, invite one of the directors to speak at your meeting to learn more and be a part of this sight saving project for kids. Call PDG Dave Hansen to set up a date.

Our Trustees Frank and Doc say thanks to all that attended and took part in making the Jamboree a great success - On to Candy Day!

Clubs IRS e-card filing is due Nov. 15th, full details of the changes on page 11 of this issue.

The MD-1 constitution and by-laws as amended and codified 8-15-15 is available on the MD-1 website, all clubs should have a copy on file. The LCI versions are on the LCI website under members-legal. Changes include the election of a third VP at the next International Convention.

World Sight Day is October 8th!

World Sight Week is October 4-10
Spectacle Sunday is in its 12th year, collect those glasses at church on October 25th.

Stickney Forest View Lions will hold their 2nd 5K race "**Lions Run for Hope**" on September 27th, at 8AM

Going to the 2016 convention in Japan? The Illinois State Pins are available from PDG Ralph Koller, order blank in this issue. Sure to be a hot item with Illinois hosting the 100th!

In keeping with Governor Ralphs goal, how about including a book from Santa for every kid on your clubs list? Less than 90 days away.!

PDG Norm Geeve will be 98 in November, he was born in 1917. Lets all send him a birthday card !! His address is in the directory.

Need a speaker for a meeting, try contacting the committee chairs in your directory; they have a world of knowledge and information on projects.



CANDY DAY HISTORY

Candy Days is held on the 2nd Weekend in October

PDG Marvin Tench didn't like the way blind people were being treated. They weren't objects of ridicule and pencil sellers; they were human beings with a right to dignity, education, and meaningful employment. His dream was a statewide effort of Lions to help the blind, and improve the understanding of blindness by the citizens.

In 1952, as a result of the work of PDG Tench and his friends, the Lions of Illinois adopted a resolution for a statewide drive: Prior to 1952, Lion efforts in the state were either local or district. After 1952, the face of Lionism would change forever in Illinois.

The first campaign was in which money was collected and plastic lapel pins, shaped like white canes, were given away. That first year \$11,000 was raised, and 60% of it was given to Hadley School for the Blind and Leader Dogs for the Blind, with the local clubs retaining the balance for local use. However, Chicago was not receptive to the program: the City Government stated Chicago could only have five tag days, and the lapel pin resembled a tag.

The Lions made themselves welcome in Chicago the next year by using Cracker Jacks - but the media did not respond. No one wanted to publicize a commercial product. In 1956, the Lions began giving away a candy roll with clear Lion markings. SUCCESS! The publicity coverage increased and so did the donations from the public.

Candy Day has grown to a net of \$100,000 in 1960, \$320,000 in 1965, \$597,000 in 1970, close to \$1 million in the early 1980's, and over \$1 million in the 1990s.

Not only that, the success in Illinois prompted other states to pick up the program, and by 1981, there were 15 states involved in Candy Day from Connecticut to New Mexico. Even Lions in Australia had begun a similar program.

In Illinois, programs and services were added as Candy Day expanded. In 1963, funds were given to Camp Lions and Dialogue, as well as to Hadley School for the Blind and Leader Dogs. With Camp Lions, the Lions were beginning a program of offering their own services as well as offering grants (money) to other agencies providing services. This trend was to continue into the early 1980's, with the Lions seeing needs and filling them — as a direct result of the success of Candy Day.

Although PDG Tench died in 1966, his dream lived after him. Carol Channing, Johnny Carson, Jack Benny, and other celebrities helped push the Candy Day dream. Jamborees were added so that Candy Day techniques could be refined. More and more Lions Clubs became involved. Problems of the deaf became an additional concern of Illinois Lions and Lions Clubs International with the Candy Day of the early 80's aimed at problems for the blind, visually impaired, deaf and hearing impaired.



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The Kids are

FREAKING OUT!



Thanks from one School in Brighton Park

“I just wanted to let you know that we just finished counting and you sent 476 books!!!! The kids are FREAKING out !

The kids sorted through the books and we were able to give a full box (or more!) of books to each grade in the school! So Kindergarten through 8th all received new books. All the teachers are so thankful and the kids are all exploring the books excitedly.

Thank you so much. **It really is life changing for some of these kids”**



Some of the 250 students saying thanks to the Lions!
District 1-A Book Collection 2015-2016



OCTOBER 8, 2015

Uniting Lions to Improve Sight and Prevent Blindness

Since 1988, Lions World Sight Day has raised awareness about the importance of eye health and the need for quality eye care services for all. On this special day of service, Lions clubs around the world conduct sight-related projects including: vision screenings, eyeglass donations, restorative surgeries, eye health education programs, and the donation of assistive devices to those with vision impairment.

Lions World Sight Day is traditionally held in the month of October. This year, Lions are encouraged to organize their Lions World Sight Day activities in conjunction with the **Lions World Wide Week of Service in Sight**.



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If there is a need, there is a Lion; was aptly demonstrated when Chicago Central Lions Club past president Lion Jim Kesteloot was appointed by the president to lead this hardworking group that seeks and help employ thousands of blind and disabled persons. His record over the years at the Lighthouse speaks for itself. Information courtesy of the Chicago Lighthouse.

Former Lighthouse President James M. Kesteloot Elected to Lead Presidentially-Appointed Commission

James M. Kesteloot, immediate past president and current board member of The Chicago Lighthouse, has been elected Chairperson of the U.S. AbilityOne Commission®.

The Commission is responsible for administering the AbilityOne® Program, one of the largest employment sources for Americans who are blind or have significant disabilities. Providing more than 45,000 job opportunities nationwide in FY2014 alone, the AbilityOne Program delivers quality product and service solutions to Federal customers and is an important part of the U.S. military industrial base.

Kesteloot, who had a distinguished career of more than 40 years with The Lighthouse before his retirement in 2008, was first named to the Commission by President Obama in 2010. He is widely respected as a national advocate in assisting people who are visually impaired in securing employment.

“I am honored to serve as the next Chairperson of the U.S. AbilityOne Commission,” he said. “I envision a strong team going forward as we work to find new and innovative ways to increase employment opportunities for people who are blind or have significant disabilities.”

Kesteloot has served as Vice Chairperson since July 2011, and is the Chair of the Employment Growth Subcommittee.

Among his many awards and citations is the prestigious Migel Medal, which Kesteloot received from the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) in 2014 for his “outstanding achievements in the fields of blindness and low vision.



New Members



LIONS CLUBS IRS E-CARD FILING REPORT REMINDER

This is just a reminder that for all clubs who have registered and are on file with the IRS – your Form 990-N (e-Postcard) is due within 5 months of the end of your Lions year which in most cases is June 30. Therefore your filing deadline is NOVEMBER 15 and the e-card filing MUST BE DONE ON LINE. You cannot file the e-postcard until after your tax year ends.

Go to: <http://www.irs.gov/uac/e-file-for-Charities-and-Non-Profits> - click “filing” upper left hand corner of page

This takes you to a new page which lists information on the filing – click the 3rd paragraph -

Form 990 Resources and Tools for Exempt Organizations

[Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Exempt Organizations — Form 990-N \(e-Postcard\)](#)

You will find information about the e-Postcard filing requirements and links to the filing system and public disclosure site on this page.

How to File

Use [this link](#) to file the *e-Postcard*. If you have trouble accessing the system using that link, you may be able to access the filing site directly by typing or pasting the following address into your Internet browser: <http://epostcard.form990.org>. When you access the system, you will leave the IRS site and file the *e-Postcard* with the IRS through our trusted partner, Urban Institute. The form must be completed and filed electronically. There is no paper form

Information Needed to File e-Postcard

Completing the e-Postcard requires the eight items listed below:

[Employer identification number](#) (EIN), also known as a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).

[Tax year](#)

Legal name and mailing address

Any other names the organization uses

Name and address of a principal officer

Web site address if the organization has one

Confirmation that the organization's annual [gross receipts](#) are \$50,000 or less

If applicable, a statement that the organization has terminated or is terminating (going out of business)

Because of some issues relative to “hacking” you may have to change your password – (I did) – just follow the instructions

If you do not remember your login ID: For tax exempt organizations, your login ID starts with the EIN of your organization (without the dash/hyphen) plus two digits. The two digits are placed at the end of the EIN and are 01 for the first person who prepares the organization's 990-N (e-postcard). That login ID does not change until a new person takes over preparing the Form 990-N. The new person would obtain their own login ID - which will end with 02. So for EIN 55-5555555, the first login ID would be 5555555501. The Login ID for the second person who prepares the Form 990-N would be 5555555502. The Login ID for the person after that would be 5555555503 and so on. **If the same person prepares the Form 990-N each year, their login ID does not change from year to year**



LIONS OF ILLINOIS MD-1 FORUM
NOVEMBER 14, 2015
EMBASSY SUITES EAST PEORIA
100 CONFERENCE CENTER DR, EAST PEORIA, IL



Schedule of Events

Morning
 Registration: 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
 Seminars: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Afternoon
 Lunch: 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
 Seminars: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
 Closing Session: 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Seminars & Activities

This year's MD1 Lions Leadership Forum promises a few new twists. A GUIDING LION training will be held for 30 interested Lions who register for this session. Also available will be the (CEP) CLUB EXCELLENCE PROCESS FACILITATOR Training for 30 Lions. Please note on your registration form if you wish to be involved in one or both of these sessions. These spaces will be filled on a first come first served basis. Please note: a Lion could participate in one, both, or neither of these sessions.

LIONS GONE WILD will be a double session that allows Lions to select from ten topics and attend four mini-sessions. Topics include communication, goal setting, effective meetings, creativity, diversity, conflict resolution, managing change, recognition, time management, and presentation skills. We will also feature a panel on Engaging Younger Members as well as the latest on Membership Techniques, and MUCH MUCH MORE!

There are no Friday Night Activities planned, but this might be a great time to have a reunion of your Council of Governors, RLLI group, or just a friendly dinner. Lions are a social group! Why not make some plans to renew friendships?

Reservations for lodging at the rate of \$99.00/night (plus tax) - which includes breakfast - can be made by calling the Embassy Suites at: **(800) 362-2779** by **October 23, 2015**. To receive the discounted Forum group rate, let them know you are with the Lions of Illinois.

REGISTRATION FORM • One Form Per Person

Registration Fee is \$25.00 per person and includes Seminars and Lunch
 Please Make Checks Payable to Lions of Illinois, Inc., and mail to:
 Lions of Illinois, Inc. • POB 127 • Hopedale, IL 61747-0127
 Completed Registration Form and Fee must be received by November 6, 2015

Total Enclosed in Cash or Check No. _____ = \$ 25.00

Name: _____ Phone or E-Mail: _____

Club: _____ District 1- _____ Lion Officer Position: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

The following two sessions are limited to 30 participants. Please select your participation choice.

to participate in the GUIDING LION training.

to participate in the CEP Facilitator training.



The District Welcomes new members as reported to LCI since July First.

We know there were additional members inducted, but the computer at LCI may be behind since the last month of reporting is shown as August.

New Members, Always wear you pin, sponsors, great job and make sure that your new members become involved, learn about being a Lion and attend meetings.

CHICAGO ECUADOREAN	Victoria	Leon	7/1/2015 0:00	SONNIA ESTEVEZ
CHICAGO AFRICAN	Oghenerume	Siebere	7/1/2015 0:00	
CHICAGO AFRICAN	Amre	Chapele	7/1/2015 0:00	
CHICAGO AFRICAN	Ese	Chapele	7/1/2015 0:00	
LANSING	Ignacio	Carrillo	7/10/2015 0:00	Humberto Rivera
WILLOW SPRINGS	Chester	Hiller	7/15/2015 0:00	MICHAEL SMIGIELSKI
CHICAGO MONTCLARE ELMWOOD PARK	Sigrid	Polanek	7/21/2015 0:00	RICHARD POLANEK
CHICAGO MONTCLARE ELMWOOD PARK	Catherine	Kaiser	7/21/2015 0:00	MITCH KAISER
CHICAGO MONTCLARE ELMWOOD PARK	Jessica	Kaiser	7/21/2015 0:00	MITCH KAISER
CHICAGO MONTCLARE ELMWOOD PARK	Christian	Arrieta	7/21/2015 0:00	Taylor French
CHICAGO MONTCLARE ELMWOOD PARK	Doreen	French	7/21/2015 0:00	Dwayne French
CHICAGO CENTRAL	Zenobia	Shelby	7/24/2015 0:00	Mary Howe
CHICAGO CENTRAL	Arlena	Barnes-Moten	7/24/2015 0:00	LEE GILBERT
CHICAGO CENTRAL	Valarie	Ponder	7/24/2015 0:00	Mary Howe
CHICAGO CENTRAL	Jennifer	Miller	7/24/2015 0:00	Dominic Calabrese
CHICAGO LOGAN SQUARE	Donna	Dawson	8/1/2015 0:00	ALBERTA O'SHAUGHNESSY
CHICAGO WINDY CITY	Kerstin	Rust	8/1/2015 0:00	Emily Burnett
CHICAGO AFRICAN	Jennifer	Imagoro	8/1/2015 0:00	
CHICAGO WINDY CITY	KAT	KELLER	8/12/2015 0:00	
CHICAGO WINDY CITY	Jason	Shuckhart	8/12/2015 0:00	RICHARD LA JOYE
CHICAGO FIL USA	Rogelio	Pascual	8/13/2015 0:00	LYDIA GARCIA
CHICAGO FIL USA	Febie	Viloria	8/13/2015 0:00	LYDIA GARCIA
CHICAGO FIL USA	Chris	MALOYAN	8/13/2015 0:00	LYDIA GARCIA
CHICAGO FIL USA	Estella	Stapinski	8/14/2015 0:00	LYDIA GARCIA
OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST	Lawanda	Shelton	8/20/2015 0:00	Kathryn Beedle
CHICAGO CENTRAL	Jeremy	Ruthstein	8/25/2015 0:00	Dominic Calabrese

District 1-A Pin Order Form

2016 MD-1-Illinois Pins

Mail Pins To: _____



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Stick Pin



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New 2016 MD-1 ILLINOIS PINS for the International Convention in Fukuoka, Japan

District 1-A members may order any amount

I want _____ Pins	@ \$2.00 each	\$ _____
I want _____ Charms	@ \$1.50 each	\$ _____
I want _____ Stick pins	@ \$1.50 each	\$ _____
I want _____ sets	@ \$5.00 each	\$ _____
Total order		\$ _____

Call or e-mail Ralph Koller to arrange how to receive your pin order.

Make checks payable to: District 1-A Lions

Send this form and check to:

Lion Ralph Koller
 9037 Roach Avenue
 Brookfield, IL 60513
 rk7737@gmail.com

From last issue!

As long as you are searching for answers, here are some more questions for you!

1. Who was Bob Towne? **Melvin Jones sponsor to the Business Circle**
2. Who was Lion Halsted Ritter? **Denver Lion that gave us LIBERTY, INTELLIGENCE OUR NATIONS SAFETY -LIONS**
3. Who was Lion George Bonham? Hint-an Illinois Lion-**Inventor of the white cane, from Peoria!**
4. Who is Lion Barney Gill? **Easy One- our Millionth Member**
5. In 1920 our current emblem was approved by the Board, What club is responsible for the design? **Oklahoma City Lions, tweaked by Melvin Jones**



Join Lions everywhere for a special Lions Worldwide Week of Service October 4-10th designed to eliminate preventable blindness and improve sight in our communities. It's a great opportunity to show your commitment to sight and to help us reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people.

Start planning a project to save sight in your community. From vision screenings and awareness campaigns, to helping friends and neighbors with visual impairments, there are countless ways to make a difference. No matter how you choose to serve, be sure to join us for this Centennial service event!

Did you know that Lions are the largest sponsor of Scout troops in the world?

The relationship between Lions Clubs International and scouting organizations dates back to the early 1900s. Since then, our collaboration has provided meaningful benefits to scouts, Lions and to the communities being served.

When Lions charter a new troop or partner with local scouts, they serve as mentors and help youth achieve their full potential through community engagement. When scouts participate in the planning and implementation of Lions-sponsored service projects, they contribute a unique perspective and energy to addressing local issues. And when Lions and scouts combine their expertise, resources and dedication to improving the lives of others, they can make a real difference in the community!

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization, with a network of 1.4 million men and women in more than 210 countries and geographical locations. We serve where we live, as well as globally, and we have fun doing it. Though well known for its successful initiatives in vision health, Lions service is as diverse as its members. We meet all sorts of needs, from assisting the elderly to helping victims of natural disasters.

Lions give 100 percent of donations to our causes. We cover all our costs through our dues.

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LIONISM, THE PERFECT FORMULA

Our Diversity is Our Strength

In Japan, our society owes a lot to bushido, the code of conduct of the samurai. Samurai have positive and negative sides, but samurai uphold stability and ensure peace. Other positive traditional values of the bushido are respecting one's elders, protecting the weak and valuing fairness and honor.

Every culture has its own wonderful virtues, and each of the 210 nations and geographic areas that are part of Lions Clubs International contributes to the strength and vitality of the association. The multi-colored fabric of Lions owes its durability and flexibility to its disparate individual strands.

In other words, our diversity is our strength. We are not a cookie-cutter association. One size does not fit all. Clubs are free to choose their own projects and recruit their own members. The more we value diversity and model that in our clubs the more we will prosper.

So this year I urge clubs to continue to reach out to women, younger people and middle-aged people to diversify our ranks. A club gains new perspectives and renewed energy with a diverse membership.

By the same token, don't hesitate to try new projects. We can't grow stale. We don't eat stale bread or rice and we don't want a stale club. We must have the courage to turn our clubs into fresh, young and vibrant ones.

We also must work together. An ancient story illustrates the power of teamwork. A powerful samurai lord, Mori Motonari, took aside his three sons and easily snapped a single arrow. But when he held three arrows together the well-muscled man could not break the bunch. The moral is clear. Americans even have their own saying for it: united we stand, divided we fall. When the 1.4 million Lions family is united, we can deliver the light of service throughout the world.

So this year let's embody the samurai spirit. Lions, be samurai. But when you go on your service activities, please keep your sharp swords at home and carry with you only the samurai spirit!

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada

Lions Clubs International President

