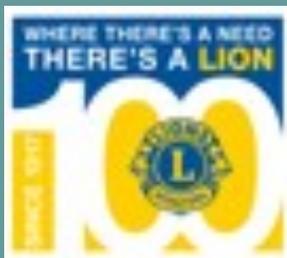
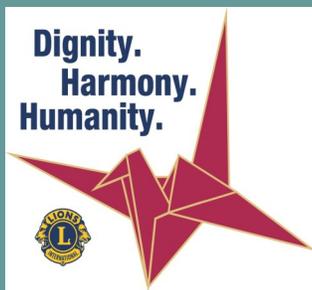




LIONS' VIEW

District 1-A Lions Clubs

On Line - Number 11

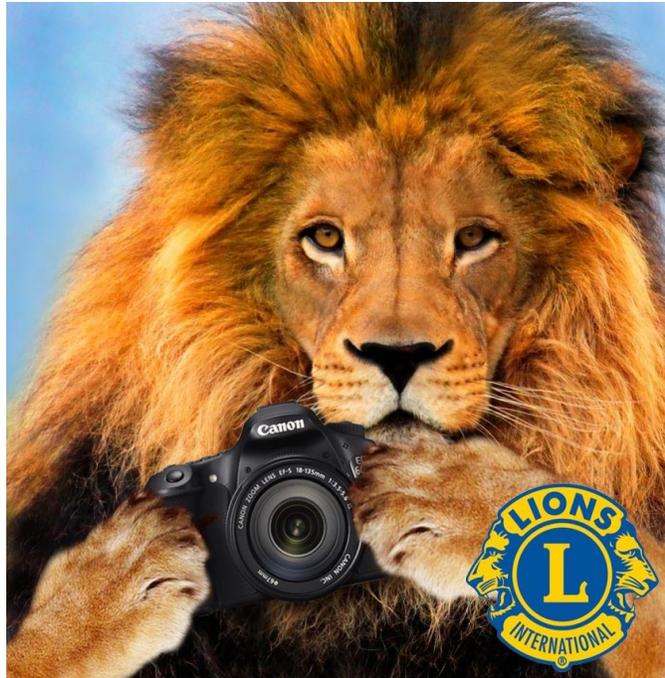


*COWBOY UP AT
THE 48TH ANNUAL
DISTRICT 1-A
CONVENTION*

District 1-A Lions Clubs
District Governor
Lion Ralph Zarada

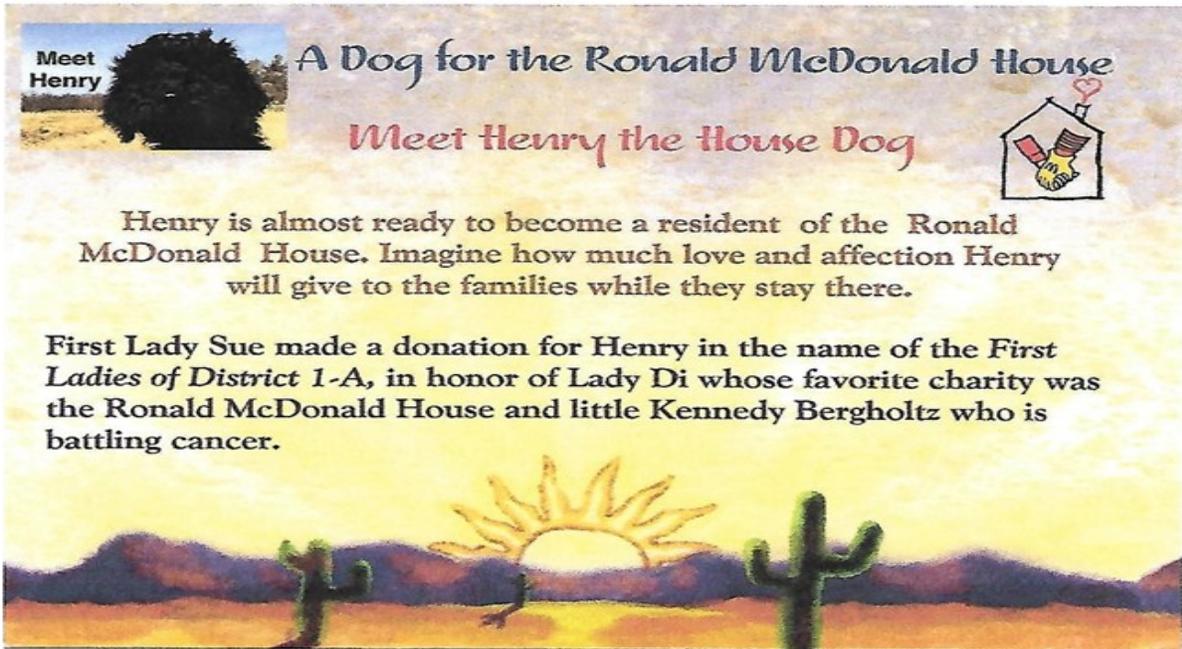
Vice Governors
Lion Ernie Lapid 1st
Lion Pat Duda 2nd

Administrative Assistant & Advisor
Lion Terry D'Souza IPDG
Cabinet Secretary Lion Brenda Block
Cabinet Treasurer Lion Andy Liamaga



The Lions View

Is published quarterly by the District 1-A Lions Clubs, for the promotion and education of the Lions, Lioness and Leos of District 1-A, International Association of Lions Clubs. Lions View will be available on the 1-A Website.



17 first ladies and special guests attending the District A Convention Breakfast Holding out their hands in friendship to Dr. Yamada with a miniature crane resting on their palms.



District 1-A Officers for the 2016-2017 Year

District 1-A Governor	Lion Ernie Lapid, Chicago Philippine Lions Club
1st VD Governor	Lion Pat Duda, Chicago Mexica Lions Club
2nd VD Governor	Lion Howard Swacker, Thornton Lions Club
Cabinet Secretary	Lion Brenda Block, Calumet City Lions Club
Cabinet Treasurer	Lion Art Dilay, Chicago Maharlika Lions
DistrictTrustee-2 years	Lion Frank Kirar, Oak Lawn Club

V.O.I.C.E.S—THREE NEW TRUSTEES

Lion Brenda Guterrez, Chicago Mexica Lions Club

Lion Myrna Cordero, Fil-USA Lions Club

Lion Al Hanson, Chicago Jefferson Park Lions Club

A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS!

From the over 500 people in attendance at

The 48th District 1-A Convention

April 1-3, 2016

To the District 1-A Convention Committee

Again—Thanks For a job well done!

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT DISTRICT 1-A CONVENTION

RESOLUTION #1: LIONS VIEW MAGAZINE;

Section Three: Finance, District Budget of the District 1A Policy Manual be revised to remove the \$1.00 collected per member for the online Lions View Magazine. The above described revisions to the District 1-A Policy Manual will become effective at the close of the 2016 District 1-A Convention, subject to the approval of the certified delegates at the 2016 District 1A Convention.

RESOLUTION #2: DISTRICT DUES:

Section Three: Finance, District Budget of the District 1-A Policy Manual be revised to increase the dues collected per member by \$1.00 (from the online Lions View Magazine subscription A-06) and be allocated to the District Dues A-03 budget line item. The District dues of the membership will increase to \$5.00. The above described revisions to the District 1-A Policy Manual will become effective at the close of the 2016 District 1-A Convention, subject to the approval of the certified delegates at the 2016 District 1-A Convention.

RESOLUTION #3: DELIQUENT DUES

Section Two of Article VI of the District 1-A Constitution, entitled District Convention be amended, effective at the close of the 2016 District 1-A Convention, by inserting the phrases in the last sentence of Section 2 as shown in bold and deleting the phrase shown in strikethrough below:

Delinquent dues must be paid and good standing acquired at least 15 days prior to the close of credential certification (~~may be paid and good standing acquired at any time prior to the close of credential certification~~); as such closing time shall be established by the rules of the respective convention









A Missed Opportunity

Past Council Chair Georg Toft died on December 2, 2015 at the age of 79 an active caring Lion for almost 50 years. Lion Georg was an organ donor and had the little red Illinois on his driver's license. Unfortunately, neither the hospital, or the funeral home asked the members of his family if he was a donor and thus the **opportunity was missed** for him to donate his eyes, organs or whatever could be used. This was not thought about until a couple of days after the funeral. **A very sad missed opportunity!** What we had forgotten to do is to talk to one another about the simple fact that we both were registered with Life Goes On.

How many of you have looked at your driver's license recently to see if you are registered with **Life Goes On**? If you have taken the time to find the little red mark on the front of your driver's license and found it, how many of you have recently made your family aware of the fact that you are a donor?. I have asked some of the lions and their reactions were interesting. They could not remember if they were registered or not – they had to take out their driver's license to see if the red mark was there and then when I asked had they told or reminded their family that they were donors, in a number of cases, the answer was no. **More Missed Opportunities!**

I am also a donor – when I was issued my State ID card back in 1999 – I wrote on the back I wanted my eyes donated – the writing has since become worn and faded over the years and to be honest I had forgotten I had done this. After Georg's passing, I found out that in 2006 the law was changed and I would have to re-register. **An almost missed opportunity!**

I have re-registered on line and have received a letter from the Secretary of State thanking me for consenting to help others by taking part in this life saving program. I have notified my children very vocally and via e-mail that they understand I am a donor – **this will not be another missed opportunity!**

Currently there are more than 5.4 million people registered in Illinois. However, there are more than 5,000 people waiting for a life saving transplant and each year in Illinois about 300 people die due to the shortage of available organs. Registration is simple - you can register at a driver services facility – call 800-210-2106 or go to www.lifegoeson.com to register.

STATISTICS ON ORGAN, EYE AND TISSUE DONATION

Last year, approximately 8,000 donors made possible more than 22,000 organ transplants. In addition, there were nearly 6,000 transplants from living donors.

More than 46,000 sight-restoring corneal transplants were performed in the U.S last year.

Anyone can donate eyes. If the corneal tissue is not transplantable, due to age or medical condition, the donation can, with consent, be considered a gift for research and education.

Each year, approximately 30,000 tissue donors save and heal lives.

The need for donated organ, corneas and tissue continues to grow. More than 120,000 men, women and children currently await lifesaving organ transplants. Sadly, an average of 28 people die each day due to a lack of available organs.

As a donor, you individually can save and heal the lives of more than 25 people. Donated organs and tissue may include the following:

**ORGANS: heart, intestines, kidneys, liver, lungs, pancreas
TISSUE; bones, corneas, heart valves, skin, tendons, veins**

Eversight formerly known as the Illinois Eye Bank is the source of much of this information. The name was changed to Eversight in 2015. Kara Kelly, who provided these materials is a Lion and also the Illinois Eye Health State Chairperson. I asked her a number of questions and these are her responses.

[Question: If someone has a loved one who passes away – do they contact Eversight from the hospital?](#)

Answer: The hospital will automatically report all deaths that occur in a hospital to Gift of Hope and Eversight. Gift of Hope is the organization that recovers organs and tissues. Eversight recovers eyes and corneas. Each time a death is reported, the patient is evaluated for eligibility for organ, tissue and eyes based on age and other health history. If a patient is eligible, the donor registry is checked to see if they have already indicated their consent. The family is then contacted about donation. Since we receive a large number of these calls from all over the state, we have to set some parameters for eligibility. If someone falls outside the age parameters, but would still like to donate, the family may have to pursue this further by telling the hospital that donation needs to occur and to let us know that.

Question: [How long do you have to get to the person who has passed and how is it determined what organs will be taken?](#)

Answer: For tissue and eye donation, we have up to 20 hours after death is pronounced to recover tissue and eyes. This must be done before any embalming procedures occur. For organs, these patients are on ventilator support because there must be circulation of blood in the organs up until they are recovered. Organ recovery only occurs in a small percentage of the population (less than 2%) These are recovered on individuals that are pronounced brain dead, or have a severe neurologic injury.

Question: [What I am looking for is just a bit of "A,B,C," information on what the people should be doing.](#)

Answer: First, it is important to make a decision on whether or not donation is right for you. Next, take action by joining the donor registry. It's easy to do. Join when you renew your license, sign up online, or call. Next, be sure to discuss your wishes with your family. Families often tell me that they remember having a discussion after their loved ones die, and it helped them to know exactly how they felt when it came time to making decisions about donation.

Do not include this information in your will. A will is usually not looked at until after the funeral, and it is too late to do anything about donation then.

If circumstances around an illness allow for families to begin preparing end of life decisions, such as a terminal illness that may involve hospice or palliative care, you can have hospice contact us about arranging donation at death, or the family can contact us to let us know a death is pending and donation is requested.

Some families request donation when they prearrange funerals as well. Many funeral directors contact us if a family requests donation.

Unless a death occurs in a hospital, we may never know the death occurs, and the donation wishes will not be fulfilled. **Coroners, funeral homes, nursing homes and hospices are not required to report deaths.** Although we work closely with all of these healthcare professionals to support our efforts, there is no mandate to make sure that it happens. Recovery of eyes and corneas can be done at a hospital, a funeral home, or a coroner's morgue.

I know that the state ID's are perpetual, so best to sign up online or by phone if not renewing a driver's license any time soon. Remind folks to look for the donor graphic on the front of the license now to identify their participation.

Eye donation will not cause disfiguration or prevent an open casket viewing. The donor's eyes are closed and a small prosthesis is inserted in the eye area so that donation is not noticeable.

Eye donation is done soon after death and does not delay any funeral arrangements/schedules.

Eye donation does not cost the donor family anything. The process of recovering, evaluating and providing tissue for transplant, research or medical training is covered by the recipients of the tissue.

Eversight is a non-profit organization. They only pass on the cost to recover and provide tissue to the recipient. Eversight has never denied anyone a transplant based on their ability to cover this processing fee. They have a charitable tissue program that allows them to work with patients that have no insurance or ability to pay for surgery. They work closely with surgeons to identify these patients to get this help. This is done with the help of charitable contributions. The registry does not allow you to pick and choose what you would like to donate. It shares your consent, and then Eversight identifies what you are eligible for at time of death based on age and other health concerns.

Eversight is a partner with the Lions of Illinois Eye Research Institute: They provide both research and transplant tissue to the institute. On average they supply 70-100 tissues per month to LIERI.

Eversight has two (2) labs in Illinois with the largest being located in Chicago and a smaller lab in Bloomington. They provide service to the northern 2/3 of Illinois.

Upon death, they have up to 20 hours to recover ocular tissue. This can be done at the hospital, coroner's office or funeral home. They work with the IL Secretary of State's donor registry program. They first check the registry to see if the individual has already made the decision to donate. If they are not on the registry, they offer the opportunity to the next of kin.

Eversight have staff 24 hours a day to help with this process as well as staff to recover tissue.

SUMMARY

If you are not now a tissue or organ donor, please think about it and register for the Gift of Life. If you currently are an organ donor—does your family know of your wishes?

Don't let it be another Missed Opportunity!

Respectfully submitted

Lion Judy Toft

Lion Judy Toft, in memory of
Lion Georg Toft

In its literacy quest, District 1-A has reached the SUMMIT in its
Book Collection and Distribution of gently used books As of March 31, 2016

12,800 Books

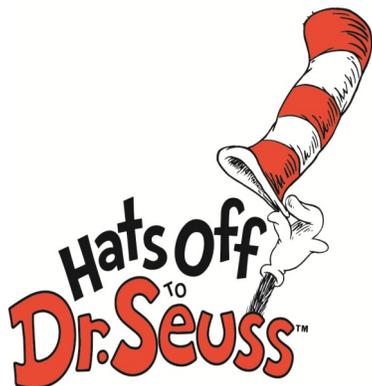
Thank you District 1-A Lions

AND SPECIAL THANKS TO

Lion Sig Polanek

Lion Terri Yauger

Lion Lourdes Mons





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Save the Date

Saturday, June 25, 2016

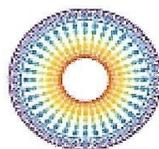
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**Lions of Illinois Eye Research Institute
1905 W. Taylor Street, Chicago, Illinois**

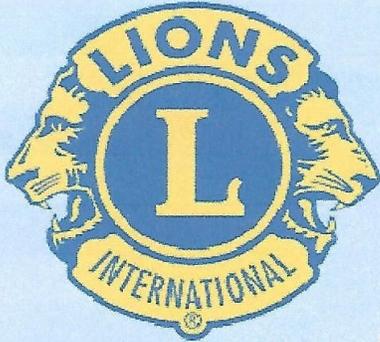
Please join us for a celebration of the partnership between the Lions of Illinois Foundation and the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago as we celebrate 30 years of innovation in vision research and impassioned patient care at the Lions of Illinois Eye Research Institute. There will be tours of the laboratories and demonstrations of the impact that the Lions of Illinois' investment 30 years ago is still fostering today.

Lion Mario J. Gumino, PDG
Executive Director
Lions of Illinois Foundation

Mark I. Rosenblatt, MD, PhD, MBA
Professor and Head
Illinois Lions/Charles I. Young Chair
Department of Ophthalmology
and Visual Sciences
University of Illinois at Chicago



Illinois Eye
ILLINOIS EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY



Save the
Date

**2016-2017
Incoming Officers Briefing
and Membership Rally**

Saturday, June 4, 2016

Willow Springs School
8345 Archer Avenue
Willow Springs, IL

Registration: 8:30 a.m.
Workshop: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Continental breakfast will be served.

The club
with the
most
members
registered
will win
the
Traveling
Trophy!

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

HOW DO I DOWNLOAD THE LIONS LOGO AND/OR OTHER LOGOS?

Lions logos are available for download from this website. [Please visit the Logos page](#) and follow the instructions. If you do not see a logo you want to use on this page, it is not available for download at this time.

HOW DO I FIND WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR ON THE NEW LIONS WEBSITE?

The search bar is the most efficient way to find information on any topic on the site. Click the Search icon (magnifying glass) at the top right-hand corner of any page on the site.

Type in the keyword, phrase or topic for which you need more info; for example, if you want to download a Lions logo, type in "logos." Hit Enter on your keyboard.

A list of search results will appear on your screen, with pages from the LCI and LCIF sites that contain the term you typed.

Click on the page that best matches your needs.

If you still can't find the right page, try typing in a more specific term.

WHY DOES THE WEBSITE LOOK DIFFERENT ON MY COMPUTER MONITOR THAN ON MY SMARTPHONE?

The new Lions website is a responsive design, meaning the pages will adjust in size and layout according to what device you're using to view the site. All of the same information is still there, whether you're using your computer, Smartphone or tablet.

[Find more FAQs about our website.](#)

Assistance/Donations/Service FAQs

HOW DO I REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM THE LIONS FOR VISION, HEARING, FINANCIAL AID OR SPONSORSHIP?

The Lions programs are funded and administrated locally. To find a club serving your community, use the Club Locator link that appears at the top of home page. This is a directory of all active Lions clubs.

Please note: Not all clubs have a physical location, address or telephone number.

- [Open the Club Locator link.](#) In the Search bar enter only the name of the city. Select the "Search" button.
- A list of clubs will appear. Next to the Club President's name may appear an envelope icon. This is an e-mail template. Complete the entire form, describing in detail the assistance you seek.

HOW DO I DONATE EYEGLASSES AND WHAT DO THE LIONS ACCEPT?

The Lions accept new, used, prescription, non-prescription, eyeglasses, safety glasses and sunglasses. Broken or incomplete glasses are not accepted. Lions Clubs International does not have a recycling program for contact lenses.

Please note: Lions Clubs International headquarters and Lions clubs are legally prohibited from providing a tax receipt for your donation. They also may not suggest a Fair Market Value for glasses donated. We suggest contacting a licensed tax preparer in your community for a Fair Market Value determination.

Walmart Vision Centers In the United States, you may deposit glasses in the eyeglass collection box at participating local Walmart Vision Centers. Donated glasses are routed to our regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers, where they are processed and stored until needed.

Donating to the Local Lions Clubs / How to Find A Club

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To learn about the club and its programs, open the link "club website" on the far right side.

HOW DO I DONATE HEARING AIDS?

The Lions accept used hearing aids at designated locations. [View the list of Hearing Aid Recycling Program Centers by opening this PDF](#). Or contact a Lions-affiliated foundation in your region to learn if they have a program.

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ARE DONATIONS TO THE LIONS TAX DEDUCTIBLE? (U.S. only)

In the United States, the Internal Revenue Service does not allow donations to be claimed if given to LCI Headquarters or given directly or indirectly to our clubs because LCI, along with its clubs, has a 501 (c)(4) status. Tax deductions are permitted if given to any 501 (c)(3) foundation, such as a Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers or a Lions Hearing Aid Recycling Program Center. For residents in all other countries, please check with a licensed tax advisor in your community to learn if donations may be claimed

HOW DO I REQUEST A RECEIPT FOR MY DONATION? (U.S. only)

Only Lions foundations may provide a receipt. When making a donation to one of the Lions 501 (c)(3) foundations (recycling centers), we recommend enclosing a brief request for an acknowledgement, an itemized list of your donation and a self-addressed, postage paid envelope.

LCI Headquarters and Lions clubs may not legally provide a tax receipt for your donation or provide a Fair Market Value.

HOW DO I REQUEST EYEGLASSES FOR A MISSION OR HEALTH FAIR?

Both Lions and non-Lions may order glasses from our Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers [LERCs]. Contact any of our LERCs to place an order. Each Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center has a website that describes the procedure for ordering glasses. Please call or write the LERC staff with your questions. [View the list of Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers.](#)

Legal FAQs

DOES OUR CLUB HAVE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR OUR EVENT?

The International Association of Lions Clubs has a program of Commercial General Liability Insurance that covers Lions on a world-wide basis. All clubs (including Leo and Lioness), districts and Lions approved foundations are automatically insured. Certificates of Insurance provide evidence of the coverage provided. The [General Liability Program Summary](#) describes the coverage afforded, including who is insured by this coverage as well as some coverage basics and exclusions.

HOW DO I OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE?

[A certificate of insurance may be obtained by clicking here.](#) Alternatively, Lions Clubs International's insurance broker, DSP Insurance Services, will prepare a certificate for your club. You can contact their office at 1-800-316-6705.

WHAT IS THE TAX STATUS OF MY LIONS CLUB? (U.S. only)

Lions Clubs organized and chartered within the United States are included under the group tax exemption maintained by Lions Clubs International. The tax exemption falls under IRS Code Section 501(c) 4, group tax exemption number 0239. You can email the Legal Division at legal@lionsclubs.org for copies of the tax determination letters issued by the Internal Revenue Service.

CAN MY CLUB CHANGE ITS TAX STATUS TO AN IRS CODE SECTION 501(c)3 EXEMPTION? (U.S. only)

No. The purposes of Lions Clubs do not qualify for exemption under IRS Code Section 501(c)3. These purposes may not be changed as they are consistent throughout our organization. However, clubs and districts (single, sub- and multiple) can set-up a charitable organization, known as a foundation, to qualify for the IRS Code Section 501(c)3. Additional information is available on the [Legal Division's Resources Page](#) of the website.

HOW MANY DELEGATES IS MY CLUB ENTITLED TO FOR THE DISTRICT CONVENTION?

The number of delegates and alternates are based on the number of members enrolled in your club for at least one year and one day as shown on the records of the international office. All newly chartered clubs are entitled to one delegate and one alternate. [Please refer to Article IX, Section 3 of International By-Laws.](#)

ARE TRANSFER MEMBERS INCLUDED FOR PURPOSES OF CALCULATING THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES?

A transferee shall be counted as a member for the purpose of calculating the delegate entitlement of the club if the transferee has been a member of receiving transfer club for at least one year and one day.

WHAT IS THE PROCEDURE FOR REMOVAL OF A CLUB MEMBER?

[Article III, Section 3 of the Standard Form Lions Club Constitution](#) provides: Any member may be expelled from the club for cause by a two-thirds vote of the entire board of directors.

HOW DO I OBTAIN A COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS?

The constitutions and by-laws (International, Multiple District, District and Lions Club) are available to be downloaded from the [Legal Division's resource page](#)

DO I NEED PERMISSION TO USE THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL EMBLEM?

Lions Clubs International has a legal obligation to protect the registered trademarks of Lions Clubs International. The International Board of Directors has adopted policies which define the LCI trademarks and to provide Lions club members with guidelines on how and when the trademarks can be used. [You can review these guidelines by clicking here.](#)

CAN MY LIONS CLUB PRINT T-SHIRTS WITH THE LIONS EMBLEM?

Lions are automatically granted permission to use, purchase, sell, manufacture or distribute apparel items excluding vests with LCI trademarks when each individual item does not exceed 30 in one fiscal year. Lions clubs exceeding 30 members have been automatically granted permission to use the LCI trademarks when the apparel items, excluding vests, do not exceed the total number of club members. For use on other items, [please review the trademark policies.](#)

WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR, FIRST OR SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR?

The qualifications for these offices can be found in the [International By-Laws, Article IX, Sections 4, 6\(b\) and 6\(c\)](#) – District Conventions and Elections. The district nominating committee, appointed in accordance with the district

constitution and by-laws, is responsible for determining whether the candidate has met the qualifications set forth above.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS VS. PUBLIC/ACTIVITY FUNDS?

Generally speaking, public funds are net earnings of income raised from activities open to the public. Administrative funds are contributions from Lions through dues, fines, rental fees and other individual Lions Contributions. Further information related to the use of funds can be found in the [Use of Funds Policy and Use of Funds Policy FAQ on the Legal Division web page.](#)

CAN PUBLIC FUNDS BE USED TO RECOGNIZE A CLUB MEMBER WITH A MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP?

Yes, the Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) recognizes donations of US\$1,000. A club and/or district (single, sub- and multiple) may donate public funds to LCIF and recognize a member of the club as an honor.

IS PROXY VOTING ALLOWED?

Proxy voting is strictly prohibited in club, district (single, sub- and multiple) and association affairs.

I WAS REMOVED FROM MY CLUB WITHOUT MY KNOWLEDGE. WHAT RECOURSE DO I HAVE?

All disputes relating to membership, club and district boundaries, policies and interpretation of a club, district multiple district constitution and by-laws are types of disputes that would be proper under the Dispute Resolution Procedures. In determining which DRP is appropriate, the parties should consider the scope of the issue in dispute and whether it is a club, district or multiple district matter. [You can review the dispute resolutions procedures and the dispute resolution guidelines by clicking here.](#)

MD-1 2016 State Convention

May 20-22, 2016

President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield, Illinois



Featuring the "Meet the Corlews" Continental Breakfast!

- 🍷 A delicious breakfast of pastries, breakfast sandwiches, coffee & juice (complimentary with purchase of the Convention Meal Package)
- 🍷 Presentation by 1st Vice President Chancellor Lion Bob and Lion Diane Corlew on "Lions Moving Up"
- 🍷 Fun photo opportunities for Facebook postings

And, in the District attendance goals race, 1-BK and 1-J are tied the lead with 1-CS and 1-D right behind!

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Current</u>
1-A	50	4
1-BK	70	15
1-CN	25	2
1-CS	30	13
1-D	50	14
1-F	50	6
1-G	50	6
1-H	50	5
1-J	75	15
1-M	50	5



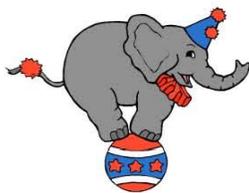
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Register online today at www.illinoislionsmd1.org

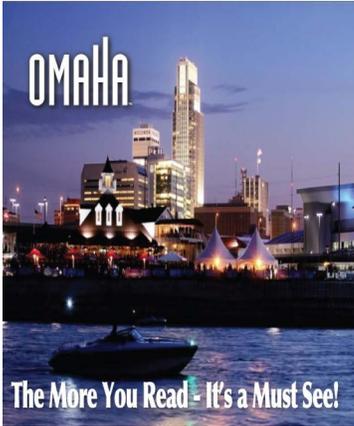


**Don't let the TIME
get away from you!
MD1 Convention
is 'right around
the corner'!**

The cut-off date (April 27th)
for the reduced Lions' rate
at the **President Abe Lincoln Hotel**
is swiftly approaching!
As we **'spring'** into warmer weather
and outside activities,
there's not a lot of TIME to get
those reservations made!

C'mon Lions – don't procrastinate!
Call the Abe Lincoln (866-788-1860)
and 'reserve that rate'!





Founded in 1854, the city of Omaha has always been a dynamic, energetic city continually transforming itself.

Whether it was the Native American Indian tribes, pioneers, railroad laborers or meatpackers, everyone who came to call Omaha home helped shape its current cultural diversity, hard work ethic and friendly demeanor. Named after an American Indian Tribe, Omaha means "Those going against the wind or current", Omahans proudly continue to live up to the name.



In recent years, the Omaha riverfront and downtown area have experienced tremendous growth with over two billion dollars in new development. A one-of-a-kind \$22 million pedestrian bridge S-curves its way across the Missouri River, the signature, cable-stayed Bob Kerrey Bridge is one of the longest pedestrian bridge projects ever constructed, giving Omaha visitors a breathtaking view of the ever changing skyline.

<http://www.visitomaha.com>

CenturyLink Center Omaha, the city's convention center and arena, attracts big name talent while providing a spacious technology-rich venue for conventions.

The 250,000 sq. ft. facility is complimented by the two million dollar public art project, "Illumina". The colorful display features more than 40 sculptures inspired by the 13th Century Carnival of Venice, and was created by artist Matthew Placzek. It's just a small sample of the creative public art that sprinkles the city.

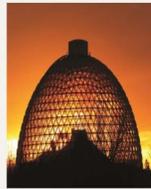
Currently the 42nd largest city in the United States, the metropolitan area is home to over 900,000 people who welcome visitors with open arms and authentic Midwestern hospitality.

Omaha is best known for its steak, and dozens of authentic Omaha steakhouses throughout the city have helped shape the city's scrumptious reputation.



But steaks are just the tip of the culinary iceberg. Omaha's dining experience ranges from innovated chef-created cuisine, sidewalk cafes and burger joints to delicious drive-throughs, sweet shops and ethnic eateries.

Explore a city filled with history, culture and adventure.



Walk across a swinging rope bridge suspended over a tropical rainforest at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium. Hop aboard historic train cars at The Durham Museum. Climb in, on, and through everything imaginable at the Omaha Children's Museum. Step into the pioneer life at the Mormon Trail Center.

Explore more than 100 acres of botanical beauty at Lauritzen Gardens and marvel at exquisite works of art inside the Joslyn Art Museum. Boys Town is a national treasure featuring an expansive campus, historic chapel and museum. El Museo Latino is the first Latino art and history museum in the Midwest and Love's Jazz and Art Center captures the heritage of jazz in an area where Duke Ellington, Count Basie and others once played.

The Mission of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

To develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International.

We have listened to you and have made many changes to our lineup of seminars and improved our meal time procedures and featured guest speakers. Our seminar schedules have been expanded for more learning and communication.

Leadership for Service

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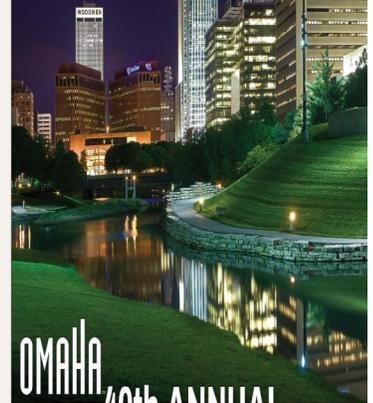


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