



LIONS VIEW

District 1-A Lions Clubs

On Line - Number 10

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Humanity.**



MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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The Lions View

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The Volunteer Programs Manager, Habitat for Humanity Chicago has contacted Governor Ralph to let him know of volunteers needed for Habitat for Humanity – Winter Warriors Volunteer Program.

Sean has contacted the Governor as he felt that Lion Club members could be a great fit for some of the winter volunteer opportunities they have. Their construction work does not stop during the winter months. Instead, they rally volunteers and boldly take on the Chicago cold with their **Winter Warriors Volunteer Program** to keep home construction moving forward for needy families. He thinks this is the perfect opportunity for your club to witness and participate in the work being done in Chicago to make safe, decent, and affordable housing a reality.

Winter Warriors is a new initiative aimed not only at keeping their build site going strong during the winter months, but focused on **celebrating and rewarding individuals and groups** brave and selfless enough to conquer the cold in the name of building a warmer future for the Chicago community.

Volunteers who come out to the construction site between January 2nd and March 31st will receive some great prizes and Habitat gear and will be entered to win 2 Southwest Airlines tickets to anywhere in the continental United States.

Please remember if you volunteer, you will be adding to LCI's Centennial Service Challenge (CSC) initiative to celebrate Lions' 100 years of service through service itself. The overall goal is to serve more than 100 million people by June 30, 2018.

If any Lions club member is interested, please contact Sean Wade directly at the e-mail address or phone listed below for further information and days you can work!

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District 1-A Mid Year Forum
Saturday, January 30, 2015
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Moraine Valley Community College.
9000 W. College Pkwy., Building M



Palos Hills, IL

The District 1A 2016 Mid-Year Forum will be held on **Saturday, January 30** at Moraine Valley Community College, 9000 W. College Parkway, Palos Hills.

The MY Forum provides meaningful workshops and seminars throughout the day with topics ranging from diversity to membership to motivation. We've been working diligently to put together a forum that will provide current information that will benefit all Lions and help to inspire and reinforce why we are all part of this service organization.

No matter what position you hold in your club, this year's forum offers programs to help all of us build and maintain stronger clubs. We hope our members have a good time networking and catching up with old and new Lions friends from around the District.

The registration fee for the 2016 MY Forum—including breakfast, lunch, and a commemorative pin—is \$25.

Please come and join us for a day of learning, discussion, and friendship. Contact IVDG Ernie Lapid or Lion Janice Wiggins for more information.

Cost is **\$25.00** per person. Make checks payable to: **District 1-A Lions**
 Completed registration form and fee must be received by **Saturday, January 23**.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete one form for each person attending.

Name:

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Club name: _____ **Lion Officer Position:** _____

Cost is **\$25.00** per person. Make checks payable to: **District 1-A Lions**
 Registration due: **Saturday, January 23**

Mail check and completed registration form to:

Lion Janice Wiggins
 1028 Westchester Blvd.
 Westchester, IL 60154
 708-341-7123

Mid-Year Forum Registration

Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger and Poverty (January 10-16)

More than one billion people live on a dollar a day, and nearly 800 million people around the world go to bed hungry every night. This January, make a difference by joining Lions around the world for a special Lions Worldwide Week of Service dedicated to eliminating hunger and poverty.

Show your commitment to service, and help us reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people, by planning a project impacting hunger and poverty in your community. From stocking your local food pantry, to serving meals at a soup kitchen, 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!

Join Us for the Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger and Poverty

Here's how your club can take part in this special event:

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1. Plan your project - Host a service project that impacts hunger and poverty in your community during the week of January 10-16. Download the [Planning Guide](#) for project ideas and planning tips.
2. Promote your project - Invite your community to serve with you to showcase your club and the power of service.
3. Report your project - Report your service on the [MyLCI](#) Service Activity Report to earn a [Centennial Banner Patch](#) and to get your club's name on the Centennial Ticker. Be sure to include the project date.



DISTRICT 1-A LIONS LIFE MEMBERS - 1990-2015

CLUB NAME	MEMBER NAME	JOIN DATE	LIFE MEMBER DATE	STATUS
Calumet City	Raymond Mika	10/1/1957	5/10/1991	Deceased
	Edward Radzinski	9/1/1963	5/10/1991	Deceased
	Michael Knezovich	1/1/1958	5/24/1991	Deceased
Palos	George Schneider	10/1/1960	5/2/1991	Deceased
Calumet City	Richard Hartnett	10/1/1971	2/10/1992	Deceased
	Harold Johnson	4/1/1973	3/3/1992	Deceased
Azteca	Arturo Velasquez	7/1/1966	10/16/1992	Deceased
Calumet City	Robert Stefaniak	2/1/1961	12/10/1993	Deceased
	Arthur Schmidt	1/1/1972	12/10/1993	Deceased
Uptown	Selwyn Weiss	6/1/1961	7/22/1994	
Tinely Park	Kenneth Fulton	2/1/1956	1/6/1995	Deceased
Chicago East Side	Joseph Pastirik	3/1/1968	9/23/1996	Deceased
Chicago Southeast	Joseph Schuetter	12/1/1972	5/16/1997	
Chicago Columbia	Yesid Gomez	7/1/1977	5/14/1998	
South Holland	Ralph Heitz	3/1/1970	6/1/1998	
Bridgeview	Anthony Cruz	5/1/1976	5/17/1999	
	Raymond Jachim, Sr.	5/1/1975	5/17/1999	
	Donald Rosenberg	5/1/1975	5/1/1999	
Calumet City	Joseph Stachulak	11/1/1973	6/24/1999	
	DuHwan Kim	9/1/1973	3/25/1999	Deceased
Chicago East Side	James Keating	6/1/1970	6/1/1999	
Calumet City	Allen Warshaw	3/1/1971	9/9/1999	
Chicago Heights	Eugene Sigler	7/1/1955	5/22/2000	Deceased
	Richard Wysock	10/1/1967	5/22/2000	Deceased
Lyons	Joseph Nekolla	1/1/1952	7/16/1999	Deceased
Orland Park	Martin Suchor	4/1/1979	11/19/1999	Deceased
Park Forest	Herbert Adler	6/1/1956	9/9/1999	
	Ernest Hartman	3/1/1975	9/9/1999	
	Sydney Perlman	5/1/1984	9/9/1999	Deceased
Calumet City	Alfred Parkhill	2/1/1941	2/22/2002	Deceased
	Donald Shuton	8/1/1966	6/19/2002	
	Thomas Stefaniak	10/1/1973	12/13/2001	
Willow Springs	James Tarra	5/1/1971	5/1/2002	Deceased
	William Woeslaw	8/1/1955	2/15/2002	Deceased
Lansing	Augustine Angel, Jr.	9/1/1970	2/25/2003	Deceased
	Richard Rucoba	3/1/1959	2/25/2003	
	Robert Stech	1/1/1973	2/25/2003	Deceased
Logan Square	Bernie Hoffmann	10/1/1957	10/31/2003	Deceased
Rogers Park	Syed Wah Ahmed	6/1/1978	6/14/2005	
Uptown	Ilyas Moten	4/1/1969	7/15/2004	Deceased
Broadview kala Sampath	Austin D'Souza	4/3/1979	7/26/2005	
Calumet City	Tom Blankley	10/1/1977	7/26/2005	
	Albert Oprisko	5/1/1974	7/26/2005	
	David Zahn	12/1/1978	7/26/2005	

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CLUB NAME	MEMBER NAME	JOIN DATE	LIFE MEMBER DATE	STATUS
Beverly Ridge	Robert Erickson	2/1/1945	9/26/2005	Deceased
	Harold Himmel	1/1/1947	9/26/2005	Deceased
Orland Park	Richard Holba	2/1/1979	6/20/2006	
	Leroy Marcheshi	1/1/1973	6/20/2006	
	Robert Palucki	6/1/1984	6/20/2005	
	Raymond Tencza	2/1/1984	6/20/2006	
Bridgeview	Linda Cruz	6/1/1981	5/25/2007	
	Arthur Krivsky	2/1/1988	5/25/2007	Deceased
	Anthony Odo	2/1/1989	5/25/2007	
Beverly Ridge	Michael Schneider	12/1/1958	4/20/2007	
	Daniel Snyder	1/1/1952	4/20/2007	
Bayanihan-sampaguita	Reynaldo Pascua	6/1/1975	9/7/2007	Deceased
Edgebrook	Harold Burkett, Jr.	10/1/1967	11/15/2007	
	William Noelle	10/1/1967	11/15/2007	Deceased
Lansing	Norman Abbott, Jr.	3/1/1972	8/7/2007	
Calumet City	Robert Schneider	3/1/1976	3/5/2009	
Orland Park	Ed Sterczek	6/1/1989	3/25/2010	
Thornton	Arthur Koller	3/1/1961	12/28/2009	Deceased
	Joseph Wojciechowski	2/1/1968	2/18/2010	
Calumet City	Tim Gericke	10/1/1987	4/25/2011	
Palos	William Peacock	10/1/1960	9/10/2010	
Thornton	Dennis Plecas	3/1/1971	4/6/2011	
Beverly Ridge	David Swanson	11/1/1962	2/5/2013	
Mt. Greenwood	Richard Huels	6/1/1964	4/8/2013	
South Holland	Wayne Van Swol	11/1/1977	11/16/2012	
Tinley Park	Gene Tambellini	11/14/2005	12/5/2013	
South Holland	Egbert Bolhuis	10/1/1952	6/2/2015	

District 1-A Life Members of their clubs and Lions Clubs International for the period of 1990 through 2015. A number of the members are now deceased but their name is still part of the history of their club and LCI. Years of service for some of the members who are still active is over 60 and special congratulations to them. Some of the current members started with one club but transferred in good standing to another club and their name remains on the records of LCI for both clubs.



DISTRICT 1-A LIFE MEMBERS 1990-2015

Thoughts and Ideas about being a Cabinet Officer

District 1-A Governor

Membership is the lifeblood of any Lions Club. If there are membership drops we have to ask ourselves

- Does our club have a retention and mentorship program in place?
- Do the sponsors of new members understand their roles regarding their relationship with the sponsored member in keeping them involved in club activities and meetings?

When a member leaves the club and the Association are they advised that they are always welcomed to come back when they are ready?

If YES is answered to these questions, then the club and its members have done what is needed to reduce the drops. If NO is answered then there is some work to do. These are just a few questions that need to be asked and each needs to be answered by each club individually so that they can stabilize their membership and grow their clubs and the district. Recruitment is only one piece of the puzzle; the other pieces are Orientation, Mentorship and Retention. They all fit together to form a solid foundation and building blocks for a great club."

District 1-A 1st Vice District Governor

The 1st Vice District Governor in cooperation with the GLT Coordinator is in charge of the Mid-Year Forum which is usually held every year in January. As part of the mission of the 1st Vice District Governor, the Governor assigned Regions 2, 4 and 6 to my supervision to make myself aware of any issues that they may have and offer resolution to any problems they may have, if the Governor is not immediately available. Any issues involving unpaid District and Lions Clubs International bills are brought to my attention for follow up. The position of 1st Vice District Governor also entails attending region meetings, council meetings and other multiple district and district functions as directed by the Governor. This type of involvement is a precursor to assuming the office of District Governor for the following year.

District 1-A 2nd Vice District Governor

It has been an exciting first half of the year with the chartering of two new clubs and the efforts of all the clubs that brought in new members. I want to extend my sincerest thanks to everyone involved. I appreciate all the information and advice I'm receiving from District 1A officers (past and present) and look forward to all the training to come. I know as individual clubs we can make a difference in our community, but I believe that if our clubs work together we will be even stronger. Regions 1, 3, and 5 come under the jurisdiction of the 2nd Vice District Governor to determine if any problems have arisen and help with the resolution of same.

District 1-A Cabinet Secretary

One of the main things the Cabinet Secretary is responsible for is sending out the dues statements to each club. This has a breakdown of the District dues, State (MD-1) dues, Lions View Magazine and the amount for the 2017 Convention that was allotted for 5 years. The invoice is emailed to the President, Secretary and Treasurer. The amount is due upon receipt of the invoice to the Cabinet Treasurer. There are two billings – one after July 1st and the other after January 1st. If these dues are not paid in a timely manner there will be a 1% interest charge added to the balance due.

District 1-A Cabinet Secretary—(continued)

Also, many clubs confuse this invoice that is due to the District with the one that is sent by Lions Clubs International for the International dues of each member. These are two completely separate invoices but both are the responsibility of the Club Treasurer to be paid. No one is allowed to vote at the District or State Convention if their club dues have not been paid..

District 1-A Cabinet Treasurer

Interacting with the membership dues of District 1-A with 72 clubs and 1,818 members is the main responsibility as the Cabinet Treasurer of 2015-2016. Statements are sent by the Cabinet Secretary in two lots; First Half covers July through December and the Second Half covers January through June. These dues are payable within 60 days from the date of the invoice, otherwise a 1% interest per month past due over 60 days will be collected.

It is the duty of the Cabinet Treasurer to make sure that payments are received on a timely manner as in turn, there is a responsibility with the Lions of Illinois, Inc. to reimburse them what is owed as a district on what has been collected from the respective clubs. In some situations, we encounter such problems with number of clubs not remitting their dues on time. As a reminder, the second half statements are due out in January and it is hoped that all District 1-A Clubs' will fully cooperate in sending their payments accordingly. No one is allowed to vote at the District or State Convention if their club dues have not been paid.

MEET THE NEWLY INSTALLED ICO LEO CLUB MEMBERS AND OFFICERS



30 MEMBERS

Javier Rodriguez -President

Jaime Mendez –Vice President

ICO Leo Club Members and Officers

SOME HAPPENINGS AROUND DISTRICT 1-A

District 1-A is constantly moving and changing — clubs are involved in their community and with other clubs around the District. Below is just a small portion of some of the highlights of District 1-A. since October. This is only a small fraction of the community service performed around the District and hopefully in the next issue of the Lions View—the list will be much longer.

Chicago Puerto Rico Lions held its annual Mega Food Drive in November helping to feed over 400 people.

There are over ten (10) new District 1A Lions who completed the Guiding Lions Course conducted by State GLT Chairperson Jama Wahl

The Filipino American Lions Club celebrated its Charter Night and induction of new members in November.

Westchester Lions celebrated their 50th Anniversary in September.

The Lyons Lions Club held its annual Health Fair in October.

Franklin in Park Lions honored their Police Officer and Firefighter of the year in December.

The Windy City Lions helped to distribute food to nearly 200 people at St. James Pantry. They also donated funds to St. James San Lucas and Holy Vessel Food pantries.

Bellwood Lions conducted its annual Food Basket giveaway

Willow Springs Lions gave out V.S.P. global gift certificates when people picked up their food at Grace Lutheran Food Pantry. They also donated 5 boxes of food and cash to the Food Pantry.

Chicago Southeast provided a wheel chair for a handicapped person. They also donated books to the DePaul Food pantry for the kids who came so they could take a book with them.

Fil USA donated funds to help support the Thai Midwest Annual Feeding of the area residents

Oak Lawn donated 23 food baskets to local families in the Oak lawn area

Chicago Central held their annual Preschool and Disabled children. Also provided special gifts for the kids.

Mayfair Lions Club donated food to the Presence Retirement Home Facility in PCC Georg Toft's memory.

Thai Midwest Lions Club held its annual feeding of the hungry at the Thai Temple—over 300 people were handed nonperishable foods, hats, gloves, and blankets.

Two (2) new Lions Clubs have become part of the family of Lionism in District 1A—Chicago Ridge and Broadview—bringing in a total of 77 new members - total lions in District 1A continues to climb—reaching approximately 1885 as of this date.



Lions Clubs International

LCI Leadership Development Webinars

GLT Area Leaders, GLT Multiple and Single District Coordinators, Zone Chairpersons and Club Presidents,

Kindly note upcoming webinars and forward to other interested Lions. Thank you!

Reminder: Register today for "Across the table, Around the World" Webinar Series

Explore the many ways to build relationships and provide service within the Lions world. This webinar occurs in a series of two sessions: Part I: Across the Table, focuses on joint service projects. Part II: Around the World, focuses on international twinning projects. The series is offered twice. Choose the series option which works best for you.

Two 1-hour sessions

Wed. January 6 &

Thur. January 7

12:00 CST

[Register](#)

One 2-hour session

Fri. January 15

19:00-21:00 CST

[Register](#)

Coming in February "Social Media as a Lions Leadership Tool"

Widen your Lions sphere of influence by strengthening your understanding and application of social media as you connect to Lions at the club, community and global level. Latest social media trends and best practices included.

Wednesday

February 3

12:00 CST

[Register](#)

Friday

February 12

19:00 CST

[Register](#)

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DISTRICT 1-A BOOK COLLECTION UPDATE

The 5,000 book figure was surpassed by the first of October with many of the clubs working together a team effort. To date 25 clubs have participated and I know there are others out there collecting but have not reported in as yet. The District is at the 6,500 book mark now with 3 months to go.

THE goal is now 10,000 books by the District 1A Convention in March of 2016. So, a club does not have to stop collecting – just possibly change their focus and include seniors!

As the District has already met its original goal, the revised 10,000 figure target is well within site. Recently, a meeting was held with the board members of a local library who have approximately 4,000 books in storage and right after the first of the year Governor Ralph and members of the committee will go back to the library to review what books are there and how they can best be donated back.

My personal thanks to all the District 1A Clubs who have already participated and to those clubs who are still working on the project. Although the focal point continues to be on books for 0 months to 12 years – **again, don't forget the senior citizen residents your local community.** Many of these centers have listings of books that they would like to have for their seniors – earmark your collection in that direction! Contact them and see what they might want.

Special acknowledgement and thanks to the District 1A Lions who attended the recent 1A Christmas party and donated an additional 104 new books which will be presented to the Christmas Cheer Foundation.

I had sent Amy Dickinson, author of the Tribune newspaper article “let the children wake up to a book” was sent a request that the article be sent out to all the Lions of District 1A. Her delightful response is as follows:

“I'm so sorry i didn't see your email until just now -- I don't have a "staff," and so that's my excuse.

Of course I will be thrilled at your choice to send out my "Book on Every Bed" column. People like you and the wonderful Lions organization will help this idea grow and spread!”

I have enjoyed being the District's RAP Chair as it has given me personal pleasure to see what can be done when we, as Lions, all work together to achieve a success that is not measured in money but rather in the light in a child's eyes when he actually recognizes the word “cat” or “dog” for the first time thanks to the donation of a gently used book that is now his!

Remember that the mantra of Dr. Seuss is “The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you will go.”

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- Click on 'Join a Scrip Program'.
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- Mail both the order form & check to:
**Lions of Illinois Foundation,
2254 Oakland Dr.,
Sycamore, IL 60178 .**
- Processing & handling may take up to 7-10 business days.

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January 31, 2016

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By participating in The Lions of Illinois Foundation’s Scrip Gift Card Program you can earn money for the Foundation without spending an extra penny.

1. Plan ahead to buy groceries, gas or other everyday household items by using gift cards from LIF Scrip Gift Card program.
2. Purchase gift cards at face value from nearly 400 national retail stores where you already shop.
3. Shop in-store or online with participating retailers.
4. Use the gift cards at checkout to pay for purchases, just like you’d pay with debit or credit card, but without risk of fraud.
5. Scrip earnings are much greater than credit card rewards programs.
6. No unnecessary spending on unwanted items. Spend money on things that you need, that are already a part of your household budget; while shopping at stores you already frequent.
7. Scrip earnings add up fast! It’s easy for a single family to generate \$600 to \$1000 or more per year.
8. There are no random sales or asking for donations required. No one is required to donate or purchase unwanted or over-priced items.

When signing up online you will need the following enrollment code: **CF9E81D5457**



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LIONS COMMUNITY SERVICE AT ITS BEST

300 PEOPLE NEEDING HELP!

As stated by Thai Midwest President Chantimar Sriaroon - "Our volunteer efforts for "Feeding the Homeless 2015" have been completed!" Cold, wet, and exhausted? Excellent team work! This task should be considered one of your best holiday gifts you have given to the community. You should be proud of yourselves! Thank you very much, for all of your support and help. These special thanks were extended to, among others, Wat Phrasri, Wat Buddhadham, Royal Thai Consul General and Madam, Mayfair Lions Club, Chicago Fil-USA Lions Club, Chicago Philippine Lions Club, Thai Midwest Lions Club members, Asian Chronicle USA, Filipino American Lions Club, and other Lions, Leos and friends who helped to make the day a complete success.

This special community service was again held at the Thai Buddhist Temple, 4740 N. Racine Avenue. We entered through the back of the temple and were met by extremely friendly people with a simple hello and escorted to the front of the temple where we were greeted with over 300 large plastic bags which had already been filled with non perishable foods of all types along with socks, hats, hand sanitizers and the like. All items, including hats, gloves and small blankets had been donated by stores, business, Lions and people who simply care about what happens to others and do what they can to help.

Despite the cold drizzle which continued, tables were set up outside for those residents of the community who came by and quietly waited in line for their chance to get one of the bags and look through the used clothing that had been collected for them. This is the second year our club members have participated and I am truly amazed at the patience these people have – they do not push or shove - they simply wait their turn. The people waiting are not all adults but also children of all ages who are residents of the area.

I had an opportunity to talk with the Royal Thai Counsel General who was very interested in what I had to say about what Lions do. Additionally, I had an opportunity to talk with one of the people in line who told me that he was going to have to leave the room where he currently is staying. Unless he finds something else in the area he plans on going over to the local bridge underpass where other people are living outside and surviving. It was a very thought provoking conversation – you really don't have much to say in response - but he wished me well, said thank you and walked off into the rain.

We had an opportunity to talk with some of the monks who resided at the temple – what a delight they were – they loved to have their picture taken and went out of their way to pose with anyone who wanted a photo. One of the monks even "fast talked" my daughter into having her photo taken with him after they found out that she had spent over three (3) weeks in Thailand. I believe this gentleman was duly impressed with Colleen and her ability to communicate with him. Our lesson for the day, you do not shake hands with the monks but rather politely bow!

The "2015 Feeding the Homeless" is over and now the Thai Club is looking towards 2016 to begin the collection process again. Unless something unforeseen happens – I definitely on returning again to be a part of this very unique community service project as it reminds me why I am a Lion.



THAI MIDWEST COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT - FEEDING THOSE IN NEED



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DISTRICT 1-A LIONS CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS



CHICAGO RIDGE CHARTER NIGHT



SPECIAL EVENT HONORING PID BILL MCKINNEY



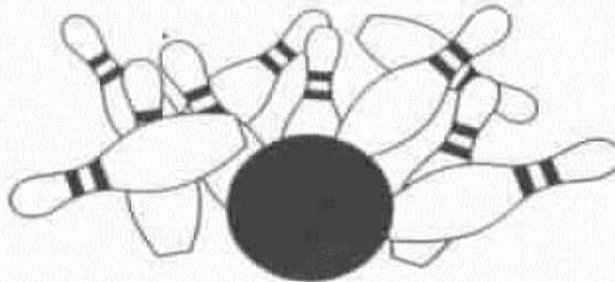
District 1-A Governor Ralph and 1st Lady Sue

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DISTRICT 1-A ANNUAL BOWLING

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4:00pm - Dinner at 5:00pm

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