

The Illinois Forum Has Something for Every Lion

There will be something for every Lion, seasoned and new, at the Illinois Forum 2013 at the Marriott Convention Center in Normal, Illinois held November 8th and 9th. Plan now to attend by completing the registration form that is online at the MD-1 website, most district websites, and the State Magazine. Questions can be directed to your Sub-District GLT Coordinators or Lion Jama Wahl, GLT Coordinator for MD-1, 815-822-3014 or via email at jamawahl@yahoo.com Early Bird registration saves money!

Illinois Forum Session Options

Session 1: 8:30-9:15am

Membership Strategy Part 1: *"Do Something!"*

Transition from MERLOW to GMT-GLT and *"The Top 10 Most Wanted New Lions List"* (Certificates of Training will be awarded. Completion of Parts 1, 2, and 3 of this MD-1 GMT Program is equivalent to the MD-1 Three-Hour GMT Seminar.)

Room: Redbird E

Presenter: Buzz Melton, VDG, GMT Coordinator MD-1 (1H)

Moderator: Mark Williams, VDG (1K)

Recognizing Lions for a Job Well Done

Lions don't do our work for recognition, but everyone appreciates a pat on the back or a genuine thank you once in a while. Join IPCC Lindstrom as he shares the latest and greatest ways to recognize Lions.

Room: Redbird F

Presenter: Paul Lindstrom, IPCC (1D)

Moderator: Pat Gaffney, RC (1K)

Forms, 990s, and Registering with the State, Has Your Club Got It Covered?

Lions Clubs, like all non-profit organizations or service clubs, are in the business of making money to help others. Whenever there is money involved there are always rules and regulations, as well as best practices. Be sure your club is in the know and has all bases covered by attending this informative workshop.

Room: Redbird G

Presenter: Don Hook, PDG (1F)

Moderator: Ken Horn, PDG (1E)

LIF: Touching Lives Through Our Foundation

The Lions of Illinois Foundation supports thirteen services free of charge for the citizens of Illinois, from Camp Lions to Low Vision Clinics. President of the LIF Foundation, PDG Novak will share the most current info regarding OUR Foundation. Come and learn how you and your club can support LIF!

Room: Beaufort

Presenter: Ken Novak, PDG, President of the Lions of Illinois Foundation (1B)

Moderator: Clyde Gaffney, PDG (1K)

Session 2: 9:30-10:15am

Membership Strategy Part 2: "Do Something!"

The MD-1 Retention Toolbox and "Tools To-Use To-Day" (Certificates of Training will be awarded. Completion of Parts 1, 2, and 3 of this MD-1 GMT Program is equivalent to the MD-1 Three-Hour GMT Seminar.)

Room: Redbird E

Presenter: Buzz Melton, VDG, GMT Coordinator MD-1 (1H)

Moderator: Chris Halsey, VDG (1J)

Red, Green, or Blue, What Kind of Leader Are You?

Knowing and understanding the various leadership styles is a valuable tool for successful leading, managing, problem solving, and decision making. Join PDG Kroll as she takes participants through the steps to identify their personal leadership styles.

Room: Redbird F

Presenter: Diane Kroll, PDG (1H)

Moderator: Dave Wheeler, DG (1B)

Team Building Ideas to Get Your Club Moving

Successful teams, whether on the baseball field, basketball court, in the world of business or in your Lions Club, have certain characteristics that make them winners. This session will identify positive team building strategies to bring clubs success!

Room: Redbird G
Presenter: Don Hook, PDG (1F)
Moderator: Ken Horn, PDG (1E)

What's Happening on the International Board?

Lions Clubs International is the largest, most active service club in the world. Each Lion, and our clubs, are part of this worldwide effort. ID McKinney will share information with participants about the current activities of the International Board.

Room: Beaufort
Presenter: Bill McKinney, ID (1G)
Moderator: Dennis Burns, IPDG (1F)

Session 3: 10:30-11:15am

Membership Strategy Part 3: *"Do Something!"*

MD-1's "Service Leads to Sustainable Extension" Strategy

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Presenter: Buzz Melton, GMT MD-1 Coordinator, VDG 1 (1H)
Moderator: Jim Weiss, PDG (1L)

Who's Hosting the 2017 International Convention? Illinois!! Now What Do We Do?

The session will discuss the items of responsibilities and duties that it will take for the MD-1 Lions to host this special event for Lions Clubs International. At this convention, the Lions of the World will come to Chicago to celebrate its 100th Anniversary. With a program this big there are a variety of ways individuals can get involved.

Some of the items that will be talked about are:

- *Planning and preparation to host the event
- *The structure of the Host Committee and the individual committees within it
- *Committee fund raising efforts
- *What to expect in the years leading up to the 2017 Centennial Convention

By knowing what the responsibilities are, it will help the Lions see where the best place for their involvement on the Committee might be. All Lions, with their variety of talent, will be welcome to be part of this MD-1 project. Hope to see you there.

Room: Redbird F

Presenter: Bob Block, PDG, 2017 International Convention Host Chair (1A)

Moderator: Lydia Ellis, CC (1CN)

Leadership Styles and Your Club

Each club is different and each leader is different. Join this session to find out more about your leadership style and how it impacts your clubs and the service you provide for your community.

Room: Redbird G

Presenter: Don Hook, PDG (1F)

Moderator: Steve Willet, VDG (1F)

LCIF: Touching Lives Around the World and at Home

Lions Clubs International Foundation supports the compassionate humanitarian service of 1.35 million Lions in 208 countries and geographic areas by providing grant funding and developing programs that improve lives around the world, and in our own back yard. Join us as we recall recent success stories and learn of what is on the horizon for the world's greatest service foundation.

Room: Beaufort

Presenter: Bud Wahl, PID, LCIF Chair MD-1

Moderator: Dave Hanson, DG (1A)

Session 4: 11:30am-12:15pm

What's Working with Membership: Round Table

Discussion

Membership is the life-blood of service. Without members we can't meet the needs of our communities. Hands and hearts are needed to live up to our motto, "We Serve". Come and share your club's or district's successes with membership development.

Room: Redbird E

Presenter: Jim Weiss, PDG, GLT Coordinator 1L

Moderator: Mary Reading, Lion (1F)

Zone Chair's Round Table

An open discuss for zone chairs and lions wishing to become zone chairs. Topics covered:

- Responsibilities
- Motivation
- Awards
- Rewards
- Communications
- Leadership Role

Room: Redbird F
 Presenter: Judy Tapper, PDG, GLT Coordinator 1H
 Moderator: Mark Williams, VDG (1K)

Using Public Relations to Enhance Service

Is your Lions Club the best kept secret in town? Join PDG Robinson as she shares info about public relations and marketing tools that can be used to promote Lionism. Don't miss this chance to be in the know!

Room: Redbird G
 Presenter: Jani Robinson, PDG, Public Relations Chair MD-1
 Moderator: Pat Gaffney, RC (1K)

Preparing Future Leaders in Your Districts and Clubs

During this session we will discuss best practices for developing and preparing leaders within our clubs and districts. We will identify the tools and resources available through LCI, however, the bulk of our time will be spent in sharing of our own positive experiences. Come prepared to share your success stories!!

Room: Beaufort
 Presenter: Bud Wahl, PID (1K)
 Moderator: Clyde Gaffney, PDG (1K)

Session 5: 1:30-2:15pm

Club Excellence: Meeting the Needs of Our Members

Successful and active clubs have members who feel valued and focused on service. Get the latest tips for keeping club members active, happy, and serving. Feeling good about being a Lion makes for GREAT service to our communities!!

Room: Redbird E
 Presenter: Jama Wahl, GLT Coordinator MD-1 (1K)
 Moderator: Chris Halsey, VDG (1J)

Presidents' Round Table

Those who are Club Presidents and those who aspire to be a Club President join the discussion on:

- President's Duties
- Conducting a Meeting
- Setting Goals (International President's Theme)
- Fiscal Responsibilities
- Transition to new Leadership

Room: Redbird F

Presenter: DG Mario Gumino (1J)

Moderator: Tom Senger , IPDG (1K)

Public Speaking: Sharing Your Lion's Story

This session will cover the “do's and don'ts” of public speaking. Ideas to be shared include: topic, delivery, timing, and focus. The intent is to help a speaker deliver the message about their club and district. Participants will learn how to be interesting, honest, perform at a peak level and finally be relaxed!

Room: Redbird G

Presenter: Steve Anton, PDG (1A)

Moderator: Ken Horn, PDG (1E)

Ever Been On a Mission Trip? Mission Trips & You

Participants will learn about Lions mission trips:

- >The kinds of trips available
- >What is needed to participate
- >Ways to find a trip
- >See an International DVD of a Mexican trip and pictures of a recent trip to Mexico

Room: Beaufort

Presenter: Marilyn Miedzianski, PDG, GMT Coordinator 1K

Moderator: Dave Wheeler, DG (1B)

Session 6: 2:30-3:15

Club Excellence: Targeting Service to Our Communities

Most communities, whether large or small, are changing these days with people moving in and out all of the time. Is your club meeting and managing this change? Get the latest tips on how to determine the targeted needs in your town!

Room: Redbird E

Presenter: Jama Wahl, GLT Coordniator MD-1 (1K)

Moderator: Dennis Burns, IPDG (1F)

Secretaries' Round Table

DG Pajkos has been a club secretary. So, he knows how important the club secretary is to the success of a club. Join the discussion if you are a current club secretary or just want to know the ins and outs of this important club office.

Room: Redbird F

Presenter: John Pajkos, DG (1K)

Moderator: Jim Weiss, PDG (1L)

Embracing New Ideas

Change is a constant in today's world. Is your club embracing this change? Or, is your club stagnant and stuck in the mud? This session will focus on ways to move forward with new ideas and opportunities for your club.

Room: Redbird G

Presenter: Herb Zimmerman, GLT Coordinator 1A

Moderator: Steve Willet, VDG 1 (1F)

To Touch Lives We Need Funds: Share Your Best Fund

Raising Ideas

Raising funds is key to providing service to our communities. Does your club or district have a sure fire way to bring in the money? If so, come and share a success story from your club. If not, then just listen and borrow a great idea from another club. It just might be that another club's idea can be tweaked to make a profit for your club.

Room: Beaufort

Presenter: Lydia Ellis, CC (1CN)

Moderator: Dave Hanson, DG (1A)

Session 7: 3:30-4:15

Club Excellence: Share Your Success Stories

CEP Program

Member Orientation

Mentoring Program

Ratings Survey

Membership Satisfaction

Success Stories

Club Cooperation

Membership Morale

Enhanced Meetings
Service Projects
Additional Ways to Serve Community

Room: Redbird E
Presenter: Ralph Zarada, VDG (1A)
Moderator: Mark Williams, VDG (1K)

Treasurers' Round Table

Whether you are currently a Club Treasurer or are considering that possibility, join the group to discuss:

- *IRS filings: rules and regulations
- *Duties of the Treasurer
- *Resources available from LCI
- *Managing Accounts and Reporting to the Club

Room: Redbird F
Presenter: Jim Addington, PDG (1J)
Moderator: Clyde Gaffney, PDG (1K)

Decision Making the Key to Success

The Goal of this session is to enable those attending to better understand that decision making is a complex process and leadership is challenged to facilitate the process through to a positive end.

The session will touch on the three categories of learning as knowledge, skills, and attitude are key factors in decision making. Decision making approaches from the military direct orders model to the team oriented shared decision making approach will be covered. Specific leadership styles such as autocratic, consultative, collaborative will be presented as each is related to decision making.

Many times the need for decision making is related to developing creative solutions to problems. We will address brainstorming as one method of moving from problem identity to a solution decision. To be effective the brainstorming method must be planned. The Delphi Decision Making Process will be reviewed and discussed.

Often, organizations such as school districts, city governments, and charitable, service, and fraternal organizations must operate within the limits and requirements of laws, agency policies, and requirements of adopted constitution and by-laws documents. We will discuss the type of decision making that we work with in the Lions at the District, State and International levels.

Those attending will each receive a resource packet of material related to different styles of decision making.

Room: Redbird G

Presenter: Dr. Steven Breckom, VDG (1H)

Moderator: Pat Gaffney, RC (1K)

Using Social Media to Enhance Service

Can using Facebook really build your club and provide more service to your community? You bet'cha! Attendees are encouraged to bring a laptop or a smart device such as a smart phone or tablet to get a hands on opportunity to explore how Facebook as well as Twitter and Instagram can get things moving and shaking in your club.

Room: Beaufort

Presenters: Erin Tidd, ZC and Lion Morgan Daiz (1F)

Moderator: Chris Halsey, VDG (1J)
