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District 1~A



Governor Wes Salsbury

My message...

Quite a Ride

September was a hectic month for me as your governor. It started off with a terrific Candy Day Jamboree on the 7th. The Willowbrook Ballroom was packed with Lions and candy. It reminded me of my teaching days years ago. (I was the coach who was appointed to get the crowd motivated for another victory). I sincerely wish that all of you would consider going out to your favorite corner to collect donations for the Lions of IL fundraiser.

By the way, LIF will consider a cash donation, as well.

Zone Chair Jerger, First Lady Marcia, PCC Georg Toft and CST Judy attended the Chicago Arirang Lions Governor’s Night and enjoyed our being together in Wheeling. I met Lions who spoke Korean and several offered to be an interpreter for me when I travel to South Korea in June for the upcoming international convention. (It is not too early to make plans.)

The luncheon with the fine folks at Chicago Heights couldn’t wait to tell me of their golf outing and dona-

tions of hundreds of glasses to the needy in their area. I was impressed with their eagerness to work together and appreciated the donation to Lions Club International Foundation.

I went out of district again to spend some time at the Glenview Senior Center. The Lighthouse Road Show displayed hundreds of low-vision products for those in need of help with their sight. I was especially impressed with the talking watches and the GPS.

I asked for a spot on the PDG meeting agenda and was granted a chance to speak to the group early on the 17th in Countryside. Later that evening, Marcia and I were the guests of Maharlika Lions at their Presentation of Officers.

One of the highlights of the month was the Opening Eyes event at the United Center in Chicago on the 22nd. IL Collage of Optometrists and Lions volunteers serviced hundreds of special education teens and adults with eye screening. Later that same day, PDG Catherine and I traveled to Logan Square for a gover-

nor visit. (PS, the food at LaVilla is out of this world).

Later in the month, I played the **park trifecta**... Jefferson Park, Tinley Park and Maywood Park all in the same week. (The ride in the pace car was incredible)

I haven’t slowed down yet, and still have found time for jewelry making, clarinet playing and writing thank you notes. Happy pedaling.....

2nd Cabinet Meeting October 20, 2011

Elmcrest Banquets
Elmwood Park



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**District 1-A
Governor
Wes Salsbury**

Candy Day

**Let’s all get out their
and shake those cans!**

Be Safe



USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum

1st Vice District Governor

I and Lion Terry had a great opportunity to meet several lions from USA and Canada, Past International Presidents, PID's, ID's, Board Members, lions from other countries, etc., etc. This was our eighteenth forum where we enjoyed the inspirational speakers, seminars and fellowship. We strongly feel that at least one time a lion should attend USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum to remember for life.

International President Wing-Kun Tam was at his high spirits. He planted one tree near the convention center along with Anchorage Mayor and other international leaders. He said that at present lions around the world planted more than 2.5 million trees and still planting every day. His goal was one million trees and within 4 months we have 2.5+ new trees in the world to give us fresh oxygen, shade, shelter for animals and birds. This shows that lions around the world can do miracles with their dedication and hard work. Our 46,000 clubs and 1.35 million members make us the world's largest service

club organization and will definitely plant more than 5 million trees before the end of June 2012. What a celebration it will be in Busan Korea! As an incoming governor, I will be witnessing this tremendous moment of lions success worldwide.

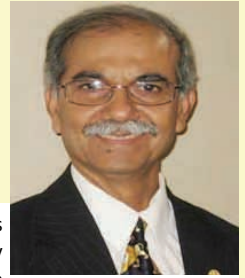
We had a good representation of MD1 lions for the Forum. PID Bud & Jama were at the top of the world as the main organizers. I was so proud to see PDG Jerry Novak's name popped up on the screen when they were showing slides on the First USA-Canada Lions Leadership which was held in Rosemont, in District 1-A. Along with Past International President Johnny Balbo, PID Norm Dahl and PDG Jerry Novak were in the organizing committee.

Yes, District 1-A is so lucky to have so many great leaders who are the pillars of lionism. Who can beat PCC Georg Toft for his knowledge and experience in lions history? Who else can bring us out of the box other than our Global Leadership Team leader for the District Lion Herb Zimmermann? So called our District Pope

PDG Jerry Novak is full of lions history too. You only grasp this knowledge of lionism when you start digging with him – not to plant a tree but to know what happened in the yester years in District 1-A.

On October 8th District GMT and GLT leaders are holding a special session. Every lion is welcome to attend this session which is free of charge and with free continental breakfast. This will be held at the Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind. Come on lions, let us taste the leadership of our district and become knowledgeable leaders in our clubs and communities.

-PDG Lion Austin D'Souza, 1 PDG



Message from CST Lion Judy Toft

DISTRICT 1A

ITEMS FOR YOUR CLUB'S AGENDA

REMINDER – Filing deadline for the E-Card

Filing is November 15. Has the club's filing been done as yet and have you retained the computer generated IRS receipt for your files. Does your club's EIN number match what LCI has on file for you?



REMINDER – By now your club has probably received your annual notice from the Illinois Attorney General's office about your annual filings. This filing should be completed by December 15. Has your club registered with the Illinois Attorney General as yet??

If your club has received notification that it is listed on the IRS 501c4 revocation list, are you in the process of contacting the IRS to work out this issue? If you have not contacted the IRS by December 31, 2011, your club may be liable for taxes on any funds taken in.

As of early October, there are nine (9) District 1A Clubs who have not completed their monthly report filings. Monthly reports must be filed even though there is no change in membership numbers. Some of these reports date back to

April, 2011. Please remember that LCI will bill your club for the numbers it shows on its records. If you have dropped members and have not done your "MONTHLY" reports, that is the membership count that you will be billed for. If you have added members and not notified LCI, these people are not getting the magazines and other LCI information they are entitled to. **Please contact me at 1acst1112@comcast.net if you want some assistance.**

REMINDER – Club invoices were e-mailed out as of August 1 to the club secretary and/or treasurer. **Section 9 of the District 1A Club Constitution and By-Laws states...."an amount not to exceed 1% of the overdue bill shall be added to each club's billing that is overdue in excess of sixty (60) days"**. As of October 5, thirty eight (38) District 1A clubs still have not paid their first half club membership dues. Please review with your club secretary and treasurer to insure that the club dues are paid in a prompt manner so as to avoid the 1% charge. **If you have any questions or need another copy of your invoice, please contact me at 1acst1112@comcast.net or 773-774-1536.** Also as of October 5, there are still 8 clubs who have not paid club dues owed from the prior year.

Braille Recordings of "The Lion Magazine"

–Do you have a club member, friend or neighbor who is visually impaired and you want to provide them with information about what Lions do?

LCI does not recommend any company for Braille or large print editions but what you can provide are Audio recordings of the Lions Magazine at no charge – you just have to fill out some paperwork.

LION Magazine in Audio Format
Audio recordings of LION Magazine are available online courtesy of Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic. To request the magazine on CD, please contact one of the following companies:

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic Books Aloud

205 Badger Road, PO Box 5731
Oak Ridge, TN 37830
San Jose, California 95150-5731
Phone: 800-221-4792
Phone: 408-808-2613
Fax: 865-483-9934
Fax: 408-808-2625

Both companies are funded by Lions clubs and provide their services free of charge to the blind. The club president or secretary should contact the company, as there are forms which require their completion.

Lion Judy Toft
District 1A CST

Message from 2nd VDG Lion Dave Hansen



October 2nd Vice District Governors ReportWow

what an exciting time to be a Lion - a District 1A Lion. It is just the beginning of October and our District 1A Lions have been extremely busy; doing what we do best helping others, learning and growing.

Lions and their clubs have been taking part in Walks, Runs, Vision and Hearing Screenings and Senior home visits. We have many

clubs celebrating noteworthy anniversaries and years of service. Take pride in your service.

Last week dozens of Lions and ICO Leos took part again in the "Opening Eyes Project" screening special needs kids so they can take part in Special Olympics. What a great feeling to be able take part in a program like this; the pride of being a Lion. Many thanks again to PDG Catherine Rondinelli for helping to again put this program together.

Hats off to all of the Lions involved with the 2010/2011 Leadership Initiative Program. The faculty and class have out done themselves in putting together "The Grocery Dash". The LIP

program is training the Lion leaders for tomorrow, and this year's program has raised thousands of dollars for local food pantries, while also providing great PR for the Lions. Take Pride in what you have accomplished.

On October 8th the GMT/GLT Team is presenting a membership workshop at the Chicago Light House for The Blind at 1850 W. Roosevelt Rd, Chicago, IL.

It will be an interactive experience providing the Lions present with tools to bring back to their clubs; to help them in their search for new members.

The team is asking "**Will You Be Ready When The Time is Right?**" Find Out.

Message from IPDG Steve Anton

EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT Committee begins its work

That's correct Lions, the 501(c)(3) committee has been formed and we have held our first meeting. It has been a long process to get us to this point but we are moving forward. The committee has made a decision to meet at least every four to six weeks and we still are expecting to complete the process within eighteen months. If you should like information or have a question about the 501(c)(3) feel free to contact me at santonlions@comcast.net

Lion Gail and I represented the District as we attended the University of Illinois, Latina/Latino Alumni Association fundraiser and networking gala at the National Museum of Mexican Art as guest of Lion Heather Spaeth of District 1-F. Lion Heather is very active

with this organization and she is trying to build a bridge between our two organizations.

We attended at the request of the Oak Lawn Lions, the induction ceremony of 40 new Leos into the Richards High School Leos Club. What an exciting event to witness. This is a very large and active club that helps our Lions with the Helen Keller walk held in the spring among their other club activities.

We also attended the District Night at the Races and made our annual contribution to the racing world. I had collected \$85.00 there from the Lions present and with the help of Lion Sandy Hoffman who picked a long shot horse in the ninth race we bet it to win with the proceeds to go to the district. I have to report that the horse finished fourth, yet so close.

Finally, we attended the District Grocery Dash. This district wide event was the project of the LIP Team and to say the least, it was a huge success. Three different food pantries were the recipients of over \$5,000.00 in products from the Super Low food store. The moment that meant the most to me was that a gentleman from the area had won first prize, which was an 8 minute chance to gather all of the food products that he could, and he donated the time to a nun who is in charge of the food pantry at the local church, she defiantly made good use of his 8 minutes. It made a special evening all the more special. Thanks to the LIP Team for a job well done.

Lion Steve
IPDG



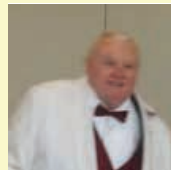
PDG Ralph Koller, Foundation

NOTES FROM YOUR FOUNDATION TRUSTEE LION RALPH KOLLER

Our Candy Day Jamboree was held on Wednesday September the 7th. Our attendance came in at 296 Members and Friends representing 42 Lions Clubs. They were there for inspiration about what's new and inspiring with Candy Day. We had the Lions Hearing Screening bus there to allow for tours of the bus. In talking to Lion Joe Krenkel who runs the bus I learned we had about 35 Lions tour the bus. It was felt the bus Show & Tell was worth the effort.

In review of the event and all of the comments from those that attended, we know that we need to address the audio-video system and review the theme of the talks. Our speaker this year gave a great presentation on diabetes and its effects on the eyes for those that could hear him and see his power point presentation. It was unfortunate that our timing got out of sync; he was to speak after dinner but then indicated he would need to leave early so we moved him up to before dinner only to find out that he could stay. He stated he would speak during dinner as the dinner could not be held any longer. Many of us felt it was rude to allow him to speak over dinner but he said he did that many times so on it went.

Our Lions came through again and we had a reasonable Jamboree. Our raffle netted about \$485.00 for the Foundation and we broke a bit ahead after



paying for all the meals etc. We need to organize earlier and do a better job in advertising the event. Also we need to focus on educating the clubs on what is the best way to order and obtain their candy and supplies. The Jamboree was not intended to be a depot and as a result we didn't do the best in getting out the candy to those that preordered. We need to encourage some of the smaller clubs to pair with another club or two in an effort to get their combined orders to exceed 12 cases of candy so that the candy can be shipped direct to the clubs with out the need to go to a depot to do a pick up. This should save time and gas and help the smaller clubs.

Where does the Candy Day money go is always asked. Many do not realize that our Foundation helps support the Lighthouse for the Blind by providing funds to them for the Low Vision Screenings as well funds to the Low Vision Clinic at Jacksonville and the Deicke Eye Center. This program is called the "Seeing is Believing" program & costs the foundation in excess of \$290 per person screened. Your Candy Day profits fund these programs and services of your Foundation..

In closing I wish to convey my thanks to all of the Clubs and Lions for their Candy Day participation. Let us have a great and profitable Candy Day.

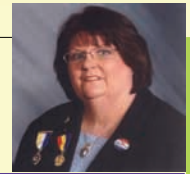
Lion Ralph Koller Trustee



Editor's Message

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Webmaster's Message



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Please note:

Deadline is the **FIRST** of each month for any news items or articles you want put into the Governor's Newsletter. You may send me pictures, articles and upcoming events. Also....because of space & memory, please submit paragraphs only of any of your upcoming Events. If you have any fliers, please send them to Lion Dawn Grogan who is the Webmaster and will post your flyer there where everyone can see. Please go to our District Website to see these fliers.



You may contact our Webmaster, if you have any club fliers, pictures or information to...Lion Dawn Grogan at:
pcstdawn@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

- [10/14 Orland Park Haunted House](#)
- [10/22 Hickory Hills 5k Fun Run](#) [FREE Eye Screening](#)
- [10/23 Stickney Forest View Roast Pork Dinner](#)
- [10/30 Spectacle Sunday](#)
- [11/4 Willow Springs Lions Las Vegas Night](#)
- [11/6 Logan Square Lions Club Murder Mystery](#)
- [11/13 Montclare Elmwood Park Lions Chili Challenge](#)
- [11/19 Chicago Uptown Lions 90th Celebration](#)



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Of District 1~A!



Memory Photos with Lions



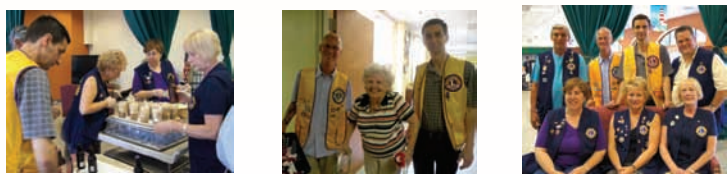
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Reavis Homecoming Parade on Sept 24th



Lions Supply Store Web-





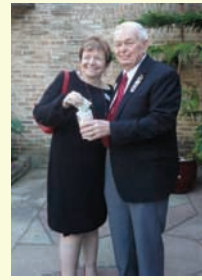
Chicago Mayfair Lions Club
From left: Lion Jerrie Abrahamsen, Lion Judy Toft, First Lady Marcia Knudson, Dist. 1-A Governor Wes Salsbury and PDG Georg Toft



Group picture of Stickney-Forest View Lions Club Members with club president, Lion Maryanne O'Reilly and Secretary, Lion Jerry P. Novak with District 1-A Governor, Lion Wes Salsbury and First Lady Marcia Knudson



Group picture of Mexico Lions Club Members with club president, Lion Nellie Ochoa and Secretary, Lion Brenda Gutierrez with District 1-A Governor, Lion Wes Salsbury and First Lady Marcia Knudson



District 1-A Second Vice Governor, Lion Dave Hansen and his wife Lion Diane Hansen at the Candy Day Jamboree, Sept. 7, 2011



District 1-A Governor Wes Salsbury Candy Day Jamboree September 7, 2011



From left: Foundation Trustee, PDG Lion Ralph Koller, Lion Van Stone, Foundation Trustee, Lion Dave Derenzo and PDG and 1st Vice Governor Lion Austin D'Souza



From left: Foundation Trustee, PDG Lion Ralph Koller, Lion Van Stone, Foundation Trustee, Lion Dave Derenzo and PDG and 1st Vice Governor Lion Austin D'Souza



Guest Speaker:
James A. Katz, MD
The Medical Center for Sight Medical Director, Golf Laser Vision, Chicago, IL



District 1-A Ladies at Candy Day Jamboree, September 11, 2011
From Left: Lion Judy Toft, Lion Diane Hansen, First Lady Marcia Knudson & Lion Terry D'Souza



Riverside Township Lions Club. The event was during their club meeting on Sept. 13, 2011 and they inducted a new member. The name of the new member is Dawnneen Suriano and her sponsor is Lion Melissa Kotrba along with their club president, Lion Olga Sylvester and Lion Alex Gallegos.



the passing of the gavel from Outgoing President Jung Suh to Incoming President Lion Donghun Shin.



PCC Georg Toft inducting 4 new members – sponsors are standing behind them. Their names are – Kiho Lee – sponsor Kilsung Oh – Haeyoung Bae – sponsor Kapjoon No – Soonhee Chang – sponsor Sokon Kim – Yongsam Shin – sponsor Choong-Pae Chon.



Southeast Lions showing the group presenting a Braille Bible to a blind South Chicago resident, Nicholas Ayon. The Bible was purchased by the club from the Braille Superstore in Abbotsford British Columbia. Members shown in the photo are Lion Andy DiSanto, Hegewisch Lion George Petrich and wife Rosemary, Southeast Lion Joe Gonzalez, Lillian Gomez, Irene Hurley, Margarita Carrillo and Gilbert Medina.



Governor Wes Salsbury with the outgoing president and incoming president of the Arirang Lions Club after 4 Plaques of appreciation were presented to 4 of the club members.



Governor Wes Salsbury with Incoming President Donghun Shin.

Lions of Illinois Forum

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11-12, 2011

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Decatur Convention Center

4191 W. US Hwy 36

Decatur, Illinois

Go to District 1A Website for more information

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NOTICE OF SECOND CABINET MEETING

The Second Cabinet Meeting will held on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at the Elmcrest Banquets, 7370 W. Grand Avenue, Elmwood Park, IL. (708-453-39789)..RSVP to Lion Judy Toft, CST, at 1acst1112@comcast.net or 773-774-1536 by October 14, 2011. Dinner charges are \$10 per person made payable to: District 1A Lions Please remember if you indicate your attendance and do not attend, you will be billed for your dinner.

AGENDA

Fellowship from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER at 6:30 p.m.Governor Wes Salsbury

