

## The District 1A New Z

TONY ZARTLER'S
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## **SEPTEMBER 2022**

## **Greetings Lions**



On August 6, I attended the Lions of Illinois Foundation Golf Outing. I had a wonderful time golfing and meeting lions from all over Illinois. On August 11, I attended the Region and Zone Chair meeting chaired by GLT District Coordinator Lion Robin Kirar. The meeting was well attended. Lion Robin discussed RC/ZC responsibilities. PID Dan O'Reilly discussed chartering new clubs and membership retention and recruiting new members.

On August 17, we had our District 1A Golf Outing. I would like to thank the sponsors, golfers, and those that came to dinner. We had a great

turnout an everyone had an enjoyable time. I would like to thank the golf committee members, and the volunteers, without you the outing would not be possible.

With the slow down of COVID, many clubs are having fundraising events. We need to support each other to promote Lionism help in District. We are all in this together. I hope to see you at the Lions of Illinois Foundation 2nd Annual A Knight's Quest Gala on September 23. Get your tickets now. We also have the Candy Day Jamboree on September 13 at 115 Bourbon Street. Please RSVP by September 9. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

## **Together We Can Governor Tony**

# Send your club news with pictures to publish in Governor's Newsletter and in MD1 State e-Magazine to the following e-mails:

Governor's District 1A NewZ: <a href="mailto:govaustin@gmail.com">govaustin@gmail.com</a>
MD1 State e-Magazine: <a href="mailto:ILStateEditor@gmail.com">ILStateEditor@gmail.com</a>

## **GLT** meeting

On August 11,2022 a GLT meeting was held at Papa Joes in Orland Park. What a great turn out we had all attended except for 1 Zone Chair. Several other Lions who were interested in attending the meeting said they really learned so much more about what a Region and Zone Chairs responsibilities where.

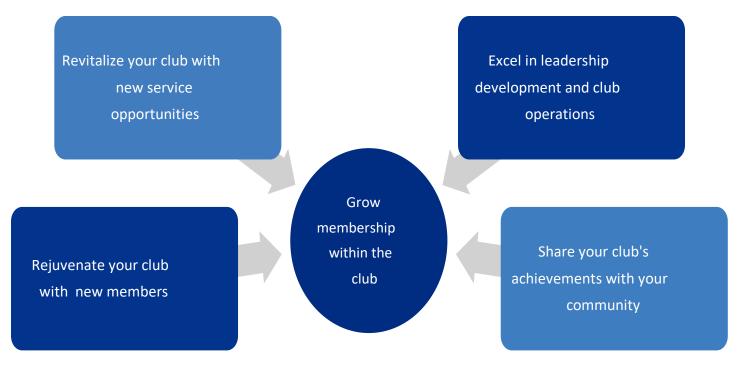
Everyone received a binder which included information that will help them be successful this Lion year.

Two assignments were given to the group, and they must complete them by the next meeting which is planned for some time in November.

## **Build a Vision, Assess Needs and Set Goals**

As Lions, we naturally have vision...This provides a tested process to share your vision, collectively discover new opportunities and develop common goals.

It starts with you and your club. Consider these objectives in the four main areas:



## 1A Lions,

It is that time of year for kids to return to School. I am working with DCFS to help Foster Children to be prepared for school, so I am asking you, the District 1-A Lions to "serve" these kids in our communities.

Please donate school supplies: pencils, pens, crayons, markers, colored

pencils, pencil boxes, glue sticks, notebooks, folders, binders, rulers, highlighters, pencil sharpeners, index cards, calculators, scissors, paint brushes, protractors, backpacks, and any other school supply you can think of.

See attached flyer for details:



## AUGUST 15 - SEPTEMBER 15

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Please send the supplies to my home or get them to your Region or Zone Chairman and I will work with them to get the supplies.

PDG Joni McMillan 15230 Hamlin Avenue Midlothian, IL 60445

Thank you,

PDG Joni McMillan, District Global Service Chair

**GMA /GMT Coordinator: PID Dan O'Reilly** 

#### **Global Membership Approach**

## **GMA Goal: Check in**

	New Clubs	New Members From New Clubs	New Members <sup>In</sup> Existing Clubs	Member Losses	Net Growth
Goal	1	20	100	80	40
Actual	0	0	32	26	+13

We continue our new year a plus in membership. Governor Tony's goal is shown above, if everyone does their part, together we can continue to grow our membership in District 1-A.

## **Membership Development & Club Rebuilding:**

We have started some community outreach to leaders in the Garfield Ridge, Archer Heights and Clearing communities of Chicago. If you have any family or friends in that area that you think would make good Lions please send their contact information to: jointhelionstoday@gmail.com. But as always, we will follow any leads that might help us develop an area. Don't hesitate to pass on any information you might have for starting a club.

For the clubs, not meeting yet. What can we do to assist you to engage again?

## **Member Satisfaction:**

We should all be working together on membership satisfaction!

Does your club make you feel welcome? Are you communicating with members about meetings and projects you have coming up? Are you providing service to your area? Think about assigning new members a mentor! Make sure you listen to their input! Make paying their dues convenient!

Together we can strengthen our clubs. Stronger clubs provide more service. Clubs growing and providing more service, Strengthens our District and Lions International. *Together We Can!* 

Lions: I have received inquiries from some of you and other Lions throughout the state regarding the flooding in Kentucky and how the Lions of MD-1 can help.

I reached out to PCC Kevin Bishop from Kentucky who I met when I attended FDI and we struck up a friendship. For those of you who attended the Montreal convention, PCC Kevin was the Lion, LCI interviewed when they showed the video about the Kentucky Tornado's. He was very helpful to me when I reached out to him when the Tornado hit his hometown. So I reached out to him again regarding the floods.

He quickly responded, even though he was sick with Covid when I

contacted him. He advised that I should reach out to the president of the HIndman Lions - Lion Kristie Io Sumner

I talked with President Kristie today, and she advised me that they need items like: Humidifiers, Box fans and laundry detergent. She also stated that cash donations would be the best so they could purchase many different things for the folks in her town who lost everything.

Cash donations can be sent to:

President Kristie Jo Sumner HINDMAN LIONS CLUB 271 Liberty Road Sassafras, KY 41759

Please share with your Districts......after all **Where there's** 

Gail



**New Members in Chicago Filipino American Lions Club: 6** 

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MARYLYN KAGAN
IRENE O. PAGUNTALAN
THELMA CASES FOWLER
EGLYN D MARJO
WINDLER E PAGUNTALAN

**New Members in Chicago Nurses for Diabetes Lions Club: 4** 

JOHN BARON
MARIBEL YASONA
VENECIA SANCHEZ
RYAN YASONA

**New Members in Chicago Windy City Lions Club: 2** 

TAYLOR GENE BIRKEY
CHRISTOPHER DAVID WEIBRING

**New Members in Worth Lions Club: 1** 

**DAN M FELTZ** 

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**WILLIAM G LOVE** 

Deaths this month: Worth Lions Club -1

**RALPH VILLALOVOS JR** 

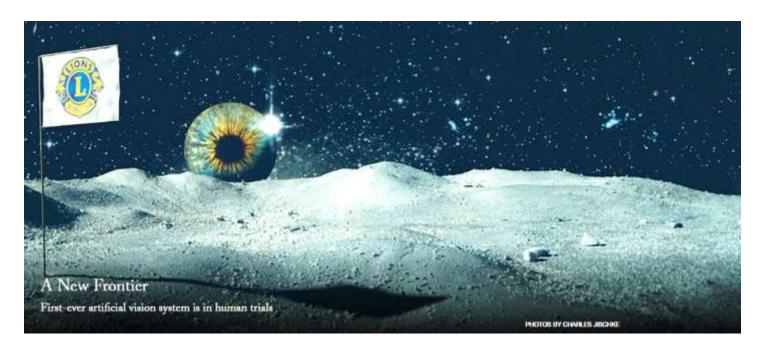
**Deaths this month: Lansing Lions Club -1** 

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by Erin Kasdin July 29, 2022

That's one small step for man, one giant leap for vision.



Brian, a

Lion, was the very first participant in a groundbreaking project in vision research.

In early February 2022, a team of researchers successfully implanted a first-of-its-kind artificial vision system into the brain of a blind volunteer. The Intracortical Visual Prosthesis (ICVP) bypasses the retina and optic nerves and connects directly with the visual cortex, creating the potential for those without vision to gain a perception of the world around them.

The surgery is an exciting new step in the frontier of vision research. And it came together after decades of work and years of collaboration by some of the world's leading experts in their fields.

The multidisciplinary, multiinstitution team is made up of bioengineers, surgeons, psychologists, vision specialists...and Lions.

## **The Technology**

The brain works as a powerful processing system and receives millions of nerve signals from the eyes, but if the eyes are no longer able to communicate with the brain, researchers have found they may be able to intervene by bypassing the eye and optic nerve and going directly to an area of the brain called the visual cortex.



The

technology that Brian has volunteered to help test won't help him regain his sight. But it might help someone else in the future. The team that developed the ICVP system was led by Philip R. Troyk, executive director of the Pritzker Institute of Biomedical Science and Engineering at Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), and professor of biomedical engineering at IIT. The surgery represents the culmination of nearly three decades of research dedicated to working to provide artificial sight to those with blindness due to eye disease or trauma.

Since many individuals affected by total blindness do not have intact retina or optic nerves but retain the visual cortex—the area of the brain that allows people to see—an intracortical visual prosthesis may be the only possible advanced visual sensory aid from which they can benefit. The ICVP uses a group of fully implanted miniaturized wireless stimulators to create artificial vision.

While there is currently no cure for blindness, the ICVP offers a promising first step in helping those with complete vision loss begin to see. Or, really, to *perceive*.

"While there are many different kinds of sensory substitution devices, it's not the same as vision," says Troyk. "There are other tangible benefits to vision and to your brain processing vision. It's not about the E on the eye chart. There's a strong longing for that visual input."

## The Bioengineer

Dr. Philip Troyk didn't set out to change the lives of people living with blindness. In fact, he didn't really intend to change anyone's life. He was just interested in circuits. As an undergraduate studying electrical engineering at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, Troyk made a connection between the electrical circuits he was studying and the electrical signals in the human body. "I got fascinated with the idea that there are also electrical signals in the body. And I wondered if those could be mated."



Troyk didn't set out to change anyone's life, but his interest in bioengineering has led him to doing exactly that. Photo courtesy of Illinois Institute of Technology. At the time there were no programs at the University of Illinois that put those two fields together, but when a professor caught wind of his interests he told Troyk, "Well if you're interested in that, we've been working on a curriculum for a new field of instruction called bioengineering." And he handed Troyk the list of classes to take.

"While my friends were taking flower arranging as their electives, I was taking physiology," Troyk says. But after a short stint in industry, by the time Troyk reached graduate school at the University of Illinois at Chicago, there was an established bioengineering program. He then realized that in

order to work in cutting edge research investigating the ideas that most excited him, he had to get a Ph.D. "Not because I thought it would make me so much smarter, but because it was the way to get to do what I wanted to do."

And what he wanted to do was integrate electronics with the human body to help people.

## **Astronaut Readiness Force**

What Troyk developed in collaboration with his colleagues represents an exciting new step in giving those without vision the chance to "see." And when the time came to do a clinical trial, the ICVP team knew they wanted to do a special kind of study. And not just special because of the device they were testing, which was unlike anything done before, but they wanted the actual *process* to be different.

They knew they were asking people to put their own health and safety at risk to add knowledge to the field—knowledge that the participants themselves likely

wouldn't gain much from. The technology was still in its beginning stages, and the first participants would undergo many hours of testing which would help the researchers understand how the device was working. This initial testing would provide crucial information that the team could use to further refine the technology. They wanted the participants to really feel like they were an integral part of the research team—because they were.

"They're very much like explorers," says Troyk. "We genuinely view it that way. Just the vocabulary sets the tone for how we would like our study to be and to be remembered."

Troyk has learned a lot during his career in biomedical research, and perhaps the most important thing he's learned is that you have to speak to the people who would be using your product or device. "The participant can tell you things you've never thought of," he says. He recalls an encounter he had some years ago when discussing a prototype for the ICVP with a man

at the Chicago Lighthouse. The man, who was blind, asked what the device would look like outside his head. Unsure at the time what it would ultimately look like, Troyk said, "You can always wear a hat over it."

"I don't wear hats," the man said.

The conversation made a lasting impression on Troyk. Often, engineers can get caught up in the workings of their devices and forget to consider the humanity of those they are creating the devices for. "Why should we think that people who are blind don't care about how they look," Troyk says now. "Everyone cares about how they look."

And it's through that lens that Troyk approaches all the work he does.

The entire ICVP team considers the participants in their study to be a vital part of the process. And Troyk uses language to make that clear. "We call them the Astronaut Readiness Force," he says.

## **The Participant**

Brian, a Lion from Indiana, has never been one to toot his own horn. While he isn't the type to seek attention, his good humor and easy demeanor make it hard not to like him. Growing up in his small town in Indiana, Brian had plenty of friends, but it wasn't until after high school that he met the love of his life.



Still an avid cyclist, Brian now puts in his miles on a specially fitted recumbent tandem bicycle with Tracy at the helm.

Tracy grew up just down the street from him, but the two went to separate high schools and had never met. It wasn't until he started showing up at the neighborhood pizza shop where she worked—and

still does today—that he was able to win her over.

"It was my charming personality," he says, jokingly, as to how they fell in love. Tracy, who has a quiet, understated sense of humor and quick wit laughs at this. "I liked his self-confidence," she says. "He seemed to know what he wanted, and he came up with a plan to achieve it. He still does that. He's good at thinking through how to solve a problem and then implement it."

It was those problem-solving skills that came in handy when, nearly 30 years into their marriage, Brian's life got a little darker.

## The Detachments

Brian has a genetic condition that makes him more susceptible to detached retinas, and at 17, between his junior and senior year of high school, his retina detached in his left eye. He lost sight in that eye, but it didn't seem to slow him down. At 21, he was playing basketball with some friends and took a basketball to the face, which

detached the retina in his right eye. Thankfully, surgery was able to reattach it, and he went about his life as an avid cyclist, scuba diver, and musical instrument manufacturer.



Cooking was one of the many skills Brian learned at the Colorado Center for the Blind. Then, his luck changed.

"May 21, 2016, was the day I went blind," he says. "I can tell you the exact day. I went to work at five in the morning and began to notice something was wrong. By 10 am that morning I was legally blind. I currently have no vision whatsoever."

What brought Brian to this place is a long road.



Brian uses

adaptive software to use the computer.

It began with a "floaty" in the corner of his eye on the day of his son's graduation from college. He waited to mention it to his family, not wanting to ruin the day. By the time they returned home his optometrist took one look and sent him directly to an eye surgeon who lasered it and sent him back to work that same day. Brian assumed all would go on as normal. He assumed it would be like it was 30 years ago when a simple surgery fixed the problem.

But less than two weeks later his retina came loose again. His surgeon did another reattachment, using the scleral buckle method, but a few days later it became detached again. Turns out there

was a microscopic pinhole in the retina that enabled fluid to get behind his eye. The surgeon in South Bend didn't have the equipment to see the pinhole, so he sent Brian to Michigan. What followed was a two-year ordeal in which Brian endured multiple surgeries and painful procedures, all in the hopes he would eventually regain his vision.

He never did.

## **The Training**

After each surgery came a lengthy recovery period during which time Brian was legally blind. Each time they prayed that Brian would heal. While Brian was waiting to recover after a successful surgery at the University of Michigan, he developed an infection in his cornea. It was Labor Day weekend, 2016. That was when Tracy and Brian realized it was time to start planning for a scenario in which Brian would not regain his vision.

First and foremost, he needed to get some skills to learn how to navigate daily living as a person without sight. Tracy spent hours searching for programs. There was a woman who helped folks in northern Indiana, but she was overbooked and could only help Brian about two hours per month. While he learned some useful things with her, it wasn't enough.



Brian and

some fellow students from the Colorado Center for the Blind had a chance to scuba dive at the Denver Aquarium.

In the summer of 2017 Brian's uncle, Lion Edward Ressler of the Marietta East Cobb Lions in Georgia, came to visit. When he asked Brian what kind of training he'd done, Brian told him it had been hard to come by. Ressler had some knowledge of what was available from being a Lion and worked his connections. By

September Brian was attending training with the Vision Rehab Services of Georgia. Through a personal donation by Ressler, Brian was able to get about 12 days of training—what would have taken him nearly five months to get through with the other services. Tracy and Brian were grateful for the opportunity, but what he realized after that week and a half was just how much more education he needed.

They made the decision that Brian should attend the Colorado Center for the Blind—one of the three training centers sponsored by the National Federation of the Blind (NFB).

The Littleton facility offers students a six-to-nine-month program that immerses them in the experiences needed to feel confident handling independent living as a person without sight. Training includes cane travel, braille, home management, technology, woodshop, home maintenance, and navigating a city using public transportation. Students who have some residual vision, as Brian did at

the time, are required to use sleep shades during their coursework so that they can learn how to navigate the world even if their vision eventually deteriorates. Brian did very well.

"He was determined. Very determined—more than I've seen anybody—to do this for himself," says Vicki Hedrick, the former residential manager at the Colorado Center for the Blind.

She got to know Brian very well during his seven-month stay and remembers having an instant connection with him on his first day. "It was like a brother-sister bond right away," she says.

Hedrick watched as Brian navigated the coursework brilliantly, showing the confidence and problemsolving skills that his wife had noticed so long ago.

But returning home after his coursework was complete was bittersweet. While he was in Colorado, his vision deteriorated. By April of 2018, during a visit with his doctor in Indiana, it was

confirmed that his vision was gone for good. "My optic nerve crapped out on me," he says.

In the four years since, Brian has moved on, getting accustomed to a life without sight. He is still an avid cyclist, as he was before he went blind, but now he puts in his miles on a specially fitted recumbent tandem bicycle with Tracy at the helm. He cooks and does chores around the house. He still works at the same small musical instrument manufacturer he's worked at for decades, though now in a different capacity. Before he lost his vision he was running the press room and stamping operation. "I loved my job," he says. He enjoyed making the parts for the flutes and piccolos and then passing them on to the next person to be polished and turned into a musical instrument. "It was just a neat dynamic," he says. "I was part of the evolution of a musical instrument. It makes what you do more than just a J. O. B."

Now he works in customer service. While he doesn't get the hands-on satisfaction of making an

instrument, he does get to stay involved with music.

"The interesting thing about music is that it crosses cultural borders, crosses language borders," he says. "You can take two people who don't speak the same language, but they can play together in a duet. They can play along with each other and never speak a word. Their common language is music."

## A Lion is Born

When Brian and Tracy were first looking for help navigating the world after he lost his sight, the Lions in his home town weren't sure how to help. They wanted to, but only knew about the eyeglass and Leader Dog programs. Brian was a long way away from qualifying for a Leader Dog. Eventually, Brian realized *he* could help. "I knew I wanted to get involved somewhere and thought the Lions were a good place to start."

He figured, what better way to get information out there than to become a resource with and

through his local Lions. "Now, if somebody who is blind or visually impaired comes to our club, they could put them in touch with [Tracy and I] and we could offer our knowledge and support with the help of my club."

It turned out to be a good match. Brian has just the right personality for it. Not only has he found kindred spirits in the jokesters that make up his club, but he's he an active recruiter. He insists on wearing Lions gear to all his research appointments. "I could get fined if I don't," he says, referring to the way his club raises money for.

By volunteering for the ICVP research project Brian is

giving hope to others living without sight, that one day their futures may be a little brighter.

administrative costs by slapping each other with fines for anything

from going on vacation to having a grandchild. While many members of the research team are Lions, Brian works on the ones who aren't. "So, are you a Lion yet?" he'll ask casually between tests.

Most importantly, Brian inspires his club—the Baugo Lions—to do more and to show up whenever they can. In his fifties, he's one of the younger members, and knows they need to be actively recruiting younger people into Lions.

"Remember those really cool old guys who paid for marching band and helped us out in little league when we were kids?" he tells them. "We're those cool old guys now. People my age and younger need to be reminded, Lions were there for us and we need to be there for the people in our community, too."

Some might say Brian is showing up for more than just his own community. By volunteering for the ICVP research project Brian is showing up for all people without sight.

"I'm not doing this for me," he says.

"I know I won't have my vision restored, that's not what this is about. But hopefully, this will be the beginning, and one day, maybe someone else could have that."

While there are still years of testing and refining to be done, for now, you might say the Eagle has landed.

## **Funded by Lions**

For the ICVP project, Illinois Tech is collaborating with Rush University Medical Center, The Chicago Lighthouse; the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins; the University of Texas at Dallas; Microprobes for Life Science; Sigenics, Inc.; and The University of Chicago on the initiative, with Troyk serving as the principal investigator.

## (Source: The Lion)

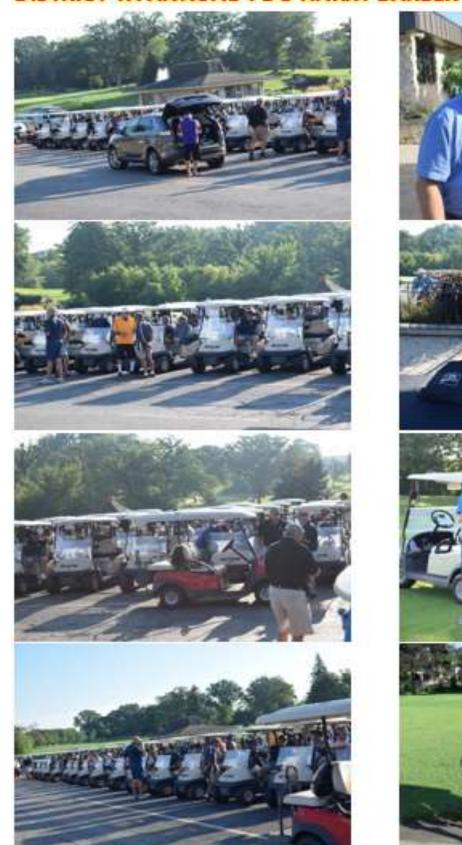
Many of the institutions and the work involved in this research have been funded by donations from Lions, including the Wilmer Eye Institute and The Chicago Lighthouse. Many of the individual researchers are also currently Lions,

with more "converts" on the way. For more information on the ICVP

research visit chicagolighthouse.org/icvp

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## DISTRICT 1A ANNUAL PDG HARRY BARBER MEMORIAL GOLF OUTLING



































# Stickney - Forest View Lions Club's 9th Annual "Lions Run for Hope"







Weliness House for LIVING House with CANCER

You'll feel better inside.

## 5K Run/Walk for

Breast Cancer Research and the Wellness House

## SUNDAY

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2022** 

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Cicero Community Park 34th & Laramie Av.

## CICERO, ILLINOIS

Certified Course - Chip Timed



Medals & Prizes for the Top 3 Male & Female Overall Finishers Medals for the Top 3 Male & Female Finishers in all Age groups

Register @

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\$ 30 Discounts for Teams of 5 & Children under 18



## DISTRICT 1-A TRUSTEES PRESENT THE 2022



# CANDY DAY JAMBOREE



## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

& PHOTOS 6:00 PM

Contact Person:

## 3359 W 115TH ST MERRIONETTE PARK, IL 60803

DINNER SERVED 7:00 pm

#### JAMBOREE HIGHLIGHTS:

Pictures with Governor Tony

Foundation Update

Candy & Supplies Pickup

Amount Enclosed 5

Buffet Dinner with beer & wine included

\$25 per person

#### Pre-Ordered Candy Will Be Available For Pickup at the Jamboree:

Please submit your Candy Day Order Form to Max Kruse at the Found by ation Office. Please mail/Fax 815-748-9087or e-mail order forms to mkruse@lifnd.org

YOU MUST ORDER YOUR CANDY prior to the Jamboree, to guarantee getting candy at the Jamboree. The candy is mint rolls and sugar free suckers. Ordering what you will use should be considered (this is a special order and there are NO returns). Payment should be made in ADVANCE. If you have not received the order forms or have questions regarding this process, please call us and we will do our best to help you.

LIF Ralph Zaruda & Frank Kirar, District 1-A Trustees

#### PLEASE RSVP TO TRUSTEES BY SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

Lion Frank Kirar nofisol@aol.com

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PDG Raiph Zarada

Ralph.zarada.1a@gmail.com

#### REGISTRATION FORM

Jamboree Reservations are needed before September 9, 2022

Club Name:	# Reservations:	

Cost is \$25.00 per person. Make checks payable to: LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION

If you have a table of 10 your table will be RESERVED. Table under 10 is OPEN SEATING

(Sorry, No Dinner Tickets will be Sold at the Door)

Mail check and completed registration form to:

PDG Ralph Zarada, 6628 Wood River Drive, Niles, IL 60714



# LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION CANDY DAY ORDER FORM

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#### LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION

#### **CANDY DAY Final Report**

OFFICIAL REPORT of Candy Day Fund Raising for Humanitarian Services (Blind & Deaf).

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SUBMIT THIS REPORT AND CONTRIBUTIONS NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1)

HONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION

Unit, Social Services and Referral, LE Good Hearing Aid Collection & Hearing Aid State (H.A.B.), Used Epiganose Collections, LE Fund for Emergency (L.E.E.S)

700 N Peace Rd, Suite B

Details, IL 60015

\$15-756-5633-TELEPHONE BLS-758-8157-FAX dortogo@lifnd.org-EMAIL



## Lions of Illinois Foundation

Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974.

## 2022 District 1-A Candy Day Jamboree information:

Pictures with Governor Candy Pickup



Drop your Recycling

#### SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS



Dr. Kara Crumbliss, O.D., F.A.A.O.



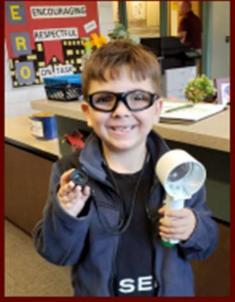
R.V. Paul Chan, MDChair

Low Vision Services Department of Ophthalmology Chicago LighthouseVisual Sciences Illinois Eye & Ear Infirmary

## TWO RAFFLES

50/50 Cash Raffle to one winner Two tickets to the Knight's Quest Gala at the Westin Itasca on Sept. 23

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## Student Low Vision Clinics 2022-2023

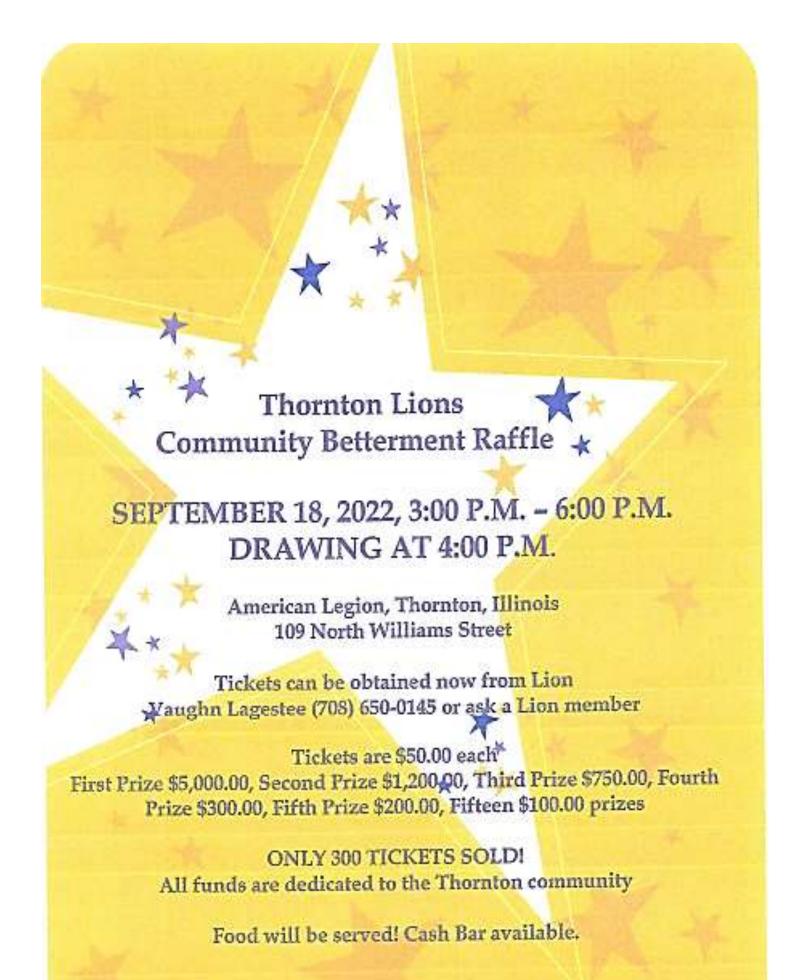


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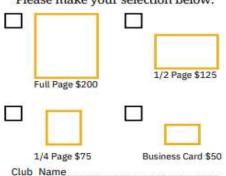
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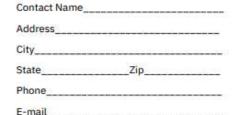
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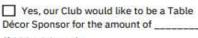




## Ad Book The Gala Ad Book will measure 5.5" x 8.5." ad deadline 9-14-22 Please make your selection below.







(\$100 minimum).



Please join your Foundation in celebrating over 47 years of improving the lives of individuals with vision and hearing needs.







## Tickets: \$125 each

- 6-7pm Cocktail Hour with waiter- passed hors d'oeuvres
- FREE casino games
- Live Music
- 7:30pm Dinner
- Guest Speakers/Awards







**FREE Casino Games Included** with your ticket!

#### Games Available:

- Blackjack
- Craps

6

Roulette



### Hotel Reservations

The Westin Chicago Northwest 400 Park Blvd, Itasca, IL 60143

Phone: 1-888-236-2427 \$99 Group Block Code: L22 Use block code when booking

#### Why "WE SERVE"

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Lions of Illinois Foundation



700 N. Peace Rd, Suite B DeKalb, Illinois 60115 Phone: (815) 756-5633 V & TTY relay lionsofillinoisfoundation.org facebook.com/LIFnd







#### Club Involvement

This event is a way to introduce the work of our Foundation and your Clubs to more people and potential partners. The event should not be a financial burden on Clubs, but there are ways your Club can assist.







## Knight's Raffle

Your Foundation will need help putting together baskets for the Knight's Raffle. Baskets might be tied together with a theme such as "Cubs Fan," "Home Chef," or "Spa Day." Contact the Foundation for more information.







## Live and Silent Auctions

Items for the live and silent auction, might include experience packages, weekend getaways, and timeshares. Do you know someone who could donate Bears tickets or know of a great winery that might donate a tour and tasting package? What about a timeshare that you don't plan on using next year?



Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs

Lions of Illinois Foundation A Knight's Quest Gala Presents:



Friday, September 23rd, 2022

Casino Games and Cocktails Begin at 6pm / Dinner 7:30pm The Westin Chicago Northwest 400 Park Blvd, Itasca, IL 60143

Phone: (630) 773-4000 Semi-formal/Black tie optional

#### Table Banners

For a minimum of \$100, your club's name will be displayed on a table banner.





Lion

(\$5,000+)

12 Complimentary Tickets (Full Table) Full Page Color Ad in Gala Ad Book



Diamond (\$1,500-\$4,999)

6 Complimentary Tickets 1/2 Page Color Ad in Gala Ad Book



Emerald (\$1,000-\$1,499)

4 Complimentary Tickets 1/4 Page Color Ad in Gala Ad Book



Ruby

(\$750-\$999)

2 Complimentary Tickets Business Card Ad in Gala Ad Book



Sapphire (\$500-\$749)

1 Complimentary Ticket Business Card Ad in Gala Ad Book





## Through the Foundation, communities & clubs benefit from these free services:

- \* Camp Lions for Children and Adults
- \* Student Low Vision Clinics
- \* Adult Low Vision (O and M Training)
- \* Mobile Retinal Screening Unit
- \* Mobile Hearing Screening Unit
- \* Reconditioned Hearing Aid Bank
- \* Social Services and Referrals
- \* Health Fairs
- \* Recycling: Used Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids, Keys, Cell Phones, and Aluminum

Lions of Illinois Funds for Emergencies (L.I.F.E.) It is funded mainly by club contributions from Candy Day, Sight and Sound Sweepstakes, Tootsie Pop Day, Gift Card Campaign, Diabetes Awareness Campaign, Annual Gala, Car Show and BBQ.

Your Foundation led the campaign to raise \$5 million to finance construction of the Lions of Illinois Eye Research Institute (L.I.E.R.I.) in Chicago as well as the campaign to raise \$1.1 million to finance the Charles I. Young Professorial Chair

#### Pick up your Pre-Ordered Wintergreen Candy or Sugar Free Suckers at your District 1-A Jamboree Candy Day Jamboree

Please submit your Candy Day Order Form to Max Kruse at the Foundation Office. Order Forms can be printed from our website LionsOffillinoisFoundation.org

Please mail/Fax 815-748-9087or e-mail order forms to mkruse@lifnd.org







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Scan here to learn more about LIF.

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Facebook.com/LiFnd/

Pick up your Candy Day Supplies at the Jamboree \*Candy Day Posters \*Candy Day Jug Labels \*Counter Mint Trays



#### Please email District 1-A Trustees to RSVP by

Lion Frank Kirar ncfisolf@aol.com PDG Ralph Zarada

Ralph.zarada.1A@gmail.com



#### Lions of Illinois Foundation

Serving People with Vision and Hearing Needs Since 1974

#### 2022 District 1-A Candy Day Jamboree

Tuesday September 13, 2022
115 Bourbon Street
3359 W 115th Street, Merrionette
Park, IL 60803
6-9 PM
RSVP BY 9/9/2022



Hosted by District 1-A Trustees
\* Lion Frank Kirar
\* PDG Raiph Zarada

#### 2022 District 1-A Candy Day Jamboree Information:

- Pictures with Governor
  - Foundation Update
    - Candy Pick up
- Buffet dinner with beer and wine included
  - \$25/person







### District 1-A Lions

## Birthplace of Lionism International Association of Lions Clubs District Governor Tony Zartler

2022-2023

## District 1-A Region 5 Meeting

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Gatto's Tinley Park 8005 183rd Street Tinley Park, IL 60477

Time: 6:00 pm Networking/Social 6:30 pm Dinner/Program

Cost - \$26 per person with a cash bar

Spilt the Pot & Basket Raffle

### Program/Speaker

District Governor Tony Zartler PCC Steve Anton on VOICES



#### District Service Project

#### DCFS to help Foster Children with Back to School Supplies

Please donate school supplies: pencils, pens, crayons, markers, colored pencils, pencil boxes, glue sticks, notebooks, folders, binders, rulers, highlighters, pencil sharpeners, index cards, calculators, scissors, paint brushes, protractors, backpacks, and any other school supplies

Please RSVP by Thursday, September 15th to ZC Nancy Kirner @ 630-240-1405 or nkirner1@yahoo.com

## THORNTON LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

October 2, 2022, 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 pm Thornton American Legion Hall 109 Williams Street, Thornton, IL

#### Items-

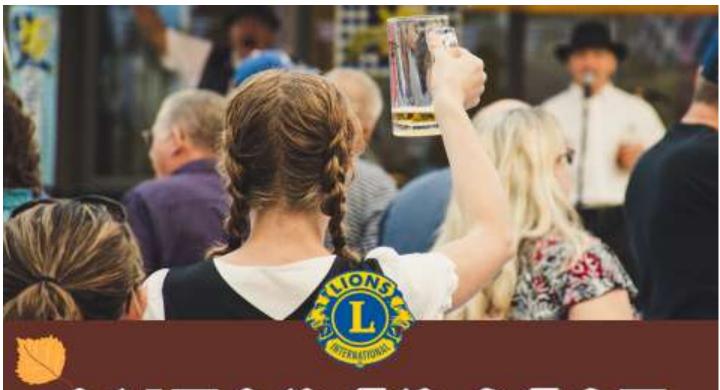
Pancakes, French Toust, Sausage, Scrambled eggs, Orange Juice, Milk and Coffee

#### Price

Adults \$9.00, Seniors over 65 \$8.00, Children under 5 Free! Tickets available from any Lion or purchased at the door.

Help the Lions serve the Community. We are excited to be back and ready to cook.





# OKTOBERFEST FUNDRAISER

- TO SUPPORT THE BRIDGEVIEW LIONS CLUB
&
JUSTICE LIONS CLUB

**MUSIC - FOOD - BEER** 





Saturday



4 - 8 p.m.

\$5 Admission Children under 12 Free

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7036 S. HARLEM AVE.
BRIDGEVIEW, ILLINOIS

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## Bridgeview & Justice Lions Club

## OKTOBERFEST SPONSOR

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\$250 GOLD: Sponsor name on all promotional materials

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\$100 SILVER: Sponsor name on all promotional materials

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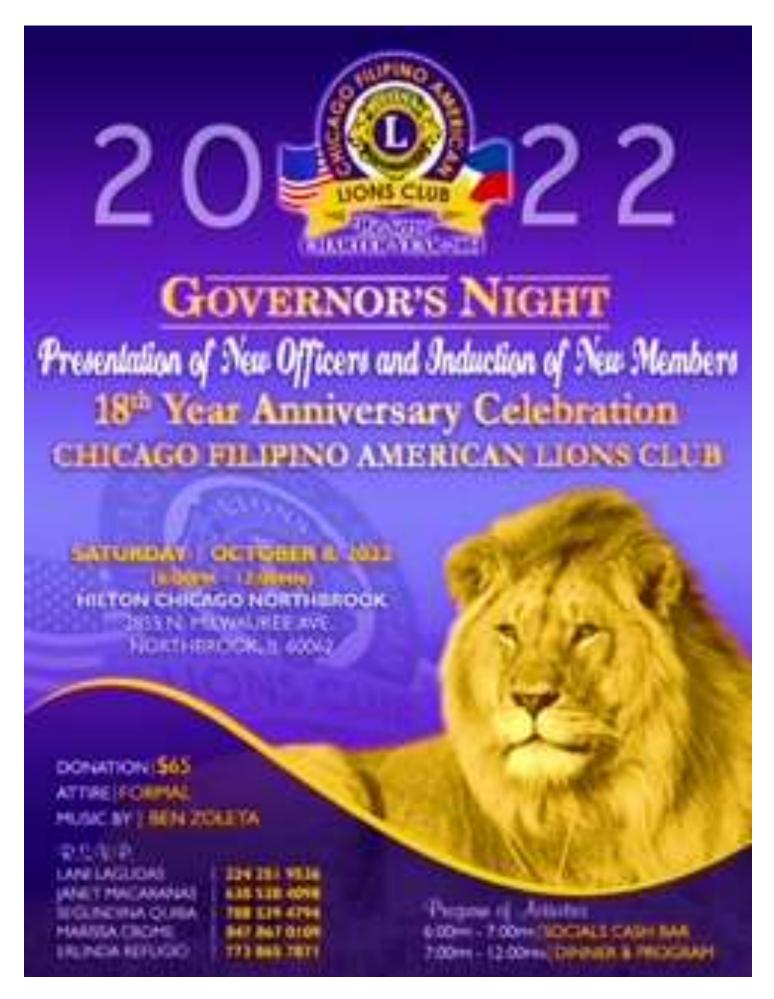
## MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

BRIDGEVIEW LIONS CLUB

CALL FOR PICK UP 708-860-8909 or MAIL TO:

LION DAWN GROGAN 7805 S MELVINA AVE BURBANK, IL 60459

All Sponsors will be listed on the Lions' Website, Event Signage and Social Media





## The Chicago Fil-USA Lions Club L President, Lion Dr. Dave Herrmann

Cordially invite you and your guests to their 18th Anniversary & Annual Presentation of Officers

> An Evening of Dining, Dancing & Entertainment

Guest Speaker District 1-A Governor Tony Zartler



Saturday, October 1, 2022 Hilton Northbrook

2855 Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062

Cocktails (cash bar) 6:30 pm • Dinner 8:00 pm Cover Charge: \$70.00 Attire: Formal

RSVP by September 22, 2022

Andy Liamaga 773-539-7341

Lindy Tan 847-691-8220

Ella Basilio 312-576-6917

Rhey Adriano 224-391-4461

Melody Angstadt 630-696-7152 Myrna Cordero 847-999-8913

Music: DJ Heide Masangcay & Gab Hernandez





communities. It's a way we can fulfill our mission at home – directly to those who need medical care but can't afford it. Join us to receive free medical services, including:

- Primary Care
- Dental exams
- Diabetes and Nutrition
   Education
- Eye exams

- Laboratory screenings: glucose, urinalysis and pregnancy
- Orthopedics
- Pediatrics: school/sports physicals (immunizations not included)
- Pharmacy: Free medication (based on exam at event)
- Podiatry

We also will provide access to other care services such as:

- Access DuPage and Piliars Community Health: connecting patients with a medical home, specialty referrals and access to affordable medications
- Chaplain services

- + Counseling services referrals
- Food pantry referrals
- Social Service evaluation and referrals

This event will be held in accordance with CDC guidelines and social distancing protocols will be followed to keep everyone safe.

#### Saturday, October 8, 9 am - 2 pm

Lyons Township High School South Campus — Gymnasium 4900 South Willow Springs Road Western Springs, IL 60558

Free parking!



Pre-registration is preferred to enquire an appointment time. Use the QR code to sign up for the event and request your time side.







### District 1-A Region 2 Meeting

### We would like to invite District 1-A to attend The First Region 2 Meeting

Date Thursday, October 13th, 2022

Time: 6:30pm-9:00pm (6:30 Social-7:00 Dinner)

Place: Moretti's Ristorante & Pizzeria

6415 Dempster St., Morton Grove, IL 60053

Please join us as we meet Members of all the Clubs in Region 2

#### Special Guest



#### District 1-A Service Project

Join us in participating in the "WELCOME HOME, VETERANS" District 1-A Service Project. We are collecting NEW Bathroom and Kitchen items. Please bring to the Region 2 Meeting on October 13th You can send to PDG Joni McMillan or Governor Tony Zartler address as well. All information is on the attached fiver below.

> Donation: \$28.00 Per Person "Buffet" Please RSVP on or before Friday, Oct 7, 2022

Lion Ben Zoleta Lion Yoly Zoleta

Region Chairman 815-546-5777 zeltravel@zmail.com Lion Chantimar Sriaroon Zone Chair 2A 630-670-7773 chantimar@qmail.com Zone Chair 2B 773-677-5010 yelyzolets@gmail.com







Our District Governor and First Lady have asked me to set up our first District Service Project by helping our Homeless Veterans

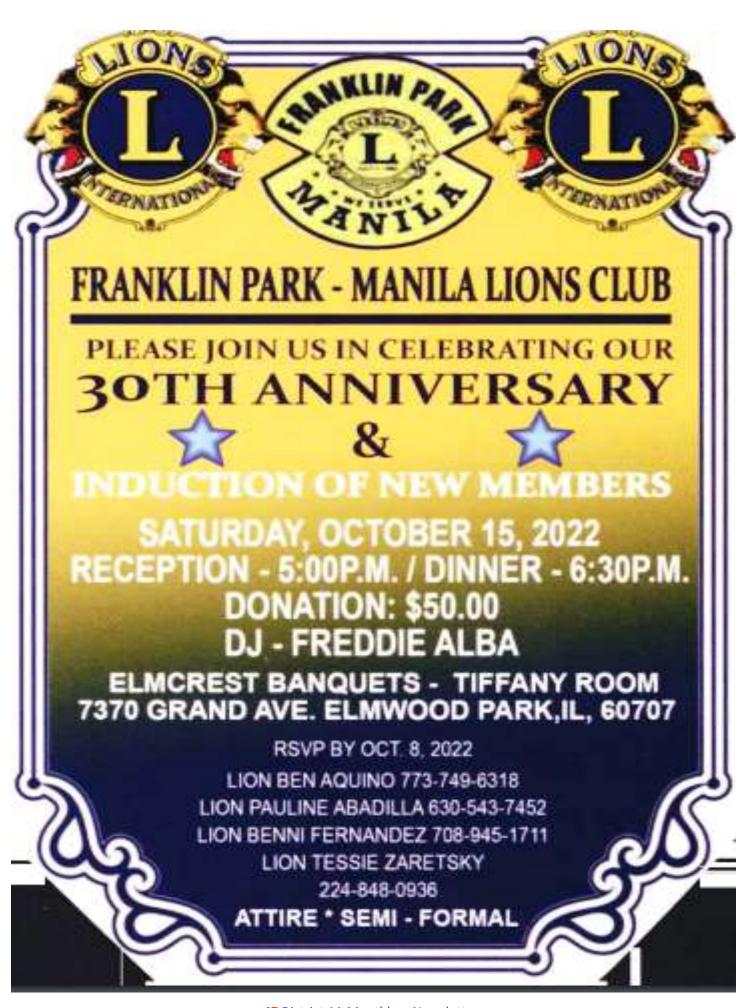
The Junior Auxiliary of the Marry Meyer Post 99t American Legion in Worth, Illinois is collecting NEW bathroom and kitchen items to equip newly housed Veteraus with household essentials. They will pack a "WELCOME HOME" left for the Jesse Brown VA Homeless Program.

Lions, let's do our part to help the Junior Austliary help end Veteran Homelessness in Americal They would like to include the following items to each kit. Items can either be brought to the Region 2 Meeting on October 13th, sent to PEG Joni McMillan, or Governor Tony's home. District 1A also set up an AMAZON Wish List:

https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/RL45N374GX9W

2 Coffee Mugs Mixing Bowl Bath Towels 2 Dinner Ptates Strainer Wash Cloths 2 Saind Bowls. Bars of Scap Measuring Spoons 2 Giannes Measuring Cups Klanner Toilet Paper 2 Forks Aluminum Foil 2 Knives Garbage Bags Toilet Bowl Brush Pine Sol 2 Spooms Sandwich Bags 2 Serving Spoons Quart Bags Cloth Wipes Kitchen Towel Gallon Bags Glade Decidorizer Spatula Food Storage Container Paper Towells Whisk: Dish Detergent Bucket Can Opener Brillo Pads, Sponges Razon Potato Paseler Lysol Wipes Shaving Cream Paring Knite Shampoo, Body Wash Napium

PDG Joni McMillan 15230 Hamlin Avenue Midlothian, IL 60445 Governor Tony Zartler 6541 W 111th Place Worth, IL 60482-1940







## District 1A Region 3 Meeting

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Thursday, O	ctober 20, 2022 - 6:00 PM - Dinner \$ 24.00
Great Escap	e Restaurant -9540 Irving Park Rd, Schiller Park, II
	2 Club Momboro
Meet Region	1 3 Club Members
Zone 3A	Chicago Logan, Chicago Arirang, Lincolnwood,
	Kala Sampath, Franklin Park
Zone 3B	Chi Philippine , Rogers Park, African, Chi Uptown
	Chicago Centennial.
Voices: Und	ate on Kids Vision Screening - PDG Dave Hansen
eron banasani	nn – Karl Schulz
Peace Poste	er Update
Special Gue	st: District 1A Governor Tony Zartler
7C MercyM	atousek - Mercym1972@yahoo.com

ZC MercyMatousek – Mercym1972@yahoo.com Faye Mendiola – Mendiola.cleofe@yahoo.com

#### HOLE SPONSORS

This is a wonderful opportunity to promote a club, event or business.

A \$100.00 donation includes a customized sign, placed on one of the holes for all golfers to view!

Please fill out the form and send it. or give it to a club representative, along with your check payable to Chicago Heights Lions Club.

Name		
Address		
Message		

Email company logos to: tompogorio@yahoo.com

Deadline for hole aponsor is August 31, 2022

#### SIGN UP TODAY!

For more information or to make reservations, please contact Lion Tom Pagoria at 708-252-9193 or

tompagoria@yahoo.com



Chicago Heights Lions Club PO BOX 752 Chicago Heights, IL 60411

Proceeds will go to the Chicago Heights Lions Club and will be used to help 8's local projects.

CHICAGO HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB

WEDNESDAY. SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

Deer Creek Golf Club University Park, IL 60466

## ALLING ALL GOLFERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Please join us for the Annual Chicago Heights Lions Club Golf Fundraiser on Wednesday, September 14, 2022.

The Chicago Heights Lions Club has been servicing the community since 1948. You do not have to be a member to participate in the golf fundraiser.

This event supports the following Lions Club projects:

- Prec eyeglasses
- Free bearing aids
- Tree Planting
- Children's Books
- Vision Screening Scholarships
  - Lea's Chib
  - Park Improvements
- Diabetes Awareness

#### ANNUAL CHICAGO HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB GOLF FUNDRAISER

Price: \$80.00 per golfer.

- Green Fees
- Golf Cart
- Hot Dog Lamch
- (2) Drink Coupons
- Dinner
- Raffles & Prizes
- Free Driving Rangel

SPACE IS LIMITED TO JUST 72 GOLFERS, SO REGISTER TODAY!

#### WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE\*

9:30 AM REGISTRATION 11:00 AM SHOT GUN START

LUNCH ON THE COURSE

4:00 PM DINNER PRIZES & DRAWINGS

PTIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



#### RESERVATION FORM

[ ] Golf

\$80,00

| Dinner Only

\$25.00

[ ] I, my Club, or community would like to make a donation in the amount of

[ ] I am a foursome and my partner(s) is/ are listed on the form below.

[ ] Please put me in a foursome.

Contact Name

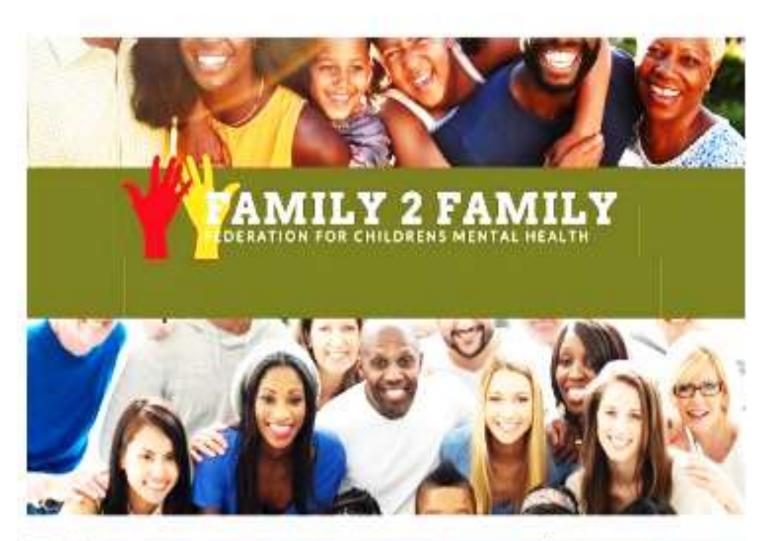
Address

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Team Members

RETURN FORM TO: CHICAGO HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB PO BOX 752 CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL 60411

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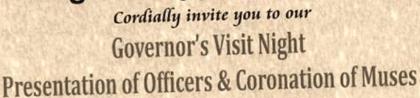


However, please feel free to hold Candy Day whenever is most convenient for your Club, just let us know, via email or phone call.

<u>Lions of Illinois Candy Day is always the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday and Saturday in October each year</u>

The Chicago Uptown Lions are hosting a fundraiser on the evening of Sunday, October 2, 2022, at 7 PM. This will be a virtual piano concert performed by our own Lion Steven Solomon. Proceeds will benefit the victims of the Kentucky floods and tornado. We hope you will join us for a fun concert while supporting those in need. Tickets are \$25. When the web site is open for ticket purchase, we will let you know. Once you purchase your ticket, you will receive the Zoom link for the concert. Lion Sharon Howerton, President (773-502-3154) Chicago Uptown Lions

## Chicago Philippine Lions Club



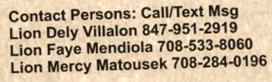


#### **Four Points Sheraton**

10249 W. Irving Park Road, Schiller Park, IL 60176 6:00 PM - 12 Midnight Friday, October 14, 2022

Check payable to Chicago Philippine Lions Club Dinner/Dance

Donation: \$70/person Attire: Semi-Formal Music: DJZanty





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A heartfelt message to all you loyal supporters of the River Grove Lions Club, and those who regularly attend our annual Steak & Lobster Fest.

After much debate and careful consideration, we regretfully share with you that we have decided to cancel our annual Steak & Lobster Fest once again this year. This was a VERY difficult decision that the board had to make, and several key factors were reviewed before coming to this unfortunate conclusion. We all hope and pray that by this time next year we will be back to soliciting your support to attend the triumphant return of our signature event.

While we are all disappointed that there will be no Steak & Lobster Fest again this year, in its place we are hosting our first ever River Grove Lions Club Grand Raffle. If you would like more information, or to buy tickets for our Grand Raffle, please see the Events tab at <a href="https://www.rivergrovelionsclub.com">www.rivergrovelionsclub.com</a>.

As always, we greatly appreciate your continued love and support.

Thanks so much for your patience and understanding,

The River Grove Lions Club

Save the Date !!!



## CLUB CHARTER PARTY

Please join the Calumet City Lions Club and other members of District 1-A as we formally welcome our new Lions Club in our District.

## **KOBE Cyber Lions of District 1-A**

WHEN:

Saturday, November 19, 2022 1:00 pm Social - 2:00 pm Dinner & Program

WHERE:

### Kasey's Banquet Hall

(Knights of Columbus Hall) 17800 Lorenz Avenue Lansing, Illinois

For more information contact PID Bob Block

(219) 671-0287 or lionbobblock@gmail.com

District 1A Governor's e-Newsletter Edited & Published by Lion Dr;
Austin Dsouza, PDG for District 1A lions and leos: govaustin@gmail.com.

## 2022 MD1 State Pin, Charm & Stick Pin New Delhi, India & Montreal, Canada



Each year our MD1 Lions of Illinois has a Friendship Pin made for the International Convention. Here is the 2022 MD1 State Pin, Stick Pin and Charm that are available for purchase.

You can purchase each item separate or get all three for \$4.00 per set.

#### USA Postage

1 to 5 Pins ...... Add \$3.50 6 to 10 Pins ..... Add \$5.00 Over 10 Pins ..... Add &7.50

Not Actual Say Shown

MD1 Pin - 52.50

Along with the 2022 State Pin, there are a number of pins that are remaining from past International Conventions. I have a limited stock, so the availability of the older pins could be limited to the year requested. Please contact me direct as to the specific year that you are looking for: As of now, I have pins and sets for Minnespolis, Minnesota (2009), Japan (2016), Chicago (2017), Las Vegas (2018), Singapore (2020) and Montreal (2021) to name a few. These pins are \$2.00 each or the set (if available) for \$3.00 each.

you are interested in any of the past year's pins, glease contact Lion Bob Block prior to placing your order for older pins and sets.

ORDER F	DRM	New Delhi, India	Montreal, Canada	Amount
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2022 State Charm	@ \$1.25 each	te: 59		5
2022 State Stick Pin_	@ \$1.25 each			5
2022 State Set	@\$4.00 each			\$
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		Total Amount Enclosed		5

Make Check payable to DISTRICT 1-A LIONS

Send this form and check to:

Lion Bob Block 615 205th Place Dyer, Indiana 46311 (219) 671-0287 Lion Ben Zoleta 3507 Lakewood Drivs Crystal Lake, IL 68012 (815) 546-5777

Call or email either Lion Bob at lionbobblock@gmail.com or Lion Ben at zeltravel@gmail.com to amange the delivery of your order if you do not want to receive them by mail