

Governor's Newsletter

July 2010



From the Land Down Under:

G'Day Lions of District 1-A. Gail and I are away at the International Convention and as you read this I have been sworn in as the Governor of District 1-A. I am very proud to represent you here at the Convention, at home in the State and of course in our District. We are looking forward to meeting as many of you in our travels as we can. We are members of an outstanding District, full of hard working Lions with drive and determination to succeed in their goals. Each of you should be proud of your club and its accomplishments. Your success makes our District shine.

It's going to be a great year for you and I. We have set our goals and with your help and encouragement they will be achieved.

Thank you and enjoy the summertime.

Remember those in need & take care.

Governor Steve and First Lady Gail

Club Anniversaries

Arirang Lions	July 1, 1973
Azteca Lions	July 12, 1966
Franklin Park Manila Lions	July 01, 1992
Mexica Lions	July 01, 1992
Mount Greenwood Lions	July 10, 1939

Dinner with the Council of Governors



Dinner at South Steyene Seafood- Darling Harbor, Sydney, Australia

**“Step Up To The
Plate & Volunteer”**

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District 1-A 2010-2011



**Lion Steve Anton
District Governor**

Lion Steve, a member in good standing, became a member of the Orland Park Lions Club in March 1998, and has served his club in every Board position except Secretary and Treasurer in eleven of his twelve years of membership. He completed his year as club President in 2003-2004 and he received his Melvin Jones award in September 2008. Lion Steve has also served as a committee chairman on several of our clubs fund raising events.

Lion Steve has served upon the District Cabinet as Vice District Governor, Zone Chairman for four years and has served on the District Convention Committee as its ad book chairman for five years. He also served on the Districts International Convention Committee as Lions Night chairman for the International Convention held in Chicago, Illinois in the year 2007. He has received a Presidential Certificate.

Lion Steve is currently retired from R. R. Donnelley. He was employed there for 22 years. He served on several work related committees, including Diversity Committee Chairman, Second Shift Safety Chairman, Plant Safety Chairman and the Donnelley Club Social Chairman.

Lion Steve served on the parent advisory committee at Ben Franklin High School for two years and was chairman of Boy Scout Troop #318 Orland Days Fund raising efforts for three years.

Lion Steve is married to Gail for thirty-seven years and they have one adult son, Scott.



A year of Petunias, Preparation, and Promise

Today is July 1, 2010 and as so continues my voyage. Around this time next year I will be governor of 1-A Lions. This spring I became quite a gardener. Planting vegetables, herbs and yes, Petunias. This colorful annual plant can be found in flower boxes that straddle the deck railing and are the focal point of the landscaping in front of my house.

My wife, Marcia chose the color pattern and planted some of them, but left the rest to me.

I keep them trimmed, watered and fertilized. I am not sure what this has to do with Lionism, but I suppose that you could say that a good leader is one who looks out for others and of course we all could use a little watering now and then.

I am all about preparing. I have kept my eyes and ears open in meetings and gatherings this past year and both Lion Ray and Lions Steve have made sure to include me when they spoke of short and long range goals. I have done some preparing on my own, too. The Lions Quest program finally is making it's way into the Chicago Public Schools and I have taken advantage of three days of training. Just last week I attended a two day training at Tilden High School where an LCIF trainer promoted the use of the Lion Quest curriculum. I have made a lot of teacher and administrator friends at the school and I am encouraged by their enthusiasm for the program. You can expect to hear m ore about this in the coming years.

My Promise to the district is to support Governor Steve and his programs.. I also promise to work with other Lion Leaders as they build for the future, encourage volunteerism, and serve those who have needs. I intend to stay connected with each other and engage in service.

Lion Wes Salsbury, VDG

Passing of the Baton!



From the desk of Lion Austin D'Souza, Ph.D., II VDG:

Dear Lions, year 2009-2010 flew away so fast; it looks like just yesterday I was selected as the Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer by Governor Ray Jachim. What an experience! Dealing with District Finances and communicating with all District Lions. I sincerely thank all the lions who rendered their helping hand to make my year as CST a successful one and my humble request to all of you is to continue supporting Lion Dawn Grogan – our new CST so that she can perform well to satisfy all of us.

Governor Steve Anton is still in Australia and he will be coming to District 1-A next week with his new spirit and new ideas which he learned in District Governor Elect School and from meeting new worldwide lions members. His motto for the coming year is: "Step up to the Plate" and it is every lions responsibility to follow his steps in making our District 1-A more active with new members and new activities in our communities. He is the chosen leader and we are his followers. His success will depend on our Lionistic work in our communities.

We have new CST, new Governor's Newsletter Editor, new webmaster, new Chaplain and the list goes on and on. With keeping success in his mind, Governor Steve had to make some changes in his cabinet. Yes, IPDG Ray showed us that "Change makes the difference." Once we come out of the box and embrace change, life becomes much easier, happier and peaceful. We can reach our goals with team spirit, dedication and successful mission.

IPDG Ray passed his baton of change to Gov Steve. Let us take active part in the relay of activities. Let us run our clubs with full of enthusiasm, high spirit and positive attitude. Remember – we are just volunteers in the world Lionism. There is no reason to take anything personal and stay away to mourn. If we do not like something, let us discuss, resolve and move forward. Lionism is here to stay and let us support our mission "We Serve," Amen.





From The Desk of Lion Dawn Grogan
Cabinet Secretary



As we start the new Lions year for 2010, I am in awe over the job that PCST Lion Austin D'Souza did last year. My only hope is that I can do half as good a job as he has done in my new position as Cabinet Secretary Treasurer. Thank you Lion Austin.

The District directories should be ready to be distributed in the 3rd week of July. In addition the secretaries will be receiving their clubs 6 moth per capita dues notice on or around the 15th of July. Please forward this to your clubs treasurer. This will enable us to pay our District/State Dues on time.

Communication will continue to be a priority this year. Email will be a big part of our communications. It only makes sense in the fact that postage is so high and through email there is the advantage of immediate delivery. If you prefer to receive your mail through snail mail please contact me and I will make sure that you receive a hard copy via regular mail. The exception will be dues statements and invitations. They will continue to be sent out via regular mail.

If you have any upcoming events please contact me or send me the flyer and I will get the information out to the District. Here are some dates of upcoming events.

LIF Foundation Golf Classic, Railside, Gibson City August 7th
 District 1A Golf Outing, Carriage Greens, Darien August 18th
 District 1A Candy Day Jamboree, Willowbrook Ballroom September 1st
 USA Canada Forum, Milwaukee, WI September 23-25th
 Special Olympics, Opening Eyes, United Center September 23rd
 District 1-A Night at the Races September 30th

Please promote these activities at your club meetings so that we can continue the support of our District and our Foundation. I look forward to serving you as District 1-A Cabinet Secretary Treasurer.

Lion Dawn Grogan, CST



From The Desk of Lion Jo Ann Maloney

Governor's Newsletter Editor

It is my honor and pleasure to have been asked by Governor Steve Anton to become his Editor for his monthly Newsletter. I have been also the editor for The Chicago Beverly Ridge Lions Club for almost two years now. I enjoy bringing news to everyone and love helping all Lions by being more successful than they already are. I know it's going to be a very eventful year with our new Governor and look forward to assisting him in keeping you informed.

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.



My Email is:

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DATES TO REMEMBER

1. **Submit monthly reports by the 20th day of the month on paper by the last day of the month on line by 12 noon.**
2. **July 1—New Club Officers take office**
3. **July 15—LCI Invoice—pay within 30 days of receipt**
4. **July 15—Deadline for submission of A-1 Annual activities Report**
5. **July 15—Deadline for submission of 100% Club Award Form to Governor**
6. **August 20—District Dues Invoice issued—pay within 30 days of receipt**
7. **November—Deadline for filing of new e-card to IRS**
8. **December-Deadline for filing annual report with Illinois Attorney General's Office**
9. **December 1—Deadline for submission of Candy day reports and payments**
10. **January 15—LCI Dues invoice—pay within 30 days of receipt**
11. **February 15—District Dues Invoice issues—pay within 30 days of receipt**
12. **February—Appoint Nominating Committee to select new club officers**
13. **March—Present proposed new slate of officers for coming year, accept nominations from floor**
14. **April—Election of club officers for coming year**
15. **May 15—Send PU 101 new Officers Reporting Form to LCI and Incoming Governor**
16. **June 1—Send List of Club Officers to Lions of Illinois Foundation**
17. **June 30—file Form for Melvin Jones Fellow**



**Lion Judy Toft,
District Membership Coordinator**

Lions Clubs International Foundation

PDG Ken Accola, Chair



Lions Clubs International Foundation is embarking on an awareness program over the next 2 years that will help bring it to the forefront of Lions here and around the world. With it comes new structure that gives support, training and continuity where we have been lacking in the past to build a stronger foundation. Each District Chair is responsible for increased promotion of LCIF and the miracles that occur as a result of the monies raised through our clubs. We will be able to deliver the same message about LCIF and will gain a greater sense of pride and knowledge for our International Foundation.

Much of this is the same result that Lions are showing serious concern. We are not taking advantage of tooting our horns to benefit the furthering our great organization. I have asked out Zone Chairpersons permission to speak at one of there zone meetings.

Each of our districts has received grants and in many cases more than their contributions and it is important that we convey this message to our clubs. We want to increase the awareness of the benefits received from giving to LCIF and the many miracles we help make happen by our generosity. Your support and cooperation this year working in partnership will continue to make LCIF the #1 Non-Governmental Organization (NCO) in the world and with greater awareness in out districts of the many miracles preformed through LCIF. Club participation will increase resulting in more people receiving services through these endeavors.

To update you of our successes District 1-A is ranked 339th world wide, with your support and help we can better this number. Contributions from 1968 to June 8, 2010 \$1,111,683.83 and rank #2 in MD-1. State wide we have raised \$6,472,075.00. These include both Campaign Sight First and Campaign Sight First 2. District 1-A has received \$375,940.00 in grants & I believe there will be another grant application this year. State wide programs have received over \$1,400,000.00. Many of these are matching grants. I am proud that our district has never had a year with out participation. We currently have 756 MJF Fellows and 71 Progressive MJF's.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and involvement.

GOVERNORS INSTALLATION & CABINET AWARDS

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Governor Elect Steve Anton taking oath of office from PDG John Coleman



I & II VDG Elect Wes Salsbury and Austin D'Souza taking oath of office from VDG Steve Anton



Governors exchanging Banners -new District Governor Steve Anton from Orland Park & now PDG Ray Jachim from Bridgeview



Lion Dave Derenzo, Lions of Illinois Foundation Trustee from District 1-A for the second term taking oath of office from PDG Jerry Novak



From Australia

SAVE THE DATE...

July 22, 2010

First Cabinet Meeting

Scottish Inn

2800 DesPlaines Ave.

North Riverside



First Lady Gail Anton



**THE 2010-11
Council of Governors for Illinois**

Events



CENTRAL LIONS CLUB OF CHICAGO

"The Mother Club of Lionism"

Chartered 1917

Invites you to our

93rd Anniversary Installation Party

Join us along with District Governor Steve Anton to honor Central's Lion of the Year PP Richard Carlson, and to install our 2010 Officers

Saturday, July 17, 2010 at 5:30 P.M.

Colletti's Restaurant

5707 N. Central Avenue ~ Chicago, Illinois

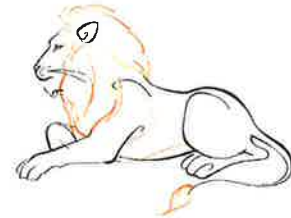
\$40.00 per Person (Cash Bar)

Contact: Lion Debbie Schlies at 312-997-3681 or Debbie.Schlies@chicagoighthouse.org for reservations by July 13, 2010.

Oak Park River Forest Lions Club



**Beverly Ridge Installation Dinner
New President Lion Norm Christensen
PDG Lion Dennis McMillin was the
Installing Officer**



PRESS RELEASE From Lion Bruce Flowers

The Homewood-Flossmoor Lions Club will have a Putting Game fund-raising booth during Homewood Days July 8-10 in downtown Homewood. This fund-raising event helps our club to continue to provide eye treatments, glasses and hearing aids to needy families throughout our communities. This year, a portion of the net proceeds will go toward servicing a local 28-year old diabetic adult with complete vision loss and on dialysis treatments 3 days/week. We are raising funds to provide a special audio and Braille-equipped computer system to enable him to communicate with the outside world. We need your support! Stop by our booth, win a prize, and help us help a neighbor.

The Homewood-Flossmoor Lions are dedicated to providing aid to the hearing and visually impaired, community and youth programs, and others in need. If you want to be involved in your community and desire to help others, the Homewood-Flossmoor Lions Club needs you! The Lions motto is "We Serve", and the H-F Lions have been serving their communities for 62 years.

For more information on this fundraising event or on membership, call Bruce Flowers at (708) 922-1809 or Ryan Shropshire at (708) 704-3166.