



DISTRICT 1A GOVERNOR RICHARD MOY'S

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

December 2025

Good afternoon Servant Heroes!



I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing Thanksgiving with loved ones. One of the many reasons I'm thankful is because of my Lions Family. For the many times I've had a chance to meet and get to know, you all are incredible servant heroes, and I couldn't be more thankful to serve this world in need alongside

you. As for the Lions Family I've yet to meet, I do see from far the service you do for your communities and those in need of a helping hand. Your dedication to humanity does not go unnoticed. Even though we haven't met, I see you Servant Heroes as well! Thank you!

The month of November saw myself in the busiest I've been since the start of my year. I celebrated with 10 clubs this month for their Governors Night, I installed 50+ new Leo's into the Harold L. Richards Highschool



Leo program, celebrated 2 club anniversary's, 10 club new officers and new members as well as partook in LCIF Training with the coordinators of our District, Lea Agaton and Austin D'Souza and PID Dan O'Reilly. So, between zoom meetings and visits, my month was quite literally filled daily. THIS IS AMAZING! That shows me you are all about ACTION and action is what Leaders do!

Through my travels I was able to see all the beautifully designed entrants for our Peace Poster contest. Let me tell you that the 10 entries we had were all extremely well done and the students are extremely talented. I want to thank all our participants, their teachers, parents and clubs for their entries and time to contribute those talents in representing our District. Our District winner came out of the Thornton Lions Cub which was voted upon at our Cabinet Meeting. I will be taking the winner down to my COG (Council of Governors) Meeting in December to represent District 1A. Good Luck!

As we head into Christmas Season, I want you all to continue to lead the

charge for service, membership and having FUN! Our next week of service is Hunger in January. So, if you have not done so already, start planning those projects now to be ready to hit the ground running.

The First Lady Edith has her service Project available that your clubs can partake in during those weeks of service in January. The information can be found on our District website and Facebook page. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me directly or our Service Chairperson PDG Joan McMillan.

We also have our District Christmas December Party 14th: this information is also on our website and Facebook page. I would love to our Lions Family see all attendance to enjoy some holiday cheer! This is also a great time to bring with you a potential Lion that you may have been talking to already to join our pride. Let's show them that Lions also have FUN and love to let loose! What better memory for them than to be installed by the Governor at the District Christmas party in front of so many of our Family. Something to consider!

I want to wish you all Happy Holidays and I will see you in December!

GO LIONS GO!!

Yours Always in Service,

Richard A. Moy

VCC (Vice Council Chair)
District Governor

Dear Lions: Send your news and pictures to Lion Austin if you want to see them here in this

newsletter. Email to: govaustin@gmail.com

About Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

Our mission

Our mission is to empower Lions clubs, volunteers and partners to improve health and wellbeing, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian service and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.

Changing lives since 1968

22,000+
LCIF grants awarded
US\$167
million
in disaster relief support

20+
million
successful Lions
Quest students

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9.7 million

Stories of service

Watch



Change a life

LCIF's impact is measured by individual lives transformed through your support. Since 1988, LCIF grants have empowered Lions globally, creating profound change. See how your generosity can make a difference, one life at a time.



Empowering youth across the globe

Over four decades, Lions Quest has transformed youth, expanded globally and formed key partnerships. See how Lions Quest's 40-year journey has shaped young lives.



Support after disaster

When widfres raveged Texas, LCIF provided grants, enabling Lions to deliver immediate relief, and we're still supporting these efforts. See the powerful impact we're making together.



Responding and rebuilding together

When a magnitude 7.4 earthquake struck Hualien City, Chine Taiwan in April 2024, LGF acted quickly to empower Lions on the ground. Lions delivered vital food, water and supplies to those affected by this cross.

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Our partners:





Collaboration is key. And we keep good company. LCIF works with leading organizations and companies to amplify our service impact. Discover how our global partnerships make us stronger.

Your District 1A LCIF Coordinators:

Lion Lea Agaton PDG Austin Dsouza

Giving empowers service. When you support LCIF, 100% of your donation benefits the very grants and programs that empower the

compassionate service of Lions and Leos, and those who need our help. Your generosity makes a powerful impact.

This is the season of giving, caring and sharing. Donate \$34 for each member in your club to LCIF and become 100% Donor.

Support our service



Hello District 1-A Lions, Greetings from the VOICES team,
the Charitable Arm of District 1-A.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with your loved ones.

The VOICES team continued to be busy during the month of November

We continue to receive many hearings aid request for the open areas in District 1-A. In November we received 3 requests, bringing our total to \$15,140.00 since July 1st.

Due to the increase in requests for

Hearing Aids, we are currently updating our process to better serve those in need.

The "Can you Hear Me Now?" fundraiser was launched in mid-September. Our goal is to raise \$7,500. Currently, we have reached 46% of our goal. Emails have been sent to all the clubs (Presidents & Secretaries) asking for a donation so that we can continue to provide hearing aids for those in need. Please note that when we receive requests for open areas, we do reach out to the clubs closest to the area for donations. We also receive donations throughout the year from Lions and Lions Clubs within District 1-A

Children Vision testing: we had a busy November for vision screenings. We have screened 244 children in November. If you have a pre-school or a church group in your area that would like to have children's eyes screened or hearing test for adults, just contact Lion Marlene Chaney at marchaney@sbcglobal.net and she will set the wheels in motion. We can screen children between the

ages of 6 months to six years and give hearing tests to anyone over 10 years of age. All free of charge.

Raffle tickets for the Presidents Raffle will go on sale in December for \$20 a ticket (Only 300 tickets will be sold). The drawing will be held daily on Facebook live at 12 Noon. The drawing will begin on Thursday February 12th and end on Sunday February 22nd. There will be 1 winning ticket drawn per day for \$200.00 and the ticket will be put back in the drum for future drawings. On February 12th and 22nd there will be 2 winning tickets pulled for \$200.00 each. VOICES members will have tickets available for sale soon.

On behalf of the VOICES team, we wish you and your families a beautiful Christmas, Hanukkah or



Kwanzaa. We thank you for supporting the VOICES foundation.

I thought I would include a picture of 2

of the VOICES directors dressed up as Santa & Mrs. Claus at their club outing. Can you guess who they are?

Christmas Party. Thank you for all that you do to help those in need. We couldn't do it without all of you.

Gail Anton

Hope to see you at the District

President – VOICES

GMT Coordinator Report:

PDG Tom Elsey

December 1, 2025



Mission 1.5

As stated on the international website "We're on a mission to grow. And social media is one of the best tools we have for spreading our message, sharing success stories, and inspiring fellow Lions to join the drive to reach 1.5 million members worldwide. *MISSION* **1.5** starts with you. So, get active with other Lions on social media now! #MissionToGrow"

Let's see what we can do to help reach 1.5 members! We can reach and exceed our goal if every lion adds one or more new members.

As a district, we need to continue improving work on retaining our members and getting new members. International A. P. Singh attended the Council of Governors Meeting on Saturday, September 27 and encouraged MD-1 Illinois to continue working hard to help achieve our Mission 1.5 Goals as outlined in the Table below. He is passionate about the need for us to continue increasing membership, so we can continue serving those in need.

2025-2026		Members from New	in Existing		Net
Mission1.5	New Clubs	Clubs	Clubs	Members	Growth
Goals	3	75	300	275	100
Actual	1	21	131	110	21

As you can see, we are behind our membership goals and we all need to continue working hard to show the world that District 1 A, MD-1 Illinois and Constitutional Area 1 that we have what it takes. Thank you for all that hard work you do!

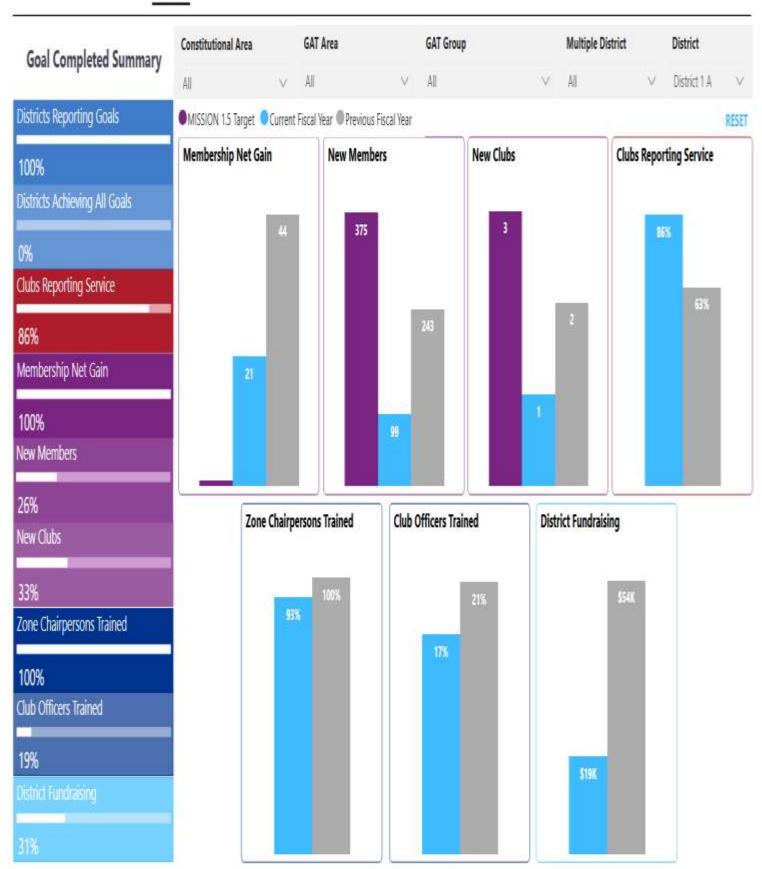
The easiest way to gain members is to have your club visible and provide service to those in need. Visibility will help your prospective member make an easy choice in accepting your invitation to join your club.

Overview of Mission 1.5

Mission 1.5, Lions International's global membership growth initiative, set an ambitious target: to grow Lions Clubs International to **1.5 million members** worldwide. The campaign focused on:

- Recruiting new members with passion and purpose.
- Strengthening club retention and engagement.
- Work to assist where needed to help clubs meet community needs or causes for service.

As GMT Coordinator, I will work closely with our district's leadership, Global Action Team, and clubs to align our efforts with Mission 1.5. While we've made significant gains in awareness and training, our year-end membership data reveals key challenges—particularly around retention and club vitality.



Oistrict 1-A Membership Summary – 2025-2026 Lion Year (Through 10/30/2025

Total New Members Added

130 new members were added across existing clubs.

Clubs Adding Members in 2025 – 2025

New Members By Club	
As of 11/30 2025	
Club Name	Number of New Members
CHICAGO HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE	30
SOUTHLAND CYBER	21
CHICAGO FILIPINO AMERICAN	13
CHICAGO DIVERSE INTERGENERATIONAL	10
CHICAGO NURSES FOR DIABETES	7
CHICAGO ENGLEWOOD	5
CHICAGO ASIAN AMERICAN	4
WILLOW SPRINGS LIONESS	4
PALOS	3
CHICAGO ONE WORLD CENTENNIAL	3
CHICAGO ECUADOREAN	2
RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP	2
BELLWOOD	2
CHICAGO BAYANIHAN-SAMPAGUITA	2
ORLAND PARK	1
RIVER GROVE	1
CHICAGO METROPOLITAN	1
WESTCHESTER	1

LANSING

CHICAGO MABUHAY CENTENNIAL

1

Grand Total	120
LA GRANGE HIGHLANDS	1
CHICAGO WINDY CITY	1
BROOKFIELD LA GRANGE PARK	1
CALUMET CITY	1
WILLOW SPRINGS	1
STICKNEY FOREST VIEW	1

Four Clubs Sponsored 10 or more members so far this year, including Southland Cyber Lions Club that was newly chartered in October 2025. So far, we have had 26 clubs adding new members.

Sponsors of New Members

	Number New	of
Club Name	Members	
[Charter Members - No Sponsors] _ SOUTHLAND CYBER	21	
GERALDINE GADEN _ CHICAGO DIVERSE		
INTERGENERATIONAL	9	
NICASIO PALLARCA _ CHICAGO HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE	6	
ANN TEANO _ CHICAGO NURSES FOR DIABETES	6	
LANI LAGUDAS _ CHICAGO FILIPINO AMERICAN	6	
TAMMI PHELAN _ WILLOW SPRINGS LIONESS	3	
MA GEMMA ESMALLA _ CHICAGO ONE WORLD		
CENTENNIAL	3	
JOHN CHISUM _ CHICAGO ENGLEWOOD	3	
LOUELLA MARIE ENCINA _ CHICAGO HEALTHCARE		
ALLIANCE	3	
ELIZABETH LEGASPI _ CHICAGO FILIPINO AMERICAN	3	
DOLORES LIVAS _ CHICAGO HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE	2	
RUBELYN MORES _ CHICAGO HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE	2	

HONESTO RODRIGUEZ _ CHICAGO HEALTHCARE	
ALLIANCE	2
TED STEISKAL _ BELLWOOD	2
JEAN GAVINA _ CHICAGO HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE	2
LEA AGATON _ CHICAGO HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE	2
PETER HURLEY _ BROOKFIELD LA GRANGE PARK	1
MARIE JOY CARINO _ CHICAGO HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE	1
SALVIC SAAVEDRA _ CHICAGO FILIPINO AMERICAN	1
ERMA BALDERAS _ CHICAGO ASIAN AMERICAN	1
MARY GEM CUBOS _ CHICAGO HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE	1
GAIL CHRISTOFFER-BARUCH _ ORLAND PARK	1
ROBIN MOONEY _ RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP	1
ALICE ARELLANO _ CHICAGO HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE	1
CHERE WALSH _ WILLOW SPRINGS LIONESS	1
GINA NARCISO _ PALOS	1
MARILOU DANGALAN _ CHICAGO NURSES FOR DIABETES	1
DANIEL O'REILLY _ STICKNEY FOREST VIEW	1
NANCY LEGASPI _ CHICAGO FILIPINO AMERICAN	1
HUMBERTO RIVERA _ LANSING	1
RICHARD LA JOYE _ CHICAGO WINDY CITY	1
IRENE SANGLAY _ CHICAGO BAYANIHAN-SAMPAGUITA	1
ROSETTE TEJADA _ CHICAGO HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE	1
JANET REYES-MACARANAS _ CHICAGO ASIAN AMERICAN	1
SYLVIA RODRIGUEZ _ CHICAGO ECUADOREAN	1
DENNIS HYKER _ PALOS	1
ENRICO MACARANAS _ CHICAGO ASIAN AMERICAN	1
DERRICK PHILLIPS _ CHICAGO ENGLEWOOD	1
MARIE VIVIEN GONZALES _ CHICAGO HEALTHCARE	
ALLIANCE	1
JOSE RODRIGUEZ _ CHICAGO ECUADOREAN	1
MARISSA SALVALEON _ CHICAGO HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE	1

Grand Total	120
CHARLES COURTNEY _ RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP	1
DIANE COOK _ CHICAGO METROPOLITAN	1
WASE ABDUL _ CHICAGO HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE	1
LISA SCHMIDT _ RIVER GROVE	1
ELAINE DIXON _ CHICAGO ENGLEWOOD	1
LIONEL VALENCIA _ CALUMET CITY	1
STEVEN RHODES _ PALOS	1
LEA TUBAC _ CHICAGO BAYANIHAN-SAMPAGUITA	1
EDEN HERRES _ CHICAGO DIVERSE INTERGENERATIONAL	1
LEA DE JESUS _ CHICAGO HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE	1
ALLIANCE	1
ROSALINDA KATAYAMA _ CHICAGO HEALTHCARE	
ALFREDA RETTERER _ CHICAGO ASIAN AMERICAN	1
RICHARD WELGE _ LA GRANGE HIGHLANDS	1
LAUDELINA LAGUDAS _ CHICAGO FILIPINO AMERICAN	1
RICHARD JOINER _ WILLOW SPRINGS	<u>.</u> 1
ALLIANCE	1
AMANDA GIAMBELLUCA _ CHICAGO HEALTHCARE	1
ANDREAS BRANDT _ WESTCHESTER	<u> </u>
KATRINA STARKS _ CHICAGO HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE	<u>'</u> 1
MONA CANETE _ CHICAGO MABUHAY CENTENNIAL	<u> </u>
JOY RAMIREZ-MARTELL _ CHICAGO FILIPINO AMERICAN	1

We had 61 lions that have sponsored new members this year.



2025-2026 Newly Chartered Clubs

Southland Cyber lions Club was newly chartered on October 9, 2025. Let us welcome the 21 members that have joined our new club, fifteen of those members have sponsored multiple members, the remainder of the sponsors gave us one member each.

Members Dropped by Club, By Reason

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CHICAGO PHILIPPINE			3	8		2	1	2	16
CHICAGO DIVERSE INTERGENER ATIONAL					10	3	1		14
CHICAGO					10	3	ı		14
FILIPINO									
AMERICAN					9	1		3	13
CHICAGO									
MABUHAY									
CENTENNIAL				8			2		10
CHICAGO			_						
GLOBAL			2	5	2				9
CHICAGO FIL				5			1	2	8
BERWYN									
CENTENNIAL					4		1		5
CHICAGO									
ROGERS PARK		1		3					4
PALOS					1		3		4
RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP		1			1		1		3

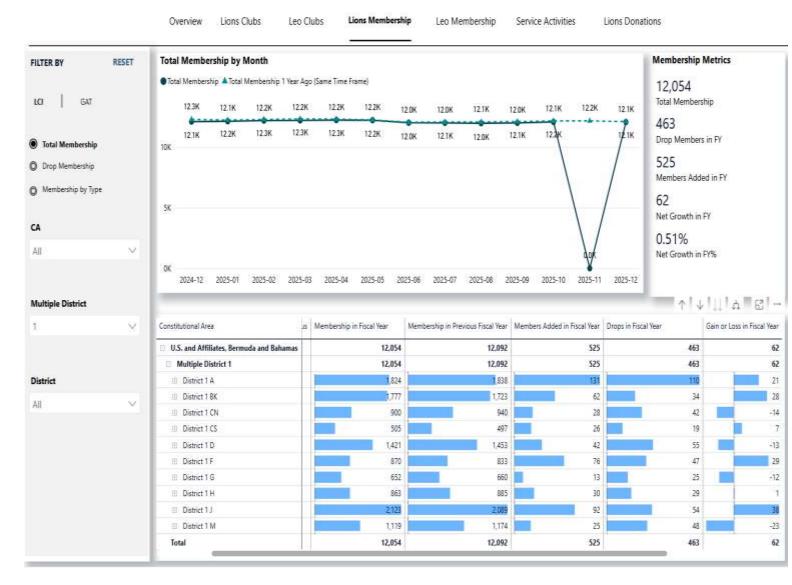
JUSTICE				3					3
BELLWOOD		3							3
CHICAGO									
ONE WORLD									
CENTENNIAL			2	1					3
CHICAGO									
NURSES FOR									
DIABETES					3				3
CHICAGO						2			
RIDGE						2			2
CHICAGO									
BEVERLY RIDGE		1					1		2
CHICAGO		I					ı		
PUERTO RICO					1		1		2
ORLAND					' 		'		
PARK	1								1 1
CHICAGO	•								
MOUNT									
GREENWOOD	1								1
CHICAGO									
EAST SIDE		1							1
THORNTON							1		1
GLENWOOD				1					1
LANSING		1							1
CHICAGO		_							
BAYANIHAN-									
SAMPAGUITA							1		1
Grand Total	2	8	7	34	31	8	14	7	111

District 1-A lost 111 members so far this year with 24 clubs losing members. The top 2 reasons for the loss is due to Non-Attendance (34) and Non-Payment of Dues (31) for a total of 65 of those members. We need to work on reducing losses in our district in the second half of the year.

MD-1 Illinois Lions Membership

MD-1 Illinois Membership as os 11/30/2025

Members



MD 1 Club Information

				Sum of	
	Total	New	Dropped	Reorganized	Sum c
Multiple District	Clubs	Clubs	Clubs	Clubs	Status

					Quo Clubs
Multiple District 1 - ILLINOIS	421	1	2	0	5
District 1 A	69	1	0	0	1
District 1 BK	58	0	0	0	1
District 1 CN	28	0	0	0	0
District 1 CS	23	0	0	0	0
District 1 D	48	0	0	0	0
District 1 F	29	0	0	0	0
District 1 G	31	0	0	0	0
District 1 H	36	0	0	0	3
District 1 J	54	0	0	0	0
District 1 M	45	0	2	0	0

District 1A is the only district in MD-1(Illinois) to start a new club in October. The club so far has chartered with 21 members. Our goal for the year is to start three new clubs with 75 members. The Multiple District has a goal of 12 clubs. District 1 F has started a new club application with 23 members and District 1 CS has started a new club application in November.

MD 1 Member Information

	New	Transfe rred	Reinst ated	Total Mem bers	Total Mem bers	Total	Gain Or Loss In
Multiple	Mem	Membe	Memb	Adde	Drop	Membe	Mem
District	bers	rs	ers	d	ped	rship	bers
Multiple							
District 1 -							
ILLINOIS	454	19	31	525	463	12,054	62
District 1 A	99	2	9	131	110	1,824	21
District 1							
BK	55	2	5	62	34	1,777	28

District 1							
CN	23	2	3	28	42	900	-14
District 1							
CS	23	1	2	26	19	505	7
District 1							
D	37	2	3	42	55	1,421	-13
District 1 F	67	4	5	76	47	870	29
District 1							
G	10	1	2	13	25	652	-12
District 1							
Н	28	2	0	30	29	863	1
District 1 J	88	2	2	92	54	2,123	38
District 1							
М	24	1	0	25	48	1,119	-23

As of November 30, 2025, MD-1 has 6 districts with a plus in membership, and 4 districts with a deficit in membership. Overall MD-1 is +77 members. For this year, the multiple district is a plus 62 in membership.

Tips for Improving Membership in Your Clubs

Here are 10 ways to jumpstart your club's recruiting efforts.

This is taken from LCI's Mission 1.5 Website resources:

1. **Do**a member satisfaction check.

Before going out to recruit, look inside. How's your club doing? Are your members happy? Do you have a positive club culture? Happy members who enjoy being a Lion are more likely to successfully recruit friends, family and others to your club.

Tools for success: Membership Satisfaction Guide

2. **Connect your club membership and marketing chairpersons.**Does your club have a membership chairperson? How about a marketing chairperson? If not, you'll want to fill these roles because marketing and membership growth go hand in hand. If you already have these chairpersons in place, make sure they're working together to promote your club and recruit new members.

Tools for success: <u>Marketing Matters webpage</u>, <u>Club Membership</u> <u>Chairperson webpage</u>

3. Get social.

Social media is one of the most powerful tools you have for recruiting members. The more you promote your club's incredible work, the more visible you'll be and the more opportunities you'll have to connect with people looking to serve. So, use social media to invite people to join your club for a service project or attend one of your events, and be sure everyone in your club is sharing, tagging and reposting stories about your club. Is your clubs

Tools for success: Social Media Kit

4. **Don't forget traditional media.** Social Media isn't the only way to get your club noticed. Local newspapers, magazines and newsletters are also great ways to promote your club. Make connections with your local media and other organizations and community groups to discover opportunities to get the word out.

Tools for success: Lions Press Center, Brand Advance Kit

5. **Apply for the Lions International Marketing Award.** Marketing is critical for recruitment, but it's also a fun way to collaborate with your club and be creative. So why not embrace a little friendly competition by taking your shot at global recognition and great prizes? Your club can apply for the Lions International Marketing Award by

creating a marketing campaign focused on member recruitment. Gather your team, plan your marketing campaign, and go out and get some new members.

Tools for success: <u>Lions International Marketing Award webpage</u>, <u>Marketing Matters webpage</u>

6. **Recruit** while you serve. One of the best ways to recruit is by doing what you do best — serving. So invite people to serve with you and see what it's like to be a Lion. Wear Lions-branded clothing to your service projects for visibility and bring promotional materials to hand out to people you meet while out in the community.

Tools for success: Brand Advance Kit, Lions Shop

7. **Host** a member recruitment event. Service is our focus, but bonding and having a good time is also a big part of the Lion experience — so don't be afraid to show off that side to potential members! Consider hosting a member recruitment event that's more of a social gathering. It could be a happy hour, picnic, ice cream social, game night or whatever works for your club. Promote the event on social media and encourage everyone in your club to invite at least five people.

Tools for success: Social Media Kit, Brand Advance Kit

8. Write and share your Lion stories. Every Lion has a story to tell about their member experience. But is every Lion in your club ready to share theirs? Consider a club activity where everyone writes their story. It doesn't have to be long — it can be as simple as jotting down why you joined or why you love being a Lion. Once your stories are ready, find creative ways to share them on social media or your club's website. Or, simply use them while talking with prospective members.

Tools for success: Lions Get Social webinar, Lions Blog

9. Make connections in your community. It's not always what you know, but who you know. Consider ways you can expand your network, like meeting local business owners or getting involved in community events. Participate in a golf outing, volunteer at a hospital or school, or even attend another group's pancake breakfast. The more you're out and about, the more people you'll meet — so think of creative ways to make new connections. These connections just may become new partners, supporters or even new members.

Tools for success: <u>Developing Local Partnerships</u>

10. Just Ask!

There are lots of different ways to find new members. But at the end of the day, one of the easiest and most effective ways to recruit is to simply ask people to join. Imagine if every Lion brought one new member to your club — think of how many more people you could serve. All it takes is asking one family member, friend or neighbor.

Tools for success: Just Ask Guide

Take some time to look over some of the resources we have available to us that will help us serve more of our friends in need!

Application for Membership

An application for membership can be downloaded using the link shown below. It is a fillable pdf file that can be either printed to be given to prospective new members or sent electronically for a new member to fill-in online and email back to you.

The file can be accessed using the following link:

https://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/79863797

Pre-printed Applications are available from Lions International.

If your club would like some assistance with getting new members or updating your social media platforms, please to not hesitate to reach out for assistance

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Elsey

District 1A Global Membership Team Chairperson thomas.elsey@gmail.com Westchester Lions Club

Send your club news and pictures to: govaustin@gmail.com District 1A Service Activities:

Send your articles, news with pictures to: Lion Austin before every 25th of the month.



Lions and Volunteers taking part in Opening Eyes at the Wintrust Center.

















Chicago Nurses for Diabetes Lions' Health Camp.









LCIF District Coordinators' Training



The Forest Kala Sampath Lions Club President Randy Makela receiving International President's Appreciation Certificate from PDG Austin Dsouza.

District 1A II Cabinet Meeting at the Four Points Hotel Sheraton:









































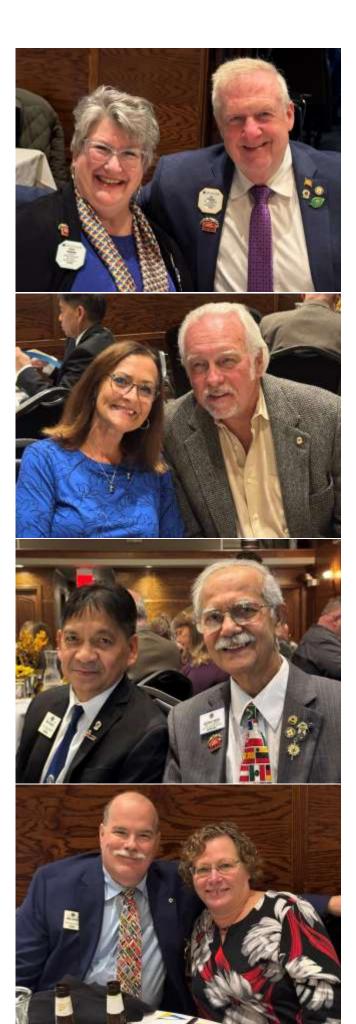


LCIF Giving meeting with **Berwyn Centennial Lions Club** with PDG
Austin Dsouza at the Michael's
Restaurant.



10th Anniversary Party:



















Chicago Asian American Lions

First Anniversary at Allegra Banquets, Villa Park:

























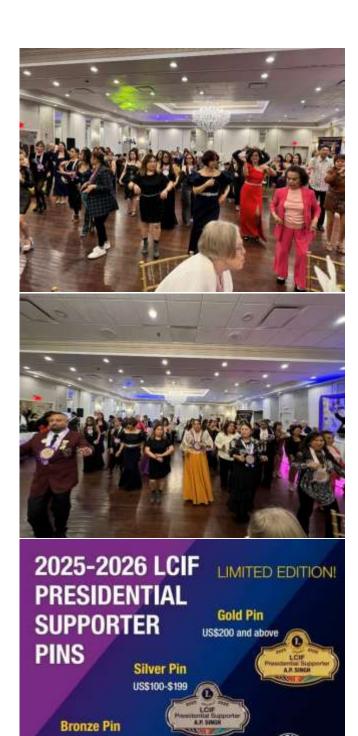






Induction of New Members!





Get these collectible pins of LCIF: Contact Lion Lea Agaton or PDG Austin Dsouza.

District 1 - A Holiday Party

Sunday, December 14, 2025 Chateau Orleans 8025 Cass Ave ~ Darien 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm **Oak lawn** attended the Richard's High School Leo Club induction. District 1-A Governor Lion Richard Moy who joined the Leo Club when he attended Richard's High School and inducted the 46 Leo new members.





Thornton Lions held their Breakfast as fundraiser.



The Forest Kala Sampath, Chicago Healthcare Alliance and Chicago Asian American Lions Clubs received 5 Star Lions Club Patch and Excellence Awards for increasing members last year









Chicago Healthcare Lions Club joined Abankalan Lions Club in Philippines and distributed food items to the needy children on November 30th.

Dedicated healthcare professionals united to enrich their knowledge and enhance the quality of care they provide. Lion members commit to continuous learning to better serve the community. They celebrate wellness by enjoying each other's company and dancing

to restore mental well-being after a fulfilling but challenging week!



Chicago **Healthcare Alliance Lions Club Chicago Healthcare** Club **Alliance** Lions had the of meeting privilege with Philippine Consulate General Atty. Melanie Diano, with other officials, to discuss collaborative projects that aim to strengthen Philippine tourism, as well as to gain clarity on the procedures for dual citizenship. productive insightful and conversation. you Thank inviting us to the Kapihan sa Konsulado.



Chicago Healthcare Alliance Lions Club at Walk for

Diabetes on November 12.:







Chicago Healthcare Alliance
Lions Club Mental Health
Awareness Education:
Depression and Suicide Prevent
on November 12th:







Chicago Healthcare Alliance Lions Club Fundraiser for Typhoon
Tino Victims:



Chicago Healthcare Alliance Lions Club's Integrated Care: Advancing Clinical Practice & Financial Well-Being.



Chicago Global Lions Club held bingo for the seniors



Chicago Windy City Lions Club put together a Giving Tree.



VOICES of District 1-A decorated

A Christmas Tree at **Brookfield Zoo**



Chicago Bayanihan-Sampaguita Lions Club's Governor's Visit.



Chicago Ecuadorean Lions Club's Governor's Nite and induction of 5 new members.



Willow Springs Lioness Lions Club inducts 2 new members.



Justice Lions Club at the Family Bingo.



Lansing Lions at the Nicor Gas resource fair and food drive.



Stickney-Forest View

iew Lions

Club's Ham & Eggs Breakfast.



Tinley Park Lions Club made a monetary donation, as well as toys,

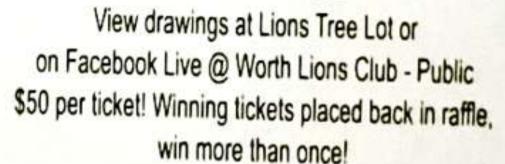
to the Tinley Park Food Pantry.

Worth Lions Club at the Worth Ton of Food Drive.

If you don't see your service activity in this magazine means, you didn't send me one. -Lion Austin

Twelve Days of Christmas Raffle!

Drawings held Dec.1 thru Dec.12 at noon! 11605 Harlem Ave.



\$500 awarded daily 12/1 thru 12/12.

Only 200 tickets will be sold!

Daily prize amount based on the sale of 200 tickets.

Good Luck and Thank you for your support!



No. 200



Please Join Governor Richard & First Lady Edith
at the

District 1 - A Holiday Party

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Chateau Orleans 8025 Cass Ave ~ Darien

12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Dinner ~ Cash Bar \$45 Per Person

Wear Your Favorite Holiday Attire Enjoy Live Music & Dancing

First Lady Edith's Charity is the Ronald McDonald House

We will be collecting items from their attached Wish List



Please RSVP by December 3, 2025 to Lion Dawn at pcstdawn@gmail.com or 708-860-8909

LIONS&LEOS WEEKS OF SERVICE 2025-2026



The Weeks of Service centers around significant inetérnational days, highlighting the impact of Lions through the world. Lions an encouraged to do service that greatly impacts their communities while also finding sustainable ways to increase service impact, visibility of the Lions brand through consistent periods of service.

THE 3 FOCUS AREAS FOR THIS FY INCLUDE:



MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING

LIONS SERVICE WEEK WILL BE ON OCTOBER 4-12, 2025



HUNGER

LIONS SERVICE WEEK WILL BE FROM JANUARY 3-11, 2026



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ENVIRONMENT LIONS SERVICE WEEK WILL BE FROM

APRIL 18-26, 2026





HAPPY

INTERNATIONAL LEO DAY

JOIN THE CELEBRATION!









Date

December 5, 2025



Time 8:00 am CDT



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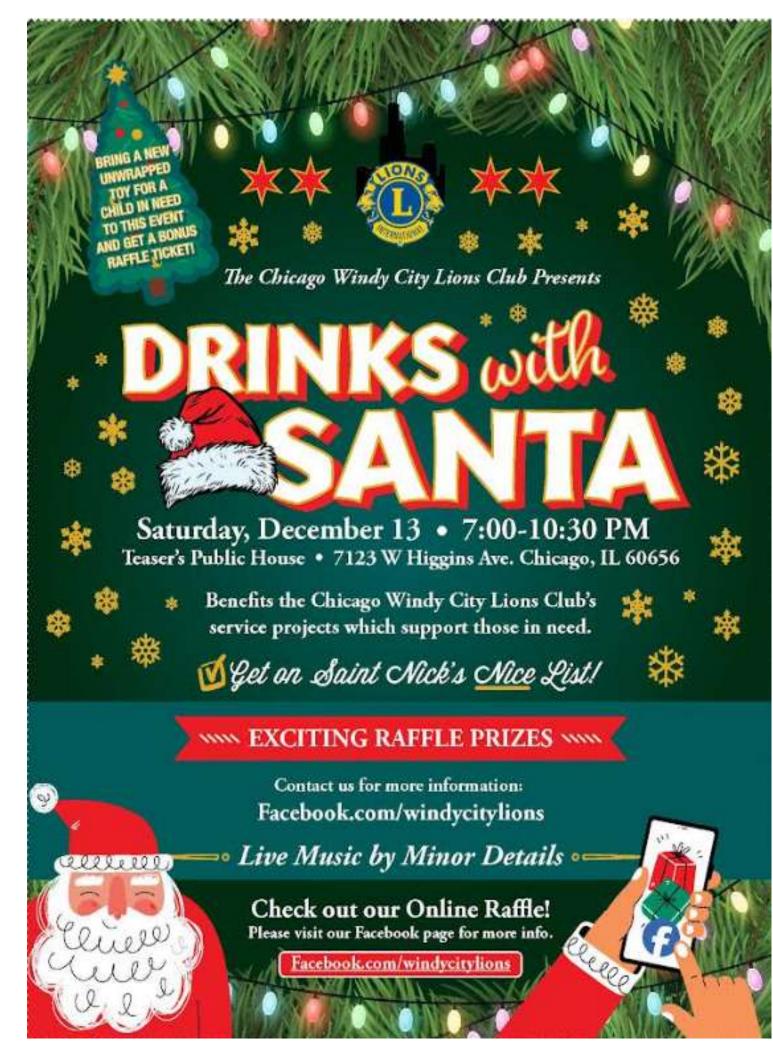
Celebrating 68 Years of Service!

Hosted by the Leo Advisory Panel

leo@lionsclubs.org













Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana

"First Lady Lion Edith Moy Special Project"

MEALS FROM THE HEART

This event brings together District 1-A lions to kickstart our service week for HUNGER and support those in need, making a positive difference along side Ronald McDonald House.

We'll have the opportunity to bring the flavors of home and prepare a meal for the families to eat together!

Choose between two locations and two weekends, Ronald McDonald House: Loyola and Ronald Mcdonald House: Advocate Children's, January 3rd & January 10th for **Dinner** and January 4th & January 11th for **Brunch**. Click on the link below to see exact time and location, you have to register to allow our group to have a quick check-in process. Please note the number of volunteers is limited but there is other ways to give thru monetary donations or the families amazon <u>Wishlist</u>, you can purchase items from, and they will be sent to that House or Family Room. (Click on wishlist link to view list per location)

FIRST TWO WEEKENDS OF 2026

DATE: JANUARY 3 & 4, 2026 - JANUARY 10 & 11, 2026

TIME: CLICK LINK FOR EXACT TIME AND LOCATION

PREFERENCE https://vhub.at/LionsClubDistrict1A

LOCATION: RMH OAK LAWN & RMH (NEAR LOYOLA)

04410 W 93RD STREET 1 AIRMAIL ROAD HINES, IL 60141

How You Can Help: → Volunteer Your Time → Make a Donation → Wishlist

More Information: ## https://vhub.at/LionsClubDistrict1A ivera.edith@yahoo.com

Oak Lawn – Hometown School District Feed 6 Community Event Saturday, December 13, 2025

This is an international award winning program coordinating a day-long event with 200 volunteers packaging 30,000 meal equivalents (350,000 over 9 years) of pasta product which will be distributed to 28 local food agencies (pantries and other) and further promote our broader Family + Community Resource Network delivering a complete array of vital services and supports to hundreds of families in the greater Oak Lawn area.

- This year's Feed 6 Mega event on December 13th is targeted to exceed completion of 350,000 meal equivalents (over a 9-year period) of an enhanced macaroni and cheese product.
- This entails a day-long community packaging event at the Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School including 200+ volunteers working in two-hour shifts.
- This year's goal of 30,000 meals (2-and-a-half tons of packaged product) will be packaged and delivered to approximately 28 organizations including food pantries, churches, schools, veteran's groups, homeless shelters and a variety of service organizations. (see attached list)
- These organizations support thousands of food challenged families well beyond the Oak Lawn area. 90% of the completed food is distributed within one week following the event, before Christmas and at a time when food pantries are severely depleted.
- Because many of the food agencies also provide other community services including emergency support, clothing, utility bill assistance, senior support, homelessness prevention, temporary housing and many other services, Feed 6 plays a critical strategic role in our Family + Community Resource Network (FCRN) aiding ALL families in our community, not just D123 families.
- The D123 Feed 6 program has garnered International award recognition for the school district.

All that we are asking initially is a pledge, checks can be received up to the date of the event Dec 13, 2025. Checks should be made payable to: Outreach Inc. Thank you so much for your consideration.



You can make a difference in the life of a child. Join with the students and teachers of Oak Lawn - Hometown Middle School in creating tens of thousands of nutritious meals of hope for hungry children and their families in our communities.

DATE Saturday, December 13th, 2025

LOCATION: Oxix Lawn Homerown Middle School | Gymnasium 5345 W. 99th Street, Oxix Lawn, Illinois 60453

TIMES: One Shift: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

DRESS: Relaxed, comfortable attire & footwear.

CONTACTS: Larry Fetchko, Community Lation Officer PH: 708.203.7280 | Heschko@d123.org

> Bill Kanatas, Outreach, Chicago | PH: 708:310.5578 BKanatas@Feed6.org | www.feed6.org



Partners in Hope

Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School is partnering with Outreach, an international 501(c)(3) non-profit, which has packaged and distributed nearly a billion meals to hungry children and their families since 2004, and its Chicago area associate. Feed6, which has produced nearly 9 million nutritious meals for our local hungry and food-insecure. Through its innovative mobile food packaging program, Outreach and Feed6 bring together hundreds of volunteers for an extraordinary spirit-enriching event of giving and caring in which anyone of any age or background can participate.

Packed with Love

Volunteers are organized into small group assembly lines, preparing delicious, nutritious meals of Pasta in Tomato Basil Sauce- all fortified with soy protein, nutrients, and vitamins - and bagged, labeled, weighed, and boxed employing safety and hygienic precautions. It's a work of joy - with music, entertainment, and the opportunity to share an extraordinary experience.

We Care

This year we are appealing to the entire community - organizations and businesses - for both financial and volunteer support. All efforts are made to meet local organizational needs for the packaged food product. In previous years this included over a dozen local church food pantries. PADS shelters, women's shelters and other organizations supporting the needy in the Oak Lawn - Hometown area. We look to add another group of organizations to the distribution process and to complete distribution in time for the holidays.



Serving Neighbors in Need.



The VOICES organization (Charitable Arm of District 1-A) is embarking on a new fundraising campaign titled "Can You Hear Me Now" Over the last 15 months, VOICES has spent \$12,500 on hearing aids for clients in the District 1-A Open Areas, which is within our District where there are no Lions Clubs available to those in need.

We have 8 additional requests under review. Each pair of hearing aids average cost is \$718. We work with your foundation (Lions of Illinois) to purchase the hearing aids and also with UIC (University of Chicago/LIERI (Lions Illinois Eye Research Institute) for when additional testing is needed.

All applicants are vetted to make sure they qualify for hearing aid assistance.

The requests have significantly increased due to government funding being cut, which causes people to look at other avenues for help.



57th Annual District 1-A Convention

Friday, March 20, 2026 - March 22, 2026
The WESTIN Chicago Northwest Hotel * Itasca, Illinois



Registration #1					
Name:					
First (as desired on badge)	Last				
Club Name:	District: Office:				
Phone:HomeWorkCell	Email Address:				
Lion Leo Guest	Over 21 If Child-Age				
Registration #2					
Name:					
First (as desired on badge)	Last				
Club Name:	District:	Office:			
Phone:	Email Address: Over 21 Under 21 If Child-Age				
Lion Leo Guest					
BOTH REGISTRATIONS WILL B	BE INCLUDED IN THE SAM	ME ENVELOP	E		
Special Meal Package Includes Convention Registration Fee, District Lunch, Governor's Banquet and District Breakfast "Special Meal Package Deal" \$155.00 (\$18.00 savings)		\$155.00	Reg. #1	Reg. #2	
Convention Registration		\$35.00			
Saturday, March 21, 2026 - District Lunch		\$36.00			
Saturday, March 21, 2026 - Governor's Banquet		\$68.00			
Sunday, March 22, 2026 - District Breakfast		\$34.00			
Onsite Registration		\$40.00			
	TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED)			
NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER MARCH 13, 202	26				
Special meal request for religious or health reason:			100		

Make checks payable to: District 1-A Lions

Cut-off date for Registration-March 13, 2026
All fees should accompany this form and mail to:
Lion Harold Burkett, PDG
268 Bay Drive, Itasca, Illinois 60143-1298

(630) 290-6092 E: haroldburkett@currently.com

Guest Room Reservations

Call the WESTIN Chicago Northwest Hotel direct at (630)773-4000 Lions room rate \$130.00 plus taxes Cut-off date for special rate-March 13, 2026



DISTRICT 1-A CONVENTION

57th ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION AD BOOK

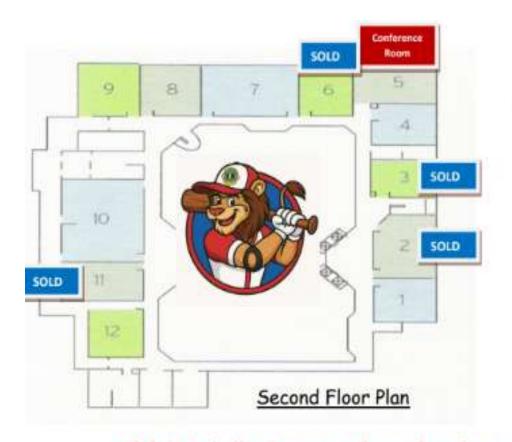


FRIDAY MARCH 20 - SUNDAY MARCH 22, 2026

JOIN US TO SUPPORT GOVERNOR RICHARD A. MOY WITH YOUR ADVERTISEMENT IN THE CONVENTION AD BOOK

"Hey Lions, Batter Up, Bring your 1A Game"

All	ads will be printed i	n color or black	& white.
	FULL PAGE 5X8	\$100	
	HALF PAGE 5X4	\$75	
	INSIDE COVER (FRONT) -	\$150-SOLD	CHANCE TO WIN \$\$\$\$
	INCIDE COVED (BACK)	\$450 COLD	EVERY HALF PAGE AD PURCHASED QUALIFIES
	INSIDE COVER (BACK)		YOU A CHANCE TO WIN A TICKET TO THE CASH RAFFLE
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All reservations for the Club Hospitality Room and Parlor Suite to be made directly with

Lion Dawn Grogan

Club Hospitality Room Chairman

7805 Melvina Ave Burbank, IL 60459 708-860-8909

pcstdawn@gmail.com

Convention Theme:

"Hey Lions..Batter up, Bring your 1-A Game"

Club Hospitality Rooms are located on the second floor of the hotel

1.	Alton	899 sq. ft.	\$450.00
2.	Barrington	1,178 sq. ft.	\$550.00 Chicago Ridge Lions
3.	Carlyle	868 sq. ft.	\$450.00 Calumet City Lions
4.	Edwardian	713 sq. ft.	\$350.00
5.	Hampton	874 sq. ft.	N/AHotel Conference Room
6.	Leighton	896 sq. ft.	\$450.00 Chicago Heights Lions
7.	Marlborough	1,792 sq. ft.	\$850.00
8.	Prescott	896 sq. ft.	\$450.00
9.	Radcliffe	896 sq. ft.	\$450.00
10.	Stanford	2,126 sq. ft.	\$950.00
11.	Trafagler	1,064 sq. ft.	\$550.00 CFALC
12.	Windsor	989 sq. ft.	\$475.00

"Closed" Hospitality Rooms are available on the upper floors

Corner Parlor Suite with a sleeping area\$695.00
Corner Parlor Suite with one connecting guest room\$930.00

All Club Hospitality Rooms reserved with a \$250.00 SECURITY DEPOSIT

by DECEMBER 31st and must be PAID IN FULL BY January 31, 2026

We will take \$50.00 off the room rate, if paid in full by January 31, 2026. This will only be for the "Open" Hospitality Rooms and not for Parlor Suites.

All rooms are reserved on a first come, first serve basis with deposit.

Judging of the "Open" Hospitality Rooms will be on Friday and Saturday nights by a selected panel

Winners will be announced on Sunday Morning at the District Breakfast



District 1-A Convention

Hospitality Rooms Reservation Form

Club	Date		
Room Requested			
	mber of Bedrooms desired) 1 or 2		
Room will be open	or closed		
Security Deposit \$250.00	Date Paid		
Room Fee \$	Date Paid		
Address			
Daytime Phone No:			
E-Mail Address			
Remarks			

Deposit must be accompanied by this form

Make Checks payable to: District 1-A Lions

Send to:

Lion Dawn Grogan 7805 S Melvina Ave Burbank, IL 60459 708-860-8909 pcstdawn@gmail.com



District 1-A Convention

VENDORS WANTED

March 20th & 21st

The WESTIN Chicago Northwest Hotel, Itasca

Friday, March 20th 4 pm - 8 pm Set up time - TBD by hotel

Saturday, March 21st 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

\$95.00 per table for 2 days, \$75.00 if paid by 3/1/2026 2nd table \$30.00, no sharing of tables allowed

For more information contact PCC Gail Anton anton173@gmail.com or 708-514-4825





GIFT BASKET AUCTION



Convention time is almost here! We will again be having the Gift Basket Auction at the luncheon on Saturday, March 21st. This is always a fun part of the convention and we hope to have a lot of baskets and make a lot of money to help support the cost of the convention.

Remember, we now accept credit cards + a small service charge, as payment.











We would like to have a **VARIETY OF THEMES** for the baskets - not just the theme of the convention.

"Hey Lions, Batter Up...Bring your 1-A Game."

Just use your imagination or here are some suggestions:

PASTA BASKET	CANDY BASKET	SEWING BASKET
CANDLE BASKET	JEWELRY BASKET	TV WATCHERS BASK
SPORTS THEME BASKET	KITCHEN BASKET	PET LOVERS BASKE
HANDYMAN BASKET	TECHNOLOGY BASKET	SCRAP-BOOKING BAS
MOVIE THEME BASKET	WINE BASKET	CRAFTS BASKET
STUFFED ANIMAL BASKET	COFFEE/TEA BASKET	CAR BASKET
ETHNIC FOOD BASKET	HOSTESS BASKET	GARDEN BASKET

Each basket should have at least \$50 worth of items. Please <u>bring three lists</u> of the items in the basket. One is to be attached to the outside of the basket so everyone knows what is included, <u>one is for the auctioneer</u> to read and the other is for the committee's records. Please include your club's name on the basket lists.

If your club would like to participate, please contact the committee no later than March 14, 2026 and give your club name, a contact person and the type of basket you will be bringing.

Lion Jerrie Abrahamsen – Jerriea2003@yahoo.com – 847-542-2654 Lion Sandy Nedza – <u>buzzylion@gmail.com</u> – 847-502-4497

Please join in the fun by submitting and bidding on these gift baskets!







Fellow Lions:

With our convention just around the corner, an opportunity presents itself for all of us to show proper **recognition** for those that are deserving of the honor.

Submit your letter of nomination for:

LION of the Year

CITIZEN of the Year*

LEO of the Year

Letters must be submitted BEFORE FEBRUARY 28, 2026 to:

PCC Dennis McMillan 15230 Hamlin Avenue Midlothian, IL 60445 liondennismac@gmail.com

Nomination letters should be signed by your Club President and Secretary, unless they are the Lion being nominated, then have the Club Vice President be the second signature.

*The citizen for nomination should exemplify community service, district wide or within a local community that improves the quality of life to the people served.

A club donation to **VOICES**, your District 501(c)(3) Organization, will support the funding that we need to purchase the much-needed hearing aids for those in need. If you are making a personal donation, it is tax deductible.

Please consider donating to VOICES. Any amount will help the cause. See information below on how to donate. Our goal is to raise \$7500.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me at anton173@comcast.net. Or call me 708.514-4825.

Checks should be sent to VOICES Treasurer and include the Club name, phone number and amount of donation.

PDG Joni McMillan

15230 S. Hamlin Ave

Midlothian, IL 60455

ZELLE donations should be sent to lion1avoices@gmail.com please include in the memo who the donation is from.









Oak Lawn Lions Club SANTA'S SECRET CA\$H December 1-31, 2025

"30 to 60" CHANCES to WIN

Monday thru Saturday Winners Receive \$40

Sunday Winners Receive \$50

CHRISTMAS DAY Winner Receives \$150

You MUST MATCH your numbered ticket to the Pick 3 Number drawn by Illinois Lottery

DONATION: \$5-choose Midday Evening \$10 Both

Contact Lion Joni McMillan

If you wish to purchase a ticket

(708) 539-3297

GovJoniMac@gmail.com



Hurricane Helene is currently impacting the southeastern coastline of the United States, particularly affecting Florida. Many homes have been damaged, and numerous families are displaced. In the face of this humanitarian crisis, we, as Lions, are prepared to step in and help. Your generous donation to LCIF enables us to

continue our vital work in these challenging times. Please consider donating to our Disaster Relief Fund: bit.ly/3XFfxrP #LCIFLions

When the Desplaines River flooded our community, the Village of Forest View back in 2013. LCIF was there for us,



Stocking Stuffer Ideas For the Holidays





A percentage of each gift card purchased will help fund Camp Lions. Give the gift that gives back to youth **RETAILERS** and adults with vision and hearing needs.





























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Go to RaiseRight.com and place your order TODAY!



Lions of Illinois Foundation

Gift Card Campaign Presents:



With the Holidays just around the corner, you can shop from over 750 brands, there is a brand for every household need or Holiday wish list!

Greetings Camp Families,

Did you know that we have a GIFT CARD PROGRAN

go directly to support Camp Lion

Lions of Illinois Foundation has partnered with RaiseRigh

PROGRAM to support CAMP LIONS.

Read more to learn about how your everyday shopping comps. The "CARDS FOR CAMP" gift card program do RaiseRight is simple and easy to use.

- The first step is to create an account by contacting the an enrollment email. Contact us at <u>LIFoffice@lifnd.or</u>
- Follow the prompts to complete your account.
- Start shopping!

You can choose from:

- eGift cards
- physical gift cards

*Gift cards from RaiseRight have no activation for

Live Auction May 18, 2024 ted

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Basket Ideas

- √ Pasta Dinner
- √ Chocolate
- ✓ Microbrew Beers
- √ Gaming
- ✓ Lottery Trees
- ✓ Outdoors
- √ Party Package
- √ Sports
- ✓ Liquor
- √ Coffee or Tea
- √ Wine & Cheese
- √ Car Wash
- ✓ Australian Theme

Contact Lion Bonnie Bradbury for Live Auction questions or donations at bonnielionbonnie@aol.com

When you purchase gift cards through the RaiseRight gift card program, the retailers give back a percentage that goes to support Camp Lions, it's instant earning with every purchase. Enroll with us today to take advantage of the bonus percentages given back during the holidays! Be sure to check out the participating vendors on the enclosed list.

Camp Lions Summer Camp

Lions of Illinois Foundation

700 N Peace Road, Suite B, DeKalb, IL 60115 Phone: 815-756-5635 Fax: 815-748-9087 Lionsofillinaisfoundation.org facebook.com/Lionsofillinaisfoundation

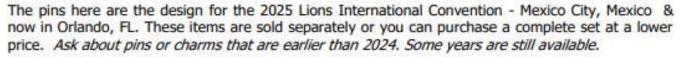


2025 MD-1 International Convention

Mexico City Orlando, FL

State Pin - Stick Pin - Charm





Fill out the Order Form Below

Make Check payable to: DISTRICT 1-A LIONS

Mail to: Lion Bob Block 615 205th Place Dyer, IN 46311

> Or contact: (219) 671-0287 lionbobblock@gmail.com

Lion Ben Zoleta, SVDG 3507 Lakewood Drive Crystal Lake, IL 60012

(815) 546-5777 zeltravel@gmail.com



Order Form

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