

DISTRICT 1A GOVERNOR RICHARD MOY'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

February 2026

Good afternoon Servant Heroes!



Good afternoon, Servant Heroes!

I hope you are all doing well and are kicking off this second half of the Lions year with a GO LIONS GO!

Our excitement for service and recognizing all our efforts with that chant of celebration is paramount



to keeping our Lions Family engaged and supported.

Let's dive into the month of January. As a district we are still trying to find our foothold on the amount of membership drops. Naturally with the second half dues given to clubs we recognize that there will be

Valentine's 2026

drops which is a trend we want to put a stop to. I typed last month about the plan for Retention that is currently being rolled out to Region Chairs and Zone Chairs and is being given out to all clubs. As I've made my visits I have spoken about this initiative and how important it is that we all work together to not just improve our retention but also improve our communication with our members that may seem disengaged from their clubs. What we're seeing is the drops are significantly coming from those members that have had an average membership of 1-3 years. What this tells our family is that we're not spending enough time engaging these new members and ensuring that they know they are valued and are getting what they were looking for when joining our family. Unless a member is expressing a specific concern for not returning that is outside of our control, then we should be very much identifying with them what those specifics are. Without spending more on my soap box on this, you will see the plan if you haven't already being implemented by our entire family of leadership. Taking care of our family

is the expectation of all of us, that's what family does.

Now that we got the tough love out of the way, let's talk about an amazing service that had gone on in January. The month of January found us in another set of Weeks of Service that was so amazing. January Weeks of Service focused on Hunger. First Lady Lion Edith had a special service project for our district to join not just to cover requirements for a Club Excellence Award, but to bring together clubs and give them the opportunity to meet one another while serving. As you all know, I firmly talk about how important it is that we have relationships with each other no matter what club we come from and this project certainly helped with that. Her project was called Meals from the Heart and we had many clubs through our entire district participate in cooking meals for families that were staying at the Ronald McDonald Houses at the Advocate Christ Hospital and the Hines, Loyola locations. We both split our time between both locations, and I'll tell you that seeing our clubs come together for a

common goal was a true sight to be seen. On behalf of the First Lady Edith, I want to thank all of our clubs that spent time to fix meals for these families as well as all of our clubs that made monetary donations as well as wish list donations to these houses. The staff at RMH were over the moon for our two weekends of dedication of service as well as the donations. I am happy to let you all know that we will be presenting RMH with a check on February 9th as well as more wish list donations as a final icing on the cake from us all.

I can go on and on but I know as you read this you're probably already asking when does Governor Richard stop typing. lol. As always this is important. I want to congratulate and thank our additional clubs that blew the doors off the weeks of service with their own projects. I seen many clubs participate in Feeding My Starving Children as well as doing projects overseas and represented our district in such a memorable way. We also had four clubs come together for the first time and work alongside one another to package food for the

Westchester Food Pantry. This synergy is what our Lions family is all about.

I want to congratulate First Vice District Governor Ben Zoleta on his Mid year Forum. You did an amazing job at bringing our family together for a morning of great information. I also want to thank GLT/PCC Gail Anton for assisting with the entire presentation. Your FUN filled exercise "Are you Smarter than a PDG", was a huge hit.

Convention Season is HERE!! I want to encourage all our family to attend as many of the conventions in our MD1 that you can. One of the best experiences I have ever had was spending time attending other districts and their conventions and meeting my brothers and sisters. I encourage you to get to know these Lions. There is a wealth of love and experience amongst our family, those experiences hold a tremendous amount of value.

Important District 1A Dates:

Remind a Lion how important they are: Everyday

Governor Richard Vacation: TBD
Cabinet Meeting: Saturday, February 14th
District 1A Bowling: Sunday, February 28th

LIONS!!!

Always remember, we are a FAMILY, and being a FAMILY is how we



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

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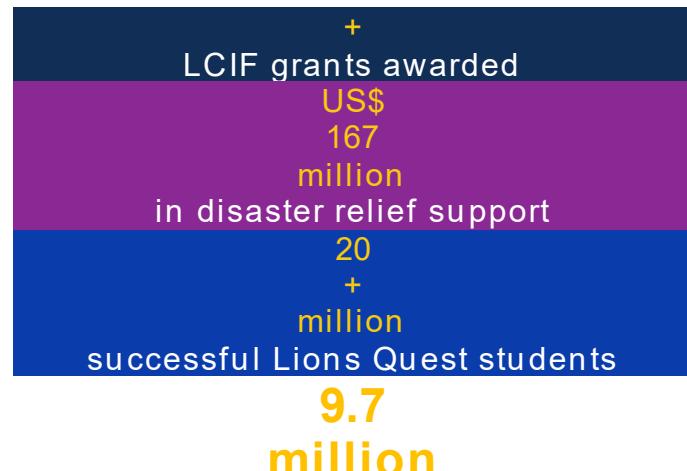
illuminate our organization and remind the world WHO WE ARE!

GO LIONS GO!!

Yours Always in Service,

Richard A. Moy

VCC MD1 (Vice Council Chair)
District Governor 1AGO LIONS GO!!



Stories of service

Watch

Change a life

LCIF's impact is measured by individual lives transformed through your support. Since 1968, LCIF grants have empowered Lions globally, creating profound change.

See how your generosity can make a difference, one life at a time.

Watch

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.

Watch

Support after disaster

When wildfires ravaged 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.

Watch

Responding and rebuilding together

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

Our partners:





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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.





GMT Coordinator Report:
PDG Tom Elsey
February 1, 2026



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 Lions International’s 1.5MM member goal! 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 Mission 1.5 | New Clubs | Members from New Clubs | New Members in Existing Clubs | Members of Transfers and Re-Instates | Total Members in Existing Clubs | Dropped Members | Net Growth |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Goals | 3 | 75 | 225 | | 300 | 275 | 100 |
| Actual | 1 | 21 | 127 | 13 | 162 | 186 | -24 |

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.

District Goals



We have a goal to start three new clubs this year to fulfil our Mission 1.5 goal. So far, we have chartered one new club and are well on our way to getting two more clubs soon. However, our goal for membership is to have 375 new members and currently at -24, we have a long way to go to achieve our District 1 A Mission 1.5 goal. I am confident we can get to our goal, please reach out to GAT if you feel you could use some help or ideas on getting new members into your clubs.

We will be happy to sit down with your leadership team and help devise a plan to help your club and our district achieve great things.

 **District 1-A Membership Summary – 2025-2026 Lion Year (Through 01/31/2026)**

| MD-1 New Members | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| January 2026 | |
| District by Club | New Members |
| District 1 A | 21 |
| CHICAGO JOSE RIZAL | 7 |
| ORLAND PARK | 3 |
| CHICAGO ECUADOREAN | 3 |
| CHICAGO PUERTO RICO | 2 |
| TINLEY PARK | 1 |
| WILLOW SPRINGS LIONESS LIONS CLUB | 1 |
| WILLOW SPRINGS | 1 |
| CHICAGO WINDY CITY | 1 |
| BROOKFIELD LA GRANGE PARK | 1 |
| CHICAGO HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE | 1 |

All Clubs Adding Members from 07/25 - 01/2026

| New Members District 1 A as of 01/31/2026 | |
|--|-------------------|
| Club Name | Number of Members |
| CHICAGO HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE | 32 |
| SOUTHLAND CYBER | 21 |
| CHICAGO FILIPINO AMERICAN | 13 |
| CHICAGO DIVERSE INTERGENERATIONAL | 10 |
| CHICAGO NURSES FOR DIABETES | 8 |
| CHICAGO JOSE RIZAL | 7 |
| WILLOW SPRINGS LIONESS | 5 |
| CHICAGO ECUADOREAN | 5 |
| CHICAGO ENGLEWOOD | 5 |
| ORLAND PARK | 4 |
| CHICAGO BAYANIHAN-SAMPAGUITA | 4 |
| CHICAGO ASIAN AMERICAN | 4 |
| New Members District 1 A as of 01/31/2026 | |
| Club Name | Number of Members |
| PALOS | 3 |
| BELLWOOD | 2 |

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP | 2 |
| WESTCHESTER | 2 |
| WILLOW SPRINGS | 2 |
| BROOKFIELD LA GRANGE PARK | 2 |
| CHICAGO WINDY CITY | 2 |
| CHICAGO PUERTO RICO | 2 |
| CHICAGO ONEWORLD CENTENNIAL | 2 |
| TINLEY PARK | 1 |
| OAK LAWN | 1 |
| LA GRANGE HIGHLANDS | 1 |
| CALUMET CITY | 1 |
| STICKNEY FOREST VIEW | 1 |
| CHICAGO ARIRANG | 1 |
| CHICAGO METROPOLITAN | 1 |
| RIVER GROVE | 1 |
| LANSING | 1 |
| CHICAGO MABUHAY CENTENNIAL | 1 |
| CHICAGO RIDGE | 1 |
| Grand Total | 148 |

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 32 clubs adding new members.

Let's keep working to get new members in our clubs!

Members Listed by Sponsor

| New Members by Club, Sponsor & Month | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|-----|-------------|
| as of 01/31/2026 | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Members | | | | | | | | |
| Club Name/Sponsor | Jan | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Grand Total |
| CHICAGO HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE | 1 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 15 | 2 | 1 | 32 |
| ALICE ARELLANO | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| AMANDA GIAMBELLUCA | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| DOLORES LIVAS | | 1 | | | 1 | | | 2 |
| HONESTO RODRIGUEZ | | | | | 2 | | | 2 |
| JEAN GAVINA | | | 1 | | | 1 | | 2 |
| KATRINA STARKS | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| LEA AGATON | | 1 | | | 1 | | | 2 |
| LEA DE JESUS | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| LOUELLA MARIE ENCINA | | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 3 |
| MARIE JOY CARINO | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| MARIE VIVIEN GONZALES | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| MARISSA SALVALEON | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| MARY GEM CUBOS | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| NICASIO PALLARCA | | | | | 6 | | | 6 |
| REZEL DE ORO | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| ROSALINDA KATAYAMA | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| ROSETTE TEJADA | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| RUBELYN MORES | | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 3 |
| WASE ABDUL | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| SOUTHLAND CYBER | | | | | 21 | | | 21 |
| Charter Member | | | | | 21 | | | 21 |
| CHICAGO FILIPINO AMERICAN | | | 12 | | 1 | | | 13 |
| ELIZABETH LEGASPI | | | 2 | | 1 | | | 3 |

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|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------|
| JOY RAMIREZ-MARTELL | | | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| LANI LAGUDAS | | | 6 | | | | 6 | |
| LAUDELINA LAGUDAS | | | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| NANCY LEGASPI | | | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| SALVIC SAAVEDRA | | | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| CHICAGO DIVERSE INTERGENERATIONAL | | | 10 | | | | 10 | |
| EDEN HERRES | | | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| GERALDINE GADEN | | | 9 | | | | 9 | |
| New Members by Club, Sponsor & Month | | | | | | | | |
| as of 01/31/2026 | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Members | | | | | | | | |
| Club Name/Sponsor | Jan | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Grand Total |
| CHICAGO NURSES FOR DIABETES | | 3 | | | | 5 | | 8 |
| - | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| ANN TEANO | | 2 | | | | 4 | | 6 |
| MARILOU DANGALAN | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| CHICAGO JOSE RIZAL | | | | | | 7 | | 7 |
| ADELINA VERGARA | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| CARMELA PADERNA | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| ELIEZER PASCUA | | | | | | 2 | | 2 |
| EVANGELINE SIPPLE | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| GLORIA KEY | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| PAUL ACEBUQUE | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| WILLOW SPRINGS LIONESS | 1 | | 2 | | | 2 | | 5 |
| CHERE WALSH | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| SUE GRANTLAND | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| TAMMI PHELAN | | | 2 | | | 1 | | 3 |
| CHICAGO ECUADOREAN | 3 | | | | | 2 | | 5 |
| EDGAR ALVAREZ | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |

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|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------------|
| JOSE RODRIGUEZ | | | | | 1 | | 1 | |
| MIRIAN ALVAREZ | 2 | | | | | | 2 | |
| SYLVIA RODRIGUEZ | | | | | 1 | | 1 | |
| CHICAGO ENGLEWOOD | | 5 | | | | | 5 | |
| DERRICK PHILLIPS | | 1 | | | | | 1 | |
| ELAINE DIXON | | 1 | | | | | 1 | |
| JOHN CHISUM | | 3 | | | | | 3 | |
| ORLAND PARK | 3 | 1 | | | | | 4 | |
| GAIL ANTON | 1 | | | | | | 1 | |
| GAIL CHRISTOFFER- BARUCH | | 1 | | | | | 1 | |
| MARK KAZLAUSKAS | 2 | | | | | | 2 | |
| CHICAGO BAYANIHAN- SAMPAGUITA | | | | | 4 | | 4 | |
| IRENE SANGLAY | | | | | 1 | | 1 | |
| LEA TUBAC | | | | | 1 | | 1 | |
| MARILYN MCLEAN | | | | | 2 | | 2 | |
| New Members by Club, Sponsor & Month | | | | | | | | |
| as of 01/31/2026 | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Members | | | | | | | | |
| Club Name/Sponsor | Jan | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Grand Total |
| CHICAGO ASIAN AMERICAN | | | | | | 4 | | 4 |
| ALFREDA RETTERER | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| ENRICO MACARANAS | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| ERMA BALDERAS | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| JANET REYES- MACARANAS | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| PALOS | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 3 |
| DENNIS HYKER | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| GINA NARCISO | | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| STEVEN RHODES | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| BELLWOOD | | 2 | | | | | | 2 |

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|---|----------|--|----------|----------|----------|
| TED STEISKAL | 2 | | | | 2 |
| RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP | | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| CHARLES COURTNEY | | | 1 | | 1 |
| ROBIN MOONEY | | | | 1 | 1 |
| WESTCHESTER | | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| ANDREAS BRANDT | | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| WILLOW SPRINGS | 1 | | | 1 | 2 |
| KEITH GRANTLAND | 1 | | | | 1 |
| RICHARD JOINER | | | | 1 | 1 |
| BROOKFIELD LA GRANGE PARK | 1 | | 1 | | 2 |
| PETER HURLEY | | | 1 | | 1 |
| ROSE WILLIAMS | 1 | | | | 1 |
| CHICAGO WINDY CITY | 1 | | | 1 | 2 |
| RICHARD LA JOYE | | | | 1 | 1 |
| YAJAIRA VERA | 1 | | | | 1 |
| CHICAGO PUERTO RICO | | | | 2 | 2 |
| ABRAHAM AGUILERA | | | | 2 | 2 |
| CHICAGO ONE WORLD CENTENNIAL | | | 2 | | 2 |
| MA GEMMA ESMALLA | | | 2 | | 2 |
| TINLEY PARK | | | | 1 | 1 |
| CAROLYN BARTOLOTTA | | | | 1 | 1 |

| New Members by Club, Sponsor & Month | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| as of 01/31/2026 | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Members | | | | | | | | |
| Club Name/Sponsor | Jan | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Grand Total |
| OAK LAWN | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| CAROL SHEAHAN | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| LA GRANGE HIGHLANDS | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| RICHARD WELGE | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| CALUMET CITY | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| LIONEL VALENCIA | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| STICKNEY FOREST VIEW | | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| DANIEL O'REILLY | | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| CHICAGO ARIRANG | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| JULIE SINE | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| CHICAGO METROPOLITAN | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| DIANE COOK | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| RIVER GROVE | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| LISA SCHMIDT | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| LANSING | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| HUMBERTO RIVERA | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| CHICAGO MABUHAY CENTENNIAL | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| MONA CANETE | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| CHICAGO RIDGE | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| JANICE FOX THOMPSON | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Grand Total | 11 | 18 | 32 | 6 | 43 | 27 | 11 | 148 |

**Dropped Members
for January 2026**

| District Name | | District 1A | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Count of Member Name | Members | | | | | |
| Club | Deceased | Moved | Non-Pyment of Dues | Other | Resigned In Good Standing | Grand Total |
| BROOKFIELD LA GRANGE PARK | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| CALUMET CITY | | | | | 2 | 2 |
| CHICAGO DIVERSE INTERGENERATIONAL | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 |
| CHICAGO ROGERS PARK | | | | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| PALOS | | | 1 | 2 | | 3 |
| RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP | | | | | 2 | 2 |
| Grand Total | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 15 |

Drops by Month

**District 1 A Drops & Deaths
as of 01/31/2026**

| District & Clubs | Jan | Feb | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Grand Total |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|
| District 1 A | 14 | 1 | 29 | 23 | 16 | 12 | 31 | 60 | 186 |
| CHICAGO FILIPINO AMERICAN | | | | | 5 | 7 | 1 | 19 | 32 |
| CHICAGO DIVERSE INTERGENERATIONAL | 2 | | | 9 | | 2 | 3 | | 16 |
| CHICAGO PHILIPPINE | | | | 10 | | | 2 | | 12 |
| CHICAGO RIDGE | | | | | | | 2 | 9 | 11 |
| CHICAGO MABUHAY CENTENNIAL | | | 10 | | | | | | 10 |
| CHICAGO NURSES FOR DIABETES | | | | | | | 3 | 7 | 10 |
| CHICAGO FIL USA | | | | | 8 | | | 1 | 9 |
| CHICAGO ROGERS PARK | 5 | | 4 | | | | | | 9 |
| CHICAGO GLOBAL | | | | 8 | 1 | | | | 9 |
| CHICAGO ONEWORLD CENTENNIAL | | | | | 1 | | 6 | | 7 |
| PALOS | 3 | | | 1 | 1 | | 2 | | 7 |
| LANSING | | | | | 1 | | | 5 | 6 |
| BERWYN CENTENNIAL | | | 1 | | | | 4 | | 5 |
| STICKNEY FOREST VIEW | | | | | | | | 5 | 5 |
| RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP | 2 | | | | | | 3 | | 5 |
| District 1 A Drops & Deaths as of 01/31/2026 | | | | | | | | | |

| District & Clubs | Jan | Feb | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Grand Total |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| JUSTICE | | | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| LA GRANGE HIGHLANDS | | | | | | | | 3 | 3 |
| THORNTON | | | | | | 1 | | 2 | 3 |
| CHICAGO BAYANIHAN-SAMPAGUITA | | | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| CALUMET CITY | 2 | | | | | 1 | | | 3 |
| BELLWOOD | | | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| CHICAGO JOSE RIZAL | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 |
| CHICAGO ARIRANG | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 |
| CHICAGO BEVERLY RIDGE | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| CHICAGO PUERTO RICO | | | | | | | 2 | | 2 |
| WILLOW SPRINGS | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| BROOKFIELD LA GRANGE PARK | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| GLENWOOD | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| OAK LAWN | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| CHICAGO MOUNT GREENWOOD | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| ORLAND PARK | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| CHICAGO EAST SIDE | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| BRIDGEVIEW | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Grand Total | 14 | 1 | 29 | 23 | 16 | 12 | 31 | 60 | 186 |

District 1-A lost 171 members so far this year with 24 clubs losing members. The top 2 reasons for the loss is due to Non-Attendance (36) and Non-Payment of Dues (59) for a total of 95 of those members. We need to work much harder on reducing losses in our district for the second half of the year.

Drops by Month

| District 1 A Drops - 07/2025 - 12/2025 | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|
| Drops by Club & Reason by month | Month | | | | | | |
| | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Grand Total |
| Club/Drop Reason | | | | | | | |
| Resigned In Good Standing | | | | | | 5 | 5 |
| Deceased | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| OAK LAWN | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Resigned In Good Standing | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| ORLAND PARK | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Became A Life Member | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| PALOS | | 1 | 1 | | 2 | | 4 |
| Non-Pymt of Dues | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Resigned In Good Standing | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 3 |
| RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP | | | | | 3 | | 3 |
| Non-Pymt of Dues | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Resigned In Good Standing | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Deceased | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| STICKNEY FOREST VIEW | | | | | | 5 | 5 |
| Moved | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Non-Attendance | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Other | | | | | | 3 | 3 |
| THORNTON | | | | 1 | | 2 | 3 |
| Non-Pymt of Dues | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Resigned In Good Standing | | | | 1 | | 1 | 2 |
| WILLOW SPRINGS | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Transferred In Good Standing | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| BELLWOOD | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| Deceased | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| BRIDGEVIEW | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Deceased | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| CALUMET CITY | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Deceased | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| CHICAGO EAST SIDE | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Deceased | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Grand Total | 29 | 23 | 16 | 12 | 31 | 60 | 171 |

The Table above gives us a view of Drops by each month of our first half of the year By Club and Reason for the drops. The number of drops in December are twice the number of the next highest month so far. We need to work on why we are losing so many members to Non-Attendance and Non-Payment of Dues

| District 1 A Drops 2025 - 2026 thru 01/2026 | | |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| | | |
| Reason for Drop | Average Time Served | Number of Members |
| Non-Pymt of Dues | 3.6 | 60 |
| Non-Attendance | 4.9 | 36 |
| Resigned In Good Standing | 8.8 | 34 |
| Other | 6.1 | 23 |
| Moved | 10.0 | 12 |
| Deceased | 22.2 | 11 |
| Transferred In Good Standing | 5.6 | 8 |
| Became A Life Member | 26.8 | 2 |
| Grand Total | 6.9 | 186 |

The table above gives us a glimpse of Reason for Member Drops by average length of service and the number of drops. While the last four reasons are to a certain extent out of our control, the others need more attention from our district so we can try to keep more members from being dropped, especially the top three reasons. Over fifty percent of our drops are for reasons that we need to explore the specific reasons lions are leaving because of non-payment of dues, non-attendance at meetings or events and just resigning in good standing.

It is also alarming that these lions have between four to nine years of serving when we are losing them!

MD-1 Illinois Lions Membership

MD-1 Illinois Membership as of 01/31/2026



MD 1 Club Information

| Cumulative Membership Summary Drilldown Report As of January 31, 2026 | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Multiple District and District | Charter Members | New Members | Transferred Members | Reinstated Members | Total Members Added | Total Members Dropped | Total Membership | Gain Or Loss Fiscal Year Period |
| Multiple District 1 - ILLINOIS | 48 | 564 | 25 | 37 | 674 | 758 | 11,908 | (84) |
| District 1 A | 21 | 127 | 3 | 11 | 162 | 186 | 1,779 | (24) |
| District 1 BK | 0 | 77 | 2 | 5 | 84 | 75 | 1,758 | 9 |
| District 1 CN | 0 | 24 | 4 | 3 | 31 | 64 | 881 | (33) |
| District 1 CS | 0 | 24 | 2 | 2 | 28 | 31 | 495 | (3) |
| District 1 D | 0 | 47 | 2 | 3 | 52 | 85 | 1,401 | (33) |
| District 1 F | 27 | 80 | 5 | 5 | 117 | 73 | 885 | 44 |
| District 1 G | 0 | 16 | 1 | 2 | 19 | 34 | 649 | (15) |
| District 1 H | 0 | 34 | 2 | 0 | 36 | 43 | 855 | (7) |
| District 1 J | 0 | 99 | 3 | 4 | 106 | 95 | 2,096 | 11 |
| District 1 M | 0 | 36 | 1 | 2 | 39 | 72 | 1,109 | (33) |
| Grand Total | 48 | 564 | 25 | 37 | 674 | 758 | 11,908 | (84) |

District MD-1 New Chartered Clubs

| LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL Current Newly Chartered Clubs Multiple District 1 | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------------------|--------|------------|
| Country | District Name | Club Name | Reason | Date |
| UNITED STATES | District 1 A | Southland Cyber (1886817) | | 10/09/2025 |
| UNITED STATES | District 1 F | Lake County Dhh (190784) | | 12/02/2025 |
| Total | 2 | | | |

District 1A chartered a new club on 10/09/25 with **21** members. District 1 F chartered a new club on 12/02/25 with **27** members.

MD-1 Pending Chartered(New Club Application) Clubs

| Application Name | Name of Proposed Club | Application Type | Status | District Name |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| APP#604208 | Cairo | New Club Request | Application In Progress | DISTRICT 1 CS |
| APP#605474 | Wheeling | New Club Request | Application In Progress | DISTRICT 1 F |
| APP#610361 | Pontiac Health Care | New Club Request | Application In Progress | DISTRICT 1 BK |

The Multiple District has a goal of 12 clubs for the year. So, MD-1

District MD-1 Cancelled Clubs 07/2025 – 01-2026



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

Canceled Clubs for this Fiscal Year

Multiple District 1

| Country | District Name | Club Name | Reason | Date |
|---------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------|
| UNITED STATES | District 1 BK | Rockdale (108163) | Financial Suspension | 12/29/2025 |
| UNITED STATES | District 1 H | Coal Valley (471) | Financial Suspension | 12/29/2025 |
| UNITED STATES | District 1 H | Dallas City (30702) | Financial Suspension | 12/29/2025 |
| UNITED STATES | District 1 M | Coffeen (417) | Disbanding | 08/29/2025 |
| UNITED STATES | District 1 M | Oconee (326) | Disbanding | 08/29/2025 |
| Total | | 5 | | |

Our Multiple District lost 2 clubs that disbanded in August 2025, losing 26 members and three Clubs in December 2025 lost 14 additional members for a total of 31 members.

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, take a 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: [Marketing Matters webpage](#), [Club Membership Chairperson webpage](#)

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 club

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: [Lions International Marketing Award webpage](#), [Marketing Matters webpage](#)

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: [Developing Local Partnerships](#)

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

Going Forward

A detailed program to help revive/reinvigorate clubs struggling is available to all clubs willing to commit to evaluating and attempting to improve those clubs with retention issues and attracting new members. The program attempts to evaluate the current clubs, mission, demographics, opportunities and impediments in its path to improving the club. We also have a rejuvenation plan utilizing Asset Based Community Planning as discussed at the last Growth Workshop Series held recently.

We would like to help any club in our district by scheduling a meeting to discuss how we might be able to help your club. Our GAT team would love to help you out.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Elsey

District 1A Global Membership Team (GMT) Chairperson
thomas.elsey@gmail.com



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**



Dear Lions and Leos,

A new year is the perfect time to reflect on your service and fundraising priorities and explore how our global foundation can help you reach even higher. LCIF grants and programs enable Lions and Leos to expand our impact, supporting large-scale projects that no single Lion or club could accomplish alone. In this month's newsletter, we feature:

- A Lions blog story about a Matching Grant enhancing care for children fighting cancer in Burkina Faso
- A video celebrating our legacy in vision, inspired by Helen Keller more than 100 years ago
- Opportunities to add to your support and be recognized for your generosity
- Resources to help you expand your service

Thank you to everyone who supported the Melvin Jones 147th birthday global fundraising campaign. We look forward to sharing the results in an upcoming newsletter. Through your donations and sharing your stories of service, you help LCIF and Lions achieve our collective goals and create lasting, global change. Thank you for your continued support.

At your service,

Fábrício Oliveira, LCIF Chairperson



Celebrating a Century of Impact in Vision

In 2025, Lions International commemorated 100 years since Helen Keller's call for Lions to be 'Knights of the Blind.' Watch this video to reflect on this enduring legacy.

[➤ Watch Now](#)

Thank you donors!

Your contributions to LCIF are making meaningful change in our world. See how your generosity creates lasting impact.

[Learn More](#)

Enhancing Cancer Care

Read how Lions in Burkina Faso used an LCIF Matching Grant to expand a childhood cancer facility, giving more children access to high-quality, life-saving care.

[➤ Read Blog](#)



Resource Spotlight: Grants Toolkit

Visit the LCIF Grants Toolkit for the most current information, applications and resources to find an LCIF grant that is right for your club or district, now or in the future.

[Learn More](#)



Discover Our Global Impact

Follow "LCIF in Action" on Facebook to see how LCIF and Lions are creating impact with partners, including a new Sight For Kids site in Brazil with Johnson and Johnson.

► [Learn More](#)



Ways to Give



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Donate online

lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive



Make a Pledge

lionsclubs.jotform.com/90524105483149

Mail

Mail USD checks drawn from a U.S. Bank and payable to LCIF to:

Lions Clubs International Foundation
Department 4547
Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA

Visit lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive for mailing checks in Canada and India

Wire transfer

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
ABA Routing Number: 021000021
10 S. Dearborn St.
Account Name: Lions Clubs International Foundation
Chicago, IL 60603 USA
Account Number: 754487312
Swift International Banking number: CHASUS33

Email a copy of your receipt or transfer form – along with your name, Member ID, club name, and district name – to donorassistance@lionsclubs.org.

If requesting recognition for someone else, please include the recipient's name, Member ID, club name, and district name.

Contact Donor Services

For assistance, contact Donor Services at +1.630.203.3836 or donorassistance@lionsclubs.org.



Lions Clubs International Foundation
300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523 USA
www.lcif.org

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Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

YOUR **US\$100 GIFT** *CAN HELP LCIF...*

- ▶ Provide vision screenings for 50 at risk youth through Vision Grants.
- ▶ Offer immediate relief to 39 victims of a natural disaster through Emergency Grants.
- ▶ House one family during their child's cancer treatment through Childhood Cancer Grants.
- ▶ Screen 98 individuals at risk for diabetes through Diabetes Grants.
- ▶ Improve access to food for 90 hungry people through Hunger Grants.
- ▶ Fund Lions Quest curriculum for one year for an entire classroom through Lions Quest Grants.

100% of your donation supports LCIF grants and programs.



▶ **Donate Today** | lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive





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

The **VOICES** team continued to be busy during the month of January.

We are gearing up for the Presidents Raffle which will be held from February 12th thru the 22nd. The drawing will be held on Facebook Live every day at 2PM. We still have a few tickets left, please reach out to your VOICES Directors if you want any tickets. 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.

This past month the VOICES team

worked diligently on updating our vetting process for hearing aids. I want to thank the team for their participation in this process. It was a great training exercise for all of us. There are currently 9 open requests for hearing aids which are in different steps of the process.

Our next project is to develop a process for eyeglasses for those clients that live in the open areas of our District. I'm currently working with LIF (Lions of Illinois) to develop a plan and pricing. We will need at the minimum 2 locations to send our clients (1 North & 1 South). I will provide further status as we work through this process.

The "**Can you Hear Me Now?**" fundraiser was launched in mid-September. Our goal is to raise \$7,500. Currently, we have reached 80% of our goal. We are getting so close to our goal. Please help us reach our goal, so we can continue helping those in need.

Children's Vision Testing - If you have a pre-school or a church group in your area that would like to have children's eyes screened or

Lion Lea Agaton & PDG Austin Dsouza

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.

Let's not forget our "Run for the Roses" fundraiser which will take place May 2, 2026, at Bourbon Street which is in Marionette Park.

Stay warm and remember Spring is right around the corner.

PCC Gail Anton President – VOICES

District 1A Albums:



children in Schaumburg.



Bellwood Lions Club and The Village of Berkeley Holiday Food Drive Collection for Westchester Food Pantry.

We collected 770 lbs. of canned goods from the residence of Berkeley.



January 9 ,2026 **Bellwood Lions** club Volunteer at Feed My starvng

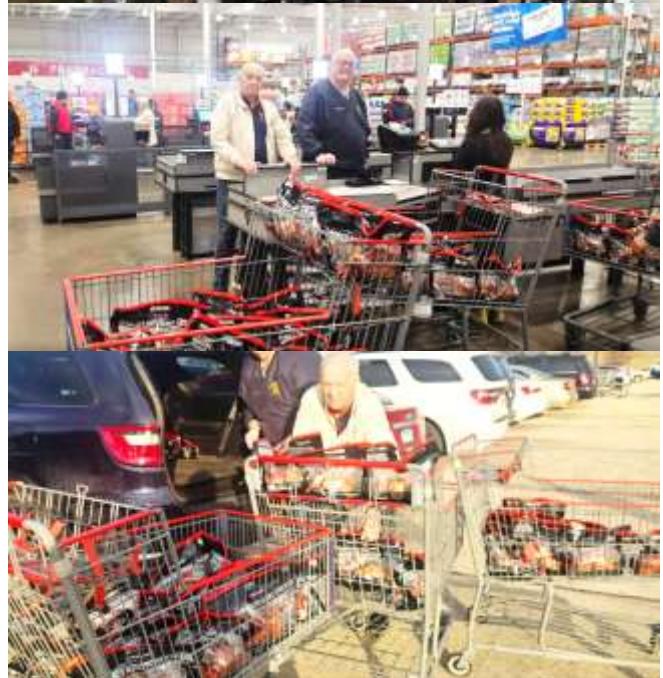
Windy City Lions served dinner to young people at **The Night Ministry** crib for unhoused youth! **#WeServe #fightinghunger**



Windy City Lions are grateful for the opportunity to serve 350 families alongside 4 other Lions Clubs at the **Westchester Food Pantry**. The pantry serves 6 towns in the west suburbs and Lions made sure the families had fresh produce for the holidays. This is one way we address hunger, make



friends and spread good cheer!
Join us! **#lions #WeServe**





Stickney-Forest View Lions Club:
And here is our submission for the **Lions Clubs International** Weeks of Service Video Showcase. Selected videos will be featured in a global Week of Service Video Showcase—a celebration of the service, creativity, and commitment that defines our Lions and Leos.



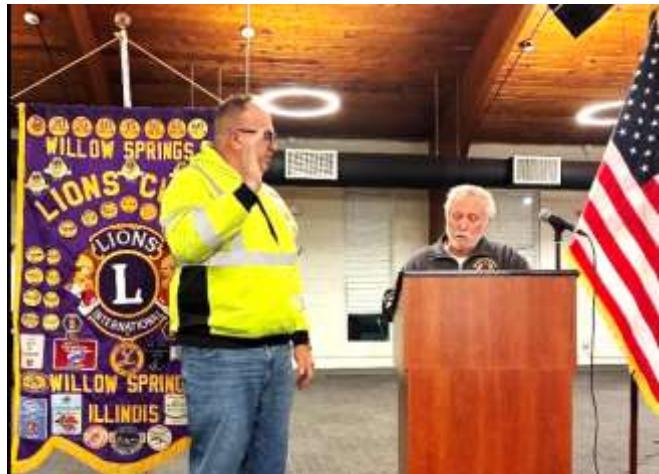
District 1A Mid-Year Leadership Forum held at Willow Springs Community Center.





Chicago Healthcare Alliance Lions donated canned goods and other food items during the 1A Forum.

Grantland, Bill Scott, Howard Larkin and Kristen Kois and Kritinajoioed the **Willow Springs Lions Club.**



Willow Sprints Lions Club added a new member Michael Garbas to the Willow Springs Lions Club. It was also our Christmas party.



WILLOW SPRINGS LIONS
donations to both Pleasant Dale and Trinity Luther Schools, \$1,000 each.



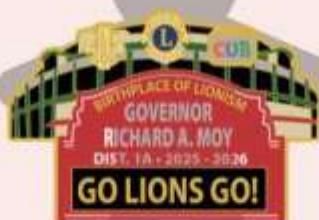
The Willow Springs Lions had our Lions Club Meeting 1new member Lion Ronald 4 Melvin Jones Brian



Willow Sprints Lions \$1300.00
Donation to Willow Springs School



Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday
and Happy New Years Day Party by
Thornton Lions Club.



Ronald McDonald House®
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 Wishlist, 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)
4410 W 93RD STREET 1 AIRMAIL ROAD
OAK LAWN, IL 60453 HINES, IL 60141

How You Can Help: → [Volunteer Your Time](#) → [Make a Donation](#) → [Wishlist](#)

More Information: <https://vhub.at/LionsClubDistrict1A> rivera.edith@yahoo.com



DISTRICT 1-A

Birthplace of Lionism

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

District Governor Richard A. Moy

2025-2026



OFFICIAL CALL TO CONVENTION

January 05, 2026

All Lions and Leos are hereby officially notified of the 57th Annual Convention for District 1-A, Lions International.

The convention will convene on Friday, March 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the WESTIN Chicago Northwest Hotel, 400 Park Boulevard, Itasca, Illinois. The purpose of the convention is to receive reports of the District Committees, District, State and International Offices, to elect District Officers for the year 2026-2027; and to consider resolutions presented in proper form and order.

In accordance with Article VI, Section 5 of the District 1-A Constitution and By-Laws all Lions Clubs in good standing with District 1-A and Lions International are entitled to **One (1) Delegate and One (1) Alternate for each Ten (10) members or major fraction thereof** who have been enrolled for at least one year and one day, based upon membership records as of February 1, 2026, as certified by Lions International. A newly chartered club that is less than one year and one day is allowed **One (1) Delegate and One (1) Alternate**.

A Lions Club, to be considered in good standing, must have all of its' District and State per capita bills paid, is due and owing Lions International no more than Ten Dollars (\$10.00), which shall be certified by Lions International. Outstanding bills must be paid 15 days in advance to Lions International and also the District to be eligible to vote. Any monies paid at the Convention or within the 15 days prior to the Convention, will bring your clubs bill current but will not entitle you to vote.

Last day for LCI and CT Barb Elsey to receive dues/payment is March 5, 2026.

Voting will be Sunday, March 22, 2026 between 7:30 AM - 8:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Brenda Block

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District 1-A Cabinet Secretary
Lions Clubs International



Chicago Ridge Lions

CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday
February 21, 2026
3 PM to 7 PM

Elks Lodge
10720 Central Ave
Chicago Ridge, IL 60415

Wearing of Hats are NOT allowed in the building

Make your Favorite Chili
Recipe & Join the competition
Registration Fee \$25
Limited to 15 entries

Prizes : 1st Place: \$ 100.00
2nd Place: \$ 75.00
3rd Place: \$ 50.00

\$5 Per-person for Chili Tasting and a bottle of water
Cash Bar will be available

Register by 2/15/2026
Registration fee must be prepaid and is Non-Refundable

For Info and to Register
CALL: 708 203 5130

Message us at www.facebook/chicagoridgelions.com

We will be collecting Non-perishable food items for the Blessing Box



COME and JOIN



The CHICAGO - FILIPINO AMERICAN LIONS CLUB (CFALC)
to an AFTERNOON of



Dance for LOVE

FEBRUARY 21, 2026
SATURDAY
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

ENTRANCE DONATION: \$45

ZELLE Payments Only to
chicago.falc@gmail.com

RSVP - February 10, 2026

SEAFOOD CITY MARKET MIX
5033 N. Elston Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60630

'DANCE for LOVE' RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE DRAWN DURING THE EVENT

Music By: DOMINIC TABLATE

DISTRICT 1-A
SERVICE PROJECT
WILL YOU BE OUR VALENTINE?
SPREADING LOVE TO:



**Making donations to the Child Life program at
Advocate Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn, IL**

Charitable gifts bring joy and healing to children at Advocate Children's Hospital. Your generous donations support our Child Life team in providing therapeutic activities like medical play, art and music therapy, and animal-assisted therapy.

These activities help children cope with their hospital experience and promote emotional well-being. From aquatic relaxation tanks to bedside games and toys, every contribution makes a meaningful difference. Thank you for helping us nurture the spirits of our young patients!

Please note the following guidelines when planning your donation:

- All items must be brand new, in original packaging and not gift wrapped.
- Gift card denominations of \$15 or less are preferred.
- Items we cannot accept:
 - Stuffed animals, blankets, clothing, and handmade items due to infection prevention protocols.
 - Toys, games, books, etc. with religious or violent themes, including Nerf guns.
 - Any electronics including gaming systems, televisions and computers.

What is needed most?

Here is the link for the Wish List for Advocate Children's Hospital-Oak Lawn:

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3L3EW12L6EMPC>

**Bring these items to our Cabinet Meeting on
Saturday, February 14, 2026 or
have your items delivered to my home:
15230 Hamlin Avenue, Midlothian, IL 60445**

PDG Joni McMillan
District 1-A Service Chairperson
GovJoniMac@gmail.com



83rd ANNUAL LIONS DISTRICT 1-A BOWLING TOURNAMENT



DISTRICT 1-A Governor *Richard* & 1st Lady *Edith*

INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM FOR A DAY OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026 @ 8:30 AM – 1PM
LISLE LANE BOWLING ALLEY 4920 LINCOLN AVE, LISLE, IL 60532**

REGISTRATION \$35/BOWLER

5 BOWLERS IN A TEAM

WINE & BASKET

RAFFLE

POT GAME \$5

SURPRISE PRIZES

CARD GAMES

PUT TOGETHER A TEAM & JOIN THE FUN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

LISLE LANES



4920 LINCOLN AVENUE, LISLE, IL 60532

Telephone #: (630) 968-1300

83RD ANNUAL LIONS

District 1-A Handicap

Bowling Tournament



**83RD ANNUAL LIONS
District 1-A Handicap
Bowling Tournament**

QUAD TIME: 9:00 AM

** \$35.00 per individual bowler & substitute!!!*

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR
RULES AND REGULATIONS

TOURNAMENT RULES

LIONS SANCTIONED:

1. This tournament is open to District 1-A Lions and their guests. Professional bowlers and/or employees of the bowling establishment may bowl, but may not participate in the prizes or awards. This includes the Pot Game awards.
2. Upon request, the Bowling Committee will attempt to supply bowlers, if available, to those Lion teams that are not complete, or allowed one blind score of 140 pins, therefore allowing them to compete for prizes. All substitute bowlers must pay the required entry fee to the team they bowl with. All Lions Club teams must contain a minimum of one (1) club member to be eligible to compete for team prizes.
3. All entry forms must be completed showing complete names & addresses of all members of the team.
4. No bowler is allowed to participate in the pot game more than once. The first three games bowled will be the games eligible for prizes.
5. No refunds within 72 hours of tournament play.
6. No averages are needed to participate in the tournament.
7. Handicaps will be based on 75% of the difference of 200 minus your drawn average. Maximum handicap is 60 pins per game per bowler.

Handicaps will be calculated after all teams have completed their games, and then the District Governor will draw a number by lot. The number drawn will be the game score used as the average for all entries.

Example: You bowl 145 (1st game), 185 (2nd game), & 175 (3rd game). Governor draws #1 and then 145 becomes your average.

8. Closing Entry Date – as determined annually but not less than 7 days prior to the event.
9. Prize ratio – at least one for every 10 teams. (Based on 60 team entries)
10. Special Pot Game: \$5.00 option – High Game Scratch – Minimum Cash Prizes: 1 in 20 entries. For Men and Women separately.
11. Team shall report 30 minutes prior to their assigned start time. Changes to the team make-up must be reported to the tournament manager at least 30 minutes prior to bowling. Substitutes may be used.
12. Protests: Any protest affecting the eligibility or general playing rules must be confirmed in writing to the District Chairman within 7 days of the closing of the tournament. If no protest is entered, the game or games shall stand as bowled. Obvious errors in calculation must be corrected within 48 hours.
13. No other raffles or merchandise permitted except those authorized by the District Bowling Chairman.
14. No outside food or beverages allowed.
15. All sign posting to be by permission of the committee chairman only.



Westchester
Lions Club

WINTERFEST FUNDRAISER

Saturday, February 21, 2026

8:00 to 11:00 pm

JOE'S SALOON

9220 47th Street • Brookfield



\$40 donation includes

Appetizers • Beer
Well Drinks • Wine

RAFFLE PRIZES !

Purchase your ticket from a
Lions Club member

For more information, contact
Don Prignano at 708 / 207 - 3004
or donp63@sbcglobal.net

Net proceeds benefit the needs of local communities



Winter Celebration

Raising funds to help our residents and communities.

**Date: February 22nd Sunday
2026**

Time: 12:30 – 4:30

Alpine Banquets House Lunch at 1:30

11141 Roosevelt Rd Westchester 60154

\$60 Per-person

Bag Raffle/Sweet Table/Music

RSVP: Ted Steiskal 708/426-6603

Lavetta Beauzile 708/404-2962

Checks payable to: Bellwood Lions Club
P.O Box 261 Bellwood IL 60104



REGION 6 ZONE MEETING



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**ZONE A: EAST SIDE, HEGEWISCH, LANSING, FLOSSMOOR ROSHNI,
HARVEY CENTENNIAL, GLENWOOD**

**ZONE B: CALUMET CITY, SOUTH HOLLAND, THORNTON,
CHICAGO HEIGHTS, KOPE CYBER OF DISTRICT 1A LIONS,
SOUTHLAND CYBER**

The Thornton Lions Club along with Region 6 Chairperson Lion Larry Williams will be hosting the Region 6 Lions Meeting and invite all to attend.

WHEN: Thursday February 26, 2026
6:00 P.M. Fellowship, 6:45 PM Intros, 7:00 P.M. Dinner, 7:45 P.M.
Meeting

WHERE: Thornton American Legion Hall, 109 N. Williams St, Thornton, IL

PRICE: Dinner Buffet and Dessert \$20 per person. Payable to the Thornton Lions Club. Cash bar.

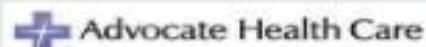
RSVP: RSVP to Lion John W. Pleta at Johnwpletta@outlook.com or (708) 515-2448 by February 20, 2026.

The Thornton Lions Club and Region 6 Chairperson Lion Larry Williams welcome the fellowship and companionship of all our Region Clubs. Plan on attending.

Event Partner:



Proud Sponsors:



Care for Soul, Inc.

501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization
chicagoindouslionsclub.com

Indo-US Lions and Pearl Banquets Invite you to:

Business Networking Event

Date: Saturday, Feb 28, 2026
6pm onwards

Location: Pearl Banquet
1490 W Lake St, Roselle, IL 60172

Dinner included with all tickets!

General Ticket: \$50

VIP Ticket: \$100

Booth: \$250

Book full page: \$1,000

1/2 page: \$500

1/4 page: \$250

Businesses card: \$100

VVIP and Presentation: please contact

Funds raised will help the Chicago Indo-US Lions Club purchase essential hearing and vision screening tools, A1C testing devices, and vital medical supplies to serve those in need.

Contact For Sponsorships, Booths, Presentations:
ciuslions@gmail.com

Lion H Trivedi
(630)-951-0012

Lion Kishen
(224)-3121-595

Raj Jayara
(847)-565-1074

Lion Dulsa
(224)-542-0417

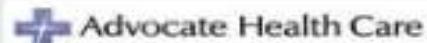
Dr. Radhika
(708)-557-0070

Smitha Sakhija
(312)-927-7467

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**Booth: \$250
Dinner for 1 person included**

Contact Booth Chairperson:
Shabana Rahman
(847)-496-3172, ciusalions@gmail.com

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LIONS & LEOS WEEKS OF SERVICE 2025-2026



The Weeks of Service centers around significant international days, highlighting the impact of Lions through the world. Lions are 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



ENVIRONMENT
LIONS SERVICE WEEK WILL BE FROM
APRIL 18-26, 2026



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



ONLINE REGISTRATION

Registration #1

| | |
|---|------|
| Name: _____ | |
| First (as desired on badge) | Last |
| Club Name: _____ District: _____ Office: _____ | |
| Phone: _____ Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____ | |
| Email Address: _____ | |
| Lion <input type="checkbox"/> Leo <input type="checkbox"/> Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Over 21 <input type="checkbox"/> Under 21 <input type="checkbox"/> If Child-Age _____ | |

Registration #2

| | |
|---|------|
| Name: _____ | |
| First (as desired on badge) | Last |
| Club Name: _____ District: _____ Office: _____ | |
| Phone: _____ Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____ | |
| Email Address: _____ | |
| Lion <input type="checkbox"/> Leo <input type="checkbox"/> Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Over 21 <input type="checkbox"/> Under 21 <input type="checkbox"/> If Child-Age _____ | |

BOTH REGISTRATIONS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE SAME ENVELOPE

| Special Meal Package | Reg. #1 | Reg. #2 |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Includes Convention Registration Fee, District Lunch, Governor's Banquet and District Breakfast "Special Meal Package Deal" \$155.00 (\$18.00 savings) | \$155.00 | |
| 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, 2026** | | |
| Special meal request for religious or health reason: _____ | PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE CHECKS TO FORM | |

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

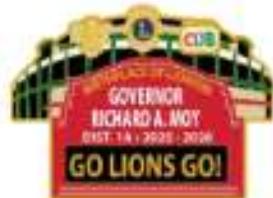
268 Bay Drive, Itasca, Illinois 60143-1298
(630) 290-6092 E: haroldburkett@currently.com

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 in color or black & white.

- FULL PAGE 5X8 ----- \$100
- HALF PAGE 5X4 ----- \$75
- INSIDE COVER (FRONT) ----- \$150-SOLD
- INSIDE COVER (BACK) ----- \$150-SOLD
- CENTERFOLD (4 x)----- \$125/PAGE
- BACK COVER ----- \$200-SOLD
- TRACK AD (Business Card Size)----- \$30

CHANCE TO WIN \$\$\$\$

EVERY HALF PAGE AD PURCHASED QUALIFIES
YOU A CHANCE TO WIN A TICKET TO THE CASH RAFFLE
DRAWING AT THE SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST
\$100 VALUE

To all advertisers: Kindly email your camera ready clear printed layout or your individual/group pictures (color or b/w) with your message no later than **February 23, 2026** to Lion Leilanie Magana at hawaii218@gmail.com. **All ads need to be prepaid by the deadline to be included in the ad book.**

Make checks payable to: **DISTRICT 1-A LIONS**

Mail checks to:

LION LEILANIE MAGANA
6105 N. Central Park Ave
Chicago, IL 60659
Hawaii218@gmail.com
773 425-1747

LION MYRNA CORDERO
8659 N. Gross Pt. Rd.
Skokie, IL 60077
mymam61@gmail.com
847 999-8913

NAME OF ADVERTISER:

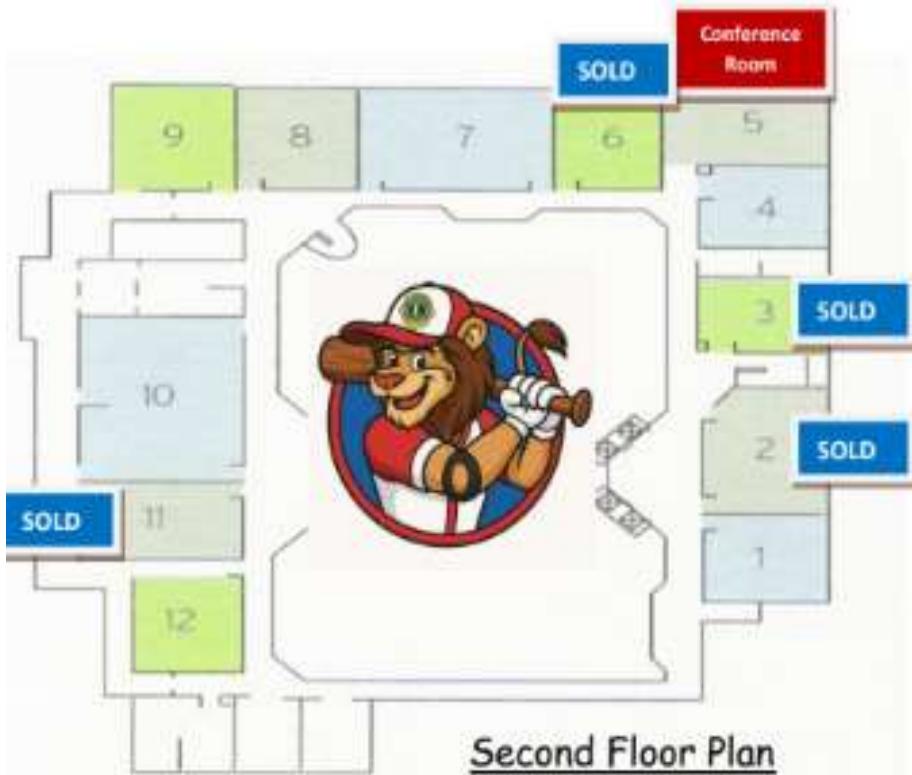
LIONS CLUB CONTACT PERSON:

PHONE#:

EMAIL:

CHECK#:

AMOUNT:



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/A ...Hotel 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 _____

(if a Suite, number of Bedrooms desired) 1 or 2

Room will be open _____ or closed _____

Security Deposit \$250.00 Date Paid _____

Room Fee \$ _____ Date Paid _____

Club Hospitality Room Chairman

Lion _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

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
CANDLE BASKET
SPORTS THEME BASKET
HANDYMAN BASKET
MOVIE THEME BASKET
STUFFED ANIMAL BASKET
ETHNIC FOOD BASKET

CANDY BASKET
JEWELRY BASKET
KITCHEN BASKET
TECHNOLOGY BASKET
WINE BASKET
COFFEE/TEA BASKET
HOSTESS BASKET

SEWING BASKET
TV WATCHERS BASKET
PET LOVERS BASKET
SCRAP-BOOKING BASKET
CRAFTS BASKET
CAR BASKET
GARDEN BASKET

Each basket should have at least \$50 worth of items. **Please bring three lists of the items in the basket. One is to be attached to the outside of the basket** so everyone knows what is included, **one is for the auctioneer 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 – buzzylion@gmail.com – 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](tel:7085144825).

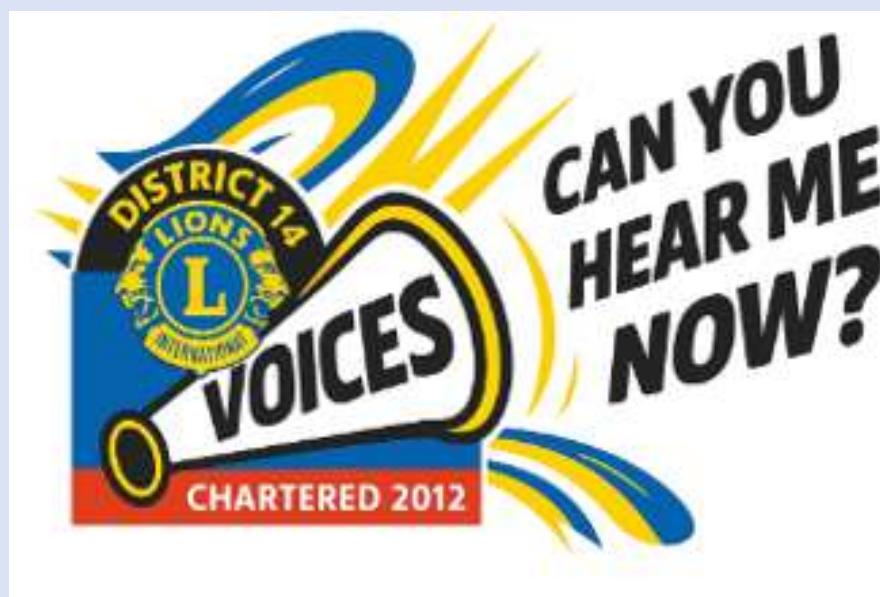
Checks should be sent to **VOICES** Treasurer and include the Club name, phone number and amount of donation.

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.





Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Through any disaster, our strength is unity

Give today and see what we can do.
lionsclubs.org/Donate

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: [#LCIFLions](http://bit.ly/3XFfxrP)

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

Student Low Vision Program



Dear Lions Members & Friends,

The Lions of Illinois Foundation partners with Spectrios Institute for Low Vision, the Illinois College of Optometry, and the Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind to provide a FREE comprehensive visual evaluation to Illinois students in grades K-12.



Students are referred by special education staff employed by the Illinois Board of Education. The exams are performed by licensed optometrists that travel to the different screening locations throughout the state.

The LIF Student Low Vision Program provides a child who has low vision with the optical tools and training necessary to help prevent further vision loss or even blindness. But more importantly, these are the children we have promised to help by preserving what sight they have left. Their future is in our hands.

Since 1976, Lions have honored a pledge to the children of Illinois.

We Believe that No Child Needs to Face Blindness as their Future.

Please help to preserve that pledge with your donation.

Enclosed is our check/money order to sponsor _____ student(s) at a cost of \$290 each.

Amount of donation: \$ _____

Club Name or Individual Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Phone number: (_____) _____ E-Mail: _____

Submit Form & Donation to:

**Lions of Illinois Foundation
700 N Peace Road, Suite B
DeKalb, IL 60115**

**Please Support this Program
With Your Donation Today.**



**Please make your
check payable to: LIF
We also accept online
donations; please visit
our website.**

Lionsofillinoisfoundation.org
(815) 756-5633

**Remember, we are not just
asking for a donation, we
are asking for the
opportunity to provide a
student with low vision a
chance to excel in school,
in society, in job placement
and in their future.**

MOBILE SCREENING UNIT ROTATION SCHEDULE 2026



The Mobile Screening Unit program will be focusing on joining existing Annual Health Fairs and creating new Annual Health Fairs in your communities. Check with your county for Health Fair listings near you.

LIF will utilize a monthly rotation schedule for Mobile Unit Screenings, if your screening falls outside of the month the Mobile Unit will be in your district, submit your form and we will try to accommodate your request.

Please remember, weekends fill up fast, you will be allowed ONE weekend date either Saturday or Sunday for your club event, this will allow everyone to benefit from the Mobile Unit. Please keep this in mind when planning your event.

Month District

| March 2026 Health Fairs Events | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| April | 1-J, 1-D |
| May | 1-A, 1-F |
| June | 1-H, 1-G |
| July | 1-BK, 1-M |
| August | 1-CS, 1-CN, 1-M |
| September | 1-A, 1-F |
| October | 1-BK, 1-J |

Hearing screenings are now conducted using the AMTAS-Flex Audiometry Screening Tablet.



PLEASE REMEMBER...

At least one of the Volunteer Lions that are assisting at your Screening Event must be trained ON-SITE on the AMTAS-Flex tablet to ensure that the hearing screenings are done correctly and efficiently.
(Have them arrive one hour early for training.)

Please Note:

You will need to receive a confirmation e-mail, in order for your event to be confirmed and placed on the website calendar.



LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION

is looking for a

HEARING/VISION SCREENING TECHNICIAN



**YOU could be our
next Mobile Screening Unit
Technician!**



Enjoy Traveling



Safe Driver



Friendly



Serving Others Brings You Joy

APPLY ONLINE!

For Complete Job Description
Please Visit Our Website
www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org



Have Questions?

Contact LIF Associate Director Trish Fisher

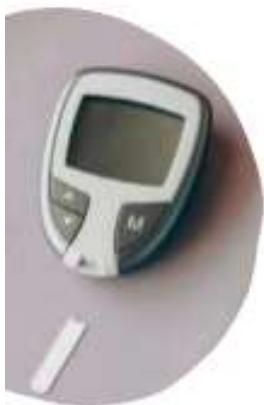


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tfisher@lifnd.org

Lions of Illinois Foundation DIABETES AWARENESS CAMPAIGN



The Lions of Illinois Foundation Diabetes Awareness Campaign's mission is to inform the public of the hidden dangers of Diabetes.

From March 1st to May 31st

Lions will be seen in communities throughout Illinois passing out what we call "Risk Strips." These paper slips contain a list of the warning signs of diabetes and related referral information.

Thank You for Your Support on Bringing Awareness to the Silent Risk of Blindness From Diabetes.

According to the Center for Disease Control, 38.4 million people in the United States have Diabetes and 1 in 5 are unaware they have it. Help us raise awareness and bring this valuable information to those at risk.



Early Detection is Key to the Prevention and Treatment of Diabetes.

Your Contribution also supports:

- **FREE** Retinal Screenings, to detect Diabetic Retinopathy and Macular Degeneration, performed through our Mobile Screening Unit
- **FREE** Children's Vision Screenings
- **LIF** Support of ADA Specialized Programs

Enclosed is our check/money order to contribute towards Diabetes Awareness.

Amount of donation \$ _____

Club Name or Individual Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ E-Mail: _____

Please make your check
payable to: LIF
For Credit Card Donations
visit us at:
LionsofillinoisFoundation.org
or phone us at 815-756-5633



Submit Form & Donation to:
Lions of Illinois Foundation
700 N Peace Road, Suite B
DeKalb, IL 60115

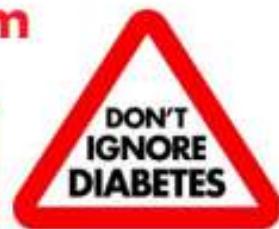
Thank You for Your Donation



LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION
DIABETES AWARENESS CAMPAIGN
Candy & Supply Order Form

**ORDER YOUR SUGAR-FREE
CANDY TODAY**

**Campaign Runs From
March 1 - May 31, 2025**



The Goal is to Revitalize the Campaign and to Increase the Awareness and the Importance of Prevention and Early Detection of Diabetes.

Club is Responsible for any Shipping Costs of Candy

No, our Club, _____ is **unable** to participate but enclosed is our contribution of \$ _____ to The Lions of Illinois Foundation Diabetes Awareness Campaign.

Yes, our Club, _____ of District _____ Club # _____ will participate in Diabetes Awareness Activities on _____ (date).

MATERIALS ORDER FORM - PLEASE COMPLETE

(Supplies will ship two weeks before the date listed above)

Small case (~5.5 lbs. Sugar Free Drops): \$50.00 Large Case (~11 lbs. Sugar Free Drops) \$95.00
Approx: 550 Drops by weight Approx: 1,100 Drops by weight

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

(For PO Box Address, include street address for UPS/USPS Shipping)

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Email: info@papercity.com | www.papercity.com | [Privacy Policy](http://www.papercity.com/privacy)

Please make your check
payable to: LIF

For Credit Card Payments
visit us at:
LionsofillinoisFoundation.org
or phone us at 815-756-5633

**For Questions or Additional
Supplies/Information**

Please Contact
Dianne Ortega:
dortega@lifnd.org
(815) 756-5633 x 250

Submit Completed Form to:

**Lions of Illinois Foundation
700 N Peace Road, Suite B
DeKalb, IL 60115**

Thank You for Your Participation

How Can Our Club Help ?



Host a Lunch or Dinner

Each weekday there is an opportunity to host a Lunch or Dinner at Camp Lions.

By providing food for the campers, and counselors , you could be absorbing up to \$900 in food costs for that one meal (*averaging 50 campers and 15 counselors*).

If your club would like to provide a meal during the week or at our Friday Open House Event, Please Sign Up Online.

Have Questions?

Contact Max Kruse at camlions@lifnd.org

www.LionsofIllinoisFoundation.org

JUNE 7th - JUNE 13th

Youth Week
Camp Red Leaf Village
26710 W Nippersink Road, Ingleside, IL 60041

JUNE 14th - JUNE 18th

Helen Keller Week
Camp Red Leaf Village
26710 W Nippersink Road, Ingleside, IL 60041

Camp This Year Sunday - Thursday

JULY 5th - JULY 11th

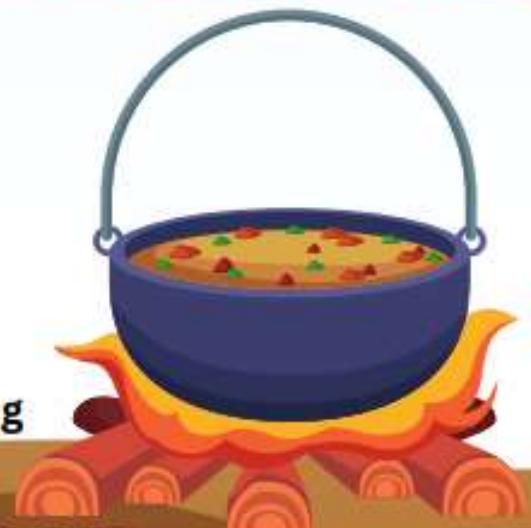
Youth Week
Camp DuBois Center
2651 Quarry Road, DuBois, IL 62831

JULY 12th - JULY 18th

HoH/Deaf Week
East Bay Camp
24248 Ron Smith Memorial Hwy., Hudson, IL 61748

JULY 19th - JULY 25th

LV/Blind Week
East Bay Camp
24248 Ron Smith Memorial Hwy., Hudson, IL 61748





Adopt-A-Camper

Please Note Updated Donation

Children and adults who are deaf/hard of hearing, or blind/partially sighted, share in the fun of swimming, boating, nature walks, archery, crafts, music, campfires, and more fun camp activities with friends at Camp Lions.

In 69 years, one thing that has *never* changed at Camp Lions is the idea of providing a safe, positive place for youth and adults to enjoy summer camp with their peers. This philosophy has given thousands of campers a chance to grow self-confidence, build lasting friendships and enjoy all the fun this safe and enriching program provides each summer.

Please Adopt a Camper to attend Camp Lions this Summer!

By adopting a camper you ensure that all deserving children and adults can experience what Camp Lions can offer them. Your Lions of Illinois Foundation is asking every Lion and Leo Club to help by "adopting" at least one camper to attend Camp Lions with a **Donation of \$550 or more.**

These donations will help to defer some of the total costs associated with our Camp Lions program including lodging, food, and qualified staff, including a nurse, to care for and inspire the attending campers.

A Thank You note with a picture of your camper, will be sent to your club along with our gratitude.

Mail Form To:

**Lions of Illinois Foundation
Camp Lions Adopt-A-Camper
700 N Peace Road, Suite B
DeKalb, IL 60115**

OR E-mail Form to camplionselfnd.org



If you have a specific camper you would like to adopt please include their name.

Camp Lions Adopt-a-Camper

Club _____ District: _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ to adopt _____ Camper (s) to Camp Lions Summer Camps

Contact Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Camper's Name (not required) _____



For Credit Card Donations please visit our website at: www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org

Questions, please call: (815) 756-5633



Lions of Illinois Foundation SIGHT AND SOUND SWEEPSTAKES

2026 Early Bird Drawing Dates



**Final drawing at State Convention
MAY 17, 2026**

Send completed books and monies in by 3 PM the Tuesday before each Wednesday drawing to have them entered into the Early Bird Drawing each month. Remember these drawings benefit the Club & Seller!

Individual Seller Cash Prizes

Fourteen (14) Individual Seller Prizes will be awarded to Lions that meet these qualifications:

- A minimum of twenty-five (25) complete books of three Sweepstakes tickets must be sold by the individual and listed on the bottom of the seller form to qualify for an award.
- All completed Sweepstakes ticket stubs, related money and the complete "Individual Seller Form" must be returned together to the Foundation Office no later than May 1st.

Prizes are:

- Four (4) **Top State Sweepstakes Seller** prizes of: **\$500, \$350, \$250, and \$200.**
- If a tie results among any of the Top State Seller prizes, those individuals involved will split the associated prizes.
- There will also be one (1) **Top District Seller** prize of **\$100** for each District in MD-1.
- The winner in each District will be the Top Seller of sweepstakes tickets not receiving a Top State Seller prize.



If you need additional Sweepstakes Tickets please contact
Dianne Ortega: dortegaelifnd.org





Stocking Stuffer Ideas For the Holidays



 **OVER
750
RETAILERS**

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

 **TARGET**

 **amazon.com**



STARBUCKS



KOHL'S



meijer

 **CINEMARK**



IHOP

 **CVS
pharmacy**



**BUFFALO
WILD
WINGS**



 **BUONA**
CHICAGO'S ORIGINAL ITALIAN BEEF

 **Caribou
COFFEE**



 **Pizza
Hut**



SAFEWAY



 **OUTBACK
STEAKHOUSE**



 **Hair cuttery**

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 PROGRAM
go directly to support Camp Lion**

Lions of Illinois Foundation has partnered with RaiseRight
PROGRAM to support **CAMP LIONS**.

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

1. The first step is to create an account by contacting the
an enrollment email. Contact us at LIFoffice@lifnd.org
2. Follow the prompts to complete your account.
3. Start shopping!

You can choose from:

- eGift cards
- physical gift cards

Gift cards from RaiseRight have no activation fee

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

Live Auction

May 18, 2024

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
bonnilelionbonnie@aol.com



2025 MD-1 International Convention

Mexico City Orlando, FL

State Pin - Stick Pin - Charm



Not Actual Pin Size shown

The pins here are the design for the 2025 Lions International Convention - Mexico City, Mexico & now in Orlando, FL. These items are sold separately or you can purchase a complete set at a lower price. Ask about pins or charms that are earlier than 2024. Some years are still available.

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

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

Or contact:

(219) 671-0287
lionbobbblock@gmail.com

(815) 546-5777
zeltravel@gmail.com



Order Form

| Item | Australia | | Mexico City | | Orlando, FL | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Item | Number of Item | 2024 cost per item | Number of Item | 2025 cost per item | Number of Item | 2025 cost per item | Amount Owed |
| State Pin | | \$2.75 | | \$3.00 | | \$4.00 | |
| State Charm | | \$1.25 | | \$1.50 | | \$2.00 | |
| State Stick Pin | | \$1.25 | | \$1.50 | | \$2.00 | |
| Set of all three | | \$3.75 | | \$4.75 | | \$5.75 | |
| Handling / Shipping (If required) | | | | | | | |
| 1 to 5 pin | | \$5.50 | | | | | |
| 6 to 10 pins | | \$8.50 | | | | | |
| Over 20 pins | | \$10.00 | | | | | |
| Total Amount Enclosed | | | | | | | |

Shipping Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____