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| Date | 2025-2026 Lions Calendar | Location |
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| Jul-25 | | |
| July 11-12 2025 | LIF Annual Board Meeting & Fiscal Board Mtg | Springfield, IL |
| July 13-17 2025 | International Convention | Orlando FL |
| July 15 2025 | 1st COG Meeting - Noon | Orlando FL |
| July 15 2025 | Midwest Breakfast -Orlando | Orlando FL |
| Aug-25 | | |
| August 2 2025 | LIF Annual Golf Classic | LaSalle IL |
| August 15-17 2025 | RLLI/ELLI Conference | Decatur IL |
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| Sep-25 | | |
| September 13 2025 | LIF Annual Roar-In Charity Car Show | Cortland IL |
| September 18-20 2025 | USA Canada Forum | Atlantic City NJ |
| September 26 2025 | GETS Conference- Bloomington Marriott | Bloomington IL |
| September 26 -27 2025 | 2nd COG Meeting - Bloomington Marriott | Bloomington IL |
| September 27 2025 | GAT/GMA Summit - Bloomington Marriott | Bloomington IL |
| Oct-25 | | |
| October 17 & 18, 2025 | District 1-CN Convention | TBD |
| Nov-25 | | |
| November 8 2025 | LIF Board Meeting Embassy Suites | East Peoria |
| Dec-25 | | |
| December 5 2025 | VGETS Conference -Crowne Plaza | Springfield IL |
| December 5-6 2025 | 3rd COG Meeting & Holiday Dinner Crowne Plaza | Springfield IL |
| Jan-26 | | |
| January 23-24, 2026 | District 1-M Convention Holiday Inn | Champaign, IL |
| Feb-26 | | |
| February 6-7 2026 | 4th COG Meeting - Four Points by Sheraton | Peoria IL |
| Mar-26 | | |
| March 6-7, 2026 | District 1-BK Convention | TBD |
| March 13-14, 2026 | District 1-F Convention | TBD |
| March 20-22, 2026 | District 1-A Convention Westin Hotel | Itasca IL |
| March 27-28, 2026 | District 1-G Convention Great Rivers Hotel | Alton, IL |
| Apr-26 | | |
| April 10-11, 2026 | District 1-J Convention Holiday Inn | Carol Stream, IL |
| April 17-18, 2026 | District 1-CS Convention | TBD |
| April 24-25, 2026 | District 1-D Convention | TBD |
| May-26 | | |
| May 15 2026 | 5th COG Meeting Marriott | Bloomington IL |
| May 14-17 2026 | 105th State Convention LIF Annual Meeting Marriott | Bloomington IL |
| | 2026-2027 Lions Calendar | |
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| May-27 | | |
| May 14 2027 | 5th COG Meeting | TBD |
| May 13-16 2027 | 106th State Convention | TBD |
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DISTRICT 1-A GOVERNOR

RICHARD MOY



Hello Lions!

I hope you all are enjoying the summertime with your family and friends!

First Lady Lion Edith and I had the wonderful opportunity to be in Orlando Florida for the Lions International Convention. We both partook in the Parade of Nations representing District 1A and MD1 (Multiple District 1). It was certainly a sight to see with all the clubs from around the world marching together as one and excited about a brand-new Lions year of service. I always mention how FUN comes first, and SHOP comes second. Well, Lion Edith made sure to enjoy all the FUN seminars while I took in all Plenary sessions filled with FUN SHOP talk. lol

IP (International President) Ap Singh's theme for his year is, Lead to Serve and Serve to Lead. This means that leadership isn't a title, it's about action. It's about using your platform or position to make a difference and setting the example for our Family of Lion volunteers to take action to meet and exceed the needs of our communities. How do we do this as leaders? By being Servant Leaders and empowering our Lions family in their efforts for service and growth. While serving others, this breeds those natural leadership qualities of empathy, initiative and honor. When our servant leaders consistently engage in service it means they understand the humanitarian mission and by doing so, they naturally grow into Leadership. Leadership and Service have a natural Synergy.

So, as you continue building on your success of service, I want you to consider yourselves Servant Leaders and be excited about all the wonderful projects and relationships you are having or plan on having. I want you all to feel empowered by that excitement! Everyone in this Lions Family is here to support you. Remember, lines on a map do not divide us, we're all one team. You can count on fellow club support, district support, state support and international support.

My theme for my year is GO LIONS GO! It's a chant for excitement, a chant for empowerment and a chant for celebrating service! I look forward to continuing to see all of your success and I'll be the first to get out of your way, but I'll also be the first to support you along the way.

Keep those invites coming in, I look forward to spending time with you all and meeting some new and familiar faces along the way!

Are you ready to Lead to Serve and Serve to Lead?

I believe you are! GO LIONS GO

DISTRICT 1-A (continued)



Tinley Park Lions Club collecting donations for the Food Pantry



Brookfield-LaGrange Park Lions Club at the Brookfield Party at the Park



Calumet City Lions Club 2025-2026 Club Officers



Chicago Healthcare Alliance Lions Club inducts new members



Chicago Puerto Rico Lions Club Veterans Appreciation Day



Chicago Ridge Lions Club Slice of Summer Day



Riverside Township Lions Club in their community's 4th of July Parade



Westchester Lions Club in their community's 4th of July Parade



Worth Lions Club at their annual family picnic

DISTRICT 1-BK GOVERNOR DENISE LOWE

From District 1-BK: Planting the Seeds of Lionism



Greetings from **District 1-BK**, where the spirit of Lionism is alive and growing stronger every day!

As the District Governor 1BK, I'm thrilled to share our 2025 theme: **"Planting the Seeds of Lionism."** This isn't just a slogan, it's a call to action. Every new member we welcome, every service project we launch, and every partnership we build is a seed planted in our communities, our clubs, and our future.

From Orlando to Illinois – Bringing Energy Home

Returning from the 2025 International Convention in **Orlando**, I'm filled with excitement and gratitude. Lions from all over the world gathered to exchange ideas, celebrate accomplishments, and recommit to our mission of service. Now, global energy is taking root right here in District 1-BK.

We're using that momentum to:

- **Grow membership** through outreach, inclusion, and visibility.
- **Expand service** with projects that directly impact youth, seniors, and families.
- **Develop leaders** who will carry our legacy into the next generation.

A Fun Way to Fund the Future – The Piggy Bank Challenge

One initiative we are especially excited about is our **Piggy Bank Challenge** to benefit **LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation)**. It's a simple, hands-on way to involve every club—and every member—in supporting global humanitarian efforts.

I'll be visiting clubs throughout the district with piggy banks and big enthusiasm! Whether it's spare change or creative fundraising, every penny helps LCIF respond to disaster relief, youth education, and health care needs around the world.

Let's Keep Serving Boldly

This is also the perfect year to try **something new**:

Start a book drive for Pediatric Cancer children for Christmas

Back pack drive for the homeless, with toiletries and socks

Start a **Reading Buddies** program at your local library.

Invite youth to get involved through a **Leo Club** or **Lions Quest session**.

Host a **Service Carnival** to engage your community and showcase the power of Lionism.

These activities don't just serve—they **inspire**.

Save the Date: 1-BK District Convention – March 6–7, 2026!

Please **mark your calendars** for our 1-BK District Convention, March 6–7, 2026. We'll celebrate everything we've planted—and all that has blossomed. You won't want to miss it! Friday night we will have a **Country Carnival** to support Lions of Illinois Foundation. Come for the fun, stay for the celebration on Saturday!

Together, we are **planting the seeds of Lionism** across District 1-BK and the entire state. Thank you to every Lion who digs in, shows up, and leads with heart. Let's grow something incredible—together.

In service and friendship,

DG Denise Lowe

1-BK District Governor

DISTRICT 1-BK (continued)



Streator Lions Club Golf Bonanza



Earlville Lions Club inducts 2 new members



Gibson City Lions' Lion of the Year



Crete Lions Club Bingo Day at the Farmers Market



Bolingbrook Lions Club helping their community's Food Pantry



Herscher Lions Club 49th annual Corn Bowl



Marseilles Lions Club Installation of 2025-2026 Officers



Braidwood Lions Club Summer Fest



Crest Hill Lions purchase toys for children at Silver Cross hospital for Christmas in July!



Plainfield Lions at the Plainfield Fest



Morris Lions Club presents a \$1900 check for Camp Read / Camp Math

DISTRICT 1-BK (continued)



Joliet Noon Lions Club at their annual “Night at the Slammers” Baseball Fundraiser



Lemont Lions Club presented a check to the Heritage Woodlands Sanctuary for the new butterfly garden



Normal Lions Club at their annual Charity Golf Classic



Hardscrabble Lions joined as a sponsor of the Streator Unlimited Fun Day



Watsseka Lions at their 4th of July Pancake Breakfast



Serena Lions Club served dinner for campers at Camp Lions



Sheffield Lions Club serving hearing impaired campers at East Bay Lions camp

DISTRICT 1-CN GOVERNOR

ROBERT HOMAN



It's official – we have started a new Lion Year with new District Governors, new goals, and new hopes.

Now we look again at those goals and the action plans we created to meet the goals. We need your help. The District Governor cannot achieve the goals alone. It takes a team.

The best way to help is to ask your neighbor, colleague, family member, or friend to join the Lions. With more hands, the work is lighter. There are more ideas. There's more fun! Don't forget the fun! All work and no play makes a Lions Club a dull club and one that will lose members.

We joined to serve – let's find new ways to serve with new Lions beside us ready to make our communities and the world a better place.



Valmeyer Lions Club Mid-Summer Celebration



Lebanon Lions Club gives a donation to the Farmers and Friends 4-H Club



District 1-CN Lions supported the Beepball World Series 2025



Troy Lions are at park selling beer brats and \$500 food gift certificate for Troy frozen foods

DISTRICT 1-CS GOVERNOR

RETHA EURALES



**Carbondale Lions Club
collected money and
items for the Survivor
Empowerment Center**



**Harrisburg Town & Country Lions
Club hosted a free swim day**



**Sparta Lions Club at the Sparta
United Methodist Church
Community Dinner**

Carbondale Lions Club 104 Years of Service

July 15, 1921 - July 15, 2025



**Congratulations to the Carbondale Lions
Club for 104 Years of Service!**

DISTRICT 1-D GOVERNOR

MARCIA MEYERS



Dog Days of Summer – and Service!

I recently returned from the International Lions Convention in Orlando—hot, humid, and absolutely inspiring! Our Council of Governors is fired up and ready to lead as summer races by. We are truly in the “Dog Days of Summer,” which seems fitting given two amazing dog-related projects Lions proudly support: **Leader Dogs for the Blind** and the **Lions Project for Canine Companions**.

Leader Dogs have been a cherished cause in District 1D for many years. We’ve seen the life-changing impact through friends who have raised puppies, hosted breeding dogs, and even received Leader Dogs themselves.

I was first introduced to Canine Companions at the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Columbus, Ohio. I picked up a brochure for my friend, Vicki, who I believed could benefit from such a companion. After applying, she was matched with **Gabel**—a perfect partnership 18 months later!

When I chose the Lions Project for Canine Companions as my Governor’s Project, I connected with **Theresa Hart**, who has been incredibly supportive, even traveling from Kentucky to attend our District Convention last spring.

Since 1983, the Lions Project for Canine Companions Foundation has provided expertly trained service dogs *free of charge* to individuals with disabilities and veterans living with PTSD. This project is close to my heart, and I would love to share more—please reach out!

Stay cool, enjoy the rest of summer, and get ready for an amazing year of service ahead.

District Governor Marcia Meyers



DISTRICT 1-D (continued)



5 Lions Clubs, Cedarville, Freeport, German Valley, Orangeville and Pearl City, braved the heat to man a booth to PROMOTE LIONS as well as their service and fundraisers at the Stephenson County Fair



Durand Lions Club donated \$5,000 to help update and improve the Dakota Literacy Memorial Garden



Durand Lions Club sponsors a "Miss Liberty" and "Master Firecracker" for the 4th of July Festivities



Freeport Lions and Leos at the Tutty Baker Festival Parade



Pearl City Lions Club Cash Bingo



Capron Lions in the 4th of July Parade



Polo Lions Club in the Town & Country Days Parade



Rockton Lions Club donated \$13,321 for the Jack Lovejoy Scholarship



Pecatonica Lions Club donated \$1,000 to the Veterans Drop-in Center in Rockford

DISTRICT 1-F GOVERNOR

VINCENZO LEONE

District 1F Governor Team



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| DG Vincenzo Leone | FVDG Shajan Jose | SVDG Sabrina Swanson |

What a Start to the Lion Year!

Lions of District 1F, what an incredible beginning to our Lions year. Across the district, our clubs have already demonstrated the strength, dedication, and spirit of service that define what it means to be a Lion in Illinois.

In just the first month, our clubs were hard at work:

- The **Park Ridge Lions Club** hosted their annual **Doc Pallister Memorial Micro Marathon**, continuing a proud tradition while raising funds for important local causes.
- The **Mount Prospect Lions Club** once again led a successful **4th of July Festival**, joined by the **Prospect Heights Lions Club**, who generously stepped in to support their fellow Lions and the community celebration.
- The **Lake Zurich Lions Club** energized their town with **Alpine Days**, a signature event bringing fun and fellowship to the forefront.
- The **Lake Villa Township Lions Club** organized a memorable **Concert in the Park**, with proceeds supporting **Camp Lions** and the youth it serves.
- The **Fox Lake Lions Club** made a generous donation toward the construction of the new **Fox Lake Lions Amphitheater**, creating a legacy for future generations.
- The **Barrington Lions Club** supported their neighbors with a donation to the **Barrington Township Food Pantry**, addressing hunger in their community.
- The **Antioch Lions Club** built a **new pavilion at Williams Park** and hosted their annual **BBQ Chicken and Pig Roast Auction**, engaging residents and raising essential funds.
- Members of the **Arlington Heights Lions Club** and **Waukegan Little Fort Lions Club** volunteered at **Camp Lions**, offering hands-on support to children with vision and hearing needs.
- The **Evanston Sunrise Lions Club** contributed to environmental preservation by volunteering at the **Clark Street Bird Sanctuary**, caring for both nature and community.

These events are more than service projects. They are expressions of our commitment to making lives better. When we serve together, we lead with purpose and build stronger communities.

We are proud to be an Illinois Lion, and proud of every club that has hit the ground running. Let's keep this momentum going all year long.

DISTRICT 1-F (continued)



Barrington Lions Club presents a \$2,000 check to the Barrington Twp Food Pantry



Lake Villa Township Lions Club in our Concert in the Park/Camp Lions Fundraiser



Lake Zurich Lions Club celebration Alpine Days



Mount Prospect Lions awarded \$15k in scholarships



Bartlett Lions Club getting ready for the 4th of July Parade



McHenry/Wonder Lake Lions Club serves at the Fiesta Days car show



Park Ridge Lions Club annual Doc Pallister Memorial Micro Marathon



Waukegan Little Fort Lions Club inducted 3 new members



Grayslake Lions Club's Scholarship Night



Antioch Lions Club at their 65th Annual Chicken BBQ, Pig Roast & Auction



Arlington Heights and Waukegan Little Fort Lions helping at Camp Lions



Fox Lake Lions presents a check to the Mayor of Fox Lake for a new Fox Lake Lions Amphitheater

DISTRICT 1-G GOVERNOR

ROBERT WIRTH



As most of you Fellow Lions know we, as Council of Governors, officially became District Governors after taking our oath at the Orlando, FL International Lions Convention in July.

The Convention was informative, inspiring, and packed with fun as noted within the photos herewithin. I believe I can attest that all of us MD-1 Governors are ready to be a very active within our Districts. With that, Clubs be receptive to your Governor and make this year very positive.

We as District 1-G have a lot of work to do this year, that being;

- * 'WE SERVE' within our communities.
- * Branching out to 'WE SERVE' our District.
- * 'WE SERVE' through our Lions of Illinois Foundation and its many programs/resources.
- * 'WE SERVE' through the Lions Clubs International with its various programs/resources.

A brief definition of 'SERVE' – "to give service to; aid; assist; help – to meet the needs or satisfy the requirements". This definition encompasses what WE as LIONS do; as there is always a need within our community and beyond. The Lions of Illinois Foundation and the Lions Club International have numerous resources to assist us in our pursuit of 'SERVING'. Each and every Club should take advantage of these resources – something that I will be talking about at your Governor's night meeting.

My motto for this year is "Building the Future" and the only way this will happen is all of us SERVING AS LIONS.



DISTRICT 1-G (continued)



**White Hall Lions Club 4th
of July Homecoming
Carnival Parade**



**Chapin Lions Club Ice Cream
Social**



**Greenfield Lions Club has
partnered with the City of
Greenfield to bring back the
prestigious Pride of Greenfield
award**



**Jacksonville Lions Club collecting
school supplies**



**Staunton Lions Club Bill Moser
Memorial Golf Outing**

DISTRICT 1-H IS IN NEED OF A DISTRICT GOVERNOR!

A candidate for the office of district governor shall:

- (a) Be an active member in good standing of a chartered **Lions** club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
- (b) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or sub-district.
- (c) Currently be serving as the first vice district governor within the district from which he/she is to be elected.
- (d) Only in the event the current first vice district governor does not stand for election as district governor, or if a vacancy in the position of first vice district governor exists at the time of the district convention, any club member who fulfills the qualifications for the office of second vice district governor as set forth in these by-laws or constitution and who is currently serving or who has served one (1) additional year as a member of the district cabinet, shall fulfill the requirements of subsection (c) of this section.**

DISTRICT 1-H (continued)



Peoria Heights Suburban Lions Club gave a generous donation to Graceland Center



Galva Lions Club serving pancakes and sausage



Hopedale Lions Club Antique Tractor Pull



Silvis Lions Club received word that a grant for \$10,000 has been earmarked for the Children's Literacy Project

DISTRICT 1-J GOVERNOR

TERRI PASTERNIK



Greetings 1J Lions!

August has arrived....does this mean summer is almost over? I hope not, looking forward to lots more of your outdoor events. July was quite exciting. We attended the International Convention in Orlando and what a week it was.

Seeing Lions from all over the world who do the same thing each one of us do, makes you realize what an amazing organization we belong to. I was proud to stand with my fellow Governors from around the state and be sworn in by our International President. There were some great speakers and learning sessions. The exhibit hall also had sessions running each day in addition to staff from LCI answering questions about Membership, Service and Leadership. And of course, there were vendors offering lots of tempting Lions gear.

Coming up in the District is our first round of Region Meetings. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone. Our District Extension Coordinator (club development) and Membership Coordinator will be giving everyone important information about Mission 1.5 and the District's goals to inspire growth. We hope you will all join us in this mission.

As a side note, 7 District 1J members will be attending the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute and Regional Lions Leadership Institute in Decatur this month. This is valuable and amazing Leadership training that will help members enhance their skills. I'm so proud of those members who stepped up to attend. I hope next year when the opportunity is announced more 1J members will sign up.

Lions are on Fire and We are making a Difference! If you would like me to visit your club during the next year, please send an email to lionterrip@gmail.com. I will do my best to get you on the schedule. I'm also open to attending a Service Project or Event, not just club meetings. Our First and Second Vice District Governor's have also offered to come out to visit if I'm unavailable. Keep this in mind. We would love to see all of you.

Terri's Calendar

AUGUST

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| 8/1-8/3 | Taste of Roselle |
| 8/5 | Club Rebuild Pilot Meeting |
| 8/6 | State Membership Meeting |
| 8/16 | Leo Recognition-Elburn Days |
| 8/15-8/17 | RLLI/ELLI |
| 8/17 | Island Lake Corn Fest |
| 8/20 | Southwest Region Meeting #1 |
| 8/22 | Elmhurst Reverse Raffle |
| 8/24 | District Governor Meeting |
| 8/27 | Fox Region Meeting #1 |
| 8/28 | Roselle Meeting |

SEPTEMBER

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| 9/3 | Southeast Region Meeting #1 |
| 9/6 | District Cabinet Meeting #1 |
| 9/7 | Union/Woodstock Membership Event |
| 9/13 | Elmhurst Club 85 th Anniversary |
| 9/16 | Central Region Meeting #1 |
| 9/17 | Eastern Region Meeting #1 |
| 9/17-9/21 | USA/Canada Forum-Atlantic City |
| 9/24 | District 1J Candy Day Jamboree |
| 9/25 | Roselle Meeting |
| 9/26-9/27 | Council of Governors Meeting #2 |
| | GAT Summit |

DISTRICT 1-J (continued)



McHenry/Wonder Lake Lions Club serves at the Fiesta Days car show



Waterman Lions Summerfest and Antique Tractor Show



Malta Lions at the 2025 Lions Fishing Derby



Kirkland Lions at the 2025 Lions Fishing Derby



Waterman Lions at the 2025 Lions Fishing Derby



Westmont Lions Club inducts a new member



Westmont Lions Club Corn Booth at the Taste



Fox River Grove Lions Club inducts a new member



Glen Ellyn Lions Club serving popcorn at Glen Ellyn Summer Sidewalk Sale



Aurora Lions Club Back to School Event



Sycamore Lions made a pork chop dinner to all of the campers and staff at the Helen Keller Camp

DISTRICT 1-J (continued)



**Algonquin Lions Club
made a donation to Boy
Scout Troop 152**



**The Installation of the 2025-2026
Bartlett Lions Club Officers**



**Clarendon Hills Lions helped out
at the Daisy Shoppe Young
Entrepreneurs Sales Event at
Daisy Days**



**Somonauk Lions Club
recently made a donation to
We Are Called to Care**



**Burlington Lions Club
selling ice cream at the
Burlington Fireworks
Display on the 3rd of July**

DISTRICT 1-M GOVERNOR

MARK WYER



**Warrensburg-Latham Lions Club
inducts 3 new members**



**Danville Lions Day at the Danville
Dance**



**Warrensburg-Latham Lions Club
at the Corn festival serving Pepsi**



**Westville Lions Club at their Music
Bingo Event**



**Ramsey Lions Club presents a
\$4,000 scholarship - awarded as
\$1,000 per year for 4 years**



**Where there is a need, there is a
Lion. I did my party in racing the
Duck to raise money for Parks and
Recreation in Shelbyville**



**Stewardson Lions at the Pedal the
Prairie**



**Ridge farm Lions helping with The
Ridge Farm Elwood Library
District, Ice Cream Social**