

DISTRICT 1-CS NEWSLETTER



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**District 1 CS Governor
Retha Eurales
Working Together as one**

Greetings my Lion Family,

Well, we made it through the winter storm of 9-14 inches of snow and ice. I'm ready to see Crocuses, Daffodils and spring blossoms with warm weather. Working together as one is a challenge that the district is doing a great job. The district goals will be achieved by the end of the fiscal year. We have 24 new members, 70% Service reporting, A new club in Cairo will charter soon, All officers have been trained except two clubs which will be done in March. We have one club that completed the 100% participation goal for LCIF and hopeful of one more to complete. I am so proud of all my clubs for their help in working toward achieving our district goals. Several members are aging out and unable to do what they use to do. I encourage you to continue to be the strong Lions that you are, do what you can, support where and when you can. We have young members joining our clubs now and bringing up the rear. The Leo Club is doing well and is our future.

Mark your calendars my convention coming up April 17th -18th . Information is on the website. It's going pretty good but still have a ways to go. The West Frankfort club now has a new Secretary and the members voted to become a Cyber Club. Myself, GMT Lion Larry, GET Lion Randy, GLT, Lion Derek and Trustee Lion Helen have worked very hard to try and save this club. Our first ZOOM club meeting is March 12th and I am excited.

Where there is a need there is a Lion. Until next time,

Yours in Service

Lion Retha Eurales, District Governor 1CS



Lions Leaders,

Yesterday, Governor Retha spoke about the need for guiding Lions. As was made known, only Lions Helen Ferguson, Lion Randy Ferguson, and I are the only guiding Lions in our district. With the looming creation of the Lions Club in Cairo, Illinois, we need more guiding Lions.

This website will take you to the training book: [md_6GBmNL47BbA0.jpg.pdf](#). Further you can take the exam and submit your answers to the DG and you will become a guiding Lion.

Lion Larry

Certified Guiding Lion Courses

[The Certified Guiding Lion Program is designed to support the growth and development of new clubs during their first two years. It helps participants understand the roles and responsibilities of a Guiding Lion and provides tools to assist club officers in managing the club. The course can be taken at your own pace as a correspondence course or in a group setting. Presenting the course in a group setting is preferred for lively interaction and learning. Each section includes workbook exercises, checklists, and materials for review, along with a pull-out guide for officer training. The course materials are available on the Lions Clubs International website, and it is recommended to complete the course before being assigned to assist a new club.](#)

And here is where you can study, take the test, consult with the DG, and become a certified Guiding Lion. [CertGuideLionWorkbook](#). You don't even have to have an in-person training program.

DUQUOIN LIONS CLUB



For Christmas the DuQuoin Lions Club entered its 80th year of packing and delivering food baskets for families in need. The President Lion Dale Spencer, club members, along with the help of the JC's and KC's and other volunteers packed 105 boxes of food for the families. Lion Dale has been a member for 50 years and proud to have been a part of this annual Service Project. This picture was taken from the local newspaper.

SPARTA LIONS CLUB

January 2026 Activities

1. 17 members worked 121 hours at chicken fry, raising \$1,453.80, plus \$243 for the scholarship fund.
2. Club donated \$50 to the Boy Scouts.
3. Club donated \$69.to Sparta High School to purchase Torrence Tournament trophies.
4. 9 members worked 33 hours at 3 bar functions, raising \$2,412.
5. Two Lions worked 14 hours as advisors supervising Leos events.

RED BUD LIONS CLUB

The Red Bud Lions Club is proud to reflect on a remarkable and rewarding 2025, filled with service, generosity, and community spirit.

During the holiday season, the Club's annual Christmas Basket Program made a meaningful difference by providing \$3,500 in gift cards to 55 local families in need. In addition, the Club donated \$1,500 to the Hoyleton Youth and Family Services to help provide stocking gifts for the children in their care, spreading extra joy during the Christmas season.

The Lions were also active in the community's celebrations. Members participated in the Red Bud Lighted Christmas Parade and handed out more than 300 bags of candy to children visiting Santa at Red Bud's Santa's Village.

Continuing their tradition of service, members also helped serve meals at the Red Bud Industries Employee Holiday Party.

Looking ahead to 2026, the Red Bud Lions Club remains committed to supporting the community in meaningful ways. The Club sponsored a tennis shoe donation drive to benefit its Vision and Hearing Programs and donated \$2,500 to the Red Bud Community Foundation in support of the city's Patriotic Celebration of America on August 29, 2026. Lions' members look forward to serving plenty of delicious food during the festivities.

In addition, the Club will host its annual Golf Tournament in May, continuing its efforts to raise funds that directly support local initiatives and those in need.

The Red Bud Lions Club is grateful for the continued support of the community and looks forward to another impactful year of service in 2026.

Warm regards,
Andrea

1CS Mounds Lions Club and District Governor

- DG Retha Eurales' February activities.
- Activities included member induction, club visits, signing Valentine cards, and school supply delivery.



District Governor Retha Eurales inducts a new member into her home club(Mounds) the first week in February. Lion Abracadabra Jones and DG Derek Eurales hold their certificates as new member and sponsor with a smile.

District Governor Retha Eurales visiting Carterville Lions Club bringing information, instructions and encouragement



PDG Derek Eurales assists his District Governor as she delivers her message of service

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The delight of His Grace and the Spirit of the Lord is our strength revealed by Chaplain Retha



First Vice District Governor Van Quick next to District Governor Retha Eurales along with Secretary/Treasurer of 1CS in attendance at the Johnston City Meeting place for February's cabinet meeting.



PDG Derek and District Governor Retha Eurales in attendance at 1CN Convention.



School supplies were delivered to the Cairo High School today by Mounds Lions Club members Lion Linda Cervia, PDG Derek Eurales and District Governor Retha Eurales. The principal also posed for the picture as well.



Giving school supplies to the elementary school in Cairo on today February 25th.

WE SERVE!

Lions, Let's Grow Our Pride

**Membership Monday and Wear it Wednesday will
return next year.**

MEMBERSHIP MONDAY

**JOIN THE PRIDE, WE DO MORE THAN
ROAR.**



This little pin? It roars louder than it looks.

Wearing this pin isn't boasting—it's simply showing you're part of something renowned.



DG RETHA AND PDG DEREK EURALES