

DISTRICT 1-CS NEWSLETTER



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A Lions Club achieves what a Lions Club believes.

DISTRICT CONVENTION PICTURES



Deb Weaverling arrives at the Sparta Lions Club.



Ron Weaverling arrives at the Sparta Lions Club.



Deb Weaverling addressing the Cabinet Meeting attendees of 1-CS Convention.



Chester Lion Ann McGuire, Mounds Lion Sarita Sawyer, & PID Deb Weaverling. Lion Sarita Decorated the Sparta Lions Club.



L>R PDG Derek Eurales, Lion Sarita Sawyer, PID Deb Weaverling and 1st Vice District Governor Retha Eurales at the District 1-CS Convention.



PID Robert "Bob" Block, District 1-CS Coordinator, addressing the 1-CS Convention's Cabinet

DISTRICT CONVENTION PICTURES

Necrology Service



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DISTRICT CONVENTION



Club president Derek Eurales, club member and decorator for the convention Sarita Sawyer, guest speaker Pastor International Director Debra Weaverling and 1st Vice District Governor Retha Eurales at Sparta Lions Club April 13, 2024

Dear Lions Clubs Presidents and Secretaries:

Please complete and mail this form to your District Secretary by May 1, 2024.

Return form to: CST Steve Griffin, PDG, 735 Karns St. Eldorado, IL 62930

CLUB NAME: _____

The following Lions are in good standing and have been elected to represent their Lions Club at the Lions of Illinois State Convention to be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 E Adams St, Springfield, Illinois on May 16-19, 2024, as Delegates and Alternates in accordance with Article IX, sections 8 and 9 of the MD-1 Constitution. Each club is allowed One (1) Delegate and One (1) Alternate for each Ten (10) members or major fraction thereof.

Delegates

Alternates

_____	1. 1. _____
_____	2. 2. _____
_____	3. 3. _____
_____	4. 4. _____
_____	5. 5. _____
6. _____	_____ 6. _____

Procedure for CERTIFICATION of Delegates and Alternates:

All Delegates and Alternates **must register** for the State Convention **before** being certified.

- After registering at the State Convention’s Registration Desk, club delegates/alternates can be certified. The hours of certification are listed below and will be published in the Convention book.
- Changes in the certification of Delegates can be made only by the Club President, Club Secretary, or District Governor. A Certified Delegate must return his/her Credential Card to the Cabinet Secretary before a new Credential Card will be issued. Changes will be made **ONLY** during certification hours.
- Delegate Certification will take place at the District Caucus on Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 2:15 to 3:15 pm and Sunday May 19, 2024, from 7:30 to 8:30 am. Voting will be held Sunday, May 19, 2024 from 7:30 am to 8:30 am.

I have read and understand the procedure for Certification of a Delegate or Alternate.

President, Secretary, or District Governor: _____ Date _____

**NOW is the time to register for the state convention.
See attached.
Share! Share! Share!**

CONVENTION UPDATE – Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Good Morning to Everyone.

The State Convention is getting close and some things need to be addressed - so here we go.

FIRST OF ALL.... Is everyone registered for the Convention? As of today, we have 96 registered online and 53 mailed in. I am sure that there are more to come in the mail. This is a total of 149 registered.

District Governors ... Vice District Governors.... Cabinet Secretary's.... PIDs... ARE YOU ALL REGISTERED FOR THE CONVENTION ????? Are you asking your district club members if they are registered ??? Do they have rooms booked ????

AS OF TODAY the hotel still has the following rooms left in our block:

May 16th --NONE available

May 17th --56 rooms are available

May 18th --17 rooms available.

Time is running out so be sure that you have your rooms booked.

Please note that a deadline of May 2nd has been set for the registrations and rooms to be booked at the hotel. **Please do not overlook this important date.**

So 149 registered is good – HOWEVER – we need to double this number. Get the word out and let's have great attendance at the Convention.

As of today, I have completed the schedule/agenda for the Convention and it will be attached to this Update. I am sending it to PDG Mo Ritzel to be incorporated into the Convention

Book. This will also be sent to the State Magazine editor and the State IT editor for their publication. Any changes that will need to be made from this point on will be announced at the State Convention.



This year, the Lions of Illinois welcome **PIP Albert "Al" Brandel** and his wife, Dr. Maureen Murphy, as our honored guests. Please mark your calendar and attend this year's convention!

The **2024 State Convention** kicks off on Friday evening. The Hospitality Rooms will open Friday evening and Saturday is filled with Plenary Sessions, the State Awards Luncheon, Workshops, **BEEP Baseball** and the State Banquet. Voting will begin on Sunday morning followed by the **LIF Breakfast and Meeting** and the



**LIONS OF ILLINOIS 103RD ANNUAL CONVENTION
& LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION
50th ANNUAL MEMBRSHIP MEETING
MAY 16-19, 2024**

Closing Plenary Session. Voting results will be announced as well as the selection of the MD1 2024-2025 Chairperson. There will be exhibitors, pin traders, auctions, and so much more! Don't miss out on the fun, food, fellowship and festivities!

[REGISTER](#)

TODAY!!

Registration Fees

All

**Join us at The Abraham
Lincoln Hotel &
Conference Center at 701
E. Adams Street
Springfield, IL.
Call (217) 544-8800
DEADLINE: May 1, 2024**



ROOM RESERVATIONS

Guest rooms can be reserved online. Use the link below to reserve your room:

[Reserve My Room](#)

participants must register and pay the registration fee of \$20.00

Lodging Information

The MD-1 State Convention guest room rate is **\$104.00** per night (plus 14% tax) and includes overnight self-parking in the garage attached to the hotel. **When making**

your reservation by phone, you must tell them you are with the Lions of Illinois to receive this discounted room rate. Reserve your room by May 1, 2024.

Meals

This year’s Convention features a State Luncheon at Noon on Saturday along with the State Banquet on Saturday evening. The LIF Breakfast will be held Sunday morning followed by the State Closing Plenary Session. Once again, we will offer savings with the “All Inclusive 3-Meal Package” deal!!

Send Form/Fees to: Lions of Illinois, Inc. 828 South 2nd St. #101, Springfield, Il 62704

Registration Deadline: MAY 1, 2024

Questions? Please contact State Chair Lydia Ellis at <mailto:serve2dgillinois@yahoo.com>

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(Lion, Guest, CC, DG, FVDG, SVDG, PCC, PDG, PID)

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Are you a Delegate _____ First Time Attending _____

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Name:

Name:

Street Address:

Street Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone/Email:

Phone/Email:

District: 1- _____ Club _____

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**TO REGISTER FOR THE 2024 STATE CONVENTION
ONLINE CLICK**



[REGISTER!!](#)

REGISTRATION FEE: \$20.00 pp Required. (All attendees must pay the registration fee)	Person #1 \$ 20.00	Person #2 \$
BEEP BASEBALL Saturday, May 18, 2024 1-3 pm UIS Recreational Park Free to convention attendees. Must Register! Transportation Provided		
3 MEAL PACKAGE \$100.00 per person includes State Luncheon, State Banquet & LIF Breakfast. <i>Make your entrée choices below</i>	\$	\$
Individual Meals <i>Please make your entrée choices below</i>		
State Luncheon \$35.00 per person	\$	\$
State Banquet \$45.00 per person	\$	\$
LIF Breakfast \$26.00 per person	\$	\$
My State Luncheon Entrée choice: Entrée selections are served with salad, seasonal vegetables, potatoes, and cheesecake for dessert. Coffee/Tea (Please mark one entrée choice) My State Banquet Entrée choice: Entrée selections are served with salad, seasonal vegetable, potatoes, bread basket, and flourless chocolate cake for dessert. Coffee/Tea (Please mark one entrée choice)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pork <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta Primavera <input type="checkbox"/> Roast Pork <input type="checkbox"/> Roasted King Salmon <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable Stir Fry	<input type="checkbox"/> Pork <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta Primavera <input type="checkbox"/> Roast Pork <input type="checkbox"/> Roasted King Salmon <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable Stir Fry
LIF “Capital” Breakfast: Cage-free scrambled eggs with chives, ham, seasoned red potato wedges. Coffee/Tea (No alternate selections)		
SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:	TOTAL: \$	TOTAL: \$

STATE CONVENTION DAILY SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 16

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Leadership Dinner Freeport Room

7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

District Governor Elect Meeting Governors Cabinet Room

8:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Council Hospitality Freeport Room

Friday, May 17

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

LIF Children's Plus Optix and newest Hearing Equipment Executive Board Room

8:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Council of Governors Meeting Ballroom Salons AB

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Registration Setup Registration Booth

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Council of Governors Lunch Ottawa Room

12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

LIF & LIEF Board Meeting Ballroom Salon C

1:00 – 1:30 p.m.

PIP Al Brandel meeting with DGs & VDGs Ottawa Room

1:45 – 2:00 p.m.

Registration Training with DG Tom Elsey Registration Booth

1:45 – 5:15 p.m.

Council Chair & State Chair Interviews Governor's Cabinet Room

2:00 – 7 p.m.

Registration opens Registration Booth

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Set up of Silent Auction Lincoln Room

Set up of Exhibitors & Pin Traders Ballroom Hallway

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

2nd VDG Elects meeting with PCC Darren Van Duyn Executive Board Room

3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Silent Auction – OPEN Lincoln Room

Exhibitors/Pin Traders – OPEN Ballroom Hallway

4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Sub Committee Meetings:

Sgt At Arms – DG Amy Hill Yates Room

Convention Rules – DG Terry Dooley Bond Room

Resolution – DG Mark Bryant Horner Room

Elections – DG Leroy Engelke Altgeld Room

Credentials/Certification- DG Larry McGuire Ottawa Room

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

LIF Ambassador Dinner Ballroom Salon D

7:30 – Midnight

Hospitality Rooms Ottawa/Freeport/Altgeld

Saturday, May 18

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Registration OPEN Registration Booth

8:00 a.m.

Silent Auction – OPEN Lincoln Room

Pin Traders/Exhibitors – OPEN Ballroom Hallway

8:00 – 8:15 a.m.

Seminar Moderators Meeting Executive Boardroom

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Opening Plenary Session Presidential Ballroom

Call to Order CC Lori Chassee

Pledge of Allegiance - DG Larry McGuire

Song: National Anthem - song leader: Lion Brenda Block

Invocation – Council Chaplain DG Mark Bean

Welcoming Comments - CC Lori Chassee

Introductions CC Lori Chassee

Adoption of Convention Rules: DG Terry Dooley

Introduction of International Guest: PID Bob Block

International Guest Remarks - PIP Al Brandel

Convention Sub-Committee Reports:

Election - DG Leroy Engelke

Sergeant at Arms DG Amy Hill

Registration DG Tom Elsey

Credentials DG Larry McGuire

Resolutions DG Mark Bryant

Announcements: CC Lori Chassee

50/50 Raffle Drawing

Recess until Second Plenary Session

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Registration OPEN Registration Booth

10:15 – 11:00 a.m. Seminars – Session #1

#1 Lions & LIF history trivia PCC Gail Anton Freeport Room

#2 Just Ask Guy Schmale Ottawa Room

#3 LIF 50 Years of Service PDG Ron Fruit, Exec Director Altgeld Room

#4 C & BL Resolution PID Bud Wahl Yates Room

#5 Unlimited Play Natalie Mackay Horner Room

#6 Lions Service Journey Lion Jama Wahl Bond Room

11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Second Plenary Session/Luncheon Presidential Ballroom

Call to Order MC CC Lori Chassee

Pledge of Allegiance DG Amy Hill

Song: America The Beautiful Song Leader: Lion Brenda Block

Invocation: Council Chaplain DG Mark Bean

Lunch

Introduction of Speaker by PID Bob Block

Speaker: PIP Al Brandel

Lions Remembrance Service PDG John & Lion Bobbie Honiotes

Announcements

50/50 Raffle Drawing

Recess until Banquet

1:00 – 5:15 p.m.

Registration OPEN Registration Booth

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. BEEP BASEBALL GAME at UIS Rec Park

1:00 – 1:45 p.m. Seminars - Session #2

#1 Unlimited Play Natalie Mackay Horner Room

#2 Just Ask Guy Schmale Ottawa Room

#3 LIF 50 Years of Service PDG Ron Fruit, Exec Director Altgeld Room

#4 C & BL Resolution PID Bud Wahl Yates Room

#5 Eversight Lion Kara Kelly Bond Room

#6 Membership 2nd VDG Vince Leone Freeport Room

2:00 – 2:30 p.m.
District Caucuses Rooms will be noted in Convention Book
3:00 p.m.
Silent Auction CLOSES Lincoln Room
3:30- 4:30 pm.
Silent Auction Pickup Lincoln Room
4:00 p.m.
Pin Traders & Exhibitors CLOSES Ballroom Hallway
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
DG & DGE pictures Mary Todd Room
5:45 p.m. Doors open for State Banquet Presidential Ballroom
6:00 – 8:30 p.m. STATE BANQUET Presidential Ballroom
Procession
Introductions CC Lori Chassee
Pledge DG John Whalon
Invocation Council Chaplain DG Mark Bean
Toast CC Lori Chassee
Dinner
Welcome Comments CC Lori Chassee
Introduction of International Speaker PIP Al Brandel PID Bob Block
Speaker PIP Al Brandel About the meaning of the International Awards to be presented
Award Presentations
Presentation of gifts to Speaker
Announcements
Live Auction PID Bud Wahl
RECESS until Sunday Morning
8:30 – 9:00 p.m. Award Pictures Mary Todd Room
8:30 p.m. to Midnight HOSPITALITY ROOMS Ottawa/Freeport/Altgeld
Sunday, May 19
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.
Registration OPEN Registration Booth
Delegate Certification Ballroom Hallway
Delegate Voting Lincoln Room
8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
LIF Breakfast & Meeting Presidential Ballroom
11:00 – 11:45 a.m. Closing Plenary Session Presidential Ballroom
Call to Order CC Lori Chassee
Pledge of Allegiance DG Mark Bryant
Invocation – Council Chaplain DG Mark Bean
Introductions: CC Lori Chassee
Sub Committee Reports:
Registration DG Tom Elsey
Voting Results DG Leroy Engelke
Acceptance of Reports
Announcement of 2024-2025 Council Chair CC Lori Chassee
Announcement of 2024-2025 State Committee Chairs
Benediction Council Chaplain DG Mark Bean
Song: God Bless America Song Leader: Lion Brenda Block
Closing of the 2024 State Convention CC Lori Chassee
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
District Governor Elect Meeting Boardroom

MARION LIONS CLUB



Marion Lions Club is had a "Boston Butt BBQ" on March 29th. We have two of these a year to help fund our projects. We cooked over 200 BBQs to help fund our service projects. Our next one will be this fall.

SPARTA LIONS CLUB

March Activities

1. Chicken fry: 18 members worked 118 hours and raised \$869. The club's next chicken fry is April 14.
2. Club donated \$290 LIF Student Low Vision Program
3. 5 members worked 8 hours at Easter egg hunt attended by 60 children.
4. 21 members worked 70 hours at 21 bar functions, raising \$2,880.

MARION LIONS CLUB



Jennifer Lee with Ameren was our guest speaker April 10th. Jennifer gave a presentation on Storm Safety Preparations, Outages and gas/electric safety during and after storms. She also covered the need of a Safety Radio or ways to get alerts. She provided each member with storm safety bags and a list of suggestions to place in it.

METROPOLIS LIONS CLUB



The Metropolis Lions Club Treasurer Mark Benson moved from this area and resigned from our club after 30 years of service. We presented him with a 30-year plaque on Monday. Here is the picture of us presenting him with the plaque. The people in the picture are from left to right: Lion Ronnie Meyer, Mark Benson, Maxine Russell (Club Secretary), and Lion Johnna Douglas.

A Road Block was held on April 6 for Massac High School Scholarships. We plan to present three \$500 scholarships. Two Miss Metropolis Teen Pageant Contestants helped with the roadblock. We raised a little over \$2000.00.



ROAD BLOCK ON APRIL 6, 2024

Two Miss Metropolis Teen Pageant Contestants helped with the roadblock

WEST FRANKFORT LIONS CLUB



MONTHLY ACTIVITIES REPORT-- 1-C/S

West Frankfort Lions Club #224 Month: APRIL Year: 2024

Last Month End	30	Average Monthly Attendance	33 %
New Members	00		
Member Dropped	00		
Members Transferred	00		
Month End Membership	30		

4/4/2024---Regular Meeting with 9 Members and 0 Guests

- The upcoming Flag Day was discussed.

4/11/2024---Regular Meeting with 12 Members and 0 Guest Present.

- The Flag Day Fundraiser was discussed. June 7th and 8th and the dates selected.

4/18/2024-Business Meeting with 9 members and no guests present.

- The officers for 2024-2025 were selected as follows:

President: Lion Ervin Thomas

1st. VP: Lion Tom Jordan

2nd VP : Lion David Willmore

Secretary: Lion Brenda McCluskie

Treasurer: Lion Winston "Tim" Weaver

Membership Chairman: Lion Chuck Kain

Tail Twister: Lion Chuck Kain

Eyegals Chairman: Lion Gary Pratt

Directors Lions Chuck Kain & Dan Wells

- The Sign-Sheet for Flag Day was passed around.

4/18/2024---Board Meeting with 6 officers present.

- Lion President Jim Summers
- Lion Brenda McCluskie
- Lion Winston "Tim" Weaver
- Lion Ervin Thomas
- Lion Chuck Kain
- Lion Bonnie Willmore

4/25/2024— Regular Noon Meeting with 10 Members and 0 Guests Present

- Final preparations were made for the Flag Day Fundraiser.

MOUNDS LIONS CLUB



Appreciation Program by University of Illinois to the Mounds Lions Club for volunteering at the Cairo Community Garden. WE SERVE

Mounds Lions Club honored for volunteering at Cairo Community Garden by the University of Illinois. Pictured are: Lions Josie Eason, Fern Edwards, Carol Childress, Florence Heady, Joan Floyd, Retha Eurales and Derek Eurales.

Mounds Club President Derek Eurales at appreciation program by University of Illinois April 23, 2024 Lions from the club volunteer monthly watering, harvesting and delivering fruit and vegetables to the local food pantry(Daystar).

APRIL 18, 2024



Hearing and Vision Screening in Mounds at the Stop N Shop by the Mounds Lions Club.

There were 22 people screened with others encouraged to get screened in the future. Our health is very important and the sooner you get checked out the better. Lions do there part in serving where needed.

MOUNDS LIONS CLUB

MOUNDS LIONS CLUB ON THE MOVE AGAIN

April 18, 2024



Visitors who got screened and received information about their healthcare.

Our screener David Johnson from the Lions of Illinois Foundation did a great job with the screening. Lion Josie Eason and Retha Eurales along with club president Derek Eurales also assisted.



President of the club Derek Eurales relaxing and directing people to stop by and get screened.



Deep conversations about healthcare and the free screening.

WEST FRANKFORT LIONS CLUB



L>R (Back) Lion President Jim Summers,(Lions) Chuck Kain, Gayla Kain, Ervin Thomas and Tim Weaver.

L>R (Front)(Lions) Sue Martin Pool & Bonnie Willmore

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