

The Illinois Lion & Leo

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2026
happy new year

Lions,

As 2025 closes, reflect on the
incredible impact you've had. By
helping those in need, your
commitment has truly transformed
lives.

Thank you for sharing your time
and passion. May your New Year
be as bright and impactful as the
work you do!

Here's to making more difference
together in 2026!



IMPORTANT NOTICE – POSTED November 26, 2025

**Applicants for the position of Council Chairperson for the
2026-2027 Lion year are being accepted**

Persons interested in the position of Chairperson of the Council of Governors are being sought. Eligible candidates must be an MD1 Past District Governor in one of the previous five Council years (2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026) or a sitting Governor on the 2025-2026 Council.

The Council Chairperson for 2026-2027 must be from a district other than the 2025-2026 Council Chairperson's District (1J). More information regarding eligibility is available at www.lionsclubs.org.

The duties and responsibilities of the Council Chairperson are detailed in the Lions of Illinois Constitution & By-Laws and the Policy Manual, both of which are posted on the MD1 website at www.illinoislionsmd1.org.

Candidates must send a letter of intent and a resume of relevant Lions and/or business experience. In addition, written responses to 3 questions must be submitted. These questions are available from the SST at the email address below.

Please send your letter, responses to questions and resume via US Mail or email, no later than close of business on Wednesday, January 31, 2026, to the State Office to be considered for the position.

The mailing address and email address for the State Office are listed below. Applicants will be advised by US Mail, e-mail or telephone of the time and location of their interview. Please ensure you confirm with State Secretary-Treasurer (SST) that your submission has been received following sending.

Please submit your letter of intent, responses and resume to:

State Secretary-Treasurer
Lions of Illinois, Inc.
828 South 2nd Street, Suite 101
Springfield, IL 62704 sst@illinoislionsmd1.org



IMPORTANT NOTICE – POSTED November 26, 2025

Applicants for the following Global Action Team (GAT) Chairperson positions for the 2026-2027 Lion year are now being accepted:

Global Service Team (GST) Chairperson
Global Leadership Team (GLT) Chairperson
Global Membership Team (GMT) Chairperson
Global Extension Team (GET) Chairperson

Persons interested in the above listed positions are being sought. To be eligible to serve as a GAT Chairperson, a candidate shall have served at least one year as a district appointee to the State Committee he/she seeks. This requirement may be waived by the District Governors Elect if no application is received with the appropriate requirement or if they are not in favor of any applicant.

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MD1 Policy Manual Recommendations

Date: November 25, 2025

From: Ad Hoc Policy Manual Committee

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS BY COUNCIL

Per Article VI, Section 2 of the Lions of Illinois Constitution, the Council Chairperson Elect is selected along with all other State Chairpersons during the interview and selection process. The election of the Executive Committee, consisting of the Vice-Council Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer along with the Tail Twister and Chaplain, will be held prior to the final plenary session of the State Convention by the District Governors Elect. The Council Chairperson Pro Tempore shall preside over the election meeting, assisted by the current sitting Council Chairperson and the current sitting Parliamentarian. The Council Chairperson Pro Tempore will designate one Lion to record minutes.

Proposal:

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COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

In the event the Council Chairperson is unable to preside at any regular or special meeting of the Council of Governors, the Vice Council Chairperson shall be the presiding officer.

In the event the Council Chairperson is unable to preside at any regular or special meeting of the Executive Committee, the Vice Council Chairperson shall be the presiding officer.

The Vice Council Chairperson may perform such other duties as assigned by the Council Chairperson, the Executive Committee, or the Council of Governors.

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COUNCIL TAIL TWISTER

The Council Tail Twister shall have the same power and authority as any Lions Club Tail Twister.

Proposed:

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The Council Tail Twister shall have the same power and authority as any Lions Club Tail Twister. The Council of Governors will determine the deposition of the proceeds prior to the end of the council meeting.

Additional: (Before “First Council Meeting”)

Council Meetings

The Council of Governors shall hold a regular meeting within sixty (60) days after the date on which the district governors officially take office, and such other meetings as it deems advisable. The council chairperson, or the secretary at the chairperson's direction, shall issue a written call for each meeting of the Council of Governors, with the time and place to be set out in the call and to be determined by the chairperson. The date of any meeting save the first, which shall be set by the chairperson, shall be determined by the Council of Governors.

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First Council Meeting (To be held at the International Convention)

The Council Chairperson Elect shall call this meeting, which shall take place at the site of the International Convention or at a designated site in MD-1, and shall prepare a printed agenda for this meeting.

Proposed:

First Council Meeting

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Second Council Meeting

The Second Council Meeting shall take place **not more than 60 days following the adjournment of the International Convention** at a designated site in MD-1. At the discretion of the Council, District Cabinet Secretaries may be invited to attend this meeting as observers and at no expense to the State. In order to keep our Past International Directors more fully informed, it is recommended they be invited as guests of the Council and be in attendance at the Council meeting. Any room expense would be their responsibility. All State Committee Chairpersons shall provide to the Council, in writing and in advance of this meeting, preliminary reports and programs for consideration. The Council may invite specific State Committee Chairpersons to attend this meeting to answer questions, provided the budget allows.

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Third Council Meeting (to be held the 1st or 2nd weekend of December)

This meeting shall take place **on the first or second weekend in December** at a designated site in MD-1, or at the discretion of the Council, this meeting may be held at the site of the approaching State Convention. The Council Chairperson will appoint State Convention Sub-Committee Chairpersons at this meeting.

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Fourth Council Meeting (to be held the 3rd or 4th weekend in February)

This meeting shall take place **on the third or fourth weekend of February** at a designated site in MD-1. If the Third Council Meeting is not held at the site of the State Convention, this Council meeting must be held at that location. The principal concerns of this meeting are to finalize plans for the State Convention, review progress shown by various State Standing Committees, and such other business that is deemed necessary. Any activity to be held during the State Convention must be approved by the Council of Governors. Requests for all activities or scheduling must be submitted in writing to the State Office no later than ten (10) days prior to the February Council Meeting.

Proposed:

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END OF LIONS YEAR AND TURNOVER

A meeting at a place convenient to both the current and incoming Executive Committees shall be held prior to the International Convention at which time the current Executive Committee shall turn over records, financial documentation and Council paraphernalia to the incoming Executive Committee. All information held by the current Executive Committee will be passed on and all questions freely answered. Financial records and status will likewise be transferred at this meeting. While this meeting may take place prior to the new Council officially taking office, it is hoped that this "passing the torch" meeting will facilitate a smooth transition and enable the incoming Council and Executive Committee to begin its year with all necessary information and materials.

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1. The Council Chairperson shall receive a gift in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00, which may be used to purchase a Melvin Jones Fellow or other suitable gift.
2. Each member of the Executive Committee shall receive a gift in an amount not to exceed \$150.00.
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ATTENDANCE AT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

In view of the fact that a portion of the transportation, lodging, and meal expenses of the outgoing Council of Governors is paid for by dues money collected from members of the Lions of Illinois, and that as described in the PHILOSOPHY Section of this Policy Manual "the Council must, as a body, represent the best interests of the Lions of Illinois..." it is therefore expected the outgoing Council of Governors will attend and participate in all of the following activities while at the International Convention: Parade, Opening Session, Closing Session, and if held, Illinois Caucus and Illinois Reception. If ANY outgoing District Governor does not attend or participate in any of the abovementioned activities, he/she shall lose one day's reimbursement of transportation, lodging, and meals expenses for each activity missed. The Executive Committee of the outgoing Council shall determine if any exceptions will be made (i.e., for illness, transportation problems, etc.)

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A one or two-day training seminar will be conducted in a central location for the District Governors-Elect to provide detailed information concerning their responsibilities as Governor. This seminar shall be held after the Sub-District Conventions and prior to the State Convention. This seminar should take place the second weekend of January prior to District Governor Elect Training in February.

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A one-day training seminar will be conducted at the State Office or a central location for the Vice District Governors-Elect to provide detailed information concerning their responsibilities as Vice District Governor. This seminar shall be held after the Sub-District Conventions and prior to the State Convention. This seminar should take place the second weekend of January prior to District Governor Elect Training in February.

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In the event that any Lion who is selected for and registers to attend any training program funded in whole or in part by Lions of Illinois, Inc., including but not limited to the Regional Lions Leadership Institute ("RLLI"), District Governor-Elect Training Seminar ("GETS"), and Vice District Governor-Elect Training Seminar ("VGETS"), and does not: a) cancel his/her registration for the training program in writing at least 10 days prior to the day the training program is scheduled to commence, if unable to attend; or b) attend the entirety of the training program for which he/she registered, the District in which the Lion is registered as a member shall be billed and obligated to pay and reimburse to Lions of Illinois, Inc. all meal, lodging, and materials costs for which Lions of Illinois, Inc. is obligated to pay or has paid on behalf of said Lion.

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APPOINTMENTS OF STATE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS BY DISTRICT GOVERNORS-ELECT

Candidate interviews for the purpose of selecting State Chairpersons of Standing Committees for the next fiscal year will be made by the District Governors-Elect. A written notice of State Committee Chairperson positions available for application shall be published in the January edition of the State Magazine. A receipt of a request for an interview (including a resume) must then be received, in writing at the State Office, by March 31 of the year the Governors-Elect will take office. These resumes must be received by the Governors-Elect two weeks prior to the Governors-Elect Training. If only one candidate has requested an interview, the interview may take place at such time and manner as is convenient to the candidate and the Governors-Elect. When there are multiple candidates for a State Chairperson position, the interview will take place at the State Convention. **Council Chairperson interviews will take place at the State Convention and in the same manner as used to conduct all State Committee Chairperson interviews.** State and Council Chairperson appointments are to be reaffirmed at the First Council Meeting.

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New Addition:

APPOINTMENTS OF GLOBAL ACTION TEAM BY DISTRICT GOVERNORS-ELECT

Candidate interviews for the purpose of selecting Global Action Team State Chairs for the next fiscal year will be made by the District Governors-Elect. A written notice of Global Action Team positions available for application shall be published in the January edition of the State Magazine. A receipt of a request for an interview (including a resume) must then be received, in writing at the State Office, by January 31 of the year the Governors-Elect will take office. These resumes must be received by the Governors-Elect two weeks prior to the Governors-Elect Training. Interviews for the State GAT Team and Council Chair may take place at such time and manner as is approved by the current sitting Council and in compliance with the MD-1 Constitution and By-Laws. Global Action Team and Council Chairperson appointments are to be reaffirmed at the First Council Meeting.

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CAMPAIGN AND LIAISON

The Committee shall be comprised of all past and present International Directors from Illinois, who are members in good standing of a club in this state; the Council Chairperson; and one past District Governor from each District appointed by the District Governors for a two year term with **District 1-A, 1-CN, 1-E, 1-J, and 1-L** being appointed in odd numbered years, and **Districts 1-BK, 1-CS, 1-D, 1-F, 1-G, and 1-H** being appointed in even numbered years.

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

6) Illinois-Hawaiian luncheon

Proposed:

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

6) Illinois-Hawaiian Social

Original: (Page 21)

GLOBAL ACTION TEAM

The Global Action Team encompasses Leadership, Membership and Service. Members of the Global Membership Team (GMT), Global Leadership Team (GLT) and the Global Service Team (GST) work together to develop membership through service and engagement, to increase membership, identify and support future leaders, and to increase service activities and reporting. The three teams support each other's goals and operate jointly as a Global Action Team.

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New Addition:

GLOBAL EXTENSION TEAM

The GET multiple district coordinator is a member of the multiple district global action team. Their responsibilities include: (a) Collaborate with the other GMT, GLT and GST multiple district coordinators and the global action team multiple district chairperson (council chairperson) to further initiatives focused on leadership development, membership growth and expanding humanitarian service. (b) Develop and execute an annual multiple district new club extension plan. (c) Communicate regularly with the GET district coordinators to ensure they are aware of available membership programs and resources. (d) Monitor each district's progress towards extension goals. Offer motivation and support to each district to reach their goals. (e) Encourage GET district coordinators to include diverse populations to participate in global action team initiatives. (f) Collaborate with the GMT multiple district coordinator to identify areas of opportunity for club extension. (g) Provide extension strategies to districts. (h) Motivate districts to form different club types, including specialty, Leo-Lion, campus, virtual, and traditional.

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INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATE'S CAMPAIGN FUND

All invoices for campaign expenses of an International Candidate shall be paid from the Promotion Fund with checks to be signed by signatories as stipulated in the MD-1 Constitution & By-Laws.

Proposal:

INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATE'S CAMPAIGN FUND

Allocations for campaign expenses incurred for an International Director Candidate from Illinois endorsed by the Lions of Illinois at a MD-1 Convention and certified by Lions Clubs International shall not exceed \$25,000 for the entire length of the endorsement. Should there be a candidate from Illinois endorsed for International Third Vice President by the Lions of Illinois at a MD-1 Convention and certified by Lions Clubs International, the allocation for campaign expenses incurred shall not exceed \$50,000 for the entire length of the initial endorsement. Should the candidate obtain a second endorsement for International Third Vice President from the Lions of Illinois at a MD-1 Convention and certified by Lions Clubs International, then a new expense allocation of \$50,000 would be available for the length of the second endorsement, and any remaining eligible funds from the first endorsement shall be null and void. Should the candidate obtain a third and final endorsement from the Lions of Illinois at a MD-1 Convention and certified by Lions Clubs International, then the expense allocation process provided for the second endorsement would be repeated. Such campaign expenses for either position would include travel, lodging, meals and campaign materials. Any endorsed International Candidate from Illinois must complete and submit an International Candidate Campaign Expense Form (as displayed as Exhibit A in this manual) outlining a budget for the length of his/her endorsement, to the Council of Governors for approval before any disbursements from the fund are allocated. An expense claim must be completed for all disbursements and approved by the Council Chairperson before reimbursement.

INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN EXPENSE FORM*(International Director maximum \$25,000 Vice President maximum \$50,000)*

Candidate's Name: _____

Endorsed Position: _____

Term of Endorsement: _____

*This form is to be completed by the endorsed candidate and submitted to the Council of Governors for approval prior to incurring any expenses. Amounts shown below are estimates only and reimbursement for actual expenses **must** be accompanied by an MD-1 Expense Claim form. Eligible expenses are travel, lodging, meals, registration and campaign materials. Expenses are for the candidate only.*

CAMPAIGN MATERIALS

	<u>Amount</u>
Pins	\$
Friendship Banners	\$
Brochures	\$
Stationery	\$
Envelopes	\$
Postage	\$
Give-Away Items (describe)	\$
_____	\$

CONVENTION VISITS

	<u>Amount</u>
District Conventions	\$
MD-1 Conventions	\$
LCI Convention	\$
USA/Canada Lions Forum	\$
Total Anticipated Expense	\$

Addendum



Multiple District 1 - Illinois **Projects & Events Funding Request Form**

(Use this form for requesting funding. Complete all fields)

Section A: Requestor and Project Details

Date: Requestor:

Project Name:

Personnel:

Event Date: Delivery Mode:

Location:

Purpose/ Objectives:

Section B: Costs Breakdown & Summary

Name	Description	Unit Costs	Qty	Total
Registration Fee	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ 0.00
Travel	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ 0.00
Lodging	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ 0.00
Meals / Per Diem	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ 0.00
Material / Supplies	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ 0.00
Venue / Room Rental	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ 0.00
Honorarium / Stipend	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ 0.00
Equipment / AV	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ 0.00
Other Costs	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ 0.00
Total Costs Required				\$ 0.00

Justification / Notes: (Explain why each cost is necessary. Identify discounts or Alternative considers)

Section C: Grants

Grant Name	Submitted by	Date	Amount	Matching
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Total Grant Funding			\$ 0.00	

Section D: Approvals & Signatures

Total Funding: \$ 0.00

** Total Funding = Total Costs Required - Total Grant funding

Liason Governor:

Council Chairperson:

State Secretary/Treasurer:

Council of Governor Approval:

Section E: Post Event Report

Actual Costs Total:

Variance:

* Expenses exceeding Total Funding must be approved by the Council of Governors prior to being spent

Comments / Feedback:

APPROVED STATE BUDGET

Summary - Illinois Lions (MD1)			
Income			
	Membership Dues	\$ 120,220	
	Pass Thru Income	\$ 50,500	
	Grants	\$ 21,250	
	Interest, Fees, & Misc.	\$ 6,700	
	Fund Transfers	\$ 53,871	
	Total Income	\$ 252,541	
Expenses			
	Salaries & Associated Expenses	\$ 44,859	
	Pass Thru Expenses	\$ 50,500	
	Administrative, Professional, & Operating Expense	\$ 27,555	
	Marketing & Recognition	\$ 24,250	
	Travel Expenses	\$ 18,995	
	Meeting and Associated Expenses	\$ 47,110	
	Training Expenses	\$ 36,772	
	Committee Expenses	\$ 2,500	
	Total Expense	\$ 252,541	
	Difference	\$ 0	

Income				
	Actual	Plan	Delta (%)	Information
Membership				
Administration				
First Half		\$ 41,972		July 1st Membership x Half TTL Dues
Second Half		\$ 42,182		Jan. 1st Membership x Half TTL Dues
Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 84,154	0.00%	
Interest, Fees, & Misc.				
Bank Accounts - 7118		\$ 3,300		Est. Interest, Prior Year
Training Fees, RLLI/ELLI		\$ 3,300		Attendee x Fee
Misc		\$ 100		
Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 6,700	0.00%	
Grants				
Grants, Membership				
ELLI		\$ 4,500		GLT Applied (RLLI/ELLI)
GETS/VGETS		\$ 1,750		GLT Applied
Grants, Membership		\$ -		
Grants, Service		\$ -		
Marketing Grant		\$ 15,000		COG Applied
Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 21,250	0.00%	
Pass Thru Items				
Dinner - Council Holiday		\$ 2,000		
GAT Summit		\$ -		
MD1 Forum		\$ -		
Midwest Breakfast		\$ -		
State Convention		\$ 45,000		
State Pins & Charms		\$ 3,000		
Tail Twister	\$ 306	\$ 500	61.20%	
Subtotal	\$ 306	\$ 50,500	0.61%	
Transfer				
Fund, Magazine		\$ 24,747		See Magazine Tab
Fund, Building		\$ 10,000		See Building Fund Tab
Surplus, Promotion Fund		\$ -		See Promotion Tab
Fund, International Convention		\$ 21,972		See Int. Conv. Tab
Fund, Residual		\$ 33,218		See Residual Tab
Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 89,937	0.00%	
Total - Income	\$ 306	\$ 252,541	0.12%	
Notes				

Expenses				
	Actual	Plan	Delta	Information
Salaries & Associated Expenses				
State Secretary-Treasurer				
Salaries/Wages		\$ 36,071		
Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA)		\$ 420		
Ill. Dept of Employment Security (1.09% + 0.55%=2.44%)		\$ 880		
Medicare (Employer @ 1.45%)		\$ 523		Workmans Comp Insurance
Social Security (Employer @ 6.5%)		\$ 2,345		
Bonus, Year End		\$ 500		
Year-End Contribution @ 6.5%		\$ -		
SST Local Membership Dues		\$ 120		
Editor, Newsletter		\$ 4,000		
Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 44,850	0.00%	
Administrative & Professional Services				
Accountant/Auditor		\$ 7,500		
Legal		\$ -		
Outside Contract Services		\$ -		
Payroll & Reporting Fees		\$ 1,490		
Secretary of State Filing		\$ 15		
Reconciliation Discrepancies		\$ -		
Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 9,005	0.00%	
Operating Expenses				
Office Space - Rental/Lease		\$ 6,000		
Office Supplies/Equipment		\$ 4,000		New Computers, Monitor, & Printer
IT (Website & Software Subscriptions)		\$ 3,000		
Telephone		\$ 800		
Postage	\$ 285	\$ 350	52.83%	
Books, Subscriptions and Reference		\$ 200		
Badges, Name		\$ 500		
Emblems, Uniforms		\$ 800		
Subtotal	\$ 285	\$ 15,650	1.13%	
Financial & Banking				
Bank Fees		\$ 200		
Miscellaneous		\$ 400		
Subtotal	\$ 285	\$ 600	35.82%	
Insurance				
Bond - Directors & Officers (D&O)		\$ 800		
Property & Liability		\$ 1,000		
Workman Compensation		\$ 800		
Other		\$ -		
Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 2,600	0.00%	
Marketing & Recognition				
Ads/Notices		\$ -		
Website Development & Redesign		\$ 15,000		
Social Media Ads		\$ 2,500		
Promotional Items		\$ 1,300		
Print Material		\$ 1,000		
Event Supplies		\$ 1,500		
Poster/Poster		\$ 200		
Environmental Photo		\$ -		
Illness Extension		\$ 50		
Ted Watts		\$ 50		
Brad Campbell		\$ 50		
Sub-District Membership		\$ 400		
Gift, Council Chairperson		\$ 1,000		
Gift, Council Recognition		\$ 1,000		
Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 24,250	0.00%	
Travel Expenses				
Council Chairperson Reimbursement		\$ -		(Was \$750)
SST Travel Reimbursement		\$ 1,000		
Travel other than meetings		\$ 400		
Convention - VDG		\$ 5,400		20 VDG's @ \$135 x 2 days
Subtotal	\$ 555	\$ 6,800	8.18%	

- Expenses -					
	Actual	Plan	Diff	Information	
International Convention Expenses:					
Governors, Past District	\$ 7,814	\$ 7,814	100.00%	See Travel Tab	
Chairperson, Council	\$ --	\$ --	0.00%	See Travel Tab	
Chairperson, Council - Elect	\$ 1,883	\$ 1,883	100.00%	See Travel Tab	
Chairperson, Int. Convention	\$ 1,828	\$ 1,828	100.00%	See Travel Tab	
Other Expenses	\$ 1,070	\$ 1,070	100.00%	See Travel Tab	
Subtotal	\$ 12,195	\$ 12,195	100.00%		
Meeting and Associated Expenses:					
1st Meeting	\$ 616	\$ 1,000	61.60%	See Meetings Tab	
2nd Meeting		\$ 14,950		See Meetings Tab	
3rd Meeting		\$ 10,510		See Meetings Tab	
4th Meeting		\$ 10,140		See Meetings Tab	
5th Meeting		\$ 10,510		See Meetings Tab	
Subtotal	\$ 616	\$ 47,110	1.31%		
Training:					
BLI1 / ELL1	\$ 18,045	\$ 13,697	117.14%	Costs from GLT	
GAT Summit		\$ --			
Governors Elect Training Seminar (GETS)		\$ 8,475		See Training Tab	
Vice Governors Elect Training Seminar (VGETS)		\$ 4,600		See Training Tab	
MDI Forum		\$ --			
District Forum Support		\$ 10,000		\$1,000 per District	
Subtotal	\$ 18,045	\$ 36,772	43.63%		
State Committees:					
Campaign & Liaison					
Constitution & By-Laws					
Finance					
Global Extension Team (GET)		\$ 500			
Global Leadership Team (GLT)		\$ 500			
Global Membership Team (GMT)		\$ 500			
Global Service Team (GST)		\$ 300			
Information Technology (IT)					
International Convention - SEE EVENTS		\$ 500		Added by Finance Committee; Need review by COO	
Leo Clubs & Youth Activities					
Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)					
Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP)					
Long Range Planning (LRP)					
Other					
Subtotal	\$ --	\$ 2,500	0.00%		
Pass Thru Expenses:					
State Convention		\$ 45,000			
Funds, Tail Twister	\$ 396	\$ 500	81.20%		
Council Holiday Dinner		\$ 2,000			
State Pins & Charms		\$ 3,000			
Subtotal	\$ 396	\$ 50,500	0.81%		
Total - Income:	\$ 30,086	\$ 252,541	11.91%		
Notes:					

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

Date	2025-2026 Lions Calendar	Location
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

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

JIM WORDEN



Hello Illinois Lions and Leos of Multiple District 1

Merry Christmas and Happy New year!

We recently held a fantastic **3rd Council Meeting**, which included leadership training prior to the meeting. According to our State GLT, Lion Darren, the Illinois Lions are in great shape for the future, with a phenomenal group of emerging and experienced leaders.

Our annual **Friday night holiday dinner** was filled with great food, festive attire, and even better fellowship. The gift exchange game and hospitality room truly captured the spirit of Lionism. It was a wonderful time to relax and enjoy our Lions family and friends. The following day, we held our **Council Meeting**, where a great deal of meaningful work was accomplished. Our Governors continue their dedication to strengthening Illinois Lions, including work on the **budget, Policy Manual, and proposed updates to the Constitution and Bylaws.**

State Committee Chairs provided valuable updates:

Leadership (see above – great job Lion Darren!) and the last training sessions will take place prior to the 4th Council meeting.

Membership PDG Tom Elsey shared a detailed report outlining plans to accelerate membership growth statewide. To date, we have added approximately **588 new members**, while approximately **594 members have dropped**, resulting in a net change of **-6 members**. Most drops occurred in December, after beginning the month with a positive gain of 62. While many districts remain positive, some have experienced larger losses.

Please ensure that all clubs have paid their dues (remember those emails from PID Bob). Take time to reach out to members you may not have heard from recently. A simple holiday greeting can go a long way in reengaging members and reminding them why they joined in the first place — **We Serve.**

Service - PDG Bill Walpe, our State GST introduced new ideas to help clubs **report service more effectively.** Remember, the more service we report, the more Lions Clubs International can demonstrate our global impact—and potentially secure major donations to serve even more people. Don't forget that **district projects can also be reported.** As far as the Illinois Lions, our Governors have wanted to make service a priority at meetings, and we have done just that. Here are our service statistics to date:

Total People Served:	80
Total Volunteers:	40
Total Volunteer Hours:	60
Total Funds Donated:	\$421

Global Extension PDG Derek, delivered a heartfelt report reminding us that **starting new clubs must be a shared passion.** New clubs don't just grow membership—they multiply our ability to serve. We currently have **two new clubs up and running**, with **4-5 more in development.** Let's continue building excitement by planning events for these potential clubs in the coming year.

Remember as International President A.P. Singh said, we are the Mother District of Lions, let's lead the way!

The **fourth Council of Governors Meeting** will take place on **Saturday, February 7, 2026**, beginning at 9:00am in Peoria. **International President A.P. Singh** will also be joining us via Zoom. Be sure to look for information coming soon to register for the Zoom.

"LEAD TO SERVE • SERVE TO LEAD "

Wishing you and your families a joyful holiday season and a strong start to the New Year.

DISTRICT 1-A GOVERNOR

RICHARD MOY



Good afternoon, Servant Heroes!

Happy Holidays to you all!

Lion Edith and I hope you all enjoyed the wonderful holidays with your loved ones. To be together is a blessing and is always important to remind each other how we're missed and loved over the daily hustle and bustle of life and servitude.

December resembled just that! Visiting clubs for their holiday celebrations and Governor Nights gave time and purpose to that reminder of family and fellowship. So, thank you for that.

I want to take a moment to talk about the state of our district at the halfway point of this Lions Year. Membership has taken a pretty hard hit. The drops have been heavily sporadic throughout these last 5 months. So as I look at the trends with our GAT (Global Action Team) we look to identify what's happening. I believe we have a very good handle on the where and whys which is a good thing. The next approach is implementing a plan to assist clubs in Retention, you will see that rolled out for January and February via the Zone and Region chairs while supported by the GAT. What my ask of you all is to start working together now on identifying those members that we're losing at an earlier time than last minute, ie when dues come out. This takes a team effort at all levels. We should all be actively seeing where one of our family members may not be actively involved, whether that's attendance to meetings, service projects or maybe just plain uncharacteristically quiet. I know we are all busy, but I can tell you from experience that sometimes a simple phone call or text message can remind someone that they are valued not only as a Lion but as a friend. This simple gesture can easily turn it around for someone in need of that reminder that they are valued. I didn't want to be long written with this, but I truly care about our family deeply and never want to see anyone feel like the light of their Heart of Service has gone dim or burned out. So, I want you all to know that you have the help and support from everyone in District 1A, we can turn it around! Go Lions Go!

I want to thank the clubs for their wonderful Governor Night visits. Thank you to Chicago Global Lions, Franklin Park Manila Lions and Jose Rizal Lions. You all welcomed me with open arms, and we spent the evenings with laughs and very boisterous celebrations of your award recipients, new members and officers. Memories with my Lions family I won't ever forget. The holiday celebrations with Nurses for Diabetes and Windy City Lions were also so much fun. From the dancing, to listening to a great band, to the fellowship and a relaxing evening filled with holiday cheer, they all made for a wonderful time. The District 1A Holiday party was so wonderful. I thoroughly enjoy these times because it gives us all a chance to catch up and see each other again. Thank you to all the clubs, leadership and guests in attendance. Thank you to PCT Dawn Grogan, PCC's Gail and Steve Anton for making this event happen for us all. Thank you PDG Joni McMillan for assisting with the service project collection for the Ronald McDonald House. I also want to give one last shout out to Second Vice Governor Karl "Cowboy" Shulz on having the most outstanding holiday outfit of the afternoon. Those members of our CUB Club thoroughly enjoyed the reindeer ring toss!

I also would like to congratulate THE Chicago Ridge Lions Club for their continued sponsorship of the Finley Junior High Leo Club on their returning and new member installation ceremony. Thank you to the leadership from around the district in attendance: District Leo Coordinator Frank Kirar, PCC (Past Council Chair) Steve Anton, First Lady Lion Edith Rivera-Moy, PP (Past President) of Chicago Ridge Lion Bill Lammel, Club VP (Vice President) Terri McMaster, Club Secretary Bob McHugh and Superintendent Lion Adam Thorns.

Upcoming for January: Mid-Year Forum January 17th hosted by our amazing incoming Governor, FVDG (First Vice District Governor) Lion Ben Zoleta. Please save the date!

Happy New Year to all my Lions Family in District 1A and MD1 (Multiple District 1). May this new year bring you all a new season of prosperity.

GO LIONS GO!!

Yours Always in Service,

Richard A. Moy
District Governor 1A

DISTRICT 1-A (continued)



Bellwood Lions Club at the Village of Berkeley Library Christmas event



Chicago Healthcare Alliance Lions Club at Operations Christmas Child Toy Packing



Oak Lawn Lions Club at their annual Food Drive for the Needy



Finley Jr. High Leo Club inducts 19 new members!



Willow Springs Lioness Lions Club at their Christmas Party



Willow Springs Lions Club inducts a new member



Stickney-Forest View Lions Club at their Candy Cane Hunt



Westchester Lions Club donated \$1,250 to the Westchester Food Pantry



Lion members, families and friends from Bellwood, Brookfield, Chicago Philippine, La Grange, Westchester and Windy City participated in the Westchester Food Pantry Holiday distribution

DISTRICT 1-BK GOVERNOR DENISE LOWE



Planting the Seeds of Lionism Across Illinois

As we step into a brand-new year, I'm reminded that every strong Lions club—and every strong community—starts the same way: with a seed of hope and a heart ready to serve. My theme, “Planting the Seeds of Lionism,” is more than a slogan. It's a reminder that what we plant today in kindness, leadership, and service will grow into something that blesses others tomorrow.

Let's Grow Membership—One Seed at a Time

Across Illinois, we have incredible clubs doing incredible work. Now is the perfect time to invite others to serve alongside us. Membership isn't about numbers—it's about more hands for more service. Who in your community has a servant's heart? A coworker, neighbor, friend, or family member? Invite them to a meeting. Bring them to a service project. Let them see Lions in action.

Every new member is a new seed—new energy, new ideas, and new opportunities to reach more people in need.

Have You Reported Your Service Projects?

Lions, we are serving every day—supporting vision and hearing needs, feeding families, building community partnerships, mentoring youth, and so much more. But here's an important question:

Have you reported your service projects?

When we report our service, we show the true impact of Lions across our state. Reporting helps tell our story, strengthens Lions' visibility, and proves to our communities (and future members) that Lions get things done. If your club served—even in a small way, take a moment and make sure it's recorded.

A New Year, A New Season of Service

As we begin this year, let's keep planting. Keep inviting. Keep serving. Keep showing up. Together, club by club, we can grow stronger roots in our communities and reach more people than ever before.

From my heart to yours, Happy New Year! May 2026 be filled with fellowship, service, and the joy of watching Lionism grow all across Illinois.

Lion Denise Lowe
District Governor 1BK

DISTRICT 1-BK (continued)



Crest Hill Lions Club donates toys for kids in Silver Cross Hospital



Mokena Lions Club delivered 18 Food Baskets to families in need



Frankfort Lions Club spreading Holiday Cheer



New Lenox Lions Club distributing gift cards to local families in need



Marseilles Lions Club's Operation Christmas Baskets



Bradley Lions Club Food Bag Giveaway for Seniors



Minooka Lions Club at their Christmas Party



Beecher Lions Club's Breakfast with Santa



Channahon Lions Club's Pancake Breakfast



Morris Lions Club presents a check for \$1000 to "We Care"



Joliet Noon Lions collected public donated cleaning items to benefit Cornerstone and its 26 group homes around Will County



Streater Hardscrabble Lions Club ringing the bells for the Salvation Army

DISTRICT 1-CN GOVERNOR ROBERT HOMAN



Greetings fellow Lions,

I look forward to the new year full of new promise and possibilities.

I encourage you to make your club's new year resolution to seek new members that can bring new ideas and new energy to your club. Make the conscious effort to enlighten and educate the community in the many ways you serve and improve your community. Ask those you meet if they volunteer and how. Then let them know the Lions can help if they join the club. If they don't volunteer, ask why not? Don't they want to make the town or city better? Only by introducing Lions to new people and making new members can you be assured that Lions will continue to serve into the next decade.

While you're considering new ways to serve, consider serving on the District cabinet to see how other clubs serve and help other clubs be successful in service. What's your interest? You can share that interest with other clubs and meet new people. We have vacancies in zone chairs, vice district governors, and s Lions of Illinois Foundation Trustee. Let me know if you want to step outside your club.

For the new year I wish you happiness, good health, and joy while serving your communities.

DG Bob Homan



**Mascoutah Evening Lions Club
participated in their community's
Light Parade**



**New Baden Lions Club
Breakfast with Santa
Event**

DISTRICT 1-CS GOVERNOR RETHA EURALES



Hello My Lions Family and Friends,

We are serving together as one big family. What a wonderful thing!

This is our time to review our goals and decide what is working and what is not. When we learn better we do better. So let us continue to be team players and grow strong in Lionism. Remember the reason for the season is Jesus Christ. Always show kindness and compassion for our fellowmen and women. "He Did," and we must do as He Did for us. Remember to check on your neighbors. The sick, Shut-ins and the needy. Have an extra plate at the table for an unexpected guest. Have a very Merry Christmas and be Blessed with good health and a prosperous New Year.

Yours in Services,
Lion Retha Eurales,
District Governor, 1CS



**Cobden Lions Club serving
S'Mores at Christmas in the
Village**



**Carbondale Lions Club donated
\$3,000 to Good Samaritan
Ministries**



**Sparta Lions Club makes a \$500
donation to Westminster
Presbyterian Church Food
Pantry**



**Marion Lions Club hosted their
55th Annual Christmas Party**



**Chester Lions Club made
a \$250 donation to the
Chester Area Christian
Food Pantry**



**Mounds Lions Club distributes gift
cards for Christmas**

DISTRICT 1-D GOVERNOR

MARCIA MEYERS



Seeking Your Thoughts on a New Service Idea: “Reassuring Lions” District Governor Marcia Meyers

Dear Fellow Lions,

’Tis the holiday season, and celebrations are happening all around us. Love and joy fill the air. Yet we all know there are many in our communities who are not able to fully share in that joy — those who are sometimes forgotten.

Our Lena Lions club has been blessed to work closely with our local nursing home. Each month we bring birthday cake and ice cream to celebrate with the residents, provide additional support to the staff and decorate a Christmas tree in the lobby alongside other community groups. Most importantly, we spend time with the residents, sharing conversation, laughter, and companionship.

Lately, I’ve been thinking about others in our community who may also feel isolated — not only those in nursing homes, but individuals living alone who rarely hear a friendly voice. With that in mind, I’d like to propose a new service project: **“Reassuring Lions.”**

The idea is simple: a group of Lions who regularly call community members who could benefit from hearing a caring human voice. We could identify individuals through our members, local churches, and word of mouth. It’s a small gesture that could make a meaningful difference.

I’m reaching out to ask whether any other Lions Clubs have tried a similar project. If so, I would love to hear about your experiences — the pros, the challenges, and any advice you might offer.

Wishing each of you a very Merry Christmas, and may you be surrounded by the love of our living Savior.

Yours in service,
District Governor Marcia Meyers

DISTRICT 1-D (continued)



**Byron Lions Club at
Miracle on Second**



**Pecatonica Lions Club gave out
treats to the kids at Pecatonica
Middle School**



**Mt. Carroll Lions Club's Euchre
Tournament**



**Lena Lions Club made deliveries to
Operation Goodfellow**



**Stillman Lions Club
decorates a tree at the
Stillman Bank Lot**

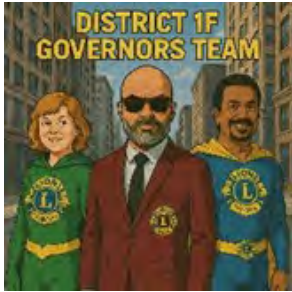


**Poplar Grove Lions Club at their
annual Christmas Celebration**



**Durand Lions and
Packers and Bears, Oh
My, what a Game!!**

**DISTRICT 1-F GOVERNOR
VINCENZO LEONE**



Season's Greetings, Lions!

As we welcome the month of January and the beginning of a new calendar year, I extend my warmest wishes to you and your families for a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year. January is a meaningful time for reflection, gratitude, and renewed purpose, and it fills me with great pride to look back on what our Lions have accomplished together during the first half of the Lions year.

As we embark on the second half of the Lions year, it is important to take a moment to review and celebrate our first-half achievements. Thanks to your dedication and commitment, our district continues to grow stronger. We have welcomed 110 new members, including 76 new Lions, and we proudly chartered a new club, Lake County DHH, thereby expanding our reach and strengthening our ability to serve diverse communities. Each new member and club brings fresh energy, new perspectives, and renewed strength to our district and our mission.

Equally impressive is the level of service delivered across our district. Lions have logged more than 14,500 service hours during the first half of the year. These hours represent countless acts of kindness, leadership, and compassion, time spent supporting local needs, strengthening communities, and making a lasting difference. Whether working behind the scenes or on the front lines, our Lions continue to lead by example.

These accomplishments are not just numbers; they reflect teamwork, collaboration, and a shared commitment to making our communities better places to live. I am incredibly proud of the passion and perseverance shown by our clubs and members.

As we move into the new year and the second half of the Lions year, let us build on this strong foundation. There is still much to accomplish, and I am confident that together we will continue to grow, serve, and lead with purpose. Thank you for all that you do and thank you for being Lions. I wish you continued success and fulfillment in the months ahead.

The Governor Team
Illinois Lions, D1F

DISTRICT 1-F (continued)



Lake County DHH & Fox Lake and Lions Club handed out Goody Bags at the “Polar Express” movie



Des Plaines Lions Club at the Holiday Tree Lighting



Mount Prospect Lions Club at the Neighborhood Santa Event



Arlington Heights Lions Club at their Holiday Party



Elk Grove Village Leo Club served refreshments at the village tree lighting



Lemont Lions Club inducted 2 new members



Park Ridge Lions Club Holiday Brunch

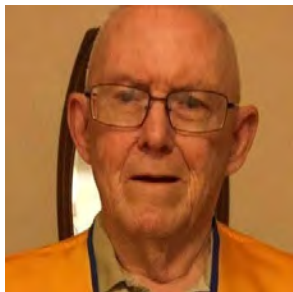


Waukegan Little Fort Lions Club hosted a bowling and pizza party for our diverse learners



Schuamburg - Hoffman Estates Lions Club presenting gifts to senior citizen center

DISTRICT 1-H GOVERNOR
WILLIAM JEFFRIES



**Galva Lions Club at their Empty
Stocking Canned Food Drive Event**



**Andalusia Lions Club
wrapping Christmas Gifts
for kids**

DISTRICT 1-G GOVERNOR

ROBERT WIRTH



Wishing All a Happy New Year !

Let our resolutions bring the teachings and learnings we have gathered within these last six months to our next six months of committed service.



Our Spirit must not diminish; we must recommit ourselves with vigor to the mission we have set in motion!

Our future as Lions Clubs is based upon our commitment today. I hope all Lions have experienced the real experience, not just text information or just your Club involvement but experience realized from Your works through visiting camps, low vision clinics, participating in activities such as beep-ball, etc. Our commitment to any Service Project is complete when we realize what we've accomplished for others—first hand.

For myself, these actual first-hand experiences has inspired me to realize how blessed that I am and then to take those blessings and share them with those of need and that's what Lions are all about – Serving.

Yours in Lionism,
Have a Happy-Blessed New Year!
DG Rob Wirth



DG Rob's visit with the Pittsfield Lions Club and two Leo members along with their Advisor from the Pike County Leos Club



DG Rob's visit with the Versalles Lions Club, they may look rough and tough but to the contrary, true Lions !

DISTRICT 1-G (continued)



Pittsfield Lions Club Deer Santa Festival



Jacksonville Lions Club Fruit Sale



Quincy Lions Club made a \$500 donation to Toys for Tots



The Staunton Lions Club and their community collected toys for their Secret Santa Workshop



The Highland Lions and LEOs joined the Annual Christmas Parade. They served 75 gallons of hot chocolate and entered a float in the parade

DISTRICT 1-J GOVERNOR

TERRI PASTERNIK



Waterman Lions Club at Feed My Starving Children



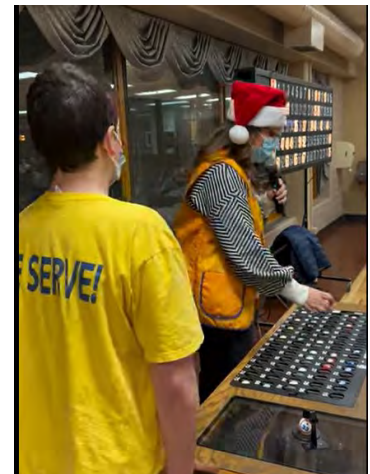
Westmont Lions Club drops off the gift for the Angel Tree Program at the Westmont School District 201



Sycamore Lions participated in the Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack recently and donated \$500 to the cause



Darien Lions Club donated \$11,100.00 to the Lions of Illinois Foundation to purchase (1) Retinol Camera and (2) Hearing Tablets



Glen Ellyn Lions Club hosting Bingo at the DuPage Care Center



Malta Lions Club's Santa Visit



The Huntley Area Lions Club proudly welcomed 28 new Leos into the Red Raiders Leo Club



District 1-J Eastern Region Meeting



Burr Ridge-Hinsdale-Oak Brook Lions Club at their Holiday Party

DISTRICT 1-J (continued)



Aurora Lions Club held its 18th annual yule party for deaf and hearing impaired students, caregivers and educators from East and West Aurora public schools



McHenry/Wonder Lake Lions Club at their East End Pizza Fundraiser



Bartlett Lions Club's Operation Santa



Batavia Lions Club collected food for their local food pantry

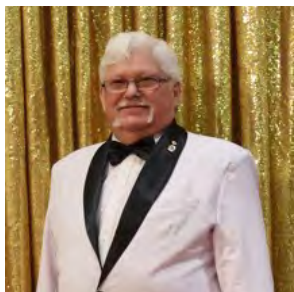


Maple Park Lions Club hosted their Jingle in the Gym



Sandwich Lions Club prepares the Mall donation bins for distribution around the town

**DISTRICT 1-M GOVERNOR
MARK WYER**



**Altamont Lions Club teamed up
with the Bahrns Memorial Golf
outing to raise money for the
Bahrns Memorial Scholarship Fund
at LakeLand College**



**Warrensburg-Latham
Lions Club inducts a new
member**



**Strasburg Lions "LEO" Club
presented a club hoodies to
members of Roy Schmidt
Honda for donating a vehicle
to help transport LEOs to the
Rochester Lions haunted
house this fall**



**Ridge Farm Lions Club getting
ready for their Club Parade**