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LIONS & LEOS WEEKS OF SERVICE 2025-2026



The Weeks of Service centers around significant international days, highlighting the impact of Lions through the world. Lions are encouraged to do service that greatly impacts their communities while also finding sustainable ways to increase service impact, visibility of the Lions brand through consistent periods of service.

THE 3 FOCUS AREAS FOR THIS FY INCLUDE:



MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING

LIONS SERVICE WEEK WILL BE ON
OCTOBER 4-12, 2025



HUNGER

LIONS SERVICE WEEK WILL BE FROM
JANUARY 3-11, 2026



ENVIRONMENT

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

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

Lions of Illinois COG Meeting Synopsis

Lions MD-1 Council of Governors Meeting

Council of Governors meeting 09/26/2025

Bloomington Marriott

Reporting: Council Secretary Denise Lowe

Attendance:

1-A DG Richard Moy

1-BK DG Denise Lowe

1-CN DG Robert Homan (Via Zoom)

1-CS DG Retha Eurales

1-D DG Marcia Myers

1-F DG Vince Leone

1-G DG Rob Wirth

1-H DG Bill Jeffries (Absent)

1-J DG Terri Pasternik

1-M DG Mark Wyer

Parliamentarian PID Dan O'Reilly

Council Chair PDG Jim Worden

Quorum Declared, Agenda Amended and Approved

Motion passed unanimously.

Apointment of MD1 IT Chairperson Lion Andy Watson Approved

Motion passed unanimously.

LCI International President AP Singh Zoom Call

Council Treasurer's Report:

Review & Approve 4th Quarter Financials, Review Budget Committee Report, Review & Approve Proposed 2025 Budget.

Motion passed unanimously.

Council Secretary's Report:

Review and Approve Minutes of 1st Council of Governors Meeting

Motion passed unanimously.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Report

Lions of Illinois Foundation (LIF) Report

State Committee Reports:

- Campaign & Liaison - PID Bob Block (1-A) (COG Liaison Denise Lowe 1-BK)
- Constitution & By-Laws - PCC Eric Fenton (1-G) (COG Liaison Vince Leone 1-F)
- Finance & AD hoc Committee –PDG John Whalen (COG Liaison Vince Leone (1-F)
- Global Extension Team (GET) – PDG Derek Eurales(1-CS) (COG Liaison Retha Eurales 1-CS)
- Global Leadership Team (GLT) - PCC Darren Van Duyn (1-M) (COG-Liaison Terri Pasternik 1-J)
- Global Membership Team (GMT) – PDG Tom Elsey (1-A) (COG Liaison Richard Moy 1-A)
- Global Service Team (GST) - PDG Bill Wallpe (1-M) (COG Liaison Mark Wyer 1-M)
- Information Technology – Andy Watson (1-J) - (COG Liaison Bob Homan 1-CN)
- International Convention – Lion Mindy Marks (1-A) (COG Liaison Terri Pasternik 1-J)
- Leo Clubs & Youth Activities – PDG Amy Hill (1-M) (COG Liaison Marcia Myers 1-D)

DISTRICT 1-A GOVERNOR

RICHARD MOY



Good evening, lions!

What a cold rush that we've been presented with! We go from weeks of 80 degrees during

Fall to immediate 60 degrees 😂 I mean talk about the winds of change! Welcome to Chicago aka District 1A weather!

October has been an extremely busy month for our clubs. We entered October holding hands and embracing the International Months of Service. October saw us recognizing Mental Health Awareness.

Our clubs took on this challenge and got to serving! I have seen many of our clubs setup projects and events to recognize how important shining a light on Mental Health Awareness truly is. I want to congratulate you all on your efforts. I want to applaud you all for taking the reins to put your stamp on the importance of Mental Health this month. Servant Heroes don't always move in the public eye, we often and majority move in silence because our impression and effect come to fruition when nobody is watching and I see many of you doing just that. Thank you!

I am truly happy that I was able to be apart of many Region meetings this month. It's outstanding that our district had 4 out of 6 region meetings this month alone and I was able to partake in them. Listening to our leadership at the Region and Zone chair level present their clubs in such a warming fellowship fashion is exactly the expectation of Lions Family in District 1A. The clubs celebrating their victories during these meetings is the PILAR of our district. And I'm so grateful to have been apart of those celebrations.

During my excursions for the month I spent time with the Chicago Asian American Lions Club and had the pleasure of "Casually" installing the new officers of this Lions year. The presentation was lead by myself wearing a Chicago Cubs jacket with approval from the club president Lion Janet Reyes. The afternoon was capped off by sharing a happy birthday celebration for the members of her club as well as Cub Logan Moy from the Windy City Lions Club.

Moving on in the month, what better way to celebrate Lions in need than with some Nurses...For Diabetes! I had the absolute pleasure in spending a beautiful Friday night with the Nurses For Diabetes Lions Club and installing their incoming officers. The highlight of this installation was installing THE youngest President of a club in our district! A true momentous moment for the club, our district and lions club international.

When I jumped back on the plane I headed over to Brookfield, IL and spent time with the Windy City Lions Club to give Love to our elderly with my family. The day was spent doing Bingo, Manicures and Makeovers. Thank you to Windy City for providing the day to give LOVE to our elderly.

After we were done with Windy City Lions, I took out my bus pass and I told our First Lady, "hey, it's time to go, I have a taste for some Corned Beef and Cabbage!" So we made our way over to the 100 Year celebration with the Argo-Summit Lions Club!

I want to congratulate this club. Not only did you quench my hunger for Corned Beef and Cabbage, but you took the day and exemplified what it means to never give up on your heart of service. All of my horrible humor aside, Lion Tula Beene, Madame President, thank you for showing me and showing our family in district 1A how important service is. Thank you for reminding us what community means. Thank you for taking my hand in this life we call service and choosing to not give up! Congratulations to your club!

LIONS!! Many of you have done and are planning on doing amazing servant projects. I see the many flyers of your events. I want you all to know that I couldn't be more proud as your brother in Lionism for all that you're doing. The mere fact that my schedule with you all is full, makes my heart full. This isn't a commercial. Please keep filling my months with service activities and keep being excited and happy about that service.

Like I said at the Jamboree, I'm not a title or a sport coat, I am and always will be just Lion Richard. So let's make our mark and lead to serve and serve to lead together!

GO LIONS GO!!

Yours Always in Service,
Richard A. Moy

DISTRICT 1-A (continued)



Stickney-Forest View Lions Club received a \$375 donation from the Village of Forest View



Chicago Windy City Lions Club created fleece blankets for Pillars Community Health's Buddy's Place



Thornton Lions Club Pancake Breakfast



Tinley Park Lions Club at the Bears Game event



Franklin Park-Manila Lions Club in the Fall Parade



Chicago Healthcare Alliance Lions Club received the 5-Star Club Excellence Award



Chicago Nurses for Diabetes Lions Club inducts new members



Westchester Lions Club celebrates 60 Years of Service



River Grove Lions Club Bingo



Oak Lawn Lions Club's Trunk or Treat



Chicago Ridge Lions Club at their Self Care/Mental Care Day Event

**DISTRICT 1-BK GOVERNOR
DENISE LOWE**



**Planting the Seeds of Lionism:
A Season of Thanks and Service**

As we enter this season of gratitude and giving, I want to take a moment to celebrate the growth we've nurtured together across Multiple District 1. Congratulations to all our new Lions members, welcome to the pride! You are the newest seeds in our ever-growing garden of service, and we can't wait to see the difference you'll make in your communities.

A heartfelt congratulation also goes out to the districts that have successfully planted and cultivated new clubs this year. Each new club represents fertile ground for new ideas, new friendships, and new opportunities to serve. Together, these clubs are proof that our commitment to "Planting the Seeds of Lionism" is not just a theme—it's a living, growing movement.

As Thanksgiving approaches, may we each take time to reflect on our blessings and the incredible fellowship that comes from being a Lion. Let's also remember those in need and continue our service with compassion and purpose. Whether it's organizing a community meal, collecting coats or food, or simply offering a helping hand, every act of kindness is a seed that can bloom into hope.

May your holiday season be filled with warmth, gratitude, and the joy that comes from serving others.

Wishing all Lions of MD1 a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Yours in Service,
District Governor Denise Lowe
"Planting the Seeds of Lionism"

DISTRICT 1-BK (continued)



Lemont Lions Club provided lunch for 80 seniors at the Lemont Township Center



Frankfurt Lions Club inducts a new member



A Big Thank you to BBCHS Special Olympics for coming to help at the Bradley Lions Pancake Breakfast



Ashkum Lions Club hosted another successful Ashkum Homecoming



Bolingbrook Lins Club volunteering at the Clow airport haunted hangar



Herscher Lions Club inducts 3 new members



Plainfield Lions Club inducts 2 new members



Marselles Lions Club presented the Marselles Elementary PTA with proceeds from the recent Chicken Fry Fundraiser



Beecher Lions Club gave out their final \$1000 Scholarship

DISTRICT 1-BK (continued)



Bonfield Lions held their annual 'Ham Dinner' fundraiser



Braidwood Lions organized and sorted all of the recycled items they collected over the past 3 years to give to LIF



Joliet Noon Lions Club inducted 2 new members



New Lenox Lions Club had a spooktacular time at the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce's Trunk or Treat and Halloween Fest



Onarga Lions Club & Nexus hosted their Pancake Breakfast and OMS Alumni Homecoming



The Princeton Lions celebrated their 100th Anniversary. Receiving the International President's Certificate of Appreciation



The Hardscrabble Lions helped at the Keeping Christmas Close to Home Pork Chop and Haluski Dinner



Crete Lions Club at the Halloween Hoopla

**DISTRICT 1-CN GOVERNOR
ROBERT HOMAN**



**Troy Lions Club presents
a \$500 check to the
winner of their Meat
Raffle**



**Mascoutah Evening Lions
Club at Mascoutah
Elementary for their
Trunk O' Treat**



**Lebanon Lions Club at the
Fall Festival**



**Waterloo Lions Club made
renovations at Lions Park**

DISTRICT 1-CS GOVERNOR RETHA EURALES



Sparta Lions Club keeping their sponsored stretch of highway clean



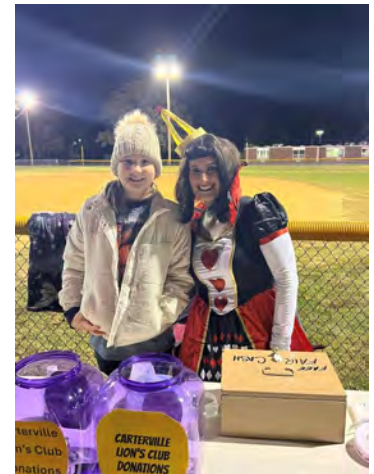
Carbondale Lions Club collects food for the Victory Dream Food Pantry



Lion Richard Pautler of the Chestser Lions Club received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation for his achievements in retaining the club's membership over the past Lions year



Marion Lions Club made a donations to several local organizations



Carterville Lions Club Haunted Hayride Event



Christopher Lions Club in their town's parade



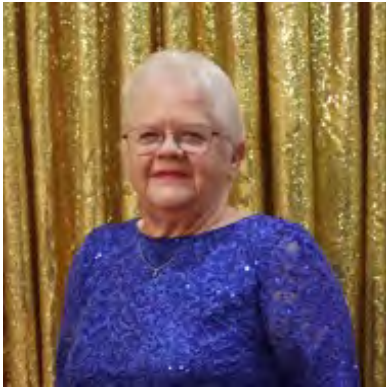
Sparta Lions Club hosts a farewell party to long-time members Ruben & Cheryl Owen who are moving



Christopher Lions Club donated Pancake Breakfast tickets to the Police & Fire Departments

DISTRICT 1-D GOVERNOR

MARCIA MEYERS



Is Leadership Learned or Are You Born With It? Governor Marcia Meyers

Leadership has long been a topic of debate and something I have thought about lately. Are great leaders born with natural abilities, or can anyone learn to lead? The truth is, leadership is both a gift and a skill – but it's mostly developed through experience and service

Some people naturally show confidence, empathy, or charisma, which can make leading seem effortless. But real leadership isn't about personality – it's about purpose. It's learned through challenges, teamwork, and a willingness to grow.

The best leaders listen, serve and inspire others to reach their potential. They lead not because they have all the answers, but because they care enough to help others find theirs.

My club is 76 years old and in that time we had only one person serve as president – twice. I know that this is amazing! I have watched members become president and literally “bloom” as a leader and a Lion member in the process.

Lions Club International has available learning modules that will cover anything you might want to know about being a Lion and a leader. There are sessions on being a president, vice –president, zone chairman, secretary, treasurer – and many more positions in the organization!

As Lions, we call this servant leadership. We lead by example – with compassion, commitment, and the courage to serve. Whether you were born to lead or learned to lead, what truly matters is your heart to serve other!

DG Marcia Meyers

DISTRICT 1-D (continued)



Freeport Lions Club did vision and hearing screenings at the Stephenson County Senior Resource Center's Senior Lifestyle Expo



Lanark Lions Club participated in the Freeport Pretzels Homecoming Parade



Mt. Carroll Lions Club Euchre Tournament



Amboy Lions Club shuttling people for the Amboy cross country meet



Rockton Lions Club's Trick or Treat



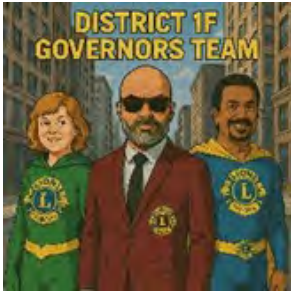
Lena Lions Club inducts 2 new members



Pearl City Lions Club presented a check for \$2000 to the Pearl City Park District

DISTRICT 1-F GOVERNOR

VINCENZO LEONE



Fellow Lions,

District 1-F continues to demonstrate the strength of Lionism through leadership, teamwork, and innovation. This month, we celebrate several outstanding accomplishments that reflect both our district's proud history and our vision for the future.

First, congratulations to **Second Vice District Governor Sabrina Swanson** and our dedicated **Zone Chairpersons** for organizing a truly successful **Pig Pen Fundraiser**. Their leadership and enthusiasm brought Lions together from across the district for a day filled with fellowship, service, and fun. Events like this remind us that when Lions work side by side, we not only strengthen our communities but also deepen our connections with one another. The teamwork and creativity shown in making this event such a success speak volumes about the spirit of service alive in District 1-F.

We also celebrate a historic milestone as three of our cornerstone clubs, the **Barrington Lions Club**, **Arlington Heights Lions Club**, and **Palatine Lions Club**, each reached **100 years of continuous service** to their communities. A century of commitment, compassion, and leadership is a remarkable achievement that few organizations can match. Even after one hundred years, these clubs continue to grow stronger by expanding membership, introducing new service initiatives, and inspiring others through their dedication to service. Their



longevity is not only a reflection of tradition but also of adaptability, proving that when Lions stay focused on serving others, our relevance and impact only deepen over time.

In that same spirit of growth and renewal, **District 1-F proudly welcomes the Lake County Deaf and Hard of Hearing Lions Club**, our first new club in 15 years. This specialty club is dedicated to advocating for and serving individuals within the deaf and hard of hearing community. Its creation reflects our district's ongoing commitment to inclusion, accessibility, and the expansion of service to new areas of need. The Lake County DHH Lions Club stands as a symbol of progress and unity, reminding us that the heart of Lionism is always about reaching more people and serving with understanding and compassion.

These milestones reflect the heart of who we are as Lions: service-minded individuals united by a shared purpose. Together, we honor the past, celebrate the present, and look confidently toward a future where our impact will continue to grow.

Yours in Service,
Governor Team, Illinois Lions (D1F)

DISTRICT 1-F (continued)



Evanston Sunrise Lions attend the District 1-F Lions Halloween Bash



District 1F initiated a new club, Palatine DHH Lions Club



Arlington Heights Lions Club celebrates 100 Years of Service



Palatine Lions Club celebrates 100 Years of Service



District 1-F's Pig Pen Derby



Schaumburg Hoffman Estates Lions Club was thrilled to donate 20 new children's winter coats to the Schaumburg Township annual Coats for Kids drive



Wauconda Lions Club at their 3rd Annual Trivia Night



Mt. Prospect Lions Club Trick or Treat Event



Winthrop Harbor Lions Club was happy to honor three of our regular bingo players that have supported our bingo for over 35 years



Des Plaines Lions Club's Trunk or Treat

DISTRICT 1-G GOVERNOR

ROBERT WIRTH

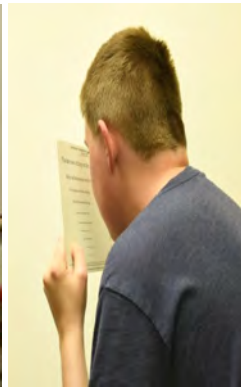


We are one-third our way through a fast paced Governor year. Much has been learned and there is much more to learn. Much to share with Clubs that don't think beyond their immediate Club community. 'Community' is the key to a Club's service-support but there are resources available beyond their community that should be tapped into.



Upon visiting Clubs there are numerous reasons to abreast them of the various programs and events that are held-sponsored on behalf of the LIF, LCI, and LCIF. Most Clubs do not take advantage of these programs-events. Clubs indirectly and directly work to support LIF, LCI, and LCIF but do not take the opportunity to see the results that they provide through their hard work of service projects, etc. to fund these programs. One example that took place most recently was the Low Vision Clinic sponsored by LIF at the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired in Jacksonville. From watching young children being examined and fitted for glasses and or vision apparatuses to the accomplishments achieved by students who attend the school is very rewarding.

Yours in Lionism,
DG Rob Wirth



**Carlinsville Lions Club
made a donation to the
Macoupin & Montgomery
County ROSC - MMCR
Council**



**Jacksonville Lions Club inducts
2 new members**



**Gillespie Lions Club on
Candy Day**

DISTRICT 1-H GOVERNOR

WILLIAM JEFFRIES



**Galva Lions Club hosted a picnic
for Abilities Plus**



**Pekin Lions Club
celebrates 85 years of
service!**



**PID Bud Wahl presented
Pekin Lion Mike Lutz
with a Certificate of
Appreciation from our
President, A.P. Singh**



**Andalusia Lions Club provided Hot
Dogs to Trick or Treaters at their
village's Trunk or Treat**



**Altona Lions Club participated in
their community's Trunk or Treat**



**Princeville Lion, Ted
Gilles, was presented the
Senior Master Key award
in recognition of
sponsoring 25 new Lions
Club members!**

DISTRICT 1-J GOVERNOR

TERRI PASTERNIK



Greetings 1J Lions!

What a beautiful Fall we are having. The colors are spectacular, at least where I live, the reds, oranges and golds remind me of the colors of fire. Since my theme is Lions on Fire, I guess Fall really fits into how I feel about the work we do in District 1J. Everyone works so hard for their communities and should be proud of the work you do.



October was another fun and busy month and it gave me the opportunity to visit clubs, hear about the work they do and swear in new members. Briefly, I was able to attend the Island Lake Meat Raffle, where I was luck enough to win a bag of meat (haha); facilitated a Zone Chair meeting to discuss how they were doing with club visits and any issues they may be having; visited the Wood Dale club and swore in 4 new members; attended the Malta club's 65th Anniversary dinner where another group of members were sworn in; will be attending the Southwest Region this week and last, but not least was honored to Ride in a red mustang for the 64th Annual Sycamore Pumpkin Fest Parade. Beautiful day and THOUSANDS of people. It was quite the experience. There were several other meetings in there, mostly zoom, so not as fun as in person visits.

Goals status – Membership is very important for the health of our clubs, district and state. International President AP Singh has charged all of the Governors worldwide to increase membership and form new clubs. District 1J continues to work on those goals and are striving to meet them. Remember, all you have to do is ask. Use every event, fundraiser and service project as an opportunity to inform your community about what fun it is to be a Lion!

If you have ideas or suggestions about anything Lion related, please feel free to let us know. Send your emails to myself at lionterrip@gmail.com, 1VDG Bob Olender at rolender@cmographics.com, 2VDG John Nienhuis at LionJohnNienhuis@District1JLions.org or Secretary Kari Freeman at Secretary@District1JLions.org. Also, If you want a visit from any of us, send an email to the above!

Wishing everyone a blessed Thanksgiving!! - District 1J Lions are ON FIRE and Making a Difference.

Terri's Calendar

November	December
11/1 District 1J Training Forum	12/3 Southeast Region Meeting #2
11/8 Roselle Trinity Health Clinic	12/5-12/6 Council Meeting - Springfield
11/10 Clarendon Hills Meeting	12/10 Club Rebuild Zoom Meeting
11/12 Club Rebuild Zoom Meeting	12/11 Huntley Holiday Meeting
11/13 Dining in the Dark – Center for Sight/Hearing	12/18 Roselle Holiday Meeting
11/15 District Cabinet Meeting #2	12/20 Ronald McDonald House Service
Roselle Blood Drive	Project – Cook & Serve Dinner
11/18 Central Region Meeting #2	12/25 Merry Christmas!
11/19 Eastern Region Meeting #2	12/31 Happy New Year's Eve!
11/20 Batavia Underwear Party	
Roselle Meeting	
11/27 Happy Thanksgiving!!!	
11/29 Roselle Lunch with Santa	

DISTRICT 1-J (continued)



Darien Lions attended the Darien Kiddie Academy Trunk or Treat



Aurora Lions Club at the Aurora Regional Fire Museum



Dundee Township Lions Club vision event



Batavia Lions Club empowered over 45 individuals with retinal and hearing screenings



Roselle Lions Club at the Roselle Founders Day Festival



Elburn Lions Club at their Friday Night Bingo



Malta Lions Club Pancake Breakfast



Burr Ridge-Hinsdale-Oak Brook Lions Club donated food to the Glen Ellen Food Pantry



The Huntley Area Lions Club and our incredible Leos hit the road—not for a parade, but for a purpose!

DISTRICT 1-J (continued)



Roselle Lions Club at the Bloomingdale – Roselle Rotary's annual Trunk-or-Treat



Bartlett Lions Club Oktoberfest



These four Sandwich Lions represent a combined 226 years of Lion membership



Elburn Leo Club's Trunk or Treat



Elmhurst Lion Patty Worden delivers 850 pairs of eyeglasses, 25 ink cartridges, 12 hearing aids, and 4.8 lbs. of tabs to the LIF to recycle



Batavia Lions Club Trunk or Treat



The Aurora Noon Lions Club received a \$1,575 donation from the Aurora Area Retired Teachers Association



Glen Ellyn Lions Club's Pasta Dinner



McHenry/Wonder Lake Lions Club members attended the Lions Club Regional Meeting in Cary



Fox River Grove Lions Club inducts 2 new members

DISTRICT 1-M GOVERNOR MARK WYER



**Altamont Lions and Leos
Pack-A-Sack Event**



**Sullivan Lions Club received a
\$100 from SHS FCCLA**



**Strasburg Lions Club donated
\$1,500 to Blessings in a
Backpack-Stewardson/Strasburg
for the school year**



**Danville Lions Club made a
donation to the Boys and Girls Club**



**Westville Lions Club
Trunk or Treat**



**Athens Leo Club at their Pumpkin
Carving Event**



**Stewardson Lions Club's
Trunk or Treat**



**Vandalia Lions Club
Trunk or Treat**



**Arthur Atwood Lions Club in the
homecoming parade**



**Shelbyville Lions and Leos
Club selling programs at the
Tennessee Walking Horse National
Celebration.**



**Warrenville-Lataham Lions Club
Food Drive**