

The Illinois Lion & Leo

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May your days be
merry & bright. And
may your spirit
always be light.
Enjoy the wonder
that surrounds you
this time of year.

Happy Holidays

Thoughts from the Council

Chairperson:



Hello Lions and Leos of MD-1. I hope you are all healthy and well.

I hope you all had a safe and Happy Thanksgiving holiday!! I know many families – ours included – celebrated in a different fashion this year. We gathered virtually using tools like Zoom and Skype versus the traditional in-person gathering. While this was different, we were still able to highlight the many things we are thankful for. I can tell you I am thankful for being a part of this great organization – the largest service organization in the world. The Lions help so many people and impact lives for the

better. We can all be proud to be a Lion!!

Our next Council of Governors Meeting is scheduled for December 5th. It was originally scheduled to be at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield but due to the latest flair up of the COVID-19 virus and new mitigation measures we have changed it to a virtual meeting. I know we are all disappointed we can't be together and share in some fellowship in-person. Hopefully we can get past this crisis and it will be possible to be together again very soon.

In mid-November I had the opportunity to participate in the VGETs training class for the First Vice District Governors. What I observed is a group of dedicated Lions that are stepping up to prepare to lead our organization in the coming year. They spent 2 days going over a lot of material that will help them be ready when their year starts. I know they are going to do a great job next year!!

I also want to commend Lion Jama Wahl and PID Bud Wahl for all their hard work in facilitating the classes for both the FVDGs and the SVDGs. They had to manage training on a variety of topics that encompassed around 24 hours of training time total. Our state could never thank them enough for all they do for us!!

If your club is not meeting at all, please consider using a free version of Zoom to at least get your club together to talk. If Zoom is not your cup of tea check out FreeConferenceCall.com as an option. You can check on how our members are doing and discuss things your club can be doing to help people in the current environment.

Anne and I want to wish everyone a happy holiday season – no matter which holiday you celebrate. In closing I want to thank you for all you are doing to serve your communities. Thank you for reading.

MD-1 Council Chairperson Joe Vinyard
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FROM GLOBAL LEADERSHIP CHAIR:



Typically, during the holiday season, Lions are extremely busy providing for those in need in their communities. Gifts are given to children. Food baskets are shared. Meals are prepped. Bells are rung for community causes. Lions are doing what we do...SERVE.

With COVID, this year is different. Some clubs are not even meeting. Others are meeting virtually. Still others are meeting, but following social distancing guidelines. Fundraisers have been limited. The reality however, is that those community needs are still there

and may actually be intensified this year due to the pandemic.

So, what is a Lion or a Lions Club to do?

- Connect with club members virtually through Zoom or a similar platform, a conference call or even a phone call
- Adapt your current fundraisers to make the event safe
- Adapt a current service project to make the event safe
- Scale the project back to something manageable or tweak it to be something new
- Partner with other community organizations

As an example, the Hardscrabble Lions of Streator have annually delivered 20 food baskets for Thanksgiving. To adapt this year,

the shopping was completed by one family. (Thank you Lion Nicole, Chad, Addy and Dax). Instead of the entire club meeting to fill the baskets, a select small group will be filling the baskets. Those who wanted to make a personal donation of food dropped off the items prior to the basket prep. A no contact delivery will be made using a phone call to the family as well as gloves and masks. Did it take a bit more for Lion Patty to organize the event as the project chair? Yes! And for that, our club is very grateful which seems especially appropriate for this holiday season.

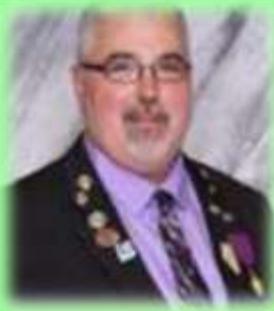
Your club can do it, too. Adapt, grow, change and continue to meet needs even during these difficult times! jamawah1@yahoo.com

Re-Motivate our Members!!

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One of the focus goals of the North American Membership Initiative is for us to look at our members that

we currently have and ask, "are we providing what they were expecting? Why are members not attending meetings? Are the



projects that we are currently doing, and have done for the past 25 years still relevant to the community we serve and meaningful to the members that are in our club?" In this article we will take a look at some resources that may help you identify the answers to the questions that were just posed. We will look at where to find them and how to implement them.

Do we ever go to our members and ask them if what we are doing as a club meets their expectations of Lions Clubs International and the community service that Lions provide? If not, we need to. This can be done by a mere conversation with Lions new and seasoned. Or, Lions Clubs International has made available to you at the club level a Member Satisfaction guide which will also include a survey that you would ask all of your members to take. This

will answer a lot of questions, if answered truthfully, about where your club is and where they need to go to keep your existing members happy and engaged in the cause. This guide can be found in the North American Membership Initiative Resources page on the www.lionsclubs.org website.

In my club we improved the attendance at our meetings just merely by changing the day and location that we have met for years. It seemed that the day that worked several years back for members wasn't the same days that worked now for our existing members. Take a look at that and see if this could help your club. Also in the Resources page of LCI website is the Your Club Your Way. This gives us a way of maybe changing up our meetings to make they more enticing to club members to attend. Do you have a meal? Do you have guest speakers? If yes, are these the reasons that they don't attend? I would say the food part is not an issue, but if we are using guest speakers at our club meetings are the interesting to all

and able to engage your Lions to think outside of the box and serve in other ways. Having a speaker just to fill time and on topics that may not be relevant to what we do as Lions may just be the thing that is keeping members away from meetings. Our members' time is precious and we have to make our meetings worth their time to come out for that hour, hour and half a couple of times a month, or in some cases every week. Your Club Your Way may help with that. Give it a look.

Lastly, lets take a look at the projects that we are doing as a club. Do we do a lot of service projects or do we mainly fundraise? Not that fundraising is a bad thing, we need that to be able to do most of the service that we do. However, we have to follow our motto of We Serve and provide service to our communities as well. Just like before, on the resources page of the North American Membership page your will find a multitude of resources that pertain to service. Whether it is ideas for new service projects or ways that we can poll

the community leaders to see if the service projects that we have been providing are still relevant to the community. I have used the Community Needs Assessment in my community and we discovered new areas to serve that we would not have known about had we not asked. This may be a kickstart to re-motivating your members to do something new and exciting in your community.

In the coming months you will be hearing less of the North American Membership Initiative as the name is changing. While the focus will be the same the name will be different. We will now be know as the Global Membership Initiative. 2nd VP Brian Sheehan renamed this as the program has now gone globally to assist those that are struggling with membership and leadership resources around the world. Please do your part and ASK someone to join your club at the start of the new year and help you help your community and those around the world. I would also like to take this time to wish you all a safe and Happy Holiday

Season. May you all enjoy your friends and families and think of those that are less fortunate in the

world around us. Stay safe, stay kind, stay healthy!!!!

Membership Moments



By MD-1 GMT Barb Stewart

Like most of 2020 has been, our membership is a bit like a roller coaster ride: up and down.

Although I do not like to refer to our Lions in terms of a number that is the only true measurement we have to know how we are doing with our membership as a whole. Here are where the current numbers are at in each District:

DISTRICT	MEMBERSHIP AS OF NOV. 25, 2020	YTD MEMBERSHIP NET GROWTH/LOSS	3 YEAR NEW MEMBER RETENTION RATE
1-A	1721	+11	81%
1-BK	1811	-31	66%
1-CN	971	+2	70%
1-CS	643	-14	67%
1-D	1625	-20	40%
1-F	883	-16	83%
1-G	826	-11	69%
1-H	927	-16	67%
1-J	2107	-14	67%
1-M	1483	-13	86%
MD-1	12,997	-122	67%

Added in this reporting is the 3 year new member retention rate which is simply looking at the percentage of new Lions that

continue their membership after 3 years. Please note that these percentages have also been a bit of roller coaster but seem to be

improving since we put more of an emphasis on retention of our Lions. All of these numbers are frequently shared with your District Governors and many of our other Lions' leaders but they are not solely responsible for finding and maintaining our membership so it's important that they are shared occasionally with you as well.

Please note that these numbers change rapidly so although it's important to keep track of where we are at, we shouldn't get too wrapped up in current numbers but rather keep our eye on our goals and working towards meeting them.

District 1-A and 1-J are both currently working on a new Lions Club (the 2nd for 1-A and 1st for 1-J). Almost all of our Districts are well into the process of starting at least a Lions Club or Branch Club and a Leo Club. To date within MD-1, we have lost 1 Lions Club with another 2 Lions Clubs also slated to disband. There is still great hope in the second half of

our year that all Districts will do great things with their membership growth but we need YOU to help! It is imperative for every Lion to look for new Lions. This may seem very difficult during these times but it really isn't. Take advantage of our stay at home orders and lack of other activities to keep us busy and spend some of that time reaching out for members! It is as simple as taking a look around you as this is where you will find Lions. Look at your contacts in your phone/address book or your email list as well as your friends, family, neighbors, and those that belong to the same church or other groups you belong to. Make a list and then start asking. A prospective Lion may ask why they should join so be sure to share what Lions has meant to you and what activities your Lions Club participate in and what those activities has done for your community. Perhaps your Club may even want to "advertise" all of these things – both fundraisers/money donated as well as your service projects. This may be a

great way to bring attention to your Club within your Community when you may be limited on the things you can do.

Once you find a new Lion and they join, you become their Sponsor. Incidentally, you can sponsor a Lion into ANY Lions Club so if you have someone you know in another community, State or even Country, still ask! If you need assistance in finding them a Club, reach out as you have many resources (your District Membership Team or LCI) to help you find a Club. Once you get a new Lion, help them complete a new member orientation session and then be sure to keep them involved. Be sure to get your new Lion involved right away and ask them to serve on a committee. Reach out to them and let them know what is happening within your Club. Don't assume that a long standing, well known service project within your community is something that the new Lion is completely familiar with. Explain everything to them

from Lions traditions to how a fundraiser is set up. It is better to communicate something twice instead of not at all! Be sure in these conversations to listen to that new Lion. They very well may have something to add to your service project, fundraiser or Club! If the new Lions should give input, use it or explain why it can't be used (after trying every possibility to use the idea). New Lions are a great resource as another pair of hands to get our projects done but they should also have a voice.

Covid doesn't need to end our service. It just changes the way we formerly did things a bit. In this newsletter is a list of 100 Service Projects. Some of these may need to be tweaked to fit our Covid restrictions but we are Lions – we are creative and we let nothing stop us from meeting our goals!

Let's see what we can accomplish in the rest of our Lions' year!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



100 Ideas to Recruit New Lions

1. Ask someone. Ask One!
2. Bring a guest to meetings
3. Advertise in newspapers & cable TV
4. Have a clear club goal & a strategic plan
5. Letters or personal contact with local businesses
6. Contact with Chamber of Commerce
7. Place customized bookmarks in library books
8. Have public meetings at malls, outdoors, etc.
9. Have a booth at malls, fairs, festivals etc.
10. Place pamphlets in doctors' offices, hospitals, cafeterias, libraries, etc.
11. Create videos of your events and promote your Club on YouTube
12. Host an Open House
13. Hold a club assembly only on membership
14. Ask former Leos, Effective Speaking Contestants, Lions Quest grads, Vision Screening school contact, etc.
15. Make the membership chair an active Club Officer that reports at each meeting
16. Put together guest information packets (see [Family recruitment Brochure](#) / [Campus Club recruitment brochure](#) / [Standard recruitment brochure](#) / [Club recruitment brochure template](#))
17. Service projects that serve a need in the community
18. Invite family members to join
19. Send letters to people in the news with an invitation to visit the club
20. Print club business cards with club meeting location and time
21. Distribute extra copies of LION magazine and attached information about your club in waiting rooms, etc.
22. Hold high-profile meetings (all candidates meetings, special guests, etc.)
23. Hold wine and cheese receptions for prospective members
24. Ask for help from your Region Chairperson/Zone Chairperson/GMT Coordinator/DG Team
25. Have a special guest day
26. Send club members to a district membership seminar
27. Make prospective members feel important
28. Honour outstanding community members with awards like Melvin Jones, Awards by Club (certificates), etc.
29. Don't take age into consideration
30. Make some meetings social events
31. Build a club web site and a social media presence
32. Use email contacts to promote your club
33. Put posters in public areas (see "[We are Lions' club recruitment poster](#) / look at posters other Lions created [Pinterest page of posters](#) / or be inspired by [Our Global Causes](#)")
34. Ask corporations and employers to sponsor or subsidize membership
35. Have a reward/recognition program for those who bring in new members at Club level
36. Create more fun
37. Give a money-back guarantee—if after 3 months a new member does not want to stay, return their fees
38. Invite the media to cover well-known speakers
39. Use word of mouth
40. Network with coworkers, friends, and family
41. Follow up with guests
42. Place a coloured dot on the watch of every member to remind them to bring a guest
43. Lead by example—how many members have you recruited?
44. Have members give talks at other organizations
45. Provide guests with free meals
46. Update your club's satisfaction surveys. Your Club Your Way / Know your Ratings / CQI
47. Look for members in ethnic groups not represented in your club
48. Provide brochures for new employee packets in local companies with approval from HR/owner
49. Advertise at sports events
50. Ask the district for help



51. Hold joint meetings with other groups
52. Share your club experience with others
53. Participate in community events
54. Write letters to the newspaper about the campaigns your club is working on
55. If a prospect can't join because of your meeting day & time, suggest other nearby clubs
56. Publicize club successes, elections, events, in local newspapers
57. Circulate the club newsletter widely
58. Design a club brochure [Club recruitment brochure template](#)
59. Hold recruiting events with two or more clubs
60. Form/join a speakers' bureau or organize a pool of speakers to be available for presentations outside Club
61. Wear your Lions pin at ALL times
62. Mention your club at meetings of other organizations during announcements
63. Send newsletter to guests
64. When asked about your leadership skills or career success, tell them about your club
65. Ask the DG, VDGs, or GMT to attend a board meeting to talk about membership
66. Ask every member to submit 3 prospects to the membership chair
67. Always make it FUN
68. Give every member a club decal or bumper stickers for their car
69. Give testimonials about your club while guests are at the meeting
70. Repeatedly invite prospective members
71. Practice selling your club at Club meetings—have a one minute elevator speech ready
72. Conduct a Membership Satisfaction Survey – see [How Are Your Ratings](#) and the [Member Satisfaction Guide](#)
73. The club president asks three club members as a personal favour to each recruit one new member
74. Bring your boss to a club meeting
75. Make contact with women's business associations
76. Bring your co-workers to a club meeting
77. Bring your subordinates to a club meeting
78. Have new member kits available at every meeting
79. Use books, brochures, videos, posters and other resources from LCI
80. Hand out invitation cards for a "free" lunch (breakfast, dinner)
81. Have members constantly promote and rave about your club
82. Meet at a good location
83. Assign members to five-person recruitment teams—each team brings in a new member every six months
84. Develop a strategic membership plan as a year-round priority – growth needs to be planned
85. Have incentives for recruitment
86. Have a large poster that lists all the members who have sponsored a new member in the past year
87. Select a missing career or other classification in the membership and work on filling it
88. Display a thermometer showing progress towards the club membership goal
89. Feature a member's "benefit of the month" in the club newsletter
90. Induct new members with pizazz & invite their spouse/partner
91. Develop a welcome letter from the president for all new members
92. Contact all members who have resigned in the past 3 years
93. Use billboards at bus stops and roadside
94. Ask club members to put club ads on their commercial trucks
95. Recognize new members in newsletters
96. Regularly check the LCI website for ideas
97. Visit other Club, District, Multiple District websites and social media for ideas
98. Invite spouses to social functions
99. Ask recipients of your Lions Club service or donations (or LCIF) to speak for Lions or your Club
100. Pass out M & M candy to remind members that "Membership Matters" and that we need "More Members" to provide more service

This information was originally found at <http://greatideastashare.com/2011/10/11/100-ways-to-recruit-new-members>. It has been modified to include and refer to Lions Clubs International materials.

Those of us who are so fortunate...

Should remember people who are hungry

Should remember people who are suffering from vision impairments

Should remember people who are being bullied

Should remember people suffering from diabetes

Should remember children with cancer

Should remember people who have died from measles

Should remember people who may suffer water shortage

Should remember people who have experienced weather related disaster

and

Should remember people and families who have been devastated by COVID-19

One of the best ways to reach out to this suffering is with Lions Clubs International Foundation. Lions members through Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service are doing just that by seeking to virtually double the amount of people helped each year by our Foundation. Your district chairs are asking you to join them in this fantastic campaign.

You can do this by donating at lionsclubs.org/en/donate. You can also TEXT LCIF 243-725. Or contacting your district Chairperson:

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Be safe, and enjoy this holiday season, and remember so many people, who can use some Lions Caring and Sharing.

- Lion Ed Carter, PDG,



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MD1 website refreshed for the 2019-2020 Lion Year!
Prior information can be found in ARCHIVES section and PAST News & Information section.

Council of Governors



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2019-2020

Council Chairperson
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- 1-A Joan McMillan (Secretary)
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- 1-G Kathy Dieker (Chaplain)
- 1-H Tony Holland
- 1-J Jerome Perez (Council Chair)
- 1-M Dave Johnson (Treasurer)

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Experience la vie en Lion

We're excited to share this year's campaign theme, La Vie en Lion! Discover how we're preparing to "live life in Lion" in the beautiful city of Montréal.

[► Read the blog](#)



Model Club Candidate Participation Form

Our club is proud to support the mission of Lions Clubs International Foundation and the goals of **Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service**. We enthusiastically commit to participate as a Model Club. In so doing, we agree we will:

- Lead** the way and inspire other clubs to do the same.
- Raise** funds through various strategies, including, but not limited to:
 - asking individual members to make a gift or pledge
 - dedicating a fundraising event to the campaign
 - making a gift from the club treasury
 - asking members of the community to make a gift
- Conduct** our Campaign 100 Model Club fundraising efforts and strive to ensure that a minimum per-member average of US\$750 is raised. We understand individual pledges may be fulfilled on the donor's payment schedule. *A pledge equivalent to or greater than US\$5000 may be fulfilled over five years. A pledge equivalent to or less than US\$4999.99 may be fulfilled over three years.*
- Promote** Campaign 100 causes and dedicate ourselves to LCIF as part of our service as Lions.



Club Name _____ Club Number _____

District _____ Multiple District _____

Please provide
the following
information:

Total Club Membership as of Today	X	Per-Member Average Goal (US\$)	=	Total Club Goal (US\$)

Please complete all fields above and return the form by either:

- **Email:** Scan your completed form and send to campaign100@lionsclubs.org
- **Postal Service:** Lions Clubs International Foundation, Attn: Development, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523 USA

We certify our club's commitment to lead the way into a new era of service as a Model Club. Our members have voted, and we intend to support LCIF with a per-member average fundraising goal of at least US\$750.

Club President Name (please print)

LCIF Club Coordinator, or Other Club Officer, Name (please print)

Club President Signature

LCIF Club Coordinator, or Other Club Officer, Signature

Month/Day/Year

Month/Day/Year

Visit lcif.org/donate for information on donating electronically, via wire transfer and via other methods. Donations can also be sent to: Lions Clubs International Foundation | Dept. 4547 | Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 | USA

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CONTACT LIF TO OBTAIN YOUR ENROLLMENT CODE

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- Click on "GET STARTED" in the upper right hand corner.
- Click on "JOIN A PROGRAM" then ENTER LIF ENROLLMENT CODE
- Create a user name & password, this can be whatever you want. *Make sure to write it down.*
- **PLACE YOUR CLUB NAME IN THAT AREAS MARKED:** Classroom/Teacher or Student
- Finish filling out your name, address and e-mail information AND CLICK "REGISTER"
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You can support LIF Vision and Hearing Programs and Services throughout Illinois by purchasing these premium nuts, gourmet confections, and sweet and savory snack mixes. And now your club will **receive 15% of all sales** for the Holiday Season **November 1st, 2020 thru January 31st, 2021.**

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PDG Gary Bocker passed away on Sunday, October 25, 2020. PDG Gary was a member of the Polo Lions Club and served as District Governor of District 1-D from 1999-2000. Had a private service.



River Grove Lions Club held their Annual Pumpkin Patch in River Grove Village.



A flyer for a Lions Club environment project. It features the Lions Club logo, the text "MD1 D1A R2 Lions Environment project with our IL kids", a photo of a group of people in front of a building, and details about the event: "Date 10/24/2020", "Time 9am to noon", "For More: Info call Lion Hina Trivedi at Chicago INDO-US Lions Club +16309510012, Lion Ben Zoleta +18155466777", and "Note: Masks and Gloves Mandatory for all".





Chicago Indo-US Lions and Leos did their Environmental clean-up project at West Leyden High School.



Orland Park Lions held their Annual Candy Day in the Month of November, 2020.

Lions Clubs across North America are surviving Covid Chaos



A recent email from PID Jerome Thompson of the Lions Global Action Team reports on a survey conducted of Lions clubs and their activities during the pandemic.

25-35% of our clubs are not meeting

The clubs that are meeting are learning to meet via Zoom, or a similar platform

Clubs are continuing to serve

Even with only 65-75% of clubs meeting, we have invited almost as many Lions to join our clubs as we did last year. (just think what we could do if everyone were meeting and inviting)

Service reporting is hampered by

the software and lack of training on how to use the software

Most club officers have not been provided adequate training to feel comfortable with their responsibilities.

PDG Lion Charlie Williams Passes

I feel that this is one passing Lion that I am qualified to chime in on, PDG Lion Charles "Charlie" Williams. 1992-1993. He was your Editor's hubby for 59+ years and was 88 years old when he passed away in the evening of November 05, 2020. No, no one probably believes he was that old as he never acted his age!! Despite his dementia diagnosis in early 2016, he was doing well. Since mid-March, our daughter & I called him at Tabor Hills Healthcare every day on the phone and chatted with him. He always thanked us for calling and it made our calls worthwhile. On October 14, we got a call from Tabor Hills saying his COVID test had come back POSITIVE. A couple of days later, we got a call saying he was being transferred to Edwards Hospital. He was there 10 days; the nurses always helpful in

updating us on his condition. We only got to actually talk to him the last day he was there and he sounded fairly weak. He then spent 9 days at Tabor Hills when we finally were able to have a video call with him. His eyes opened many times, so we knew he was there still. We had two more video calls before he passed away. Lion Sandy read articles that said "Keep talking to your loved ones!!" as hearing is the last sense to go and we won't regret that we did. Hate to have lost him to COVID, but glad for all of us to have escaped the sad final stages of dementia. RIP, Honey.

-From his beloved wife.



Stillman Valley Lions trash pick up



Al Unger, Dan Janes, Marty typer and Joe Hazlip



Thornton Lions Club celebrated its 70th Anniversary with a dinner meeting on November 12, 2020. Among those attendees were



LIF Trustee Steve Anton, IVDG Gail Anton, II VDG Tony Zartler, IPDG Joni McMillan, her husband PCC Dennis McMillan and Zone Chair Larry Williams. PDG Howard Swacker, a Thornton Lion also attended.

Thornton Lions awarded Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lions Robert Opilka and Hunter Fisher and inducted three new members Jeff McLean, Josh Griffith and Nick T. Giroux.



International Director Bob Block,



Oregon's Lions Annual Autumn on



Parade Festival was cancelled this year due to the pandemic, but Oregon Lions found a way to sell their popular pork chop sandwiches to the community.

Oregon Lions organized a drive-through pork chop sandwich sale at Super Valu Parking Lot on Saturday,

October 3rd, sold 600 sandwiches to many satisfied customers.

Freeport Lions members completed our 3rd litter pick up on September 30th for the City of Freeport Adopt-A-Street program. Our club covers from Route 26 (West St) west to Crestwood St by McDonald's. This was a great effort



by club members and in 2021 the city will place a sign along this stretch recognizing our club for continued hard work and dedication. Already looking forward to our first 2021 pick up!

Lions pictured L-R Lion Paul Rampenthal, Lion Roland Caruso, Lion Dave Marcum, Lion Dennis Zimmerman and not pictured Lion Joe Serafini. Also, Freeport Lion Members will be completed our Annual Rose Day deliveries on Saturday October 30th.

Leaf River Lions held a Drive Thru lunch on Saturday November 14 from 11:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. to raise funds for the Veteran's Drop In Center in Rockford. With the covid 19 event going on they are not able to feed anyone in the center so they are selective



1 in 4 homeless are veterans

In 2008, nearly a half million U.S. veterans spent some time homeless.



purchasing canned goods to give out, making money the preferred donation at this time. Brats and Hot Dogs be served with a "Donations" only available. Let's honor our Veterans was our theme!

The Amboy Lions Club added some fun to the Central School's Fourth Grade Class daily routine with a pumpkin decorating contest. Lion Jim Travi harvested and delivered pumpkins for each fourth grade student at Central School. The pumpkins were donated by Country Kids Produce in Peru, IL. The fourth grade teachers and the Central School art teacher worked



with the students to help them create ideas and then decorate their pumpkins.



Once completed, the classes voted



on the best decorated pumpkins. The top six winners were awarded a \$5.00 gift card each from Meusel's Dairy Delight in Amboy. Dairy Delight also furnished a token to all of the fourth graders for a free ice cream cone to be used during the coming year. This was an enjoyable activity for the students and hopefully helped them take their minds off of the current pandemic in our community. The students were allowed to take their decorated pumpkins home to display on their front porches.



This is one of many ways that the Amboy Lions serve the community

by bringing some fun and enjoyment to our area students. The Club started the Pumpkin Decorating Contest in 2019 with the fourth grade classes and hope to continue this activity yearly.



In other Club news, the annual Draw Down in September was a huge success under the leadership of Lion President Dave Kemp. This year the Draw Down had to be virtual due to the pandemic. The objective of this Draw Down was to help stimulate local businesses in a small way and to raise funds for the 2021 Amboy High School scholarships.

Each ticket purchased gave the purchaser a \$30.00 gift certificate to be used at an Amboy or Sublette business establishment. The \$30 certificates were purchased by the Club from the Draw Down

proceeds. As in the past, all ticket purchasers were eligible to win the \$2,000 grand prize. This year's winner was Mr. and Mrs. Larry Eisenberg of Amboy to brighten up the Amboy Welcome signs after the faded summer blooms were removed, Lion Jim Travi secured donations for various fall harvest decorations.

Autumn decorations were donated by Rick and Debbie Cardot (pumpkins, broom grass, Indian corn), Willis family (pampas grass), and hay bales from Dan & Mary Schetrompf.

The Amboy Lions wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season.

The Dixon Noon Lions Club held



a drive through trick-or-treat on October 31st at Page Park in



Dixon. This event was held instead of the annual Halloween Parade and costume contest that the club has been sponsoring and organizing since 1943. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the parade and costume contest would not have been in accordance with the covid-19 resurgence guidelines the Lee County area is under. The drive through trick-or - treat was well attended and appreciated by the children and parents and driving through to receive a bag of candy.



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Pearl City Lions Supporting Candy Day 2020 for Lions of Illinois Foundation More Pearl City Lions Projects This Pearl City Lions Electronic Sign Project started with a solid base on Route 73 in Down town Pearl City.



Southside Electronic Sign panel is bolted to the support brackets. The Northside Electronic sign Panel is hoisted in place and secured. Ready to be Powered Up! The Pearl City Electronic Message Board is now Powered Up and Displaying



Local Events Pearl City Lions Project completed.



The Leaf River Lions held a



Halloween Costume Drive Thru on October 31 from 4—5 with any one showing up in a costume received a hot dog lunch. Even young costumeless received a lunch. The day was great and turnout only fair.

The New Memorial Gazebo with the motion detector light activated. An eerie but



impressive effect. **The Leaf River Lions** are keeping watch! Lion Sid and his daughter applied their decorative art skills to the Gazebo getting it ready for Christmas! Nice Job Sid!! You make those Lions Proud!



The Wheaton Lions Club Environment Committee and Volunteers led by Lion John Monino pitched in on Saturday, October 31st. at the Wheaton Recycling.



LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

LEADER DOG NEWS FOR LIONS – Nov 2020

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As more clubs are meeting virtually, Leader Dog staff, volunteers and clients are available for a virtual program. Take a campus tour, learn about our services, even have us for a trivia night!

Contact Lion Kathleen Breen at Kbreen@leaderdog.org for more information or ["request a speaker"](#) on our website*.

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New Program Launch for Young Adults: TOM Talks

Leader Dogs is launching a free virtual seminar for people who are 18 – 24 years old, legally blind or visually impaired, and from the U.S. and Canada.

T.O.M. Talks focuses on three areas of importance for people who are blind: Technology, Orientation and Mobility. The seminar is free and will be held January 17-30, 2021.

Participants will develop skills needed to thrive in their career including increased independent travel, professional readiness and networking. A variety of experts from Leader Dogs for the Blind will present including guide dog mobility instructors and orientation & mobility specialists.

"People in the 18-24 age group tend to have very busy schedules," said Lion Erica Irhke, Leader Dog's manager of extended services, "so we designed this program to be partially self-guided and partially live. Our goal is for everyone to be able to achieve success." There are four required live ZOOM sessions and two optional weekend sessions. The self-guided portion of the curriculum includes videos and activities supported with materials sent prior to the T.O.M. Talks.

To apply for T.O.M. Talks go to www.leaderdog.org/programs/tom-talks/. Applications are due by 5:00 pm (EST) on Monday, December 12, 2020.



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JANUARY 9, 2021 8:30AM-12:30PM (PST) ONLINE EVENT

Hello California Lions and Beyond! The Multiple District 4 Global Leadership Team is proud to present this, the second in our series of the “MD-4 Lions Leadership Summits” to all California Lions. It is the goal of the Global Leadership Team to provide California Lions with the leadership tools they need to succeed in the current world climate. [To Pre-Register for this event simply click on the link below.](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtf-GhqzosE9eS5L3H-T3X9zVk9sLkstT2>

TOPICS:

“Do We Really Want To Do That? Being Relevant and Meaningful” Presented by Lion Jama Wahl from MD1

Click here to get a sneak peek at this topic — <https://youtu.be/rj36RVRkINM>

Member Retention - “Hakuna Matata” - “What does it mean to you?” Presented by Lion Brian Sheehan, 2nd Intl VP

Click here to get a sneak peek at this topic — <https://youtu.be/49xjTLHWWs>

“A Little Bit Service - A Little Bit Rock and Roll” Presented by Lion Anne Smarsh from MD-19

Click here to get a sneak peek at this topic — <https://youtu.be/RQAxMMKkb20>

*For more information and to be placed on the mailing list for this
Summit and future Leadership Events and Programs in MD-4*

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or visit our FB page <https://www.facebook.com/MD4LLS>

Thank you for your time...





"Scary Darien Lions Club costumed perpetrators"(joke!) helped with the club's "Trunk.or.Treat" event for Halloween. Hundreds of cars with kids & parents in costume paraded thru getting treats & scares. *A good replacement for the club's traditional Halloween party!!*



Aurora Evening Lion Kyle Hartje is being recognized with the Lion Don Phelps Memorial Lion of the

Year by Past Club President Lion Bob McKnight for the hard work he's done.



Although many of the usual

Pumpkin Festival activities were curtailed this year, the Sycamore Lions were able to sponsor their 59th Annual Decorated Pumpkin Display. Shown here are the staff of the **Sycamore** Library that won the **Lions Club** President's Award.



The Bartlett Lions Club held a Drive-Thru Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 18, 2020. Despite the rain, they served over 300 pancake breakfast meals.



A VERY COLD Friday night at Randall Oaks for the Dundee Township Park District's Drive Through Halloween Spook-Tacular!

It was fun giving out candy, seeing the excited kids, and showing the community that our **Dundee Twp. Lions Club** is still out there serving its citizens!



This was the **Carter House** set up on Halloween. Lion Ed says, "We had a few kids, and were surprised about that. We got thanked for our "protective set-up." Notice Lion Sue's three "protectors" (dogs) at the door.

Malta Lion Denny Heinz had a full trailer of plastic bags and the club is well on their way to recycling 500 pounds of plastic for Trex Company, who makes composite outdoor



products.



(l to r) **Naperville Noon Lions Club** Pres. Lion Donna Kearney and Lion Jim Woodring working hard to collect donations for Candy Day under some difficult times. They even had some Lions out on the streets.



Past District 1-J Governor Nancy Rex (left) inducted Lion Mila Ferrer (c) into membership in the **Sandwich Lions Club**. Pictured on the right is Lion Mila's sponsor, Lion Pete Sprosty. (r) "When caring people join together, roll up their sleeves, and take action to make their community better, it's a beautiful thing—and an incredible feeling for everyone involved. That's Lions."



Westmont Lions Club President Lion Stella Qualizza (l) pins on a

Membership Key Award to Lion Shanu Ansari (r). This is the Membership Key Award which was sent by International President Dr Jung-Yul-Choi along with lines of praise.

Lion Pete Sproxty, Immediate Past President of the **Sandwich Lions Club**, presented Lion Kathy Potter with a plaque naming her Lion of the Year for the 2019-2020 Lion

Year. Potter's award represents exemplary service to the club and to the community.



Aurora Noon Lions Club member, Lion Joe Beary (l) and Club President Lion Arvid Meyer (r) hand out candy at the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry's Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat on October 28 at Aurora University's Spartan Athletic Park. Lions collected \$100 which was donated to the Food Pantry. *****



Salvation Army Corps Capt. Joaquin Rangel addresses the **Aurora Noon Lions Club** at the October 16 meeting at Luigi's Pizza in Aurora. The Salvation Army is anticipating a 50% drop in donations at its Red Kettles this year. Aurora Noon Lions will have a group of bell ringers ringing this Friday (November 13) at Jewel Osco, 1952 W. Galena from 10-6 PM to "rescue local kids" per Capt. Rangel. *****



Bartlett, Illinois Lions President Andy Watson and Secretary Joanne Watson were invited to attend a Zoom meeting of Lions Club Selebi Phikwe Mokomoto in Botswana, Africa. Lion Anil Patel attended the Bartlett Lions Zoom meeting in October. It makes the world a better place when Lions from across the world can come together and share ideas.

L to R Top: Lion Anil Patel Secretary cum Treasurer, Council Treasurer, President Lion Andy Watson, Secretary Lion Joanne Watson

L to R Middle: Lion President Nalinkant Parmar, Lion Stell Parmar, Past President Lion Jogendra Patel, Lion Panna Patel

L to R bottom: Past President and DC Environment Lion George Keini, Zone Chairperson Lion Kelly Disang



Three members of the **Bartlett Lions Club** gave their time and effort at the Wayne Township Food Pantry. They helped distribute 100 Thanksgiving dinners to Wayne Township families.

L to R Lions Joanne Watson, Andy Watson, Randy Zbasnik



Amy Hill, **Paris Lions Club**, received the District 1-M Lion of the Year Award from 1-M District Governor Bill Wallpe, during the District 1-M Virtual Forum on November 14, 2020.



Thanksgiving Basket Chairperson Patty and her Grandson Dax are seen loading the bread into the 20 Thanksgiving baskets delivered by the **Hardscrabble Lions of Streator**. The club followed social distancing guidelines, wore masks and made contactless deliveries. A special thanks goes to Lion Nicole and her family Chad, Addy and Dax



for doing the shopping. In addition, thanks is extended to President Donna's daughter Jennifer and her family for their assistance with deliveries. Lion Karyn's husband, Jack also helped with deliveries. Thank you Lions, family and friends for your time and energy.



The Ashkum Lions Club inducted two new members in the month of



September. Pictures left to right: Lion Daniel Nottke (sponsor for new Lion Channing), Channing Holtman (new member), Sheila Schmidt (new member), Lion Shelly Ponton (sponsor for new Lion Shelley) and Lion Randy Poskin, club secretary inducting the new members.



Frankfort is staying active as much as possible. Up until now, they were meeting in person for board meetings and both in-person and via Zoom for general meetings. The club has been fundraising as much as possible as well. Their local Jewel



collected money for two months for the club and two other local civic organizations. With the money collected, Jewel donated turkey dinners with all the sides to each organization. This was a bonus to our Thanksgiving food delivery as we were only planning to deliver gift cards. Families really appreciated the dinner along with a gift card. Another fundraising



opportunity for the club is that they have a member that works for Paypal who offers a corporate match up to \$2,500.00. They are raising money internally for that match (they are certain they will



reach their goal). The club is coordinating a December collection at Jewel, Dunkin Donuts, and the local BP so they can purchase gift cards for a Christmas delivery for local families in need. As well, they are partnering with the Chamber and a local business through a Tree Giving program. That event will take some coordination and requires a lot of effort on the club's part. They are hopeful that it will be

a success. The club has also collected coats for those in need. Lastly, one of our members started a Go Fund Me page to supplement the lost revenue from Wurst Fest. This is an ongoing initiative and will help increase revenue for our charities fund. Pictured here are pictures from Candy Day, the coat collection and delivering Turkey dinners and gift cards to those in need in their community.



Our blind friends Kim and Joe Kuster were delivered food today compliments of **Kiwanis** member Palermos Pizza and pasta in a joint effort with the **Frankfort Lions Club**.



The Hardscrabble Lions of Streator delivered 20 Thanksgiving Baskets, following social distancing guidelines, wearing masks and making contactless drop offs. Thank you to Project Chairperson Patty for her organization and thinking outside of the box to make this service project a reality. Club



members as well as family and friends assisted with deliveries. Thank you to all who assisted and served!

Morris Lions Club recently helped We Care distribute food for Thanksgiving meals for over 80 families. This food donation has



been a tradition for Morris Lions for over 20 years, but this year it became even more important. Eric Fisher of We Care explained that local food needs have increased during the pandemic. Fisher explained that We Care also has received many new requests for assistance with rent and utilities, so monetary donations are greatly appreciated to enable them to help local residents. The food provided included the traditional turkey plus sides and more food for the holidays. We Care staff Eric Fisher,

Lori Sandgren, and Wendy Easson were assisted by Morris Lions Larry and Joanne Johnson, and Alan and Judy Miller. The Lions program is coordinated by Lion George Roebuck, who also works with We Care for a Christmas Food and Gift program. Local residents are encouraged to make holiday donations to the Salvation Army through local stores, as the proceeds from those donations will stay with Morris We Care to help our residents, and the traditional bell ringing will not be possible this year.



Normal Lions Club had their quarterly Drive up & Drop Off Event to help their local Center for Hope Outreach Programs on 11/14. Also pictured: Lion Sandy McAuley receiving the Lions of Illinois



Foundation Fellow Award.



This year's Share the Feast was a big success, and greatly needed and appreciated by the community members we served! Great job to all who helped!!! – **Waterloo Lions Club.**



HSS HR Director, Trisha Hoagland and Executive Director, Anne King accepting a \$1,000 donation from the **Waterloo Lions Club.** Lions David Nottrott, President Sherry

Cates & Lions Marge Francois and Vanessa Stewart are pictured here. HSS has lost all United Way funding this year.



A big thank you to Lion Cheryl for the **Waterloo Lions Club** snowman lamppost entry for the annual Chamber of Commerce Lamppost decorating Contest!



St. Jacob Lions' Second Annual District Spooktacular Walk For Sight at the Saint Jacob Park was a huge success! The event had over 600 walkers "tricker or treaters" in attendance! A strong action plan for safety allowed for covid friendly outdoor activities. The event offered safe family fun games, hay rides, scarecrow invasion, live band "Wicked MoJo", DJ Papa G, trick or treating, shopping, food, raffles, 50/50, photo opportunities, pet parade, and pet contest! The Second Annual District





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Interested in being an event coordinator for 2021? This year we had an amazing turn out and such a great time! Together we can make next year even better!

Thank you to all the clubs who participated and volunteered and local businesses who sponsored to make this event possible! The event is hosted by Lion Guideon Richeson



1-CN Magic Unicorn

and Lion Suzy Bushur. Coordinated Activities by Lion Julie Merinda, Lion Lynn Morton, Lion Bernadette Sobczak, Lion Ross Bushur, Lion Stephanie Malench, and friends of the Lions Shannon Furfaro and Heidi Eichenseer.

Other local service clubs/ charity organizations who joined us at Spooktacular Walk: St Jacob/ Marine Jaycee Club, Highland Moose Club, Bikers Against Child Abuse, Triad Leo's Club, Shriners, Masonic Lodge Highland, St Jacob Legion and Auxiliary, St Jacob Fire Dept, St Jacob Park District-Military Appreciation Day, Village of St Jacob, Speak St Louis, Fr. McGivney Catholic High and Pound Pets. ****



Spooktacular Walk 2020



On November 21st, **District 1A** held their Zoom II Cabinet Meeting.



On November 10, 2020 District 1A held their brand new **Chicago**



Nurses for Diabetes Lions Clubs'
Charter Nite. Second International
Vice President Brian Sheean was
the Guest Speaker. *****