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Winter version of "Rockin' the Vest!!" Created by Lions
Camp at Teresita Pines, NE of Los Angeles.

Thoughts from the Council

Chairperson:



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

The calendar is flipping to March which means spring is almost upon us. After a very cold and snowy February, I know we are all looking forward to being able to get outside some more. This will also present more opportunities for our clubs to provide more services to our communities.

You will be seeing the notice for the MD-1 State Convention very soon. The decision to hold this year's convention virtually was made after discussions with the host hotel.

They indicated that it was not likely that gatherings of more than 50 would be approved by the time the convention rolled around. We would need a limit about 5 times that amount to hold a state convention. While we will miss meeting all our Lions friends in-person this year we will make the best of the situation and put together a good convention for the Lions of Illinois.

I am excited to announce that the MD-1 Lions of Illinois now have a YouTube channel. Here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMzSWIXd1HUmPufbwUx8lpw>

So far, we have two recordings available for viewing: the "MD-1 Virtually Speaking Forum" and the "Why Pay Dues" video put together by PDG Lori Bennett. We will be adding more content over time, but this is another great way to share information with the Lions in our state and elsewhere.

The COG Meeting was held on February 27 via Zoom due to the restrictions on the size of in-person gatherings currently in-place. The Governors were able to complete the business of the Lions of Illinois and I want to thank them for all their efforts during what has been a challenging Lions year.

It is important for your club to stay in-touch with each other during this time. 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. Another option is FreeConferenceCall.com.

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:



The snow is easily three feet deep and has been for several weeks. We have faced the isolation and confusion of COVID for months. The vaccine is available for some, but not yet for all. It seems we are moving in the right direction with businesses reopening, but will that continue? Wearing masks and social distancing has become the norm. Many have been ill and many have lost loved ones and friends. Grief can seem insurmountable. Work and school have been flipped 180 degrees. To say the least, this past year has been a challenge. It has also been a learning experience. As Lion Leaders, what have we learned that could be applied to our clubs and communities? Maybe, this could be a discussion topic for

your next Lions meeting? Here are just a few thoughts.

- Isolation can lead to frustration which can lead to feelings of despair and depression. The darkness can be overwhelming. Reach out to family, friends and yes our club members. A phone call, text, FaceTime or zoom call can lift spirits.
- Visits can be made safely on one side of the window or door. Drive through and drop off works for businesses. Lions are in the service business. Service can be provided via drive through and drop off. We just need to think creatively.

• Families, schools, and health services need support. It is not business as usual. Lions can listen and support, we just need to be willing to do it differently if what we have done in the past does not work in these times.

• Communities are in need. Lions have been meeting community needs for over 100 years. We have expertise in this area. As Lion Leaders, now is the time to share that expertise.

-jamawahl@yahoo.com

Lions Clubs International Report

February 27, 2021

International Board of Directors

The International Board of Directors will again have a virtual meeting for their scheduled meeting in April.

The Board has not met in person since the fall of 2019. There has been a lot of virtual meetings that have covered items for both LCI and



our Foundation, LCIF. Your Directors are all looking to get together as soon as possible.

Even though we are not meeting in person, the Board has been active in moving our association forward.

Over the last month your Executive Officers and Board of Directors have been busy, virtually working on some of the concerns that are facing the Association in these times. There was an overall drop in the association membership earlier in the year, but it has been turned around to bring us back over the 1.4M members that we had a year ago.

Several decisions were forwarded to the Board from the Executive Officers for their approval. The following resolutions were passed unanimously. They are:

1. Charter and entrance fees are waived from January 1- June 30, 2021

2. No clubs in good standing on December 31, 2020 will be suspended or canceled through June 30,

2021 for late payment of dues. Full payment is required to be received before June 30, 2021 to avoid suspension or cancellation. Note that clubs that are placed on financial suspension on December

31, 2020 will remain on suspension until full balance is paid. Those clubs will still need to address their outstanding dues or make arrangements for repayment with the Accounts Receivable Department at LCI to avoid cancellation scheduled for March 31, 2021.

The Bridging Program for a Lioness Club to transition to a Lions Club will continue until June 30, 2021.

The Board is looking to keep the transition continuing and looks forward to having more Lioness Clubs become Lions Clubs. As part of their name, "Lioness" can be part of it - an example is "Our Town LionessLions Club".

International Convention - 2021

Due to the continuing concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Directors have voted to transition the 2021 International Convention in Montreal from in person to a virtual event. The event will be totally online from June 25-29, 2021. The following are some of the details that are available and after the Board Meeting in April there will

be more to follow. For now, they are:

- The 2021 Convention will be virtual and offered to all Lions and Leos around the world

- The registration fee will be US\$50.00 until March 31, 2021, then US\$75.00 beginning April 1, 2021.

The registration fee for Leos will be a flat US\$30.00. On-line registration is available.

- Lions that are currently registered for the convention will receive an email from LCI with additional information about their registrations.

- District Governors, District Governor elects and Past International Officers will be directly contacted by Lions Clubs International for their registration.

- There will be a virtual Parade of Nations. Information will be coming to the council chair to explain what needs to happen.

- The election of Executive Officers, International Directors, and the voting on Constitutional

Resolutions will be conducted electronically. More details will follow as to the procedures that will be followed.

- The convention updates and agenda will be posted on the LCICON website as they become available.

By now the District Governors, Governor-Elects and the Past International Officers should have received a registration form from Lions Clubs International. The Lions that had registered for the In Person Convention should have received a letter with the option to register for the virtual convention. For those who have not registered, the website is opening to do that now. Please remind your Lions that will be delegates, that they need to be registered for the virtual convention.

The delegate count per club is still 1 delegate for every 25 members or the majority thereof. The Club and District Present and Past Officers do not become an automatic delegate from their club.

Delegate forms will need to be filled out and submitted online. More information to follow.

Proposed Resolutions for the 2021 - Montreal International Convention

1. Election of Officers

As mentioned earlier, the elections of Officers and International Directors will be conducted electronically. This convention you will be voting for the President and Second Vice President of the Association along with five Directors for Constitutional Area

1. Information will be following as to the virtual election procedures.

2. Annual Dues Adjustment

The proposed resolution is:

Effective July 1, 2022 the semi-annual dues from \$21.50 to \$23.00 for a total of \$46.00 per year instead of \$43.00 per year (\$3.00 increase). Effective July 1, 2023, LCI dues will increase to \$24.00 semi-annually or \$48.00 per year. Effective July 1, 2024, LCI dues will increase to \$25.00 semiannually or \$50.00 per year.

This is a \$7.00 increase over three years with no planned concurrent escalator after that.

Lions Clubs International Foundation

The Foundation has been able to award grants for COVID-19 Emergency Grants as well as the grants that are commonly available to the district. Campaign 100 is slowly advancing to our goal of \$300M by June 30, 2022. As of Friday, February 19, 2021, the campaign has reached \$191.5M or 63.8%.

I would like to thank IPDG Joni McMillan for her initiative a virtual fund raiser known as "Let us Make a Difference". Through this event Districts are able to participate and the proceeds are going to Campaign 100. Thank you!

District and Multiple District Conventions

Just a reminder that if you have changed your convention from an in person to a virtual convention or you have completely changed the date, please get with your International Speaker so they are

aware of the change. A number of other Districts have done this and not contacted the speaker to see if he or she is available to participate in their convention. Personally, I have had this happen and there are a couple of other Directors that have had the same experience. If you need any help, please contact me. Right now, I am in daily conversation with the other directors in rescheduling our visits.

I have confirmed that PIP Clem Kusiak will be participating at the MD1 State Convention this May. Once again he is looking forward to being with the Lions in Illinois. Brenda and I will be unable to participate, since I have an in person visit in California that weekend. I am confident that the convention will be a success for our Multiple.

These decisions to change the format in a convention is not easy but must be made by the District Leaders.

The same holds true for our clubs. Many of them may not be meeting or staying in contact with their members. I am afraid that when the

time comes, they will have a hard time restarting. I ask that our District Leaders, especially the Region and Zone Chairs reach out and talk to those clubs. Encourage them to prepare for that restart and make sure that their members' needs are taken care of. It is time to serve those – our members so they are there to help those in need of our service – the community.

So, continue the great work that can be done under these conditions. Congratulations to the New Clubs that have been chartered during the re-start. This is a great start for our Multiple and I hope that this will encourage others to see what can be accomplished in the last 6 months. Hopefully 6 more? Just think, how great it would be if the State could be even or maybe plus one for this year.

One day we will have a great celebration in person and look back on what was learned and what was accomplished over the months of this pandemic. Stay safe and healthy.....

**-Lion Bob Block,
International Director**



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Persons interested in the position of Chairperson of the Council of Governors for the 2021-2022 Lions year are being sought.

To be eligible, a candidate must be a Past District Governor, having served as an MD-1 Governor with one of the previous five Council years (2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021) or be a sitting Governor on the 2021-2022 Council. The Council Chairperson for 2021-2022 also must be from a District other than the current Chairperson's District (District 1-BK). 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 and By-Laws and the Policy Manual, both of which are posted on the MD-1 website, www.illinoislionsMD1.org.

Candidates must send a letter of intent and a resume to the State Office to be received no later than March 31st, 2021 in order to be considered for the position. The mailing and email address for the State Office is listed below. Applicants will be advised by mail, e-mail or telephone of the time and location of their interview.

LIONS OF ILLINOIS, INC.
828 South 2nd Street, Suite 101
Springfield, IL 62704
[**sst@illinoislionsmd1.org**](mailto:sst@illinoislionsmd1.org)



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Applicants for **State Committee Chairpersons** for the 2021-2022 Lions year are being accepted.

To be eligible to serve as a Chairperson of a State Committee, 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 of if they are not in favor of any applicant.

Positions are for a one-year term unless denoted otherwise. A brief description of the duties and responsibilities of each State Committee Chairperson may be found in the Lions of Illinois Policy Manual, which is posted on the MD-1 website, www.illinoislionsMD1.org, along with a list of the current State Committee Chairpersons. Candidates must send a letter of intent specifying the State Committee Chairperson position being sought and a resume to the State Office, which is to be received no later than **March 31, 2021** in order to be considered for the position. The mailing and e-mail address for the State Office is listed below. Applicants will be advised by mail, e-mail or telephone of the time and location of their interview.

Applications are being accepted for the following State Committee Chairperson positions:

**Global Service Team
Global membership Team
Global Leadership Team
Campaign & Liaison
Constitution & By-Laws
2022 International Convention**

**Information Technology
Leo & Youth Activities/Quest
Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP)
2022 State Convention
State Magazine**

Applications also are being accepted to fill positions (1 or 2 depending on expiring terms) on the **Finance Committee**, which is a three-year term beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024.

Applications also are being accepted to fill the **Council Parliamentarian** position, which is for a one-year term.

Please submit letters of intent and resumes to:

**LIONS OF ILLINOIS, INC.
828 South 2nd Street, Suite 101
Springfield, IL 62704
sst@illinoislionsmd1.org**

International Convention:

Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Although we are disappointed that we will not be able to host this event in person, we are excited about hosting our first virtual international convention that can safely connect Lions from around the world. We are still finalizing the details of your new convention experience and will share those with you as soon as they are ready.

Here are some important details about the 2021 virtual convention we would like to share with you:

Everyone is invited – Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that is open to all Lions and Leos around the world.

Registration fees – The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.

Current registrants – Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.

Elections – Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically and voting procedures will be forthcoming.

Convention updates – Check our convention website LCIcon for convention updates and details as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and

continue our global mission of service.

We appreciate your understanding during this challenging time for our organization and the world and thank you for your incredible service as a Lion.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

Match That Raffle for LCIF

Lions really like raffles. Bring out a stack of tickets, and they willingly part with a dollar, a five dollar bill or a twenty. It is really most of the time not the prize, or the chance, it is the support of causes Lions are supporting.

So, how about the next time that happens you add a small amount to a donation for Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering? You win every time. Over 90% of what that donation earns goes to service.

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

1-A: Lion Joan McMillan, R: (708) 389-590, C: (708)539-3297
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1-BK: Lion John Joseph Honiotes, PDG, R: (815) 725-6307, C: (815) 508-9746
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1-CN: Lion Lydia Ellis, PCC, C:
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1-M: Lion Kevin Mendenhall,
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Also, if you are having a meeting, either virtually or in person, your district chairperson would be glad to tell you more about our International Foundation and the assistance it provides every day. All in your name as a Lion. Please consider supporting the campaign.

The Lions of Illinois financial statements

The Lions of Illinois financial statements for the Lions year ending on June 30, 2020 have been audited by accounting firm SIKICH in Springfield, IL and a synopsis of our financial situation from that audit is shown within this magazine.

It is the opinion of the auditing firm, the financial statements referred to present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of

Lions of Illinois, Inc. as of June 30, 2020, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

One item to note not shown in the financials is our commitment for an operating lease for the Lions of Illinois State Office.

The Lions office is leased under an operating lease that requires monthly payments of \$500 through July 2024. Rent expense for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 was \$6,000 and \$0, respectively. Future minimum rental payments under the terms of this lease are as follows as of June 30: 2021 \$6,000 /

2022 \$6,000 / 2023 \$6,000 / 2024 \$6,000 / 2025 \$500 / for a total of \$24,500

The Finance Committee has reviewed this audit as has the Council of Governors and both agree with its contents.

LIONS OF ILLINOIS, INC.
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2020 and 2019

ASSETS			
		2020	2019
Cash	\$	679,552	\$ 625,003
Accounts receivable		-	15,773
Prepaid expenses		727	727
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	680,279	\$ 641,503
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
Accounts payable	\$	-	\$ 8,313
Grant payable		662	662
Total liabilities		662	8,975
NET ASSETS			
Without donor restrictions			
Designated			
Building		171,312	170,622
International Convention		58,725	38,818
State Magazine		36,121	28,487
Promotion		77,964	73,518
2017 International Convention		20,692	20,633
Total designated		364,814	332,078
Undesignated		314,803	300,450.00
Total net assets		679,617	632,528
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	680,279	\$ 641,503

See the accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

LIONS OF ILLINOIS, INC.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
REVENUES AND SUPPORT			
Member dues	\$ 136,088	\$ -	\$ 136,088
Pins	2,013	-	2,013
Interest	2,142	-	2,142
Other	6,819	-	6,819
Total revenues and support	<u>147,062</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>147,062</u>
EXPENSES			
Programs and Member Services	78,317	-	78,317
General and Administrative	21,656	-	21,656
Total expenses	<u>99,973</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,973</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	47,089	-	47,089
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>632,528</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>632,528</u>
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 679,617</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 679,617</u>

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LIONS OF ILLINOIS, INC.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
REVENUES AND SUPPORT			
Member dues	\$ 140,045	\$ -	\$ 140,045
State convention	23,154	-	23,154
Pins	2,654	-	2,654
MD-1 Forum	3,917	-	3,917
Interest	1,808	-	1,808
Other	9,701	-	9,701
Total revenues and support	<u>181,279</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>181,279</u>
EXPENSES			
Programs and Member Services	151,382	-	151,382
General and Administrative	19,043	-	19,043
Total expenses	<u>170,425</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>170,425</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	10,854	-	10,854
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>621,674</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>621,674</u>
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 632,528</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 632,528</u>

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LIONS OF ILLINOIS, INC.

STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2019

	2020			2019		
	Program and Member Services	General and Administrative	Total	Programs and Member Services	General and Administrative	Total
Salaries and benefits	\$ 17,921	\$ 1,991	\$ 19,912	\$ 34,768	\$ 3,863	\$ 38,631
Meetings and travel	43,061	-	43,061	96,255	-	96,255
Promotional	4,520	-	4,520	6,502	-	6,502
Magazine editor	6,000	-	6,000	6,000	-	6,000
State pins	2,383	-	2,383	4,446	-	4,446
Office expenses	4,432	492	4,924	3,411	379	3,790
Professional fees	-	10,344	10,344	-	7,400	7,400
Insurance	-	-	-	-	1,427	1,427
Facilities and Equipment	-	6,000	6,000	-	-	-
Bad debt	-	-	-	-	4,591	4,591
Other	-	2,829	2,829	-	1,383	1,383
	<u>\$ 78,317</u>	<u>\$ 21,656</u>	<u>\$ 99,973</u>	<u>\$ 151,382</u>	<u>\$ 19,043</u>	<u>\$ 170,425</u>

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LIONS OF ILLINOIS, INC.**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

For the Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2019

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	\$ 47,089	\$ 10,854
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash flows from operating activities:		
Bad debt	-	4,591
Change in operating assets and liabilities		
Accounts receivable	15,773	(15,773)
Accounts payable	(8,313)	(13,006)
Grant payable	-	(4,504)
Net cash flows from operating activities	<u>\$4,549</u>	<u>(17,838)</u>
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$4,549	(17,838)
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>625,003</u>	<u>642,841</u>
CASH, END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 679,552</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 625,003</u></u>

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LIONS OF ILLINOIS, INC.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

		Designated				Undesignated			
		2017		2017		2017		2017	
		International Convention	State Magazine	Promotion	International Convention	Total Designated	Administrative	Residual	Total
REVENUE AND SUPPORT									
Member dues	\$ -	\$ 20,411	\$ 15,066	\$ 6,803	\$ -	\$ 40,820	\$ 95,268	\$ -	\$ 136,088
Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,013	-	2,013
Interest	690	36	28	268	24	1,046	198	898	2,142
Other	-	-	-	-	35	35	6,784	-	6,819
Total revenues and support	690	20,447	15,094	7,071	59	41,901	104,263	898	147,062
EXPENSES									
Committee Meetings	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,743	-	11,743
State convention	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,550	-	7,550
Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,731	-	29,731
Midwest breakfast	-	-	-	-	-	-	400	-	400
Facilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,000	-	6,000
Office	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,268	-	15,268
State magazine	-	-	6,000	-	-	6,000	-	-	6,000
Employment	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,912	-	19,912
International convention	-	540	-	-	-	540	-	-	540
Other	-	-	-	2,625	-	2,625	204	-	2,829
Total expenses	-	540	6,000	2,625	-	9,165	90,808	-	99,973
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	690	19,907	7,634	4,446	59	32,746	13,455	898	47,089
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	170,022	38,818	28,487	73,418	20,633	332,078	78,329	222,121	632,538
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 171,312	\$ 58,725	\$ 36,121	\$ 77,864	\$ 20,692	\$ 364,814	\$ 91,784	\$ 223,019	\$ 679,617

See Independent Auditor's Report on Supplementary Information.

LIONS OF ILLINOIS, INC.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Designated					Undesignated		
	Building	International Convention	State Magazine	Promotion	International Convention	Total Designated	Administrative	Residual
REVENUE AND SUPPORT								
Member dues	\$ -	\$ 21,004	\$ 14,002	\$ 7,001	\$ -	\$ 42,007	\$ 98,028	\$ -
State convention	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,154	-
Plus	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,654	-
MD-I Forum	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,917	-
Interest	882	30	24	206	20	882	168	758
Other	-	-	-	-	50	50	9,651	-
Total revenues and support	582	21,034	14,026	7,207	70	42,909	137,382	758
EXPENSES								
Committee Meetings	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,208	-
State convention	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,819	-
Council	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,716	-
Midwest breakfast	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,730	-
Office	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,415	-
State magazine	-	-	6,000	-	-	6,000	-	-
Employment	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,631	-
International convention	-	10,451	-	-	-	10,451	-	-
MD-I Forum	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,758	-
Bad debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,591	-
Other	\$ -	-	-	6,502	-	6,502	499	-
Total expenses	\$ -	\$ 12,331	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,502	\$ -	\$ 25,058	\$ 145,367	\$ -
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	582	8,483	8,026	725	70	17,886	(7,785)	758
TRANSFERS	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4,886)	4,886
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	170,045	30,335	30,461	72,703	20,563	314,107	81,000	216,477
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 170,627	\$ 38,818	\$ 28,487	\$ 73,428	\$ 20,633	\$ 332,078	\$ 78,329	\$ 222,121
								\$ 632,538

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Lions of Illinois, Inc.
Resolution 1

**To Amend the Lions of Illinois Constitution & By Laws
By Laws - Article II, Duties, Section 11, subsection a & f.**

Subject: Publication of Council of Governors' Minutes and Finances. This proposed amendment would clarify the requirement for providing transparency in the action of the Council of Governors as well as provide periodic information on the Lions of Illinois, Inc. finances.

WHEREAS, the Lions of Illinois have a vested interest in their State's operations; and,

WHEREAS, there is/are documented copies of the Council of Governors meetings; and,

WHEREAS, there is not and should not be any secrecy in the Council of Governor's meetings; and,

WHEREAS, an informed Lion is a good Lion; and,

WHEREAS, the financial health of the Lions of Illinois is important to and affects every Lion in Illinois;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lions of Illinois, Inc. Bylaws, Article II, Section 11, subsections "a" and "f" be amended as follows. Bold Italic type is to be added. Bold Italic crossed out type is to be removed.

**Article II
Duties**

Section 11: State Secretary – Treasurer. Section 11, Paragraph (a) be amended to include the following: "Under the supervision and direction of the State Council of Governors, the State Secretary-Treasurer shall:

(a) keep an accurate and permanent record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Council and forward a copy of the minutes of the meetings to each member of the Council, ~~and~~ to Lions Clubs International and to the state magazine editor for a synoptic and/or edited publication in the Lions of Illinois State Magazine;

(f) submit to the Council at each of its meetings for approval financial reports and a summary of accounts; and to publish in the Lions of Illinois Magazine a redacted/edited account of monies brought in to each account and the balance on hand of each account.

Lions of Illinois, Inc.
Resolution 2

**To Amend the Lions of Illinois Constitution & By Laws
By Laws - Article III, Standing Committees, Section 1**

Subject: Limitation on serving – This language removes the restriction of serving on committees and places that decision on the District Governor.

WHEREAS, the Lions of Illinois amended our By-Laws at the 2018 State Convention to include the following language, "No Standing Committee member shall serve more than three years on any Standing Committee; and,

WHEREAS, this language, as written, causes concern; and,

WHEREAS, it is often difficult to find Lions willing to serve on many committees both District and State, and;

Whereas, limiting the service of those Lions who are willing to serve on committees may make finding replacements difficult, and;

Whereas, this service time limit could force unwanted vacancies on said committees, and;

WHEREAS, certain Standing Committees require special knowledge or skills; and,

WHEREAS, many of the committee members are appointed by the District Governors, and this language impacts their ability to appoint the committee members of their choice that best represent their Districts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lions of Illinois, Inc. Bylaws, Article III, Section 1 be amended as follows.

**Article III
Duties**

Section 1, The sentence, "No Standing Committee member shall serve more than three years on any Standing Committee, with the exception of the GLT, GMT, GST, and Finance Committees whose members shall serve one three-year term as is provided hereinafter." be stricken and replaced with the following language.

All State Committee Chairs and members shall be appointed to a one-year term, except for those Committees with longer terms as further defined in this Article III.

Lions of Illinois, Inc.
Resolution 3

**To Amend the Lions of Illinois Constitution & By Laws
Constitution – Article VI, State Organization, Section 7 and
By Laws - Article III, Standing Committees, Section 11**

Subject: Alternative meeting formats - This resolution will clarify the alternative formats for holding various meetings held by the Council and various committees of Multiple District 1.

Whereas, Multiple District-1 current Constitution and By-Laws allows for teleconference meetings following certain protocols as an alternative to having a face to face meeting; and

Whereas, there are other alternative meeting formats available; and

Whereas, clarity in the Constitution and By-Laws is essential to eliminate any disagreement on its intent;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lions of Illinois, Inc. Constitution, Article VI, Section 7 and Bylaws, Article III, Section 11 be amended as follows.

Constitution

Article VI – State Organization

Section 7. Alternative electronic meeting formats. Regular and Special Council of Governors Meetings/ Executive Committee Meetings/State Committee Meetings may be conducted by alternative electronic meeting formats. Alternative electronic meetings shall be subject to all rules outlined in the Lions of Illinois Policy Manual as adopted to govern such meetings, which may include any reasonable limitations on, and requirements for, members' participation. Any such rules adopted shall supersede any conflicting rules in the parliamentary authority. At alternative electronic meetings, any votes required under the rules shall be conducted through individual recognition by each member during the call.

And

By-Laws

Article III – Standing Committees

Section 11. Committee alternative electronic meeting formats. The procedure for Committee alternative electronic meetings shall be identical with the provisions provided for in Article VI, Section 7 of the Constitution of this State

Lions of Illinois, Inc.
Resolution 4

**To Amend the Lions of Illinois Constitution & By Laws
By-Laws – Article III, Standing Committees, Section 1**

Subject: Conflicting language – This resolution will eliminate conflicting language pertaining to the appointment of the Chair to the Finance Committee.

Whereas, Multiple District-1 Constitution and By-Laws is one of the guiding documents for our organization; and

Whereas, This document should be clear and concise with no conflicting language; and

Whereas, conflicting language has been found;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lions of Illinois, Inc. By-Laws, Article III, Section 1 be amended as follows.

By-Laws
Article III – Standing Committees

Section 1. Unless otherwise appointed by LCI or approved for terms of more than one year, the Chairperson of each Standing committee shall be appointed annually by the State Council (with the approval of LCI if necessary), and with the exception of the Chairperson of the Long Range Planning Committee, who will be the Immediate Past Council Chairperson and the Finance Committee Chairperson who will be elected as spelled out in Section 8 below.

Congratulations to the LIF Virtual Car Show Winners 2021!

Winners Chosen by the 2 District Trustees and District Governor

District 1-A Winners

1. **1917 Model T Ford**
Owner: Howard Schnitzer
2. **1930 Ford Model A Tudor**
Owner: Jeff and Desi White
3. **1961 Metropolitan Coupe**
Owner: Bill Latham for Willow Springs LC

District 1-BK Winners

1. **1968 Chevrolet Impala Custom**
Owner: Bryan Leopold
2. **1930 Model A**
Owner: John and Becky Kehoe
3. **1949 Dodge Business Coupe**
Owner: Karen and Ken Zink

District 1-CN Winners

1. **Red and White Panel Truck**
Owner: Bobbie Stroebe
2. **1931 Ford Model A**
Owner: Brian Barackman
3. **1972 Pontiac Le Mans**
Owner: Sharon Hayden

District 1-CS Winners

1. **1939 Chevy**
Owner: Mary Arview
2. **1951 Chevy Pickup**
Owner: Mary Arview
3. **1966 Pontiac GTO**
Owner: Ed Holsapple

District 1-D Winners

1. **1967 Camaro**
Owner: Ron Bickford
2. **1978 Chevy Short Box**
Owner: Ricky Mueller
3. **1978 Z28 Camaro**
Owner: Ron Bickford

District 1-F Winners

1. **1967 Mustang GT**
Owner: Ray Salata
2. **1968 Corvette**
Owner: Michael Butera
3. **1965 Mustang**
Owner: Harold Flood

District 1-G Winners

1. **1968 Chevy C10**
Owner: Doug Sill
2. **1965 AMC Ambassador Convertible**
Owner: Ed Campbell
3. **Black Roadster**
Owner: Barry Deatherage

District 1-H Winners

1. **1989 Pierce Javelin**
Owner: Silvis Lions Club
2. **1972 Plymouth Satellite**
Owner: Doug Palmer
3. **No Participant**

District 1-J Winners

1. **1935 Chevy Sedan**
Owner: Jim Worrell
2. **1961 Corvette**
Owner: Michael Embrey
3. **1924 Ford T-Bucket**
Owner: Ron Bychowski

District 1-M Winners

1. **1960 Chevy BelAir**
Owner: Bradley Totten
2. **1963 Pontiac Le Mans**
Owner: Bill Lucas
3. **No Participant**

LIF Virtual Car Show 2021

DIRECTORS CHOICE AWARDS

1st Place Winner

1966 Pontiac GT

Owner: Ed Holsapple

2nd Place Winner

1965 AMC Ambassador

Owner: Ed Campbell

3rd Place Winner

1967 Mustang GT

Owner: Ray Salata

**Congratulations to all the winners of the
2021 LIF Virtual Car Show!**

*If you have been chosen as either a Directors Choice Award Winner
or one of the District Winners, please message us
your name, car make and model and mailing address.*

THE NEW NORM? AN INSIGHT.

By Lion Larry McGuire

Ah yes. I, like you, cannot wait for COVID-19 and its mutating variants to leave this planet and we can all return to our once normal daily routines. We miss having actual face-to-face meetings. We miss being involved in our club activities. We miss serving others. We miss our fundraisers and mingling with the public. We miss our district, state and International conventions where once we conducted business, elected officers, and socialized.

Yet when we speak of returning to normal, we often hear that phrase followed with the "The new normal." What is the new normal these people speak of? Does this mean we will never personally socialize? Does this mean there will never be another hospitality room at a convention? Does this mean we will forever wear facemasks and socially distance?

Lions members are a social group. We like to meet and talk with each other. We like to tell a joke and laugh. We like breaking bread with each other. We like to do good within our communities. We like to. . . Well, the list could grow exponentially.

We may now be experiencing a foretaste of the new normal. Businesses are already defining a part of the new norm and their way of doing business may well become our (Lions Clubs) way of doing business.

The possibility of holding our conventions in person may return. But working from home could become the new norm. For us it could be having committee meetings via Zoom, GoToMeeting, etc. Already your Lions of Illinois Global Leadership and Global Membership

Teams are virtually meeting. This gives us all a vehicle to share ideas immediately and virtually face-to-face.

Presently many governors' cabinets are meeting virtually. That may or may not stay. In districts that are geographically large, E.G.: District 1-CS and 1-M, could stay virtual to cut down on travel and expenses. The same idea could apply to regional and zone meetings. If a statewide or districtwide standing or ad hoc committee is required to meet, it is possible a virtual meeting will work. Again, saving travel and expenses.

Will the council of governors become permanently virtual? I doubt so. Like Lions Clubs International's directors' meetings, there are some aspects that require face-to-face gatherings. Yet, just as mentioned above, individual committees could meet virtually saving an expense and travel.

If your governor needs to speak with you and mileage and time separate you, a virtual meeting could suffice. This writer's opinion is that virtual is better than telephonic as you are able to see each other and see facial reactions.

So, this is a possibility of what the so-called new norm will look like. But the new norm has not arrived and is yet to be experienced. Thus, this could all change. The new norm could come to face-to-face gatherings with social parameters in place.

What do you think the new norm will be? For one thing, you will have to come to embrace technology.



ST. PATRICK'S 10-DAY RAFFLE

Sponsored by the
Lake Villa Township
Lions Club



\$10.00



Nightly drawing March 8 through March 17

Winner payout:

Day 1 \$50	Day 2 \$25	Day 3 \$25	Day 4 \$100	Day 5 \$25
Day 6 \$50	Day 7 \$25	Day 8 \$25	Day 9 \$25	Day 10 \$250

Each ticket purchased has 10 chances to win

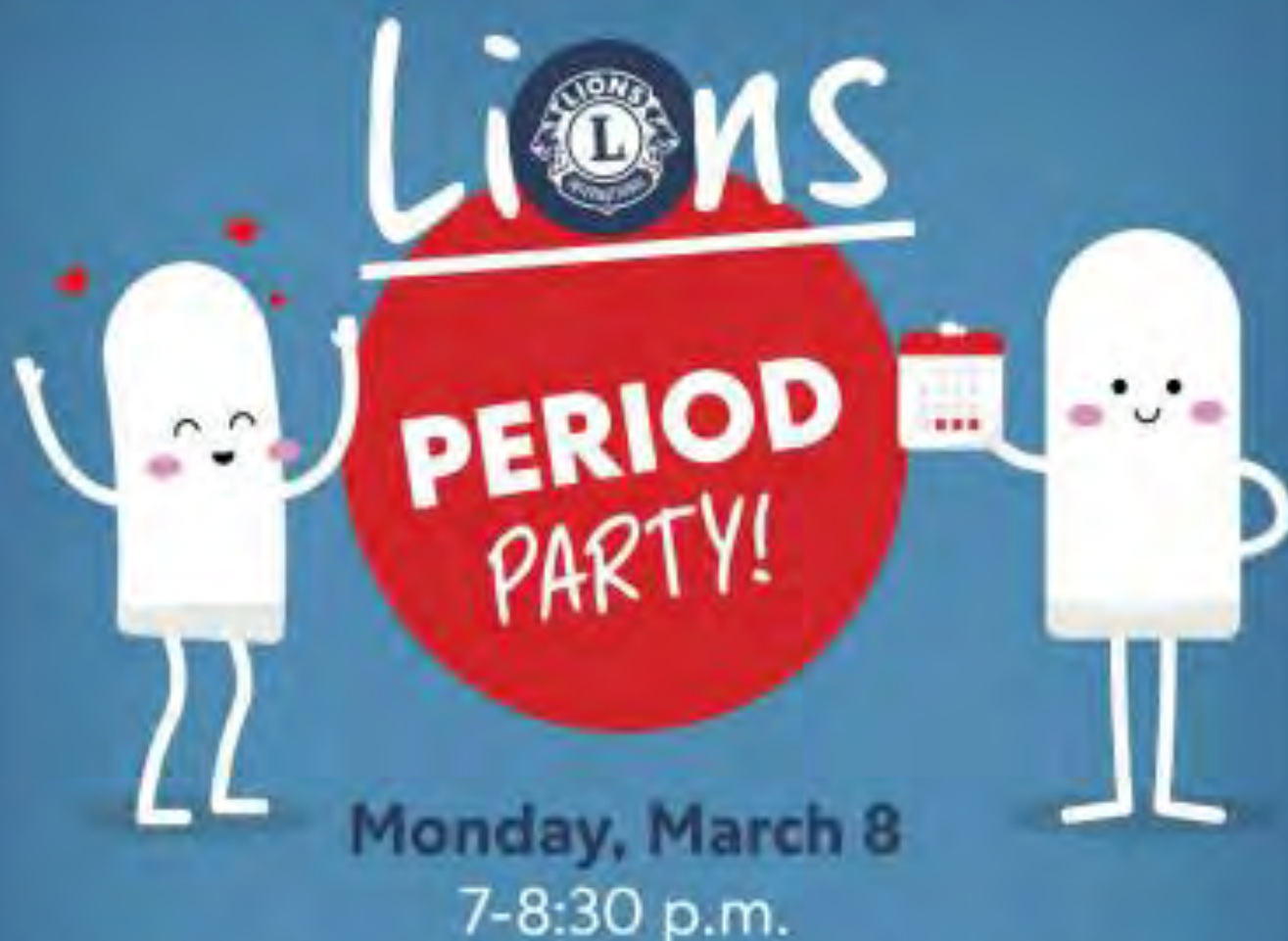
Winner drawn at 7pm each night on Facebook Live @ Lake Villa Township Lions

All proceeds benefit our community & communities throughout the state

Lake Villa raffle license pursuant to Ord. 2007-9-01

Tickets may be purchased at Bill Stanley's American Family insurance, 111 Cedar Ave, Lake Villa; The Law Offices of Dan Venturi, 146 Cedar Ave, Lake Villa; from any Lake Villa Township Lion or online at lakevillalions.org or Facebook at [Lake Villa Township Lions Club](https://www.facebook.com/LakeVillaTownshipLionsClub).

Sponsored by Chicago Windy City Lions Club and Berwyn Lions Club



Wear red, pour yourself a drink and join us as we discuss Women in Leadership and play trivia.

Donate funds for menstrual products through Venmo (@WindyCityLions) or PayPal (to windycitylions@gmail.com), or purchase products through Chicago Windy City Lions Club's Amazon Wish List.

Physical donations of menstrual products can be dropped off on March 6 from 12-5 p.m. at The Outta Space in Berwyn.

All products collected and funds raised will be donated to Sarah's Inn, Housing Forward and COPE Domestic Violence Shelter.

Tip: Open to Women This year's event is virtual but in past years The Outta Space has hosted this event. Like all arts venues, they continue to be affected by COVID-19. Please consider "tipping" The Outta Space via Venmo (@Aaron-Mitchell-70) or PayPal (@TheOuttaSpace).



Search Windy City Lions on Facebook for more info.



GET IN THE SWING OF THINGS!

SPONSOR A HOLE

AT THE THORNTON LIONS GOLF OUTING



WHEN: June 13, 2021

WHERE: Glenwoodie Golf Course

TIME: 1:00 PM Shotgun

WHY: Great Publicity! Over 80 Golfers

COST: \$100.00 Per Hole

All sponsors need to commit by June 01, 2021. This is a golden opportunity for your local business to publicize to over 80 golfers and dinner guests. Special recognition will be given to all sponsors. Along with your check please enclose a copy of your company logo or business card for your sign.

Checks for sponsorship should be made payable to: Thornton Lions Club. Mail all checks to: Lion Vaughn Lagestee, 1222 East 171st Court, South Holland, IL 60473

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

THANK YOU,
Lion Vaughn Lagestee
Cell (708) 850-0145

DOOR PRIZES ARE ALSO WELCOME





1st Annual Benefit

POOL TOURNAMENT

Saturday March 20 2021

9-BALL

5th Street Billiards Bar & Grill
200 N. 5th Street Dupu IL 62239

618.601.1321

TO SIGN UP

Doors Open at 8am

Play starts at 1pm Sharp

Sign up NOW to Noon on Tourney Day

Entry Fee \$40 • Side Pot \$10

Owners will add \$1,000 based on full field
of 64 OR \$500 BASED ON FULL 32 FIELD.

PLAYER GIFT BAGS!

SILENT
AUCTION

Drink
Specials

50/50
RAFFLES

Great
Food

Served
All Day!



Thank You
for your
Participation!



CARE. SHARE. GIVE A PAIR

Grand Prairie Elementary & Frankfort Lion's Club have partnered to collect sock donations that will directly benefit the families of the Frankfort Township Food Pantry.

NEW SOCKS OF ALL AGES, SIZES, & GENDERS ARE APPRECIATED.

Bring a pair or bring a pack! All pairs will be counted. Please have your child submit any sock donations to his/her homeroom teacher. The class that brings in the most sock donations will be treated to a special surprise!

Collection runs from February 17 – March 15



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

Bradley Lions Club

Honey Baked Ham

Dinner with

Easter Bunny



Date: March 13, 2021

Time: 4-7 pm

American Legion

835 W Broadway, Bradley IL

Come have dinner and take your picture with the Easter Bunny.

Tickets are \$10

Children under 10 \$ 5

Children Under 3 Free

Dine in or carry out available.

815-932-9180

Tickets can be purchased on line or at the following businesses

www.eventbrite.com/e/bradley-lions-club-honey-baked-ham-dinner-with-the-easter-bunny-tickets-141567603513

Honey Baked Ham, 538 Main St NW, Bourbonnais

Glass Works, 1034 W Broadway, Bradley

United Disposal, 1000 E Liberty, Bradley

American Family Insurance, 352 W Broadway, Bradley

District 1-F Bowling Tournament

Sunday, March 21st

10:00AM and 3:00PM

\$20 a person or \$80 per team until March 12

\$25 a person or \$100 per team after March 12

Lakeside Recreational Lanes

900 South Lake Street

Mundelein, IL

Teams of 4

Play for fun or play for the challenge

We will have raffles between 10:00PM-1:00PM
and a separate 50/50 during each session

Space is limited; please sign up as soon as possible

Questions:

please call Lion Maggie Jabeck

847-708-3901 or

maggie.jabeck@yahoo.com



Lions of Illinois Foundation Tootsie Pop Day CLUB UPDATE

Greetings Lions,

Like all of our Fundraisers, we have a date we post to assist with advertising, May 1st and May 2nd was scheduled for Tootsie Pop Day.

A club can choose to hold their event at a time that is best for their club and their communities. This is such an ill-defined time and we are unsure of when we will be back to our regular schedules, so your dates may vary.

We have shipped out Tootsie Pops and related materials to several clubs already. They will make the decision as to when the event will take place.

We will continue to ship out Candy and related Materials when a club indicates that those items are needed.

Please let Dianne Ortega dortega@lifnd.org know if any items are needed and we will ship them out immediately. Forms can be found on our website

www.LionsOfIllinoisFoundation.org

We are still able to receive mail and ship out your Candy and Materials through UPS.

Thank you for your patience,
we are here to support you. Stay Safe.

Thank You for All That You Do!

Trish Fisher
Executive Director





Our three newest **Bradley Lions** were sworn in last night by PDG Steve La Gesse. Left to right, Sponsor Lion Joe Marek, new Lion Jolene Wilkins, sponsor Lion Faye Marek, new Lion Debbie Stark, new Lion Angie Crane, and her sponsor Lion Lorna Page.



The Highland Lions typically name their Lion of the Year at their installation and awards banquet in June. 2020, need we say, was an unusual year and we did not hold our awards banquet. At our Lions

Membership meeting on February 9, 2021, Immediate past President and Lion of the Year for 2018– 2019 Gary Kreutzberg presented the Lion of the Year Plaque to Lion Tom Mannion. Tom has been a member since 1997. He can always be counted on to work a shift on club projects. For the last five years he has been the chairman of Candy Day, the largest fundraiser for the Lions of Illinois Foundation. Tom is 1st vice president and has served on the Board of Directors.



This is the "crew" at **Elburn Lions Club** that puts together those "to go dinners."

Yes, it was cold that day when the **Malta Lions** helped customers with the Mobile Grow items.



about it — isn't it true?



There's a new Lion in the **Wheaton Lions Club**, Lion Dave Olson, who was sponsored by Lion Jim Mathieson.



Real heros at Westmont Lions Club! Always ready to help – (l to r) President Stella Qualizza, Lion Dan Buczkowski, Lion John Karesh, and Lion Mark Zayed.



Elgin Lions hard at work helping out at Northern IL Food Bank.

Remember all the restaurants and small businesses that you've asked for years and years to donate to your clubs, events, and organizations? They're calling in a favor. Answer the call.

Aurora Evening Lions Club posted this on its Facebook page. Think

District 1J's newest club, Aurora Carillon Lions Club Officers, presenting gift cards and checks amounting to \$1,000 to Joe Jackson, Executive Director of Hesed House, in Aurora. Gift cards and checks were donated by residents and



club members living at Carillon at Stonegate during the just-concluded fundraising project in December 2020. (l to r) Vanessa Liveris, Director of Hesed House Joe Jackson, Lion Bruce Metzdorf, & Aurora Noon Lion Susan Koepke.



garbage and recyclables in his neighborhood. He is also a Village Trustee and one of the club's most valuable Lions in the club when it comes to coordinating projects with the village and getting the necessary permits to hold club fundraisers.



Bartlett Lion Randy Zbasnik (l) and Greg Jones (r), a potential member, volunteering at the Wayne Township Food Pantry.

Algonquin Lion Jerry Glowgowski spends six hours a week (that is over 300+ hours a year) cleaning up



Volunteers **Aurora Noon Lions Club** load bags of food into a patron's vehicle at the Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry's second drive-thru Kids' Pop-Up food giveaway Saturday, February 6th, at Lincoln Park in Aurora.



Aurora Noon Lion Rebecca Dunnigan, and Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry Community Outreach and Program Coordinator, bundles up to direct the pantry's Drive-Thru Kids' Pop-Up Food Giveaway on February 6th at Lincoln Park in Aurora. Those masks really do serve a good purpose during these cold weather days, don't they? They are great when out shoveling in the cold, too!!

The **Hardscrabble Lions** of Streator built a dog park as their legacy project. PID Bud Wahl is shown



changing out the mutt mitts. The park has provided hours of fun for our furry friends even with the winter weather.



CSL Bering recently held a Glaucoma program for their

employees. Our Club member Margaret Anderson works there and helped to do a used eyeglasses drive which they have decided to continue with each year. **Bradley Lions Club** President Craig Page and Lion Margaret Anderson (seated in the photo) met with Diane Manago (l) Occ. Health Nurse and Sara Regnier, Occ. Health Manager to pick up the glasses.



DG Sue Wolf presented PID Curt Orr with his 60-year chevron and a letter of congratulations from International President Cho to commemorate his time as a Lion. Lion Curt is a member of the Bradley Lions Club. Lion Curt is a Past International Director (1986-1988)

and was a charter member and President of the Beaverville Lions Club in 1960. In attendance was his son, Lion Randi, who is the Secretary of the Watseka club. Congratulations and thank you for all your years of service PID Curt!



The Frankfort Club has involved area schools in their sock drive. Pictured here are students from the Hickory Creek Student council who are helping to collect socks at their school and boxes of socks collected



from Chelsea Intermediate School. As of this newsletter they have collected 3,214 pairs of socks!!! Also pictured are members of the club collecting socks from the community.



Frankfort members were recently made Melvin Jones Fellows. Congratulations Lions!!

At **Crete Lions Clubs** dinner meeting on Thursday 2/4/21, we inducted 3 new members. Pictured

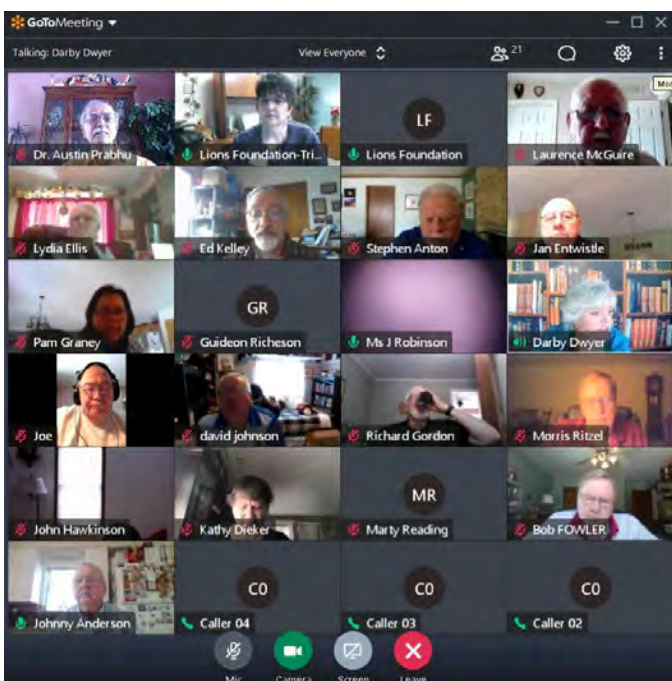


left to right are Midge Koza, Rebecca Wolfe, Sandi Smigel (secretary), Mike Hakenjos (president) and Bob Lee. We have 2 more new members, Suzanne & John Bodnar that were not able to make it to the meeting, we will induct them at the next one hopefully. Our next dinner meeting is scheduled for Thursday 3/4/21 - you are all welcome to attend.

Lions of Illinois Foundation Full Board Meeting held recently in February, 2021.



Lion Trish Fischer giving her report of Lions of Illinois Foundation as its Executive Director on February 27, 2021 on Zoom.



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ST. JACOB LION'S CLUB
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PARKING LOT



MARCH 20
ST. JACOB PARK

GATES OPEN @ 4PM
BINGO STARTS @ 6PM



Thank you to Lion Patty for all her help when she comes to Bandera, Texas during the winters. Our projects would be much more difficult without her! Y'all are blessed to have her in **Lebanon Lions Club!** We honored her this evening with an award for all the help.



Tuttle award from last year. A few things got in the way.



District 1F Convention headquarters on February 26, 27, 2021 for Zoom operations. PCC Mike Baumer in control of the operation online.

And finally, IPDG Sue Hastings presenting PDG Barb with the Milt

Congratulations to **Arlington Heights Lion** Ron Niemaszy for 50 years as a Lion! 1F District Governor



Tom Lippert giving away the Chevrol to Lion Ron.



Kudos to **Buffalo Grove Lion's** own Dennis "the peacock" Spaeth as he and put all, whether in person or virtual, into a happy state of mind.



See life through Lion lenses in Montréal!

Online registration is officially open for LCICon 2021 Montréal, where Lions and Leos from around the world will come together to celebrate a life of service while indulging in the culture and life of Montréal. Find out what's in store for you at this year's international convention!

[LEARN MORE](#)

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](#)

