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# DISTRICT 1-J

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To: District Governor Nancy Rex      October 17, 2008

From: Lion Ron Wigton, District 1-J Sight and Sound Coordinator

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Subj.: District 1-J Fall Cabinet report

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If anyone has any questions about the Sweepstakes program, please feel free to contact me. At this time, there has been little activity in regards to the 2009 Sweeps campaign. In August, I attended our Lions of Illinois Foundations (LIF) coordinators meeting for SWEEPS, where discussion centered on how we could get non-participating Lions and Lioness Clubs to participate and increasing the sales of participating Clubs.

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Results from the 2008 Sweepstakes again indicate that District 1-J Lions and Lioness clubs did an outstanding job with our Lions of Illinois Foundation (LIF) second largest fund raiser. I didn't overlook our Leo clubs, but as the majority of Leos are less than 18 years of age they can not participate in the Sweepstakes project. Some interesting facts from the 2008 Sweepstakes indicate that District 1-J was 1<sup>st</sup> in both gross sales (\$28,448) and net amount (\$22,611) of contributions to our Foundation even though we missed our goal by over \$4,000. Some of this difference could be accounted for by the strong push of the SightFirst II campaign and the selling of tickets by the State which were raffled at the state convention. Other information shows that 77 percent of our Lions clubs and 85.7 percent of our Lioness clubs participated in SWEEPS. The above information was assembled from the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Sweepstakes Summary report.

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The 2009 Sight and Sound Sweepstakes campaign will get started when our Lions of Illinois Foundation distributes 2009 SWEEPS tickets just after Christmas. If the distribution schedule is followed, all clubs should receive their SWEEPS tickets before their 1<sup>st</sup> club meeting in January. Clubs not receiving their Sweepstakes tickets prior to their 1<sup>st</sup> Club meeting, should contact Joanne at our Foundation ((800) 955-5466, ext.222). With a State goal of \$160,000, I feel that District 1-J will have difficulties in meeting this year's goal of \$33,393. This year's goal is almost \$900 higher than that of 2008. With assistance from our DG, ZC, Trustees, and any PDG's, I would like to get the non-participating Clubs to participate this year. Through the use of good communications and a little extra effort, I would like to see District 1-J Lions again achieve at least 90 percent Club participation and with the Lioness Clubs maintaining their participation rate from last year. Funds raised from the SWEEPS project help to support the projects and services of our LIF, plus can also be used to support eye and hearing projects within our own Clubs (all money is returned to LIF and if requested, they will return a check to the club for their portion).

**Southwestern Region**  
**Zone 1 Chairperson**  
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If anyone is aware of a club that would like a program on the Sweepstakes fundraiser, please forward that information to me.

Yours in Lionism  
Lion Ron Wigton,  
Sight and Sound Coordinator