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**Lion Ed Kelley**

**January 11, 2009**

During the month of November, I visited one club where I shared some ideas on “What does it take to grow your club?” I also attended the Illinois Forum in Springfield. Three membership sessions I attended were “Global Membership Team”, “Canvassing For New Members”, and “New Programs Attract New Members”.

During December, the MERLOW Team met. Lion George invited ZCs Jackson and Addington to attend. We reviewed several challenges our clubs are experiencing and discussed ways to overcome them. Several of us attended the above sessions at the Forum. We discussed bringing the GMT couple from Indiana for a canvassing effort to start a new club, but felt that strengthening our existing clubs should be our first effort. With this in mind we started planning a District wide event.

Would you attend a FREE Pancake Breakfast and share your ideas on membership with other Lions? Our district has 74 Lions Clubs, but only 35 have Membership Chairpersons. We are planning to invite all these chairpersons and representatives from the remaining 39 clubs to an informal meeting to share ideas. This will not be a boring lecture by the MERLOW Team. What works for your club? We will have lots of samples of brochures and helps from Lions International to hand out.

As of November 30, 2008, 1-J is down -19 in membership for the year. We have identified four clubs we plan to visit soon. We are all on the same TEAM...we are all Lions. Together we can accomplish more than alone. Our team can help, but we must all work together.

*Lion Ed Kelley*