



We Serve

DISTRICT 1-J

District Governor
Lion Nancy Rex



Cabinet Secretary
Dave Stryker, PDG

January 3, 2009

Vice District Governor
George Endean

To: District Governor Nancy Rex

Fox River Region
Senior Zone Chairperson
Bob Jackson
Zone 2 Chairperson
Lynn Raske

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

Southeastern Region
Zone 1 Chairperson
Jim Addington
Zone 2 Chairperson
Lynn Miller

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Central Region
Zone 1 Chairperson
Leo Snyder
Zone 2 Chairperson
John Hilliard

Although this report is addressed to our Governor, I would trust that either Trustee or a Zone Chair person making a Club visit or speaking at the February round of zone meetings would use some of the following in spreading information about our Foundation and especially the 2009 Sight and Sound Sweepstakes fund raiser. If any club would like additional information on our Sweepstakes fundraiser, please contact me at 815 786-2385.

Eastern Region
Zone 1 Chairperson
Mario Gumino
Zone 2 Chairperson
Perry Knutson

Many Lions / Lioness have probably not seen the 2008 Sweepstakes results. These results indicate that District 1-J Lions and Lioness clubs did an outstanding job with our Lions of Illinois Foundation's second largest fundraiser. I didn't overlook the Leo Clubs, but as the majority of Leos members are under 18 years of age they can not legally participate in the Sweepstakes project. For this reason, Sweepstakes books are not sent to Leo Clubs. Some interesting facts from the 2008 Sweepstakes indicate that District 1-J was 1st in both gross sales (\$28,448) and net amount (\$22,611) to our Foundation. Other information shows that 77.0 percent of our Lions clubs and over 85 percent of our Lioness clubs participated in SWEEPS. What we need is to have the Zone chairs push Sweepstakes during their Club visits. In the last two (2) years, District 1-J has had eight (8) additional Clubs electing not to sell SWEEPS or a nine (9) percent drop in Club participation.

Southwestern Region
Zone 1 Chairperson
Chris Halsey
Zone 2 Chairperson
Lee Stone

With a State goal of \$160,000, I feel that we should be capable of surpassing District 1-J's stated goal of \$33,393. Funds raised from the SWEEPS project help to support the projects and services of our LIF. A Club may retain up to 40 percent of their proceeds to support Club eye and hearing projects (All money received from Sweepstakes sales must be returned to our Lions of Illinois Foundation. The Clubs that want to retain part of their Sweepstakes earnings will receive a return check from our Foundation.)

The one thing to remember is that if the Sweepstakes tickets are visible, **they will sell**. Also, if a seller will put their name on the back of each ticket, they will win a prize if that ticket wins. Clubs that do not participate in selling of Sweepstakes tickets can make a donation to the Foundation (the donation should be labeled for 'SWEEPSTAKES 2009').

When a Club requires additional tickets, the Club President or Sweepstakes chairperson should contact Joanne at our Lions of Illinois Foundation (800 955-5466 ext. 222). All Sweepstakes tickets must be returned to our Foundation office in Sycamore during the first week of May or dropped off at the Foundation table at the State convention before 10:00 am on the morning of the Foundation breakfast.

One point to stress is that these tickets will sell if they are visible. Sweepstakes are to be sold to everyone, not just another book of tickets that a Lion / Lioness must feel obligated to purchase.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Ron Wigton
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