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# DISTRICT 1-J

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**Lion George Endean**



December 31, 2009

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To: District Governor George Endean  
From: Lion Ron Wigton, District 1-J Sight and Sound Coordinator

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Although this report is addressed to our Governor, hopefully, a 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 information about our Foundation and especially the 2010 Sight and Sound Sweepstakes fund raiser. If any club would like a program or additional information on our Sweepstakes fundraiser, please contact me at 815 786-2385.

Many Lions / Lioness have probably not seen the 2009 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 cannot legally participate in the Sweepstakes project. For this reason, Sweepstakes books are not sent to Leo Clubs. Some interesting facts from the 2009 Sweepstakes indicate that District 1-J was 1<sup>st</sup> in both gross sales (\$30,664) and net amount (\$24,506) to our Foundation. Other information shows that 79.7 percent of our Lions clubs and 71 percent of our Lioness clubs participated in SWEEPS. Again, what we need is to have the Zone chairs giving a Sweepstakes plug during their Club visits. In the last two years our Club participation on Sweepstakes has dropped.

With a State goal of \$160,000, I feel that we should be capable of surpassing District 1-J's stated goal of \$33,760. 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 is returned to our Lions of Illinois Foundation, with the Clubs that want to retain part of their Sweepstakes earnings receiving a return check from our Foundation.).

The one thing to remember is that if the Sweepstakes tickets are visible, **they will sell**. Also, if the seller puts their name on the back of a winning ticket, they also win. Clubs that do not participate in selling of Sweepstakes tickets can make a donation to our Foundation (the donation should be labeled 'SWEEPSTAKES 2010').

When a Club sells their Sweepstakes tickets, hopefully, they will contact Joanne for additional tickets. This contact should be made by the Club Sweepstakes chairperson or the Club President. Joanne can be reached at our Lions of Illinois Foundation (800 955-5466 ext. 222). Sweepstakes tickets returned to our Foundation office should be returned no later than the first week of May. Tickets not returned to our Foundation may be taken to the State convention and dropped off at the Foundation table before 10:00 am on the morning of the Foundation breakfast. Tickets not received before the drawing are entered into the Sweepstakes drawing for the following year.

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 feels obligated to purchase.

Yours in Lionism

**Lion Ron Wigton**

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District 1-J Sight and Sound Coordinator