It’s A GREAT Day To Be A Lion!!!!

It’s back to school time and it’s also that time of the year when all of your clubs ramp up on opportunities to serve and raise funds. It is so exciting to have the honor of reading all of your reports each month. To witness the amazing work being done in so many communities is overwhelming!

This year Lions International has asked each of you to consider a Legacy Project for your community. What is a Legacy Project? It is something that your club organizes for the community that will stand alone as a symbol of what the Lions are all about! It could be park benches, special needs playgrounds, community activities boards, fountains etc . . . the list of ideas goes on and on! So I challenge each of you to reach beyond yourselves and work with your clubs and communities to develop an awesome Legacy Project!

The last thing I would like to share is that I appreciate ALL the support from so many of you regarding our recent life change and relocation. We all know that God is first, then our families, then our jobs, then Lions etc! I assure you that our District is doing great and will continue to be great, along with the rest of the Global Lions, because of all YOUR hard work!! I invite all of us to keep our eyes fixed on that which is the most important!!

Keep climbing those mountains & remember to be the change you want to see in the world!!!

Many of you may have already heard about this vision challenge in October but I wanted to make sure everyone knows!!

This is a direct quote from Lions International..."Save Sight this October 10-16."

Join International President Chancellor Bob Corlew for a special Worldwide Week of Service event designed to end preventable blindness and visual impairment in your community and around the world.

Plan a service project saving sight in your community during October 10-16, and your club will be eligible for special recognition.

From vision screenings to white cane donations and more, there’s an opportunity for every club to change lives this October.

Visit the Worldwide Week of Service in Sight webpage for more information and start planning your project today!”

Let’s see what we can accomplish!!

Blessings

Lion Maria Andrews
District 1-J Governor
Plan Now For the Best Candy Day Ever!

Dates for Lions’ Candy Days are October 14th & 15th. Let PDG Lion Mario Gumino at the Lions of IL Foundation know if you are doing it on a different day.

The Foundation has gone back to the more traditional roll candy that we used for years. It will be mints and each case comes with 560 rolls of candy. The cost per case is $95.00.

Counter displays are also available for $3.00 each and the new rolls of candy will fit into it — so no more different sizes to order!

Club orders for candy were to be filled with our District’s LIF Trustee PDG Lion Jim Addington at jaaddington54@comcast.net or call 630-215-9528 by August 20th. If for some reason you should need more candy, contact Lion Jim.

Lion VIP to Visit Elburn Lions Club

Contributed by Southwest Region Reporter Lion Craig Rice

As part of their Centennial Bus Tour, International President Lion Bob Corlew and his wife Dianne will be stopping at Elburn Lions Club on September 19.

They are tentatively scheduled to arrive around 12:30 PM. There will be a chicken & pork chop dinner. They would like to do a service project with the club.

Please RSVP to Cabinet Secy. Lion Bonnie Bradbury, at bonnielionbonnie@aol.com or 847-857-0179, by September 11, 2016 if you would like to attend.

We think that Lions Clubs International’s 2015-2016 President Lion Yamada of Japan being so impressed with his visit to the Elburn Lions Club might make it become a “regular stop” during the International President’s time in Illinois.

“A CELEBRATION OF PEACE”

The 2016-17 Peace Poster Contest

At the September 7th Cabinet Meeting it was decided that the judging of the Peace Poster entries will be done during the November Cabinet Virtual Meeting. All entries will be photographed by Jerome Perez, Senior Zone Chair, and made ready for the meeting. Further details to follow.

Last month, I emailed all Club Secretaries/Presidents in the 1-J District I had an updated email for, on the Peace Poster subject. Please call me if you would like further information or if you did not receive the email.

Could the participating clubs please also email me the name and contact of the club member in charge of your Peace Poster Contest. Thank you.

In Lionism,
Lion Yllena Sinclare
1-J PPP
630-246-0242
sinclare1.y@hotmail.com
Fall Is Here!

Technically speaking: Fall isn’t here . . . yet.

Looking at my calendar, it’s just around the corner. All the kids have been back in school for little while already. The NFL has begun the new season (bad for the Bears and good for the Packers). A scattering of trees have begun to exhibit some change in color. Several baseball teams are hoping to extend their seasons into October.

Speaking of October, we are less than one month from Candy Day. Is your club ready? Has every detail been covered? Is anything missing? If anything is missing, could it be a few extra people on the street or in front of local stores? Now would be a nice time to take care of any manpower shortfall. If your club could successfully recruit a few new members before Candy Day, you will have a good chance of raising more funds this year than you did last year.

What if your club has a requirement that any new members must attend 2 or 3 meetings before they can be considered for membership? There would be no way for any new recruits to become members before Candy Day. Why not invite them to participate anyway. It would be a good way for any prospective new members to demonstrate how serious they are in becoming members.

Having a few additional pairs of hands available for Candy Day is always a good idea.

But what about the rest of the year? The recruiting of new Lions is something that should be done all year. Gaining new members means that your club can expand current activities or, possibly, add a new activity.

You could find a new way to serve your community.

Lion Paul Gergolla, PDG
District 1-J GMT Coordinator
Phone: 630-858-8073
Email: lionpg1@aol.com

Someone Special in 1-J

Member Anniversaries
Island Lake Lion Chuck Cermak — 40 yrs.
Downers Grove Lion Pete Hultman—15 yrs.
Downers Grove Lion Richard Mochel—25 yrs.
Downers Grove Lion Dr. Floyd Mizener—65 yrs.

From Your New District GLT Chair

I have recently been appointed to the position of District Global Leadership Team Chair (GLT-D) and am in the process of planning and organizing a series of programs which I hope will be of value to the Lions of the District.

The first is a Guiding Lions training program which will be given by the Area GLT Leader, Lion Jama Wahl. This program will take place on November 5, 2016. The Guiding Lion Program prepares Lions to act as a resource for new clubs and for a club which may be experiencing problems. This is a valuable program for our District and I hope that Lions from clubs in each Region will participate. Additional information will be available soon. Anyone interested can contact me at jebarsanti@yahoo.com or their Zone Chair to reserve a place at the training.

In future months, information on additional programs in the areas of Leadership, Orientation, Mentoring and other areas of Lionism will be made available. Suggestions for programs are always welcome.

Another area of GLT responsibility is the monitoring and facilitating of the District Governor’s goals for the year. DG Lion Maria has as one of her goals a net membership increase of 32 members. I will update you periodically on our progress in meeting that goal.

Our clubs need to work continuously not only to bring in new members but also to retain our current membership. This might also be a good point to suggest that our clubs, and we ourselves, develop goals for this Lion Year.

Finally, I wish to thank the entire District GLT team for their support and willingness to present programs and facilitate planned activities.

Lion John Barsanti
Global Leadership Team— District 1-J
There’s Another Circus Coming To Town!

Last month, we told you about Westmont Lions Club bringing the Kelly Miller Circus to town on Friday, September 23, setting up at the southeast corner of Ty Warner Park in the parking lot. The park is north of Ogden Avenue on Blackhawk Drive - or - east of Cass Avenue, north of Ogden Avenue on Plaza Drive / Blackhawk Drive and Plaza Drive are the intersected streets.

There will be shows at 4:30 PM and 7:30 PM, and possibly a 9:30 PM show. For more information, contact PDG Lion Jim Addington at jaaddington54@comcast.net.

There is another Lions Club in District 1-J also having the Kelly Miller Circus in their town on Wednesday, September 14, at Washington Park. Pre-tickets for ages 2-11 are $6 each; ages 12 to Adult are $12 each; children under 2 are FREE. Day of show tickets will cost $8 for children and $16 for adults.

There are shows in Itasca are 4:30 PM and 7:30 PM.

Contact any Itasca Lions Club member, or go online at www.KellyMillerCircus.com. Tickets are also available at the Itasca Park District, Itasca Village Hall, and Itasca Community Library prior to Circus day only. Day of show tickets will cost $8 for children and $16 for adults.

Remember South Elgin’s Past

Contributed by South Elgin Lions Al Shelton and Al Horn

Our club used to own the property all the way down to the river’s edge.

The lower portion of the lot (5 acres near the river) was considered to be swamp land. There were piles of dirt down there when the railroad was built in the 1850’s.

At one point, Fulton St. was a private road, but the local landowners on Fulton St. each donated $50.00 to improve the road with gravel.

The extra gravel from this was hauled down to the park, the end result was the village was deemed a good road, and the park was ready for playground equipment and a ball diamond.

Remember . . . “We Serve”

Contributed by Naperville Noon Lions Club Steve Hertzberg

As we come to the conclusion of the summer raffle, it seems appropriate to mention Ollie Burrows, our all-time raffle ticket sales leader and most recent recipient of the NNLC Bob Anderson Lifetime Service Award. I received a delightful phone call from Ellen Burrows, who has relocated to Pennsylvania to be closer to her family since Ollie’s passing. She had just unwrapped the beautifully-framed and matted letter I composed in July telling her of Ollie’s award, and she was thrilled that the club had honored his memory in such a way.

In the kitchen breakfast nook in her new two-bedroom home is a wall for her memorabilia, and she is going to place this letter right between his George Lazansky and Melvin Jones Fellowship awards.

Ellen told me how, “Oliver would set up in front of the Ace Hardware store when it opened and stay until closing, selling raffle tickets”. At lunchtime she would pack him a picnic basket and bring it over. One very successful summer, Ollie and Ellen sold over 2,300 tickets.

I’m pleased to report that our current club membership has stepped up, and volunteers have covered the Ace Hardware location very well this summer.

Ellen told me she misses Naperville and our Noon Lions Club. She feels comfortable in her new home and enjoys being closer to her family. She said she will think of us each time she looks out her kitchen window, next to the wall with all of Ollie’s awards, watching the bird feeder under the big tree in her new backyard.

Lastly, she wanted all the members of our club to know how much she appreciated receiving that framed letter. It was the “emotional lift” that made her day. She wished us all well and is happy to know we will carry on in our efforts to serve others.

That is what she and Ollie did together so beautifully.

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New Chairperson for Leo Clubs & Youth Activities — Lion Joe Kryszak, 2N160 Saddleswood Dr., Maple Park IL 60151 / Phone: 630-567-5751 / Email: joe.kryszak@gmail.com. PDG Lion Ron Fangusaro served well in this position for a number of years, but is dealing with health problems now. Thanks, Lion Ron, for those years working with the Leos!

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Central Region -- by Region Reporter Glendale Heights Barangay Lion Jess Galvez —
Clubs in the Central Region, please send your Reports and other information to Lion Jess Galvez at: jess.galvez@comcast.net — We want to hear from you!

The South Elgin Lions had a great Riverfest this year. Pres. Gary Hyman commended the Lions for their hard work and a lot of support this year, and great leadership from Lion Doug Schaeffer. Pres. Hyman said he feels this will be the year that more Lions members come out to volunteer and get involved in our club.

North Aurora Lions Club collected 200 pairs of used eyeglasses recently. Eighteen Lions attended the Lions Night at the Kane County Cougars baseball game. Lions are taking orders now for Fall Displays and will be delivering on October 7 & 8.

West Chicago Lions participated in the town’s National Night Out last month. About 20 Lions took part in the Annual Teachers’ Luncheon.

Eastern Region -- by Region Reporter Glendale Heights Barangay Lion Jess Galvez

The Bloomingdale Lions wore orange and brought some non-perishable food to their first business meeting of the new Lion Year in celebration of “Go Orange Day,” a part of the National Hunger Awareness Month Program. Lions who needed to update their BASSET Training (required every 3 years) were able to do so with the help of the Bloomingdale Police Department.

Elmhurst Lions Club held a successful Reverse Raffle fundraiser Aug. 19 with 20 volunteer Lions spending 20 hours which raised a hefty $4000.00 for the treasury. The club donated $500 to the Leo Club and $100 to the Lizzardo Museum of Lapidary Art.

Glendale Heights Barangay Lions sponsored another vision screening at the Glenside Public Library with 27 children participating last Aug. 27. One club member attended Candy Day Jamboree at the Elburn Lions Club Aug. 29.

The Glen Ellyn Lions held their annual Festival of the Arts with 85 juried artists, live music, food and beverages over the weekend of August 27th and 28th. During the weekend festival, the club provided free hearing screening to more than 112 people, 20 of which had hearing loss and were advised to see an Audiologist or other hearing professional.

The Roselle Lions Club held a successful Taste of Roselle fundraising Aug. 5 – 8 with 59 Lions volunteers manning the beer tent, ticket booth and wrist bands booth. The club celebrated the Village of Roselle’s “Bounce back to School” by providing hot dogs at the event. Lion Kathy Dombroski organized “the troops” to wrap the estimated 800-1000 hot dogs. Seven Lions attended the Candy Day Jamboree at the Elburn Lions Club Aug. 29.

Villa Park Lions participated and made a donation for the August concert at the Cortesi Memorial Veterans Park last Aug. 18. The Lions served hot dogs and brats. Lion Pat Prusa shipped school supplies, craft items and slightly used clothing to the Red Cloud Indian School in South Dakota. Lion Prusa donated a total of 72 dictionaries to the Red Cloud Indian School, the Navajo Mission in New Mexico and to the Holy Cross parochial school.

Lombard Lions collected 150 pairs of used eyeglasses for recycling; 3 hearing aids were also collected. Three Lions gave out Ice Pops to approximately 200 children during Lombard Cruise Nights. Three Lions volunteered approximately 5 hours each to an area food pantry.

Itasca Lions Club is sponsoring the Kelly Miller Circus in Washington Park on September 14th. Tickets are available at the local Park District, Library, and Village Hall or from any Itasca Lion. Elephant and camel rides will be available.

Bits of Dis ‘N Dat . . .

Worldwide Week of Service in Sight in October — October 10-16 — Promote your project and report it on the My LCI Service Activity Report

Naperville Noon Lions Club was approached to add a link to its website & Facebook pages to the College to Career Guide for students with disabilities. The Board voted to make this addition.

Want to Be A Part of the 2017 Lions Clubs International Convention in Chicago? Anyone interested in helping with the 2017 Lions Clubs International Convention in Chicago IL should contact PDG Lion Leo Snyder at 224-629-0180 (C) or lionleosnyder@yahoo.com. Visit the Facebook page at fb.com/1617MD1 for more information.
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Fox River Region - by Lisle Lion Sandy Williams — Would you like to be a FRR Reporter?? (Contact Lion Sandy at skw140@aol.com)

Last month, two Sun City-Huntley Lions volunteered at the resale shop of The Sparrow’s Nest, a home for women and children in Woodstock that provides a continuum of care for women & children. A total of eight Lions sorted eyeglasses at LIF on two days for four hours each. Lion Helen White, Veteran’s Housing Starter Kit Project Chair, collected 8 cars and 4 vans filled with supplies and delivered them to Transient Living Services in McHenry IL and several other organizations in the area, such as VFW. Twenty-two members and 8 guests attended the SCH Lions’ Annual Picnic at the Fountains Pavilion.

The Island Lake Lions Club ran the 58th Annual Cornfest on August 21st. The event raised approximately $5,000 although final reports are not in yet.

McHenry Lions Club provided a local individual with an eye exam and eyeglasses.

Elgin Lions Club’s Food Collection Program will be getting in gear as the elementary schools in the district are open. Members will check with schools to see if the collection bins are still there and deliver information to the school liaison personnel that can be used to urge students to contribute food stuffs. Lions will do another “water stop” for the Boys & Girls Club Zombie Run on October 2nd. Planning is underway for the sponsorship of a run in Raceway Woods in Carpentersville in either April 29 or May 5 of 2017. It is hoped that the Dundee Township Lions Club will also participate.

Crystal Lake Lions Club celebrated the club’s 85th anniversary last month with special guests, Lions Clubs International President Lion Bob Corlew and his wife, Lion Dianne. Also attending were two Past International Directors and spouses and spouses, two PDGs, and three District 1-J Zone Chairs, with a total attendance of 80.

Algonquin Lions held its 7th Annual Charity Bean Bag Tournament on August 20th at Buffalo Wild Wings in Algonquin. The event raised more than $8,200 which will be used to fund the Ted Spella Education Award and the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Food Pantry with $4,000 budgeted to the food pantry.

Congratulations on Serving 100 Million People

From Lions Clubs International September Newswire

Two years ago, Lions were challenged to serve more than 100 million people by the end of our Centennial Celebration in 2018. Now, you’re invited to celebrate the achievement of this incredible milestone in true Lions style—by renewing your commitment to service and joining together to continue to serve the people who need us most.

Take a minute to watch the 100 Million Served video on YouTube and reflect on the millions of lives changed by Lions service around the world.

And keep going!

Come to the MD1 FALL RALLY AND 2017 CONVENTION KICKOFF

The MD1 Fall Rally will be held at Embassy Suites, 100 Conference Center Dr., East Peoria, IL. Guests for the weekend will be International President Lion Bob Corlew and his wife, Lion Dianne.

One presentation room will be dedicated to sessions focusing on the opportunities Lions have to participate as volunteers at the 2017 Convention.

Another room will be for presentations on leadership and membership.

The third room will be for the Expo: Lions Gone Wild for Service. Lions Clubs and Districts will have a chance to showcase their favorite service projects or fundraisers. Those interested will be provided a table free of charge and should contact Lion Jama Wahl at jamawahl@yahoo.com or at 815-822-3014 by October 1, 2016.

Reservations for lodging at the rate of $109.00/night, plus tax (includes breakfast), can be made by calling Embassy Suites at 800-362-2779 by September 30, 2016. To receive the discounted Rally group rate, let them know your are with the Lions of Illinois.

The Reservation form is on the MD1 Lions website. Mail your form and check by October 10, 2016.
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Southeastern Region -- by Lion Sandy Williams

The Downers Grove Lions Club has concluded its 85th year of welcoming New Teacher, Principals, & Administrators from School Districts 85 & 89. What Lions do was presented to the group in attendance and several new members were obtained from the group. *Good work, Lions!!*

Seven Aurora Evening Lions and two volunteers cleaned up trash along Indian Trail Road last month. Four Lions sold raffle tickets and solicited golfers at Phillips Park for the Evening Golf Outing on September 10th. Two Lions provided transportation for the spouse of a member who doesn’t drive because of health issues.

Aurora Noon Lions Club voted $50 for a hole sponsorship of the Aurora Evening Lions Club’s evening golf tournament. A $1,000 donation was approved for the Lions Fund/Grant for the VNA Vision Clinic with a potential $2,000 donation in six months. Seed money of $100 was contributed to start a Waubonsee Campus Lions Club, which also may be supported by the Elburn and Geneva Lions Clubs. The club decided to order Tootsie Pops for its Candy Day vs. the mints offered by the Foundation.

Naperville Noon Lions Club was approached to add a link to the College to Career Guide for student with disabilities and approved the addition. For August, eight social service cases for hearing exams and hearing aids, where needed, were approved. Two social service cases for eye exams, and glasses, if needed, were approved. Five adults were provided with eye exams and eyeglasses.

Southwestern Region -- by Region Reporter Lion Craig Rice

Lee Lions Club raised $1,050.00 with a Draw-Down Raffle in August.

The Sandwich Lions Club held its annual Steer Raffle at Sandwich Fair. Fairgoers purchased chances to win the grand prize of a fully processed, locally-raised steer, or second and third prizes of $200 and $100 gift certificates for meat at Earlville Meat Locker. This project, established more than 50 years ago, is the major fundraiser of the club. The club will do its final car show of the season on Sept. 28 in conjunction with Taste of Sandwich. As club president PDG Lion Ed Carter says, “Cars and food. Life is good.”

Elburn Lions Club served 96 people at its monthly free community Spaghetti Dinner. The club held its annual three-day festival, Elburn Days, in which funds are generated for the cost of maintaining the club’s 25-acre park. The club made several donations: $250 to be a sponsor of the Kaneland Foundation Golf Outing; $260 to Project Seth fundraiser; $200 to Jason Gould Hogfan Party for Cancer Research; and $150 to Alpha One Foundation for the walk to create awareness of genetic diseases.

DeKalb Evening Lions Club collected 430 pair of used glasses to be recycled. One pair of eyeglasses was given and fitted to an individual. A Garage Sale was held last month to raise money for club activities — items that did not sell were donated to Clothes Closet, Barb City Manor, Pregnancy Center, and Salvation Army. Four hearing aids were collected for recycling, plus one pound of tabs, three cell phones, and 9 ink cartridges. One comprehensive eye exam was given.

Membership Tips

From the Roselle Lions Roaring Lion News

Lions International spends many dollars trying to develop new ideas to attract members to our organization.

In observance of our 100th Anniversary, International is sponsoring advertising hoping to grow an awareness of our group. Internet advertising is being used as well as other media. Ads have appeared on AOL and in other spots. Will this work? Possibly.

But, the solution still lies with the current members.

When you tell a prospect about the Lions, do you start out with explaining how hard we work? Or, do you tell that person that you get out of the house, get some fresh air or fellowship, and get an inner feeling of fulfillment when you see a task well done by our Club.

Promote the positives. Don’t hide the negatives such as dues, work, etc., but only offer them when asked.
Welcome these new Lions & Lionesses to District 1-J — the greatest!!

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**Smart911 Helps Emergency Responders Help You**

Smart911 is a free, secure service that automatically displays an online personalized Safety Profile you have created to 911 dispatchers when you call for emergency assistance.

The information you choose to provide can help responders more effectively handle the situation. Examples of information you can provide includes:

- people in your household
- medical conditions/medications
- allergies
- disabilities and special equipment used
- pet information
- language restrictions
- restraining orders
- home related information (shut off valves, etc.)
- mobile phone numbers
- pictures and more

To date, more than 25,000 DuPage residents have created Safety Profiles. The service is provided by the DuPage County Emergency Telephone System Board.

To learn more or register, visit safety.smart911.com/or Smart911@dupageco.org.
Lioness Clubs -- by Lion Sandy Williams

Six Island Lake Area Lionesses helped sell food and drinks at the Island Lake Lions Club’s Annual Cornfest. Reports are that the club made $1,600 at the Annual Cornfest. Extra food was donated to the local food pantry. A Plant & Book Sale will be held in September at Island Foods in Island Lake.

You do so much for your communities. . . .

Make sure you have a Certificate of Insurance for your events. Look on LCI’s website: www.lionsclubs.org for it.

— Lion Sandy Williams, 1-J Journal Editor

Leo Clubs by Lion Sandy Williams

The South Elgin Leo Club has a new advisor, Lion Gabby Mainard, who also used to be the President of the Leo Club for a number of years. Congratulations, Lion Gabby!

Elmhurst Leos will help unload pumpkins at the Abbey in the morning of October 10th and will be treated to pizza by the Elmhurst Lions.

Did You Know . . . .

The Leo Club Advisor Training and Orientation program is designed to provide Leo Club Advisors with a clearer understanding of the Leo Club Program and their role as an advisor. The training includes six modules that cover important tools and resources to help Leo club advisors serve effectively and confidently.

Register for the 2017 Centennial Convention in Chicago

From Lions Clubs International September Newswire

Celebrate your pride in being a Lion with thousands of members from around the globe for the 100th LCICon in Chicago, June 30-July 4, 2017. January 13, 2017 is the deadline to lock in the best 5-day registration fee of $130.00 and to guarantee your hotel reservation.

McCormick Place Convention Center will be the hub of activity where the plenary sessions, International Show, Lions Exhibit Hall, voting, seminars, and more will take place. March down State Street in the Lions International Parade of Nations. Make plans to tour the International Headquarters Office, visit Melvin Jones’ gravesite, and see Chicago’s architectural gems on one of the special Lions Convention Tours.

Keep up-to-date on the LCICon website and Facebook page!
The Algonquin Lions Club held its 7th Annual Charity Bean Bag Tournament this summer at Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant. The event raised more than $8,200 for the Ted Spella Education Award and the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Food Pantry.

Naperville Noon Lions Club collected various household items at their annual installation dinner to support Families Helping Families (FHF). It is a neighborhood organization whose sole focus is helping homeless families in DuPage County. They provide apartments and supportive services to these families while they are working to reclaim their lives. Picture are (l to r) Lions Jane Bowers, Bob Hull, and Ken Stragulla.

Twenty-two members and eight guests attended the SCH Lions' annual picnic at the Fountains Pavilion. The weather was great, food was delicious and camaraderie relaxing. The club provided the fried chicken and the pulled pork while members brought side dishes and desserts assigned by their last names.

Lion Paul Buddy listens attentively to Don Davids, Aurora Assistant Fire Chief, at a recent Aurora Noon Lions Club meeting. Davids, also a Noon Lion, was one of 63 leaders in government & non-profits from America and five foreign countries who attended interactive classes in July at Harvard University for senior executives. Students learned from each other and worked together with faculty leaders on real-life case studies.

Sun City-Huntley Lions Club was just one of the Lions Clubs that sponsored a hole for the Lions of Illinois Foundation’s 23rd Annual Golf Classic this summer. We noted that a foursome from SCH won 1st place in Flight B at the Classic.
WHAT'S GOIN’ ON — IN 1-J

Send notices of your Club’s Activities to Lion Sandy Williams at skw140@aol.com

Sep. 14-17 USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM at Lincoln, Nebraska – Targeting Young Lions this year with four seminar sessions presented by young Lions, but attendance is open to Lions of all ages. Lion Jay Blake will have his “Follow A Dream” Alcohol Funny Car in the Exhibit Hall during the whole Forum. Jay is the only blind crew chief in the sport of auto racing; he is the main mechanic and heads the Super Drag Racing Team. Get ready to share the “Paw.” Register online at www.lionsforum.org.

Sep. 16-17 Island Lake Lioness Club’s Annual Fall Plant & Book Sale at Island Foods from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Sep. 17 Roselle Recycles from 8:30 AM to Noon at the Roselle Metra Statation. Accepting paper shredding (4—5 boxes), electronic waste, thermometers, winter clothing, bicycles (working & non-working), books, gym shoes & sneakers (new and gently-worn), and Lions Club collectibles (eyeglasses, hearing aids, printer ink cartridges, holiday lights, and keys.) For more info, see www.roselle.il.us/RoselleRecycles.

Sep. 17 Elmhurst Lions Club’s Vision Screening at Bensenville’s B-Well event from 8 AM to 2 PM. Volunteers are needed to work a couple of hours.

Sep. 20 All-You-Can-Eat Pizza & Pasta Night Fundraiser, hosted by the Aurora Noon Lions Club from 5 to 7:30 PM at Luigi’s Pizza and Fun Center, 732 Prairie St. in Aurora. The menu will include pizza, pasta with meat sauce or meatless sauce, garden salad, jello with fruit and fruit punch. Tickets are $7 for adults and $5 for children ages 4-12. Children 3 and under eat free.

Sep. 21 Villa Park Lions’ Annual Golf Outing at Fox Run Golf Links in Elk Grove Village.

Sep. 23 Westmont Lions Club is hosting the Kelly Miller Circus in town — details on tickets, etc. are on p. 2.

Sep. 24 Sun City-Huntley Lions’ Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Huntley Fall Fest. Serving from 7 AM-11 AM at the Cosmos Cultural Center Cafeteria on the NE side of the building at Deicke Park. Link sausages, applesauce, juice, coffee or mild, and all-you-can-eat pancakes. $6 for Adults, Kids under 12 (with a paying Adult) — Free. Tickets available at the door.

Sep. 25 Look for Bloomingdale Lions at the “50 Men Who Cook” at the Hilton Indian Lakes Resort.

Sep. 28 Sandwich Lions Club is hosting the last of the summer Downtown Cruise Nights — Taste of Sandwich is on tonight, too.

Sep. 30 TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY to purchase a Peace Poster Contest Kit for Lions Clubs International. The kit is $11.95, plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. The 2016-17 theme is “A Celebration of Peace.”

Oct. 01 Fall Scrap Drive, sponsored by the Sandwich Lions Club, in front of the Gazebo in downtown Sandwich, starting at 8 AM until Noon.

Oct. 05 Senior Health Day at Good Samaritan Hospital, Wellness Center. Westmont Lions will be staffing the LIF Hearing and Vision Screening Buses from 10 AM on.

Oct. 06 Wheaton Lions’ 10th Annual Wine Festival at 102 E. Wesley Street, 2nd Floor, Wheaton. Enjoy a light dinner and sampling of a variety of wines. Cost is $25 for Lion and Spouse. Guests are free. An RSVP is appreciated. Email Scott Hallums at drhallumn@gmail.com.

Oct. 09 Pearle Vision/Lions of Illinois Foundation 5K Run & Walk for Sight at Busse Woods, Elk Grove Village. Participant fee is $30 and includes a free T-Shirt. Starting time is 9 AM. Register online at https://runsignup.com/Race/Events/IL/ElkGroveVillage/5KRunWalkforSight. 100% of proceeds to be donated the the Lions of Illinois Vision Programs. Bring your used eyeglasses to this event.

Oct. 22 MD1 FALL RALLY AND 2017 CONVENTION KICKOFF at Embassy Suites, 100 Conference Center Dr., East Peoria, IL. Guests for the weekend will be International President Lion Bob Corlew and Lion Dianne. New this year is the Expo: Lions Gone Wild for Service. Reservation form is on the MD1 Lions website. Mail form by October 10, 2016.

Oct. 22 McHenry Lions Club is celebrating its 50th Anniversary tonight at Route 31 North. The club was sponsored by the Island Lake Lions Club. It will be held at 31 North Banquet Hall, 217 N. Front Street, McHenry, IL 60050. Social Hour—5-6 PM; Sit-down Dinner from 6-7 PM; Speakers & Guests from 7-8 PM; Special Entertainment and Door Prizes from 8 to 9:30 PM; Dance to the music of the 60’s with DJ Pam Zac. Cost is $40.00 per person. Send checks to: Lion Judy Bieman, 5009 Hickoryway Drive, Johnsburg, IL 60051 OR: Pay at the door. RSVP to Lion Judy by September 17, 2016 at: juddrons@aol.com or 815-385-3404.
More District Pix!!

Katelyn Kaechele, 8, received a low vision viewer from Elburn Lions Club. Lions Phil Gladd and Nick Carter set it up in her home and trained her on how to use it.

Waterman area children enjoyed hot dogs, bananas, carrots and chips at the Waterman Lions Club end-of-summer/back-to-school picnic.

Members of the Sandwich Lions Club prepare their building at the Sandwich Fairgrounds for the club’s annual Steer Raffle, a major moneymaker for the club. Pres. Lion Ed Carter is supervising the project.

The Naperville Noon Lions wrapped up the annual Summer Raffle on September 6 with drawing for the winners at their weekly luncheon. On hand to draw the winning tickets was Stephanie Penik (c), Editor and Publisher of Positively Naperville Newspaper. Also pictured is Lion Ken Strugalla, who co-chaired the raffle committee. The Grand Prize winner will receive $5,000. Over 4,100 tickets were sold and the Club raised over $21,000 for its Foundation.

Darien Lions Club held a Free Vision Pre-Screening on September 10th at Darien Community Park during Darienfest. Five cameras were purchased — one for each of the five regions of District 1-J. Training in how to use them is made available to Lions in each of the regions.

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Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund Celebrates $10,000,000 Milestone

In every life there are moments that we celebrate. In Illinois, our Lions Clubs have had significant celebrations over the past 100 years. One of the most important actions was the creation of your Lions of Illinois Foundation: a vehicle for services to the visually and hearing impaired. The Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund, founded shortly after, has a BIG REASON to celebrate. Through the continuous dedication and combined efforts of all of you the Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund has reached a milestone of its own: We hit $10,000,000!!!

We wish to thank each Lions Club, member and friend that made this accomplishment possible. Every Legacy Club, Sustaining Supporter, and Foundation Fellow bestowed; moved your Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund even closer to this goal. Every memory, life achievement, and honored event which gave life to the Tree of Service - with its leaf covered branches that form a canopy - helps protect the services we have pledged to those in need for many years to come. Our trees are built on a firm foundation of boulders and rocks that represent donors and their desire to confirm and support your Lions of Illinois Foundation’s programs and services. Due to your generous donations and faith in your Foundation this Tree of Service has proudly flourished into a small forest.

The next major step in which we need your assistance will be to reach the $15,000,000 mark. The significance of that number is the security it will provide to the children and adults of Illinois with vision and hearing health concerns which the Lions are renowned for providing to those in need.

Once again, we sincerely thank all of you for your continued support. Eventually we will need to climb to our goal of $20,000,000 to insure the livelihood of our legacy to those WE PLEDGE TO SERVE as Knights against blindness and deafness.

Sincerely,

Mario J. Gumino, PDG
Executive Director
Lions of Illinois Endowment Trust
BUSY – BUSY – BUSY

That seems to be the theme as we Lions here in 1-J celebrate Labor Day and move into the heart of the Lion Year. The Candy Day jamboree is behind us and we want to thank Lion Dr. Dave Powell for coming and passing on so much information on what is happening with hearing and hearing loss. The clubs in 1-J have received over 200 cases of candy in preparation for another successful Candy Day. Many ideas were passed out at the Jamboree. Some of the ideas were:

- Use the new counter displays and leave up all year. Several clubs reported substantial monthly income from leaving these displays up all year.
- Find stores that will allow Lions to be at their storefront. Some suggestions were, Walgreens, Jewel, all food stores, Wal Mart, & banks.
- Step up the underwriting campaign. Seek donations and volunteers from local businesses.

Candy Day is the big fund-raiser for your Foundation. 1-J has always been the leader. Let’s make this year the best ever for all those who are in need.

Thirty years ago, the Lions of Illinois banded together and built the Lions of Illinois Eye Research Institute. Today, that facility is considered one of the premier research facilities in the world dedicated to eliminating blindness. On September 10th there will be an Open House at the Institute. This is a place of miracles. This is the opportunity for new Lions to see what is being done in the world of eye research.

Finally, both Foundation Trustees Lions Nancy Rex and Jim Addington want to come to your club to bring you up to date on what is happening at your Foundation. Call us and schedule one of us in as a program. Also, we are as close as the phone to assist your club in any way as it pertains to the Foundation.

Have a great year!

*Your Foundation Trustees,*  
*Lion Jim Addington, PDG*  
* &  
*Lion Nancy Rex, PDG*

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**New Camp Lions LIF Coordinator**

Lion Sharon Adkins is our new LIF Coordinator for Camp Lions. Her email is sharon60551@peoplepc.com/her Cell Phone is: 815-236-9453.

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**The Importance of LIEF Birdies**

The 2016 John Deere Golf Classic and Birdies for Charity has been completed and if you made a ‘pledge’, your John Deere bill should have arrived. The number of Birdies shot this year was 1,982.

The money from all Lion/Lioness pledges is returned to our LIEF; however, Birdies for Charity applies an additional amount (a percent of) to the check we receive. When paying your bill, make it simple and round up to an ‘even’ dollar amount.

Thinking about the ‘Birdies’ program is more than the golf outing and the pledges submitted by our Lions and Lionesses.

During the year a paid Foundation Fellow or Tree of Service, which includes Leaves and Rocks, request should be accompanied by a completed Birdies form. Submitting the Birdies form will not delay the processing of your request; however, it will provide additional dollars to our LIEF from the Birdies for Charity program. Birdies forms are available from our LIF office. There are several LIEF donations which cannot be processed through Birdies, such as: Sustaining Supporters, Memorials, and Honorariums.

The ‘Birdies’ program is a no-cost partner in Executive Director Mario’s program for LIEF to reach $15 million. I would like to visit your club to provide a short informative program on ‘Birdies’ and ‘Memorials and Endowments’ and how our LIEF can achieve it’s next goal.

Contact: Lion Ron Wigton, 1-J Birdies Coordinator, and Past LIF Trustee at ronwo805@comcast.net or (630) 740-2066.

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**Meet El-Vee**

He’s the new “Seeing is Believing” mascot for the LIF Low Vision Programs for Youth.

He is here to say that LIF is on guard and ready to protect sight and provide assistance for low vision students in Illinois.

The “Seeing is Believing” program costs the Foundation $290 for each student. It provides a visually-impaired child with the optical tools and training necessary to prevent further vision loss or even blindness.