

District 1-CN Newsletter



“Move to Grow” Governor Stan Schmidt



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From the District Governor submitted by DG Stan Schmidt

Hello Lions, Lioness, and Leos. I want to first congratulate PDG Jerry Ellis for the year he had. I enjoyed working with him this year. PDG has a nice ring to it. Do you agree, Jerry? Cora and I returned on July 12th from the Lions International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We enjoyed meeting Lions from all over the world. I spent the first four days in Governors Training. Those were long days but LCI has some of the best trainers.

I have a lot of new ideas to bring to our district. The new International President, Eberhard J. Wirfs has for his theme "Move to Grow" represented by the Ginkgo Tree which symbolizes our association's heritage and longevity. Membership will be the emphasis this year. You will be hearing a lot about forming new clubs and increasing the present membership. President Wirfs has a new list of awards to encourage more membership.

The last six days were spent at the International Convention. This was a well planned convention. There were several very good seminars that I attended. The plenary sessions and seminars stayed on the subject at hand and started and ended on time. President Wirfs hosted an Oktoberfest one evening. We enjoyed a German dinner, music and games. The Celebration Banquet included Big Band entertainment. The band was a large group of twenty five or more members playing or singing from the Big Band era. International Night included entertainment by the Beach Boys. We also participated in the mile long parade. The election resulted in Dan O'Reilly being elected to a two year term as International Director. Lion Dan is from Stickney and is a member of the Stickney-Forest View Lions Club from District 1A.

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From the District Governor continued

In order for my plan of growth to work, the presidents and secretaries of each club need to work close with the zone chairperson. As presidents you need to have meetings that encourage your members to want to attend. Your program committee needs to plan interesting programs. Infonnative and interesting programs will draw your members to the meeting to improve attendance. Your membership committee needs to encourage and invite new members. The retention committee has to discourage drops. Secretaries need to report what your club is doing and have their reports in on time. Everyone on the cabinet is willing to help in any area that you may have a problem. Please give them a call. If you let your Lions Chair know he/she will let me know and I will get you the help needed. We want to increase membership and stop drops.

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September Lions Clubs International Calendar of Events from Lions International Web Site

September 13-16:	Senior Lions Leadership Institute/Europe (Tampere, Finland)
September 13-16:	MERL Chairpersons Seminar/Europe (Tampere, Finland)
September 17-19:	Europa Forum (Tampere, Finland)
September 24-26:	USA/Canada Lions Forum (Memphis, Tennessee, USA)
September 27-30:	MERL Chairpersons Seminar/USA, Affiliates, Bermuda, the Bahamas and Canada (Memphis, Tennessee, USA)
September 29-October 4:	International Board of Directors Meeting (New Orleans, Louisiana, USA)

From the District Governor continued

The August calendar:

- 6th
 - Candy Day Jamboree, New Baden Legion Home, 5:30 pictures, 6:15 dinner
- 9th
 - Governor's visit O'Fallon - Fairview Heights
- 14th-15th
 - Council Meeting, Bloomington
- 18th
 - RECC
- 23rd
 - Cabinet Meeting, St. Jacobs
- 28th – 29th
 - Leader Dog, Rochester, Michigan

This is the 35th Anniversary of our Lions of Illinois Foundation. A special Foundation Fellow and Sustaining Supporter is available **until** December 31, 2009.

As you know, the Governor must visit your club. Better your chances of getting the date you wish.

From the Weasel,
Stan Schmidt
DG 1-CN

ABC's of Lionism

by: 1st VDG Lynda Middle Calf

Believe: Believe in yourself and the ability of your Club to make a difference!

It is always being said that Lions are the best-kept secret around. Why do you suppose that is? We do not seem to have the confidence to toot our own horn both as Lions members but also in telling the public all of the great works that we achieve as a Club. Remember that we have the backing of over 45,000 clubs and 1.3 million members world wide to support us in the knowledge that we truly SERVE in our communities. We work hard for those in need and often go without any recognition. Believe in our numbers. Believe in our strength. Believe in our commitment to service. Hold your head high and wear your lapel pin with pride each and every day. Someone may ask what it stands for and you can proudly say, "I'm a Lion and WE SERVE!"

I believe you're awesome! Do you?

REQUEST FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISIT:

Our District Governor Stan and First Lady Cora are looking forward to visiting your Club this year. Please use the following form to submit your request. Also, remember that CS PDG Lydia and Trustee PCC Bill will be traveling with our Governor and First Lady on many occasions as their chauffeur.

CLUB NAME _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

CONTACT PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

LOCATION OF EVENT: _____

TYPE OF MEETING: (Circle choice or write on the blank provided):

REGULAR MEETING (OR) SPOUSE NIGHT (OR) PROSPECTIVE MEMBER (OR)

AWARDS (OR) _____

DATE REQUESTED: _____ TIME OF EVENT _____

Please return this form to: DG Stan Schmidt - email: stan-schmidt@hotmail.com and CS PDG Lydia Ellis - email: lellispdg@yahoo.com. Please respond with a email to both of us when you make your request. Thank you.

From Your District Trustees submitted by PDG Bill McKinney

Your trustees Lion James Middle Calf, PDG and Lion Bill McKinney, PDG/PCC, in conjunction with the other twenty-two elected trustee's will create, mold, polish and enforce the policies and ideals of our foundation. Yes it is **our Foundation** as it was started thirty-five years ago by individual Lions in MD-1. The two largest assets of any Lion in Illinois are; **The Lions of Illinois Endowment Fund** and **The Lions of Illinois Foundation**. The net assets of your endowment fund should exceed six million dollars this year. Your foundation is the administrator of thirteen programs and the collecting body for funds created by you to fund these programs.

The mission statement of your foundation is: **"To Create a PERMANENT Vehicle for the Delivery of Programs and Services for the Visual and Hearing Impaired."** Your foundation is big business with a 2009-2010 budget exceeding 1.3 million dollars. The foundation budget has not been met for many years. This is not to say that we are operating insolvent, but to tell you that income has not been sufficient to meet the budgeted expenses in previous years. The executive director of the foundation, Van Stone, has shaved and cut expenses each of the last fourteen years to balance the budget. Please set a personal goal, as each trustee has, to make this the year that income exceeds budgeted expenses. The largest foundation fund raiser is **"Candy Day"**. This one fund raiser should raise the income proposed in the budget. To accomplish this, the "Lions of Illinois" must **double** the **net to foundation** proceeds of past years. **MD-1-CN Candy Day Jamboree** will be held in New Baden on Thursday August 6, 2009. Please consult your District Newsletter for details.

Yours in Lionism: Lion Bill McKinney PDG/PCC Trustee Lions of IL Foundation

Open Area Fund Raising Project submitted by PDG Ron Belcher

It is that time again where we will be doing our fund raising for this project. Governor Stan has appointed me as the Chairperson for the project and I will be assisted by Lion Charlie Steuer. However, as in the past, we will need volunteers as Supervisors over the hired personnel we use as telemarketers. We have some that have already volunteered but we could use more so we have more trained to perform this function should we have an illness or other reason that a regular can't be there. We will be starting our calling on September 8, 2009 and will go through November until about Thanksgiving. Lion Charlie is getting the telemarketers and I am getting the Supervisors. PDG Jim Hall is still taking care of getting the phones and some other administrative necessities. If you know of someone who you think would be a good telemarketer, please pass that persons name and phone number on the Lion Charlie. He will take it from there and do the interview, etc. If you would like to volunteer to be a Supervisor, please email me or call me and let me know. You can reach me at 618 632-2957 or at ron1235@wildblue.net. I will be out of town until August 13 but will look at my emails and phone log as soon as I get back. This project is a very large project but has also been a very successful project. I hope to continue to keep up the work that PDG Jim, Lion Charlie, and the other volunteers have done so successfully the past years. It is a District 1-CN project so we need everyone's help.

District 1-CN Lions of Illinois Magazine Associate Editor

submitted by Lion Ann E Ragsdale

District Governor Stan has appointed me as the District Associate Editor for the Lions of Illinois Magazine for this year. I will be working closely with Lion Mo Ritzel as I transition into this new assignment. The first magazine deadline is August 10 which is just around the corner. Hopefully, you have sent articles and/or pictures to Lion Mo and together we will get them to the Lions of Illinois Magazine Editor for this issue. If you have any additional data for the magazine, and for all future editions, please send them electronically to Ann E Ragsdale at rag5us@yahoo.com. You may also send them to me by snail mail at 610 Marian Drive, Dupu, IL 62239-1474. My phone number is 618 286-6064 should you need to call me. I have big shoes to fill following Lion Mo but I will do my best to tell the Lions in Illinois about District 1-CN, but I can't do it unless you provide me articles and pictures. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Notes from the Cabinet Secretary

submitted by PDG Lydia Ellis

Upcoming Events:

- August 1 Lions of Illinois Foundation Golf Outing at Gibson City
- August 2 LIF Coordinators meeting - Chateau in Bloomington
- August 6 District Candy Day Jamboree - New Baden
(For information contact Trustees Middle Calf or McKinney)
- August 14-15 Council of Governors meeting - The Chateau, Bloomington
- August 23 District CN Cabinet Meeting St. Jacob Lions Hall at 1 p.m.
- September 24-26 USA/CANADA Lions Leadership Forum, Memphis, TN

 Please schedule your District Governor's visit. Reply by email to DG Stan at: stan-schmidt@hotmail.com and CS Lydia Ellis at: lellispdg@yahoo.com.
 Request form is in the newsletter.

Reminder: Anyone who will have a report for the District Cabinet meeting, please email to CS Lydia by August 17 so that I can prepare folders for the meeting. Contact me with any questions that you might have.

Submitted by: CS PDG Lydia Ellis

District 1-CN Leadership submitted by PDG Jerry Clemens

What are you aimin' at'?"

Lions Club Presidents and Boards of Directors need to know what they are aiming at. Without aims, or goals, Lions clubs tend to drift along. There will probably be a certain number of successes, but chances are there will be multiple opportunities lost because the 'moment' passed before the club was prepared to act. Too many times to count, when Lions are confronted with advice to develop goals, their eyes go out of focus and they bull-up, refusing to budge. Setting goals is not easy, and it comes as no surprise that a group of volunteers might resist being put through the exercise. But, there can be no argument when it comes to comparing a club with goals to one that is clueless. Lions club presidents and directors who have availed themselves of opportunities for training in goal setting, management skills, planning methods and Lions protocol will find themselves better suited to lead their



Taken on Kansas Longhorn Drive clubs to successful results. Attending conventions, zone meetings and training sessions are necessary things for Lions leaders to do. Excuses for not attending these activities have no end, but the resultant lost opportunity to grow in Lionism cannot be overstated.

If you are going to take the job of leading your club, you really have no justifiable excuse for not filling a seat at the next offered event. After all, some dedicated volunteer Lion has committed himself/herself to delivering Lions training, or planning a Lions meeting. When these things aren't well attended, everyone loses and the Lion responsible for the event is disappointed. 1-CN has no legitimate excuse for poor attendance at planned events. If we really knew what it is we are "aimin' at", we should be able to do better.

Thanks District Governor Stan for allowing me to serve the district as a member of your 2000-2010 Cabinet. My "aim" is to provide some thoughts, some information and some challenges for Lion leaders, as they proceeded through their year. It would be a good thing to believe that someone, somewhere actually gets something useful from the attempt.

District 1-CN Monthly Activity Report submitted by Lion Mo Ritzel

Lion Mo Ritzel has a master Excel spreadsheet that all our 1-CN Clubs can use to complete their Monthly Activity Report. This file is easy to use and lists all the points. Email Lion Mo at mo1235@htc.net for a copy. This file will also be available on the District 1-CN Web site.

Any problems with Clubs submitting their Monthly Membership Report, can email or call Lion Mo.

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District 1-CN Cabinet Meeting submitted by PDG Lydia Ellis

ATTENTION LIONS - LIONESSE - LEOS

District 1-CN will be holding the first District Cabinet meeting on Sunday, August 23 at 1 p.m. at the St. Jacob Lions Hall.

Cabinet members, please submit your reports for the meeting to me by August 17 so that I can have the folders put together by the meeting date. Please let me know if you will be attending the meeting - if not, please submit your report to me for presentation at the meeting.

We will be having a deli type lunch at the meeting – the cost has not been determined yet. Club Presidents and Secretary's you are welcome to attend this meeting - it will give you a chance to see how the business of our District is run.

Please let me know if you will be attending the meeting so that I can be sure to have enough food for everyone.

See you on the 23rd of August....

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State Convention submitted by PDG Lydia Ellis

Greetings Lions of 1-CN

The State Convention Committee met this past weekend and had a great meeting with all kinds of ideas and comments being talked about. Our goal for the 2010 State Convention is to make it interesting and exciting and fun for all Lions, Lioness and Leos, so that they will want to attend.

So Lions of District 1-CN let me know your thoughts: did you attend the state convention in 2009....if you did, what did you like about it and what did you not like?....what would you like to see happen at the 2010 convention? Did you attend any of the seminars and what kind of seminars would you like to attend at next year's convention? Do you have a certain seminar presenter that you would like to hear again? Tell me your thoughts on our State Convention - what changes would you like to see made? And what do you like about our State Convention that you want to keep in the program? If you did not attend, why not? What can we do to get you to attend again?

The Committee worked hard last year to lower costs and we are working hard to keep costs for attendance at the convention down again for 2010.

Please email me or write me your responses and anything else that you would like me to know about the state convention. My email is: lellispdg@yahoo.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

CS Lydia Ellis
District Rep. on State Convention Committee



Let's Play in Peoria!!

Reserve the Dates: May 20-23, 2010

Lions of Illinois State Convention

Meet Lions, Lioness and Leos from around the State!

Stay an extra day, have some fun!!

Arrive on Thursday: Shopping, Golf, Trap Shoot, Riverboat Dinner Cruise, Many Attractions

Friday Events: Shopping, Golf, Beep Ball Demonstration with the Comets!(Pending)

Lots to do: Riverfront Visitor Center, 4 blocks from the hotel! Shuttle Services Available.

Dining

Café 401
Joe's Crab Shack
Johnny's Hideaway
Old Chicago Pizza
Hooters
Rhythm Kitchen Music Café
Martini's
Water Street Wines
Café & Coffee

Shopping

The Best of Post & Pillar
Cyrus
Contemporary Art Center
Illinois Antique Center
Jewelry on Water
Peoria Art Guild Gallery

Entertainment

Carriage Classics
CEFCU Center Stage
Spirit Of Peoria Riverboat
World on Wheels

Bring the Whole Family! Babysitting Available All Day Saturday/Saturday Night (Details later)

Local Attractions:

Wildlife Prairie Park	Lakeview Museum of Arts and Science
Wheels of Time	Mission Oak Inn: 7 acre Lake, 120 acre Farm
Forest Park Nature Center	George L Luthy Botanical Garden
Peoria Zoo	East light Theatre
Par-a-Dice Casino, East Peoria	Many More!

Historic Illinois Riverboat Cruises: 2 and 3 Day Cruises to Starved Rock Lodge or St Louis Riverfront

Illinois River Road National Scenic Byway, 12 Sites to visit!

Watch for details on other upcoming Events!!!

