

# District 1-CN Newsletter



## “Miracles Through Service”

Governor Jerry Ellis



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## From the VDG submitted by VDG Stan Schmidt

We are now in our last quarter of the year. If you have not yet held Governor's Night, call Governor Jerry and set a date. His phone number is 618-839-3013 and e-mail address [gerryjs15@yahoo.com](mailto:gerryjs15@yahoo.com). You still have time, but a governor likes to have his visits in by the district convention.

Speaking of conventions, the District Convention is April 17-18<sup>th</sup>, at Carlyle Lake. Registration is due April 3<sup>rd</sup>. May 15 - 17<sup>th</sup> are the dates for the State Convention. It is being held at the, Wynham Hotel in Lisle IL. Registration is due May 1<sup>st</sup>. As of now we are still looking for someone to step forward for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor.

Election time is here. Lion President if you have not appointed a nominating committee you need to do so. When your election is final have your secretary send in the P.U.101 form. That information is needed so that the mail goes to the right place. Inform your new officers that Officers Training will be on May 31<sup>st</sup> at the American Legion in New Baden. Everyone is welcome to come, but please encourage your new officers to attend. A successful club needs good leadership and to be a good leader you need to understand your duties. Officers' training is the place to get this information. I have been told by several Lions in other districts that we have the best training in the state for our new officers.

Remember this is the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of your Foundation. We will have a birthday party at the District Convention including cake. A 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Foundation Fellow Pin and Sustaining Supporter Pin are available until December 31<sup>st</sup>. Do you have yours?

Our membership is not up like Lions International would like for it to be. Continue to increase your club membership. We also need to do a better job of retaining rather than dropping members. If you want some help call the M.E.R.L.O.W. Team, they will assist you.

See you at the District Convention.



## Notes from Around the District

submitted by District 1-CN Clubs

Mt. Vernon: April 7, Retinopathy Testing, West Salem Trinity Church  
9AM to 1 PM

# District 1-CN

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[www.illinoislionsmdl.org](http://www.illinoislionsmdl.org)

## May Lions International Calendar of Events from Lions International Web Site

**For Your Advanced Planning**

May 2009	
<u><a href="#">Recycle for Sight Month</a></u>	
May 1:	Deadline for <u><a href="#">international convention</a></u> regular registration fees
May 1:	Deadline for advance <u><a href="#">convention registration</a></u> and hotel room requests to be received
May 1:	Deadline for <u><a href="#">International Friendship Banner, Newsletter, Photography, PR Idea, Trading Pin and Web Site contest</a></u> entries to be received at International Headquarters
May 11-14:	Executive Committee Meeting (Oak Brook, Illinois, USA)
May 11-17:	<u><a href="#">White Cane</a></u> Week
May 15:	Deadline for filing <u><a href="#">Officer Reporting Form</a></u> (PU101)
May 15-18:	<u><a href="#">Faculty Development Institute/South America, Central America, Mexico and Islands of the Caribbean Sea</a></u> (Recife, Brazil)
May 31:	Deadline for <u><a href="#">Family Membership Certification Forms</a></u>

**April**  
**is**

**Leo Club Awareness Month**

# RECC Crazy Bowl submitted by Lion Gail Ann Adams

Gail Ann Adams, Secretary  
Lions Regional Eye Care Committee  
of Southern Illinois, Inc.  
P. O. Box 603  
Collinsville, IL 62234



March 20, 2009

Dear Fellow Lions:

The Lions Regional Eye Care Committee of Southern Illinois, Inc. (**RECC**) will hold their annual Crazy Bowl on May 3, 2009 at the Baden Bowl in New Baden. Bowling will start at 1:30 p.m. Reservations need to be in to the Chairman not later than April 30, 2009

The Committee is asking all member clubs to donate at least two items to be used as attendance prizes or silent auction items. Value of the prizes should be at least \$5. Prizes may be given to your Clubs representative or any Officer of the Committee. Also, please feel free to bring your favorite snack to share with the bowlers.

Enclosed please find a registration form for your use. We hope you will attend and make this event a success.

Any questions, please call Gail Ann Adams, 618-345-0593. Thanks in advance for your help and cooperation in this most worthwhile project.

Yours in Lionism

Gail Ann Adams, Secretary  
Chairman – Crazy Bowl

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## ***District Admin Raffle***

**ONLY 100 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD.** The prize pool will be 50% of the money received from ticket sales. **Tickets cost \$100 each.**

Distribution of the prize pool will be as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize .....25% of prize pool
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize .....20% of prize pool
- 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> Prizes.....10% of prize pool each
- 6<sup>th</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> Prizes.....5% of prize pool each

The drawing is April 18<sup>th</sup> at District Convention. **There are extra unsold tickets available**, if any clubs or members wish to purchase additional tickets, please contact Cabinet Treasurer Barbara Taylor at 934-5761



### Crazy Bowl Registration Form

DUE BY APRIL 30, 2009

To Chairman Gail Ann Adams, P. O. Box 603, Collinsville, IL 62234

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_

\*Crazy Bowl to benefit Lions Regional Eye Care Committee of Southern Illinois, Inc. (Aids people who otherwise wouldn't be able to obtain eye surgeries)

\*Held at Baden Bowl, 105 E Illinois St, New Baden, IL May 3, 2009

\*Registration begins at 12:30 pm and bowling begins at 1:30 pm.  
Prizes Awarded for High Games! **TONS OF FUN!!**

\*\$15 per person, includes shoes.

\*Bowlers need not be Lions. Put together a family team, friends, co-workers or church team. The list is endless.

\*We look forward to seeing you there!

\*Please return registration form along with fees to Gail Ann Adams, 307 N. Clinton Street, Collinsville, IL 62234, Phone 618-345-0593, or any LRECCSI Officer.

# Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes Program

from Lions International President Al Brandel via E-mail

Dear Lion,

Lions Clubs International has had a long-lasting, and very rewarding partnership with the Special Olympics organization. The Special Olympics organization is engaging in a new campaign, launching March 31, called "Spread The Word to End The Word." It is a national day of awareness for America to stop and think about their use of the R-word. That R-word is not "recession," but something more hurtful and painful – "retard."

Our partnership began with the Opening Eyes program. The Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes program is supported by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). The partnership program began in 2001 and has provided vision care to more than 100,000 individuals with intellectual disabilities. Together our two organizations are dedicated to serving those in need; the combined effort helps a population whose needs are so often overlooked.

Our partnership has been further solidified with recent initiatives, including new special interest Lions clubs popping up all over the United States, whose main focus is working with Special Olympics athletes. I also had the pleasure of attending the Special Olympics Winter Games in Boise, ID in February, and can tell you first hand these athletes carry themselves with dignity, and deserve nothing less than our admiration and respect.

Support of this campaign is easy, and will just take a moment of your time. Click on the link provided below to sign the pledge to stop using the R-word. Declare your support for more respectful and inclusive language, specifically that referring to those with intellectual disabilities. [www.r-word.org](http://www.r-word.org)

Spread the word Lions!!

Sincerely,

Al Brandel

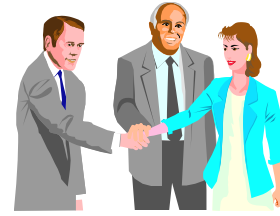


# Lions Leadership, District 1-CN

submitted by PDG Jerry Clemens, District 1-CN Leadership Chair

## Leadership – Lions District 1-CN:

The picture I've chosen to accompany this article on Leadership illustrates cooperation, camaraderie and friendship. Membership in a Lions Club is a privilege. You were invited to join by a friend. Your club provides fellowship, which goes beyond the usual casual acquaintance level, and thru cooperation, club projects are planned and conducted. Every Lion should be made more complete by the wearing of the Lions membership pin. The men and women of Lions Club receive many 'pay-days' because of their membership in the youngest, but largest of service clubs.



Lions International, founded by Melvin Jones, 1917, was challenged to become something special in the world of service organizations. Jones emphasized community service and in 1925, Helen Keller asked us to become "Knights of the Blind". As of 10/31/08, membership in Lions International stood at 1,309,691, in 45,083 clubs. It would seem the challenge has been answered! According to District 1-CN Governor, Gerry Ellis, as of February, '09, the district membership was 1227. This is only 23 short of the magic number of 1250, which will take the district out of Transition status. The Governor, in speaking at Mt. Vernon, indicated that our district was the only one in the state to register a net gain in membership.

It would appear that Leadership in the District, is alive and well. Congratulations!

The following is an oldie, but a goodie. It is offered here, with tongue in cheek, but with every intention to provide some serious food for thought. Leaders of Lions Clubs especially can draw some benefit from these rules:

### Rules for Your Garden

Plant three rows of Squash.

1. Squash gossip;
2. Squash criticism
3. Squash indifference

Plant three rows of Peas.

1. Patience,
2. Purpose,
3. Perseverance,

Plant five rows of Lettuce.

1. Let us be unselfish and loyal;
2. Let us be faithful to duty;
3. Let us be willing to help others;
4. Let us be obedient in all things;
5. Let us love one another;

No garden is complete without Turnips.

1. Turn up for meetings;
2. Turn up with a smile when things get difficult;
3. Turn up with determination to do your best;

Author Unknown

Well, so much for leadership articles 2008-2009. This is the last one for the Governor's newsletter this year. You've read cowboy humor, cattle drive analogy, front porch pontification, and now, you are asked to get out the hoe and plant a garden!

How could you possibly ask for more?

The founder of Lions International had a personal code: "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else". This is an attitude toward life, which is truly worthy of emulation. 1-CN Lion Leaders "You know what you need to do"!

Thanks for allowing me the privilege of sharing these thoughts.

PDG Jerry Clemens

## TENTATIVE CONVENTION AGENDA

### **Thursday, May 14, 2009**

State Golf Outing.....10:00am  
Hospitality room.....6:00pm  
\$5.00 entry fee

### **Friday, May 15, 2009**

Convention Sub-committee meeting...Registration  
9:30-10:00am

State Golf Outing....10:00am

### **Conv Registration..10:00am-12:00 noon**

CST Certification Training ..10:00am-10:30am

Governor/Governor Elect Meeting..10:30am-  
11:45am

Open Lunch for Lions

Exhibitors/Pin Traders Displays..12:00 noon-  
7:00pm

Site Selection Committee: 1:30pm-4:00pm

State Committee Interviews..1:30pm-4:00pm

### **Delegate Certification 2:00-7:00pm**

Silent Auction.....4:00pm-7:00pm

Vice Governors Elect Meeting...4:00pm-5:00pm

State Sub-committee Meetings..4:30pm-5:00pm

**Constitution & By-Laws** **Sergeant-At-Arms**

**Resolution committee** **Election Committee**

### **Convention Rules Committee**

Lions Welcoming Reception...6:00pm-7:00pm

### **First Plenary Session..7:15pm-9:00pm**

District Hospitality....9:00pm-12:00am

### **Saturday, May 16, 2009**

DG/State Chairman Breakfast  
7:30am-8:15am

LIF Board Breakfast 7:30am-8:45am

### **State Convention Golf Outing Golfers Wanted !!**

### **Thursday, May 14, 2009**

#### **Carriage Greens CC- \$45.00**

Cost per day per golfer, 18 holes of golf, cart and  
lunch

### **Friday, May 15, 2009**

#### **Downers Grove GC...\$50.00**

Cost per day, two 9 hole rounds, includes cart and  
lunch

We ask that you call to reserve your time with

Lion Harry Barber PDG

1-630-920-8547 or

630-209-6567(cell).

### **Saturday, May 16, 2009 cont.**

Exhibitors/Pin Traders..8:00am-3:00pm

### **First Timers Meeting..8:30am**

Silent Auction.....8:30am-3:00pm

LIF Board Meeting..8:45am-11:45am

### **Conv. Registration...9:00am-12:00 noon**

### **Seminars. 9:00am-10:00am**

1. Guiding Lions

2. Merlow

3. New Club Forum

### **Seminars..10:15am-11:15am**

1. Women's Initiative

PDG Meeting

Lioness Meeting

### **Certification....10:00am-12:00 noon**

LIF Key Ambassador/Incoming Board Lunch-  
eon..12:00 noon-1:30pm

Open lunch for Lions

### **ICN Squirrels vs I F Pigs race.1:15pm- 2:15pm**

### **Conv. Registration/Certification..1:00pm- 2:00pm**

### **Seminars...1:30pm-2:30pm**

1. Lions and the State of Illinois Registrations

2. Lions Quest

3. Youth/Leo Program

Pin Traders Meeting.....2:00pm

### **Second Plenary Session...2:30pm-3:15pm**

District Caucuses...3:30pm-4:30pm

Governors Reception....5:00pm-6:15pm

### **Lions Of Illinois Banquet.....6:30pm- 9:00pm**

District Hospitality....9:00pm-12:00am

### **Sunday, May 17, 2009**

Ecumenical Services..7:00am-7:30am

Conv. Registration/Certification..7:30am-9:00am

Lions of Illinois Voting/Foundation vot-  
ing...7:00am-9:00am

### **Lions of Illinois Foundation Break- fast...8:00am-11:30am**

### **Closing Plenary Session.....11:30am-12:00 noon**

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ILLINOIS MD 1 STATE  
CONVENTION AND LIONS  
OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
MAY 15TH-17TH, 2009



## **35th Anniversary of our Lions of Illinois Foundation**

Wyndham Lisle-Chicago Hotel and  
Executive meeting Center

3000 Warrenville Road,

Tel: 1-877-999-3223

## SEMINARS

**Saturday, May 16, 2009**

**9:00am-10:00am**

### **Guiding Lions**

**PID Bud Wahl/Lion Jama Wahl**

What is a guiding lion? This seminar will explain what a guiding lion is, what they do, and how to become one.

### **MERLOW Team**

A presentation by the State Chairman of the MERLOW Team with updates as to what is happening throughout the state of Illinois.

### **New Club Formation**

**Lion Lynda Middlecalf/PDG James Middlecalf**

An open discuss about forming new clubs and follow up needed to keep them active.

**10:15am-11:15am**

### **Women's Initiative—Alive and Well**

**Lion Gail Adams, State Chairman**

An update of programs and progress throughout Illinois

**1:30pm-2:30pm**

### **Lions and the State of Illinois**

**Lion Van Stone, Executive Administrator, LIF**

A hands on approach to completing forms for the Attorney General of Illinois.

### **Lions Quest**

**Lion PDG Bob Bloemker, State Chairman**

A presentation explaining how the program works, and how to get started in your schools.

### **Youth/Leo Programs**

**Lion Perry Knuston, State Chairman**

A presentation of the programs available and progress throughout the state.

## CONVENTION REGISTRATION

No Registration fee for Leos and/or children under 18 years of age.

**\$10.00**

**Please mail in registrations by May 1st, 2009**

## MEAL FEES

**Friday Evening, May 15, 2009**

**Lions' Welcoming Reception...No Charge**

**Saturday Morning, May 16, 2009**

**Lisle Lions Club Pancake Breakfast...\$5.00 at the door.**

Carpool or utilize the hotel shuttle

**Saturday Noon, May 16, 2009**

**Open Lunch...Go to a local restaurant or eat at the hotel dining room or snack bar.**

**Saturday Evening, May 16, 2009**

**Lions of Illinois Banquet.....\$26.00**

**Sunday Morning, May 17, 2009**

**Lions of Illinois Foundation Breakfast...\$13.00**

No Meal tickets will be sold on Site

## HOTEL INFORMATION

Call hotel direct for your guest room reservation

1.877.999.3223

## Wyndham Lisle-Chicago

**Hotel and Executive Meeting Center**

**3000 Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL**

**Special Lions' Rate...\$89.00 plus tax**

**Be sure to mention you are a LION!**

**LION KAY K.  
FUKUSHIMA**



Kay Fukushima, of Sacramento, California, was elected to serve as president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 85th International Convention in Osaka, Japan, July 8-12, 2002.

Past President Fukushima is in the insurance industry.

A member of the Sacramento Senator Lions Club since 1965, PIP Fukushima has held many positions within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, deputy district governor, district governor in 1978-79 and vice chairperson of MD 4 (California and Nevada). He served as an international director on the association's board of directors from 1986-88. PIP Fukushima was a member of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Planning Committee from 1988-91 and is the author of the forum operational manual. He also served as a DGE school group leader from 1994-99 and as a member of the original Leadership Institute Faculty from 1994-97, the first 3 yrs. Of the institute. Additionally, he served as general convention chairperson in 1988, Denver, Co. and made many major changes to the convention. He also was an original member of the North American Membership Committee.

PIP Fukushima has received numerous awards in recognition of his service to the association, including life membership, the 100% Club President Award, the 100% DG Award, 3 Extension Awards, 4 Lion of the Year awards, a Mater Key Award, 4 International President Leadership Medals, 8 Presidential Certificates of Appreciation, 11 Presidential Medals and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Helen Keller Fellow and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions Activities, PIP Fukushima is involved with the Sacramento Zoo and a number of community youth recreation programs. He is also active in various professional associations.

Past President Fukushima and his wife, Denise, have two children and four grandchildren.

**LIONS OF ILLINOIS 2009 STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**

**May 15, 16, 17, 2009**

Wyndham Hotel – 3000 Warrenville Road, Lisle, Il.....1.877.999.3223

**Person #1** \_\_\_\_\_ **District 1** \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Lion-Lioness-Leo-Spouse-Guest (*Circle one*)

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Current Lions Position \_\_\_\_\_

LIF Fellow: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ First Timer: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ MJ Fellow: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Person #2** \_\_\_\_\_ **District 1** \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Lion-Lioness-Leo-Spouse-Guest (*Circle one*)

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Current Lions Position \_\_\_\_\_

LIF Fellow: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ First Timer: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ MJ Fellow: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

<b>Registration Fee</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Person #1</b>	<b>Person #2</b>	<b>Total for both</b>
<b>Lion, Lioness, Spouse, Guest</b> No registration fee for Leos or under 18 years	<b>\$10.00</b>			
Pancake Breakfast, Lisle Lions Club \$5.00 donation May 16, 2009- Saturday <b>8am-noon</b> <b>Please car pool with other Lions, directions will be provided in your registration packet</b>	Pay at door			
LIF Ambassadors Lunch-Open to all former LIF Trustees (Saturday)*	\$0.00			
<b>Lions of Illinois Governors' Banquet</b> May 16, 2009 – Saturday Evening	\$26.00			
<b>Lions of Illinois Foundation Breakfast</b> May 17, 2009 – Sunday Morning	\$13.00			

**Total Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

\*The only sit down lunch on Saturday will be for the Foundation Ambassadors. There will be information in your registration packets for places to eat lunch as well as maps to get there. There will be ample time to go off site for lunch before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Session. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary session will be a NON-meal function.

Special Meal request for religious or health reasons \_\_\_\_\_

**No meal tickets available on site**

Please print clearly or type all information on this form

**Make Checks Payable To: LIONS OF ILLINOIS, INC**

(No credit cards accepted for Registration or Meals at this time)

Mail Registration with money no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009

Mail Registration Forms (with Payment) to:  
Lions of Illinois, Inc  
19072 State Highway 123  
Petersburg, IL 62675

Cut off Date for Hotel Reservations 5/01/09  
Room Reservations: Call 1-877-999-3223 or  
www.Wyndham.com

**Room Rate \$89.00 + tax**

**Tell them you're with the Lions!**

# LIONS of ILLINOIS STATE CONVENTION



## GOLF OUTING



Thursday, May 14, 2009  
18-holes, Par 70

Friday, May 15, 2009  
18-holes, Par 72  
(9-holes/white tees &  
9-holes/blue tees)

### **Carriage Greens CC**

8700 Carriage Greens Dr.  
Darien, IL  
(630)985-3730

\$45, includes cart & lunch

### **Downers Grove GC**

2420 Haddow Ave.  
Downers Grove, IL  
(630)963-1306

\$50, includes cart &  
lunch

Tee times: 10:00-11:00

Reservations, with money, are to be in no later than  
May 1, 2009. Make checks payable to Lions of Illinois

Mail reservations to:  
Lion Harry Barber, PDG  
136 Carriage Way Dr., #217  
Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Tel: (630) 920-8547 (H)  
(630) 209-6567 (cell)

e-mail: [jbarber38@comcast.net](mailto:jbarber38@comcast.net)

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I (we) want to golf on Thursday, Friday, both days (please circle one)

1 \_\_\_\_\_  
2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_

1 \_\_\_\_\_  
2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_

Contact:

name \_\_\_\_\_ tel.# \_\_\_\_\_

## **New Lions International English Web Site** from Lion Dane LaJoye, Manager, Public Relations and Communications Division Lions Clubs International via E-mail

Dear Lion:

As part of our major branding initiative, Lions Clubs International is launching a new English Web site on Monday, March 30, 2009. This new Web site will make it easier to find information – and complete tasks.

Explain who Lions are and what we do. And tell the Lions' story dramatically in pictures and in words.

The new Web site will have familiar sections, including About Lions, The Foundation and News and Events. There will also be new sections:

- Our Impact will include stories and photos that show how Lions make a difference. Plus, "Tips and Tools" for projects.
- Online Community will allow Lions to connect with other Lions on MySpace, YouTube, Facebook and Twitter and share their stories and photos with Headquarters.
- A new Member Center will provide information that Lions need to do service projects and manage clubs and districts.

Please note that the Member Center will contain the same content as our current Web site. So, any information you've accessed on our current Web site will still be available to you on the new site. We will enhance the Member Center content and navigation later this year.

The following features of the current Lions Clubs International Web site will not change on March 30, 2009:

- Submitting Reports: Lions will have uninterrupted access to the current WMMR Web site.
- Language Sites: Our new Web site will launch in languages later this year. Our current language sites will stay online until we launch the new language Web sites.

For More Information

To learn more about our new Web site, please read the article "Setting Our 'Sites' on a Better Web" in the March 2009 edition of LION Magazine.

Sincerely,

Dane LaJoye  
Manager, Public Relations and Communication Division Lions Clubs International

## Illinois Lions District 1-CN Newsletter

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Put April 17-18, 2009 on your calendar!!!!  
District 1-CN Convention - at beautiful  
Carlyle Lake.....SEE YOU THERE!!!

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**We Serve**

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