



Governor Jim and Linda Strange

District 1-L Newsletter
Important Lions Information From Our Lions Leaders
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We Serve



Greetings to all Lions and Lioness in District 1-L! The first quarter of this current Lions year is now past. It went by very fast and I feel like I got nothing done. I am starting to visit clubs and have a tentative schedule for visits and am in the process of calling to confirm these dates or select another date. Some up coming events for the month of October follow: 1) 10/5 Nokomis visit, 2) 10/6 Altamont visit, 3) 10/14 Foundation Candy Day, 4) 11/22 GMT/GLT Training in Vandalia, 5) 10/27 Vandalia Halloween Parade, 6) 10/29 Altamont Halloween Parade, and District 1-E Convention.

LET ME HELP OR ELSE NOTIFY ME AS TO WHAT YOU ARE DOING. Our clubs that have lost your tax exempt status please let me know what is happening. The deadline is December 31, 2011 to reapply. Understand the laws that apply to this situation.

Lions Club Secretaries, be sure to look over you Lions Club International club rosters to be sure all your members are correct. Add new members and delete deceased, moved or dropped members. Also, check your club officers to be sure that LCI has the correct individuals. They need to receive their information from LCI in a timely manner. If at all possible, please submit your monthly forms to LCI using their electronic method. This will show your club in a more positive light and show that you are sending the reports. If you would check, encourage or persuade you clubs to be sure your dues are paid on time.

“CLUB EXCELLENCE PROGRAM” I would like to see at least 4 clubs in 1-L to participate in this process this year. It will help your club become a better club in serving your community and the world. Our October GMT/GLT training in Vandalia will show how this program works. Part of the process is a Club Needs Survey and a Community Needs Survey. It is a 4 hour process and you have a choice of doing the process in one setting or doing it over four 1 hour settings. You will be able to have just a committee from your club on the committee or you may decide to involve all your members. The program is designed to help your club, help your community. This then will help encourage others to help you and lead to new members. Hope to see everyone there!!!!

MD-1 Forum 2011
Schedule of Events and Seminars

7:30-7:45 am.Opening Session

8:00-8:45 a.m.

Leos - How to Sponsor a Club	PDG Ron Frangusaro MD-1 Leo Ch
Seven Deadly Demotivators	PDG Larry McGuire
Moving from MERL to GMT -GLT	Lion Buzz Melton

9:00-9:45 a.m.

Web Sites & Social Media	Lion Tom Drez MD-1 IT Coordinator
I BELIEVE	PID Jerry Smith
LIF: Programs/Services	Lion Van Stone Exec Director LIF

10:00-10:45 a.m.

Constitution & Bylaws	PCC Eric Fenton
GMT presentation	Lion Buzz Melton MD-1 State GMT Chair
GLT presentation	Lion Jama Wahl MD-1 State GLT Chair

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Luncheon	
Keynote Address	PID Jerry Smith

12:45 - 1:30 p.m.

Orientation is Important	PID Bud Wahl
Guiding Lions: Who are they and What do they do?	VDG 2 Tawny Hall
State Magazine	Lion Katy Dolan Baumer MD-1 Editor

1:45 - 2:30 p.m.

GMT - Workshop	Lion Buzz Melton MD-1 State GMT Chair
GLT - Workshop	Lion Jama Wahl MD-1 State GLT Chair
LIF: Memorials/Endowments	Lion Van Stone Exec Director LIF

2:45 - 3:30 p.m.

Our Lions History	CC Terry Knollenberg
Lions Clubs are a business and the IRS wants their hand in your pocket	Lion Van Stone Exec Dir. LIF
2017 International Convention	PDG Bob Block MD-1 Chairman

3:45 - 4:30 p.m.

Closing Session: Wrap up of days Seminars
 Split the pot drawing and Basket/Item Auction



Noise from roadways and other urban activities is muffled by well-placed trees that serve as sound barriers.



Lions of Illinois Forum
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11-12, 2011
I BELIEVE

Decatur Convention Center, 4191 W. US Hwy 36, Decatur, Illinois

FORUM SCHEDULE

Registration: Friday: 6-9 p.m. Kick Off program: 7-8 p.m. Saturday: 6:30 a.m.-8 a.m.
Lunch & Speaker: IPID Jerry Smith 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Opening Session: 7:30-7:45 a.m.
 First Session Seminars: 8-8:45 a.m. Fourth Session Seminars: 12:45-1:30 p.m.
 Second Session Seminars: 9- 9:45 a.m. Fifth Session Seminars: 1:45-2:30 p.m.
 Third Session Seminars: 10:00-10:45 a.m. Sixth Session Seminars: 2:45-3:30 p.m.
 Closing Session – 3:45 p.m.– 4:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION FORM

(Each Attendee Must Complete A Separate Form)

Registration Fee (any ???? : contact DG Lydia Ellis: lellispdg@yahoo.com)

Seminars and lunch buffet.....\$25.00

Total Cash _____ Check #: _____ \$ _____

(Refund requests must be in writing to be considered by the committee at the conclusion of the forum.
 Refund requests must be received by Friday, November 4, 2011)

Please Send Completed Registration Form and Correct Remittance to:

**Lions of Illinois Inc.
 19072 State Highway 123
 Petersburg, IL 62675**

Make Checks Payable To: Lions of Illinois Inc.

DG PDG LION LIONESS LEO Guest

Name: (Please Print) _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Club: _____ District 1-__ Lion Officer Position: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Special meal request for dietary or religion: _____

Hotel reservations may be made in advance by calling (217-422-8800). Forum rate is \$77.00 per night plus tax.

**Reserve by October 11, 2011 to ensure your room(s). We look forward to seeing all of you there.
*Be sure to tell them you are with the LIONS OF ILLINOIS !!!!!***

Altamont Lions Donate to the Ballard Nature Center

The Ballard Nature Center held its annual Fundraising Banquet at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Effingham. The event was held on Saturday, September 24, 2011. During the banquet, Altamont Lions Club member, Gene Logue, presented a check from the Altamont Lions club for \$2,000.00. Receiving the check is Jim Weiss, President of the Board of the Ballard Nature Center.



Club Presidents and Secretaries, please share this Newsletter with your Club Members!

THE BATTLE OF THE FALL FESTIVAL. . .

For the 25th year, the Tower Hill Lions Club troops were assembled: the Bun & Condiment Corps, the Pork Corps with the Polish Sausage Battalion and Pork Burger Battalion, the Beef Corps with patties, and the Hot Dog Corps. Reading the label, we were not sure to which these people belonged: chicken, beef, or pork. It was clear that the Tower Hill Lions were serious about this event as they had a majority of their numbers signed up to work their respective four hour shifts.

Then, on the 15th of September, they set up camp, ready for the battle to begin the next day. They moved to the arena (historically known as the Lions Club Pavilion) with matches, wood, utensils, and all the wrappings with the intent to wage grillings. The heavy equipment - a wood grill and a storage trailer for the club freezer, refrigerator, and supplies - were brought to the scene and prepared for heavy use. All was quiet as they waited for the first words of battle which would start a weekend confry-tation. One could almost hear nature breathing in anticipation of the event . . .

Then on September 16, it came like a shot across the bow of a battle ship. "Two pork burgers, a hamburger, and a polish sausage with everything!" came the call to tables - - and the battle of the Fall Festival had begun. With the grill roaring aflame, the meat sizzling loudly, and the hungry tummies growling the battle went on for three days as appetites were attacked and defeated. Fresh popped popcorn and hot chocolate were much in the demand as the battle waged. Finally, on September 18, the battle was won. All the hungry tummies had been fed and thirsts quenched. The Tower Hill Lions packed up their equipment and tools of grilling and decided again this year they had won. They moved all back to the Lions Club celebrating their victory. In the words of Julius Ceasar, "We came. We saw. We cooked." And they proved once and for all to everyone who stopped by the pavilion to challenge them. . . WE SERVE! "You want mustard on that? . . ."



Lion Derrick Ritchie, Chairperson for the Tower Hill Lions Fall Festival food booth and volunteer, x-Lion Teresa from the disbanded Herrick Lions



Preparing sandwiches for the Fall Festival are: on the left Kay Barr, wife of Tower Hill Lion President Bob Barr and Lion Mary Young, wife of Lion Russell Young.





Long time member of the Tower Hill Lions is Russell Young visiting with some of the attendees at the Food Booth.

Thanks, Tower Hill Lions



Some of the people enjoying the food prepared by the Tower Hill Lions Club September 17, 2011



Dead and decaying trees on the ground replenish soils by returning important nutrients and fortifying new generations of plants.



TOP 10 MOST WANTED NEW LIONS LIST

LION "CHIEF" BUZZ MELTON
 MD-1 GMT COORDINATOR • LIONS OF ILLINOIS
 310 West Olive Street
 Wyoming, IL 61491-1152
 (309) 695-6160 • Cell (410) 404-0350
ChiefBuzzMelton@aol.com

Monthly GMT Tip for October 2011



**Launching Water
 Balloons at WIDE
 Lions Targets is Fun!**
*Are Families and
 Children Actively
 Involved in Your Clubs
 and Their Projects???*



Do Something!

Official Visit Request Form

Governor or District Official Visit

Notice to all District 1-L Clubs. Book your Governor's visit as soon as possible. Please mail, email or telephone the information listed below:

Governor Jim Strange
 2608 E. Campground Rd.
 Altamont, Illinois 62411
 Res.: 618-483-3877 Cell: 217-621-4971
ljstrange@frontiernet.net

District Officer or Position Requested _____
Club Name: _____ **Contact Person:** _____
Phone Number: _____ **email:** _____
Date(s) 1st choice _____ **2nd choice** _____ **3rd choice** _____

GMT/GLT

All Club Presidents, 1st Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasures and Membership Chairs are strongly encouraged to attend From District 1-L!!!!!!

AGENDA

Vandalia GMT/GLT Training October 22, 2011

Welcome and Facility Safety Information from Mary Truitt & Jim Weiss

GMT (Global Membership Team) [Lion Buzz Melton]

2 to 2.5 Hours

Brief Overview of Transition from MERLOW to GMT-GLT

The **"Do Something!"** Strategy

MD-1 Retention Toolbox

MD-1 Membership: **"The Top 10 Most Wanted New Lions List"**

MD-1 **"Extension through Service Outreach"** Strategy

GLT (Global Leadership Team) [Lion Jama Wahl]

2 to 2.5 Hours

Detailed Overview of Transition from MERLOW to GMT-GLT

CEP (Club Excellence Process)

Identifying Future Lions Leaders

Training and Developing New Lions Leaders

Supporting Existing Lions Leaders

Lunch will be provided!!!!!!

Fried Chicken and Pulled Pork

Mashed Potato's with gravy

Beef and noodles

Glazed cooked carrots

Drinks



We often make an emotional connection with trees we plant or become personally attached to the ones that we see every day.

Farm Progress Show August 30th, 31st and Sept 1st.

This year's "Farm Progress Show" was held in Decatur and was a great success with the help of the Decatur Noon Lions Club. The Decatur Noon Lions was the host club for the Lions of Illinois Foundation hearing bus. Under the leadership of Lion Skip Procter, the club manned or provided workers to help man the hearing bus on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of the show.

The Decatur Lions provided the manpower the first day with 74 people taking advantage of the service. Lions from the Cerro Gordo Lions Club provided help on Wednesday with 44 people getting their hearing checked. On the last day the Warrensburg Lions Club provided the help for the morning session with the Decatur Lions finishing out the afternoon. There was 42 people that got their hearing checked, making a total of 160 for the three days.

Thanks to the Decatur Noon Lions Club, and especially Lion Skip Procter, this was a great opportunity for the Lion's emblem to be front and center to a large number of people. If any club has a festival or activity that the Lions of Illinois Foundation could provide the hearing bus please let us know.

Thanks for the update



An average American uses about 750 pounds of paper every year, and 95% of homes are built using wood. That means each person uses the equivalent of one 100 foot tall, 16 inch diameter, tree every year for their paper and wood product needs.