



Governor Jim and Linda Strange

District 1-L Newsletter  
Important Lions Information From Our Lions Leaders  
Governor Jim Strange  
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The **1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting** was held on August 27<sup>th</sup> in Lincoln. Many things were discussed and fellowship was shared by all. **Steve Frankenstein** was nominated and elected as District 1-L's 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. **Congratulations!!!!** We look forward to working with you in the future. Thanks to the Lincoln Lions Club for setting up the location and the wonderful welcome. It was voted upon for all Lion members that are in good standing, in attendance at the Cabinet Meetings are to be allowed to vote on items that require a vote. Please attend the meetings and voice your opinion by voting. I appreciate everyone's effort in attending the meeting and with your participation. Our next meeting is planned to be on December 10, 2011 at the Oconee Lions. Hope to see you there.

Remember that on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Global Membership Team / Global Leadership Team (GMT/GLT) training will be held in Vandalia at the Kaskaskia College from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Lunch will be served. I am requesting that all 1-L club Presidents, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasures and Membership officers attend. I realize there will be some conflict so try to have as many officers as possible there. State Chairperson's for the GMT/GLT will be the ones making the presentations. Help us train our officers and increase our membership. **Hope to see you there! Please attend!**

The **MD-1 Forum** is being held in Decatur at the Convention Center on November 11 & 12. There are great presentations being given so please plan on attending. Friday night "**The Lake Woesbegone**" will be performing, a request by many to bring them back to the stage. There will be an admission price of one can of food to be donated to the Decatur Food Pantry. **See the Registration and Schedule of events in the Newsletter!**

***WE WANT EVERY LION AND LIONESSE TO BRING IN A NEW MEMBER!***

Please keep sending articles and pictures for our Newsletter!!!! Also, Please contact me with a request to visit you club.

I have the District Directory Published at this time. I have made several mistakes getting it ready for you. I am making a list of corrections to go along with the Directory and will get them mailed out to you. Sorry for the inconvenience!

***LET ME KNOW OF ANY TREE PLANTINGS SO I MAY TRY TO BE THERE AND TO TAKE PICTURES!***



**We Serve**






Stephen Frankenstein was born in Pekin, Ill in 1955 and graduated High school there in 1973. He attended University of Nebraska and Illinois State University, finishing with degrees in Architectural Drafting and Business Administration.


Steve has been a Lion since 2007 and now resides in Springfield, IL, where he is a small business owner. He has previously been a Director (08-09), Tail Twister (09-10), has sponsored 1 new member, and served on numerous committees for his home club of Springfield Noon Lions, and was District 1-L Cabinet Secretary under IPDG Lion Jerry Curry's term. He is currently Club 1st Vice President, District Zone Chairman and very proud to have been asked to be District 1-L 2nd Vice District Governor under DG Lion Jim Strange.


" I have to admit I joined the Lions Club mainly as a business networking tool, but also knowing it was a venerable and respected charitable institution, and I wanted to give back. I was not, however, educated as to what specifically The Lions Club did. I think we still need to educate first, then recruit. Membership is the key to the future. I'm proud to be a Lion, and will talk to anyone who stands still long enough. I hope I live up to the high standards set by current and past District officers, and do 1-L proud. Remember, WE SERVE! "


Second Vice District Governor  
Stephen Frankenstein



**Coming to a Forum Near You** 


**Starring**  
 **PID Bud Wahl**  
**Producer**

**Admission**  
  
**1 Can of Food**

**and**  **Lake Woesbegone**

**IPID Jerry Smith**

Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> • 7:00 p.m.  
 Lions of Illinois MD-1 Forum  
 Decatur Conference Center  
 Decatur, IL

**supporting cast**  


It Really Works!



Create Your Club's **Top 10 Most Wanted** New Lions List

**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
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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



**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](mailto: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 !!!!!***

# Official Visit Request Form

## Governor or District Official Visit

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

Governor Jim Strange  
2608 E. Campground Rd.  
Altamont, Illinois 62411  
Res.: 618-483-3877  
[ljstrange@frontiernet.net](mailto:ljstrange@frontiernet.net)

Cell: 217-621-4971

District Officer or Position Requested \_\_\_\_\_  
Club Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_  
Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
1<sup>st</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_  
Location of visit, time and directions:



**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  
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[ChiefBuzzMelton@aol.com](mailto:ChiefBuzzMelton@aol.com)

**Monthly GMT Tip for September 2011**

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Tawny Hall, 1-H, asks, "Are you having good results with your Membership, Extension, and Retention efforts?"

**"REMEMBER... IF WE WANT TO HAVE SOMETHING WE DON'T CURRENTLY HAVE, WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING WE DON'T CURRENTLY DO!"**

Thank you 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Tawny for this nugget of logic. Pass it along!

*Do Something!*

## Lions Participate in Parade

The Athens Lions Club was glad to participate in the Athens Fall Festival parade on August 27, 2011. The large sun glasses are used to draw the attention to our need for used eyeglasses and to spread the word about the eyeglass recycling program. The children and adults respond with a very warm smile when they see the Lions wearing these glasses.

Used eye glasses and hearing aids can be dropped off at any Menard County bank, Potter Drugs, and Bud's Corner at Rt29 and Andrew Road. The Lions will make sure that they get to recycling centers to help those in need.



The float, used by the Lions, was constructed by Lions Bill Meisner, Ron Williams, Gene Frakes and Bill Rider. Pictured are:

On the left are Lions Ken Baumgarten and Lois Peterson. Standing on the float on the left are Lions Larry Buhr, Don Porter, Larry Buahman.

On the right standing is Lion Gene Frakes and sitting is Lion Bill Meisner. Walking in the parade but not pictured was Lion Richard Dennis. Also, Lion Bill Armitage was the clown walking in the parade with the Lions.

*Wow!*

*Thanks for sending in your great activities.*



On the left, Lion Larry Baughman has a child identifying shapes. On the right, Lion Bill Rider has a child putting the proper nut on the proper bolt.



Lion Larry Baughman has a child putting his hand in the sand to fill the colander with sand and coins. The child then had to identify the coins while blindfolded. You can also see the 2 other activities, the shapes and nuts and bolts.

## Lions Teach About Blindness

On Saturday 08/27/2011, at the Athens Fall Festival, several Athens Lions Club members took time to have activities for children 5-11 to teach about what it feels like to be blind and explain what the Lions do to assist the blind. Four different activities were held. The child was blindfolded so that they could not see. The first activity was to identify shapes by feeling the outline of the shapes with their hands. They had to identify a circle, a square, a triangle and a heart. The second activity was to place a nut on the proper bolt by feeling the size of the nut and bolt. The third activity was to put their hands into a bowl of sand pull out several coins. The sand was sifted leaving only the coins. The child then had to identify the coins by shape. They got to keep the coins they identified. The last activity was to identify an animal by its sound. The sound was a lion roaring. When they identify it they were made an honorary Lion for the day and given a Lion coloring book. The Lions estimate that about 60 children stopped by to participate.

*Great Job!*



The Effingham Lions Club met August 16, 2011 at Effingham High School. During the meeting District Governor Jim Strange inducted three new members into our club: Mike Wilson, Brian Kibler and Cody Lewis. Earlier, at the July meeting Lion Mike Schmitz was inducted. This brings our 2011 total to 4 new members. August 13th the Effingham Lions held a very successful fund raiser at the JFL Jamboree, selling ice cream. 2011 Candy day in Effingham has been set for September 10. Lions will be downtown at street corners on Jefferson Ave. and in front of Walmart. Lion Charlie Schwerman is the candy day chairman.

Three trees planted in the right place around buildings can cut air-conditioning costs up to 50 percent.



(L to R) = Carol Dawdy (wife of Lion Ben Dawdy), John Freeman



(L to R) = Jeff Johnson, Mark Colonius, Charles Bartscht, Brian Green, Chuck Lewis



(left to right) = Bruce Manola, Dean Rothrock.

The Shelbyville Lion's club held it's annual Steak Fry on July 30th. Over 400 meals were served. The meal included a steak (pork chop or hamburger), baked potato, apple sauce and all the sweet corn you can eat. It is held every year to thank the community for supporting our major fundraiser, sweet corn sales. The funds are used to provide scholarships to local students and support to a variety of organizations. Last year, it included \$2,000 for eye glass purchases, \$2,000 for scholarships, \$500 for the local food pantry, and \$2,900 for assorted local causes.

Nice Work Shelbyville Lions

## DISTRICT 1-L CANDY DAY JAMBOREE REPORT

District 1-L's "Candy Day Jamboree" was hosted by the Strasburg Lions Club on August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Community Building in Strasburg. The following clubs were represented:

Altamont Lions Club  
Effingham Lions Club  
Greenville Lions Club  
Maroa Lions Club  
Springfield Lincoln Land Lions Club  
Strasburg Lions Club  
Tower Hill Lions Club  
Vandalia Lions Club

Each club was entered into a drawing for a free case of candy. The winning club was the Effingham Lions Club. There was also a 50/50 drawing and Lion Van Stone was the winner. He returned his \$5.00 to his wallet and donated the winnings to Candy Day.

The meeting was started with a young lady from Stewardson who is a Camp Lions Camper. She spoke about her experiences at Camp Lions and why it is important to her. She stated that she looks forward to the Camp Lions week every year. She also hopes to go back as a councilor when she gets to old to attend camp. She told about the new camp facility this year and how it was better than the other camp site. She told us there were more things to do at the new camp. She thanked all the Lions for the Camp and plans to go again next year. Her parents also attended the meeting and they could not be more appreciative of what the Lions do for children like their daughter. Her Dad said it makes you want to be a Lion.



*Thanks for Sharing*

Lion Van Stone, Exc. Dir. of the Lions of Illinois Foundation, then spoke to the clubs about CHOICES. Every year we make Choices to stay on the sidelines OR get off (as Van says) our ample understanding and participate in Candy Day. We may not be able to stand at a street corner but we can do other things to help. It is so important that we provide the funds to allow campers like Holly to continue to attend camps. To see the gleam in her eyes as she talked about camp should be enough to make you want to help.

Let's make this a great Candy Day in District 1-L.

Lion Van then passed out patches for the clubs that raised the most money on Candy Day for the District. Springfield Lincoln Land Lions Club was top in the small club division, with Vandalia Lions Club taking the middle size club honors. The large size club honors went to the Springfield Noon Club. Congratulations to these clubs but also to all clubs that participated in Candy Day.

Lion Les Smith, President of the Vandalia Lions Club then told everyone about his reason for becoming a Lion. He stated that Lions in Vandalia had approached him to be a Lion but he always had an excuse to turn down the offer. One time a Lion asked him to go along on a visit to a Camp Lion facility. He went, and after that experience he knew he had to become a Lion. Once you experience a camp and talk with the kids who attend you would have to be stone cold not to want to help. As Lions we need to get more people (and Lions) to go with us to experience the pride of Lionism.

Lion Jim Weiss then passed out wooden nickels that told everyone “Don’t be Content”. It comes from a saying that he and his wife keep in their kitchen:

“Where ever you are be happy to be there

BUT

Don’t be content to be there”

We know that the Lions emblem has a Lion looking both ways. We cannot only view Lionism in the past. We cannot be content on what we have accomplished before. We must build on the past but look to the future to make a better world for the visually and hearing impaired.

Our District has been challenged to raise \$19,000.00 this year for Candy Day. If you divide that amount among all the clubs in the District it comes to about \$500.00 per club. I know that not every club has a Candy Day corner in your town. But you could make a donation to Candy Day or become a sponsor for a Camp Lions Camper. Let’s all make a difference.

At the end of our meeting we had a very special moment when we honored one of our Lions from District 1-L. Lion Robert “Bob” Wiedenhoef of the Greenville Lions Club has been a beacon for the Lions of Illinois Foundation. Because he has worked in the St. Louis area he could not attend many meeting of the Greenville Lions since they are a noon club. So he has always taken on the chairman’s role in the “Sight and Sound Sweepstakes” program. For the past few years Lion Bob himself has sold over 100 booklets. Last year he was the #2 salesperson in the state. Lion Bob had no idea that he was going to be presented this award and was somewhat shocked when we called his name to come up and receive his award of a Foundation Fellow present by Lion Van Stone. We in District 1-L are proud of Lions like Lion Bob who work tirelessly without thought of personal gain. Congratulations Lion Bob and keep up the good work. You are an inspiration to us all.



To conclude the evening we all had brownies and ice cream supplied by the Strasburg Lions. It was a uplifting evening for all that attended.

Submitted by  
Lion Jim Weiss

THANKS FOR THE UPDATE