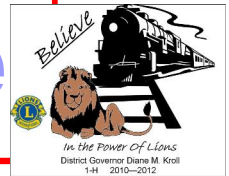




# District 1H Roaring Pride

THE MONTHLY PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTING INFORMATION FROM OUR DEVOTED LEADERS



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## Governor Diane Sez:

**2011-2012  
District Officers**

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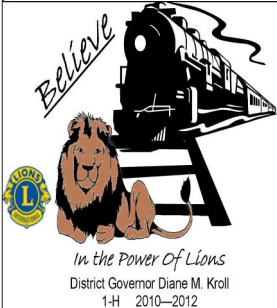
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Greetings, Lions!  
**WAIT !!!!** Is it my turn already??? Good Gravy!! I have had two years to prepare, been to Governor's school, and I still don't know if I am up for the challenge! What I am confident about, however, is the support of you good Lions in 1-H. You show me time and time again - when I forget to install all the officers in Coal Valley; when I go to the wrong park in Orion; when I forget the flags, and needed documents for the cabinet meeting - that you are willing to roll with the punches and help me out of whatever mess I have gotten myself in to. You give me confidence that together we can accomplish what we set out to do.

We hear so much bad news about membership, rising costs, club apathy, etc., that we overlook the incredible good that Lions of 1-H do in our communities and beyond. Last year, our first ever Walk for Sight raised \$5,000! Not only was that tremendous for a first effort; our results bested those of districts who have been in the Walk business for several years. In fact we raised more money than another Walk held by THREE districts together! Yes, we have had some problems with membership; but we have started a new club in each of the past two years. Our enthusiasm is out there - with new programs and activities. We see our results in the child who has school supplies, the family who has a food basket, and an adult who is given glasses so he can seek employment. I believe in all the good that we do.

Our new International President, Wing-Kun Tam, has chosen the theme "I Believe" for his year. "I Believe" expresses the thought that the Lions of the world have created a culture organized around the value of giving back. And a belief that one person truly can make a difference. Those of you who heard my acceptance speech for the position of District Governor heard me talk about Believing in the power

of Lions: Believing in our sense of community; in our dedication to service; and our focus on leadership. My theme for the 2011 - 2012 year is "Believe in the Power of Lions."



My logo is at the top of this page. There are a couple of ways of looking at that Lion that is on the Galesburg train tracks. Will the Lion be run over by the train? Or will the Lion **stop** the train? I believe that the Lion has the power to stop the train. I believe that District 1-H has the power to stop the loss of membership and the apathy that we may be experiencing; that we have the power to develop new enthusiasm, new members, new service and new leadership.

*Will you believe with me?*

I hope to divide our Lions year into three segments. (Trimesters, really; I am still an educator at heart!) Each segment will focus on one of three areas: The power of membership; the power of service and the power of leadership. I want us to use these three focal points as a blueprint to help 1-H guide its efforts. In our next issue of the Roaring Pride I will discuss these plans in greater detail.

So, I start this journey with a heart filled with gratitude for all of the support you have shown me so far. For the mentoring and guidance I have received from PDG Jim and PDG Terry; for the encouragement of great Lions like PDG Judy Tapper, Leon Martin and, of course, PDG Ron Flood; for the incredible forbearance of PDG Chuck Meyer who often seems to be on the receiving end of my missteps; and for the good will and willing hands of so many that I have met during my travels throughout our district. I believe we have the power to change lives. Let us begin. Until Next Time, Lion Diane





# First Vice District Governor Rich



Well, it's July and we are starting a new Lions year. I would like to welcome all newly elected officers of their club to their new positions and wish them a good year.



I want to take just a moment and introduce myself and let you know a little about me. My wife, Sandy, and

I live in Canton, Illinois with our daughter Claire who is starting her junior year at Canton High School. I retired from teaching after 32 years at the end of May, as did Sandy who taught for 34 years, 32 in the same district. I am available to

install officers for any club that wants me to. Contact me by e-mail [Liongordon50@yahoo.com](mailto:Liongordon50@yahoo.com) or by phone at 309-647-5207 or 309-231-8327.

How many of us ever stop to think about what it means to be a Lion? Is it just to meet once or twice a month with some good friends, have a nice meal, then go home and go on with our normal routine, or is it a chance to make a difference in peoples lives or in our local community, nation, and world?

Our motto is WE SERVE but if you really think about it is really saying WE CARE! For us to be really ready to serve first we must care. If we don't care we can't and won't be ready be ready to serve those we have stated we wish to serve. Are you ready to serve those that need our help...or just go through the motions? Until next month, *Rich*.

## TOP 10 MOST WANTED NEW LIONS LIST



### LION "CHIEF" BUZZ MELTON

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## Monthly GMT Tip for August 2011

IPDG Jim Entwistle, 1-H, Recommends **Vitamin "B-1" ...**

- Lions working hard on a Club or District project? **B-1**
- Lions willing to chair a Club or District committee? **B-1**
- Lions offering to serve as a Club or District officer? **B-1**
- Lions using their **TOP 10 MOST WANTED NEW LIONS LIST**? **B-1**

Thank you IPDG Jim for this gem of pharmacology. *Pass it along!*

# ***Do Something!***

Your responsibility is to move these

- From me to you ...
- From you to your Cabinet ...
- From Region Chairs to Zone Chairs ...
- From Zone Chairs to Club Presidents ...
- From Club Presidents to Club Boards ...
- From Club Boards to the most important components of our GMT-GLT system ... *Plain Ole' Lions*





# Second Vice District Elect Governor Tawny



## Create Your Club's TOP 10 MOST WANTED

**LION TAWNY R. HALL**

2<sup>ND</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

LIONS OF ILLINOIS DISTRICT 1-H

310 West Olive Street

Wyoming, IL 61491-1152

Good Morning District 1-H Lions!

*I believe ...*

*I believe* in a lot of things...

*I believe* in science; I'm an engineer so that is a given.

*I believe* in the stepping up and "B"ing 1, as IPDG Jim said last year, step up and B-1; be a Lion that gets things done. B-1, be a leader. B-1, be a believer and show it through service. B-1, be a Lions that gets thing going and gets things done!

*I believe* in the power of 1. Each of us can change someone else's life by giving of ourselves, our time, our talents, and showing that we care. Just think what could be accomplished if each of us did 1 positive thing; there would be 1442 positive things that were accomplished!

tips through your district like a *benevolent virus*.

*I believe* in the power of our group. We can do so much more when we work together. Lions provide more service worldwide than all other service organizations combined. Think what our district could do if each club this year did 1 additional service project. We would provide 50 more services throughout the District and touch so many more lives in need.

*I believe* in miracles. District 1-H creates miracles with the service we provide. Like the miracles we can make happen by supporting the **District 1-H Lion Ron Flood Memorial Walk for Sight** on **October 16<sup>th</sup>** at Lake Storey in Galesburg. Lion Ron believed in the Lions of Illinois Foundation and all the miracles that it made possible. So, please help the **Walk for Sight** team carry on those miracles by getting walkers, donations, helping, and coming out to the walk.

I remember my younger brother's favorite children's story ... he always wanted it read each night at bedtime ... *The Little Engine that Could*. It is hard to move a mountain or for the "Little Engine," hard to climb a very large hill; but if each of us believes that we can make a difference ... We can! Remember what the Little Engine said; "I think I can, I think I can." I know we can! I believe we can do anything we put our minds to!

*I believe* in each and every one of you! That is why I am here. I am here to serve and to help you so that we can live up to our motto, "WE SERVE." I am here to serve our Clubs, to serve our Communities, to serve our District, to serve our State, and to serve our World. Lions make a difference everywhere we are, and we do that because we **BELIEVE** in WHAT we DO.

So let's all just DO IT!

Thank you for letting me serve you.

*Lion Tawny*





# Trustee's Column



Lions of 1H we winding our year down and getting ready for a new year. Camp Lions is in the middle of its season, and we have had a great group of kids. Lion PDG Dick Sellers our Camp Lions Chairman, wanted me to thank all the clubs that adopted a camper last year. He said that all the campers from 1H were paid in full. **Great work Lions; let's keep the momentum going.** He also reminded me that there was still time to get reservations for Visitation Days at East Bay and Reynoldswood.

Lion Trustee PDG Tom Martin and I have been very busy getting our Candy Day Jamboree set up. The date for the Jamboree will be August 9, 2012. Reservations are required and must be in to Lion Tom or myself by August 1, 2011. The place will be the Broadview Restaurant. The restaurant is part of the Americas Best Inn, located in Galesburg. Cost of the meal will be \$8.50 for a two meat buffet. If you want a picture for your local newspaper try to get there at 5:30. This year we are going to have to charge \$25.00 for each case of candy. The reason for this is that we have some clubs order a large amount of candy and then what's left over use it for other projects, that they aren't suppose to use it for. There will still be no cost for Tootsie Pops this year. The jamboree puts out a lot of good information on how to hold a successful Candy Day. It very important that we have our Candy Day Chairman from each club there, so that they can come back to your club and let you know what they have learned. It is our goal this year to get all the clubs to participate in Candy Day.

The Depots for Candy are:

<b>Lion Dave Russell</b>	<b>Judy Tapper</b>	<b>John Allsworth</b>	<b>Joe Hendel</b>
<b>Orion, IL.</b>	<b>Galsburg, IL</b>	<b>Peoria, IL</b>	<b>Avon, IL</b>
<b>309-236-8216</b>	<b>309-343-2422</b>	<b>309-682-6158</b>	<b>309-465-3672</b>

Lions lets have a good showing at our Jamboree and help support or Foundation by having a successful Candy Day. Remember all the money that is sent into the Foundation stay in the state to help support our vision and hearing programs. Thanks, *Kathy & Tom*



On Saturday, June 25, project leader Lion David Tolley led a team of six Avon Lions Club members as they "hit the streets" to raise money for the American Diabetes Association. With Lions Clubs being Helen Keller's "Knights of the Blind", Lions support the work of the American Diabetes Association because diabetic retinopathy is a disease that can lead to blindness. It is a preventable cause of blindness. On behalf of the Avon Lions Club, Lion David wishes to thank every one who made a donation. The Club raised \$801.21 for the Diabetes Association, the most the Club has ever raised for this event.. Pictured in the photo below is Lion Joe Tolley receiving a donation.

On June 14, 2011, the Washington Lions Club presented two Lion of the Year awards to Robert M. Chave and Lyle A. Shaw. Both men exemplified Lionism at its best. Bob Chave's award recognized his achievements in recruiting over 30 new members to the club in his 35+ years of club membership and Lion Lyle Shaw's award recognized his ongoing dedication as a Charter Member of the club. Lions Pam Tomka, Lou Milot and Myron Lang were also recognized for their achievements as Club Secretary, Treasurer, and Publicity/Website Chairman



# Club Happenings

At the June meeting of the Avon Lions Club, Immediate Past District Governor, Lion Terry Knollenberg of the Pe-kin's Lions Club, presented an orientation program. The program helped all members, especially the new members, to understand and appreciate the rich history, challenges and achievements of Lions Clubs International. From its beginning in 1917 in Chicago, founded by businessman Melvin Jones, it has grown into the largest non governmental organization in the world with more than 1.3 million members in more than 45,000 clubs in 202 countries. In 1925, Helen Keller asked the Lions to be her Knights of the Blind and one of the Club's main focus remains helping the vision impaired people around the world. From local clubs such as the Avon Lions Club, Lions provide support for their local communities by doing community projects, providing glasses for residents who cannot afford them, providing college scholarships, and emergency relief in case of a community disaster. Local clubs form into a District structure to support each other and to provide service and funding on a larger scale. State structure pull all districts in a state together and includes the Lions of Illinois Foundation which provides vision and hearing service to over 18,000 Illinois residents per year. The clubs from all of the states and countries around the world are all united at Lions Clubs International, headquartered in Oak Brook, Illinois. LCI is deeply involved in preventing preventable blindness around the world as well as providing emergency disaster relief quickly through its worldwide clubs.

Pictured in the photo with Lion Terry Knollenberg (center) are Lion Barbara Baker, Avon Lions Club President for the 2011-2012 year (left) and Lion David Tolley, Vice President for 2011-2012. Lions Barb and David will be installed in there new positions at the Club's July 13 meeting.



Lion Pam Clayton, on the left, newly installed Coal Valley Lions President was elected Lion of the Year by the Coal Valley Lions and is being presented her Lion of the Year plaque by (then) DGE Diane Kroll





## **District 1-H**

### **CANDY DAY JAMBOREE**

**AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup> 2011**

**Broadview Restaurant,**

**Americas Best Inn**

**GALESBURG, IL**

**6:30 pm 2 Meat Buffet**

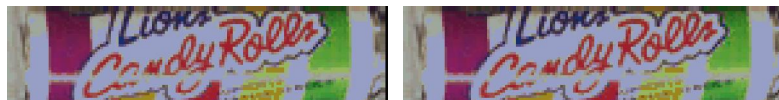
**Cost \$8.50**

5:30 pm Candy pick up in parking lot, no candy will be delivered.

Club pictures with Trustees and Governor before dinner.

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

**By August 1st**



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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for dinner, for the \_\_\_\_\_ Club,  
(Lions or Lioness)

Please send reservations to Trustee Lion Kathy Sellers, PDG at 206 W. 13<sup>TH</sup> Ave.  
Coal Valley, IL 61240

or call Home 309-799-5472 – Cell 309-749-7995

Make checks payable to 'District 1-H'

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[janeandtom@verizon.com](mailto:janeandtom@verizon.com) if you have any questions.



## Reflections from Seattle

I asked Chuck to hold this issue of the RP so that I could share some of my experiences of the last 10 days with you. Now that I have been back from DGE school and the international convention for a few days, I have begun to process all that I learned while there. Almost 600 of the 752 governors-elect were at DGE School. It was a wonderful time to meet people from all over the world and learn about their culture and their clubs. The English-speakers were divided into many classrooms and I was in attendance with 3 other DGEs from Illinois.

The biggest highlight took place on the second day of training when International President Wing-Kun Tam spoke to us about his dreams and goals for this year. President Tam spoke to us about his theme, "I Believe". He called on us to "embrace a sense of belief of what it truly means to be a Lion – a belief that each individual Lion makes a difference and that, together, we can change the world even more than we have yet imagined." The president talked about the "Power of We". Not just one Lion working to serve; but many working together.

The president spoke of expanding services in three areas: Strengthening Membership; Expanding Service; Involving Youth. He urged us to work towards excellence by focusing on "Courage, Commitment and Positive Action." If you allow me to paraphrase Bette Davis, being a governor these days is not for sissies!! There are challenging days ahead and those of us in leadership positions must be courageous to make positive changes.

One of President Tam's goals for service is to plant one million trees during the 2011 – 2012 Lions year. We in 1-H will try to help that goal along and I will be discussing that in future issues of the Roaring Pride. District Governors-Elect ended our second day by planting over 500 trees!

The last two days of training covered a variety of areas including the International Foundation, the GLT and GMT programs, challenges we are facing and leadership skills. DGEs ate with different people than they had in class. The sharing, good will and laughter we shared is an experience that I will remember forever.

The convention was also a great experience, even if I did get the bug that was travelling around and had to stay in for one day. One of the coolest events is the international parade in which members from all countries represented proudly show their colors and share a bit of their homeland with all. For three hours we blocked traffic in Seattle. It was a great showing! Hearing all the different languages, seeing Lions in their native dress, greeting one another and part of the great family of Lions that we are, is such a moving experience.

If you have not attended an international convention I urge you to try to do so. Once you have you will truly understand that you are a part of something so much larger than yourself. The scope of our membership and our service truly takes your breath away.

See you in Chicago in 2017! Diane

**All Cabinet Meetings to be held at the Broadview in Galesburg and all have a social time from 5:30 or 9 to 9:30 with the meeting starting promptly at 6:30 or 9:30, respectively**

Sunday August 21, 2011

Sunday February 26, 2012

Friday November 18, 2011

Friday June 15, 2012



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**“I have a photographic memory, but I don’t know  
how to transfer the pictures to my computer.”**

This is the second attempt with any kind of luck there won’t be any blank pages!

I figure I’m too young for Alzheimer’s so will attribute the lack of page 7 in the first edition to forgottenheimer’s.

