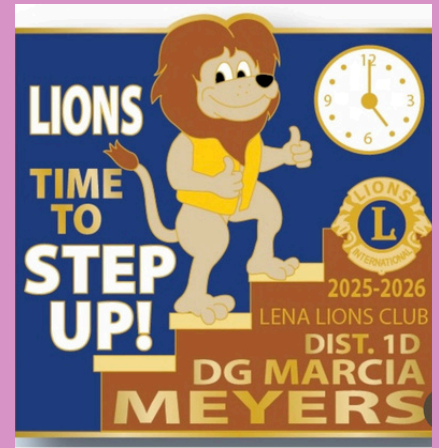


Lions Roar ID Newsletter

JANUARY 2026



Welcome from the Governor

Seeking Your Thoughts on a New Service Idea:

“Reassuring Lions”

District Governor Marcia Meyers

Dear Fellow Lions,

We just celebrated the holiday season, and celebrations all around us. Love and joy filled the air. Yet we all know there are many in our communities who are not able to fully share in that joy — those who are sometimes forgotten.

Our Lena Lions club has been blessed to work closely with our local nursing home. Each month we bring birthday cake and ice cream to celebrate with the residents, provide additional support to the staff and decorate a Christmas tree in the lobby alongside other community groups. Most importantly, we spend time with the residents, sharing conversation, laughter, and companionship.

Lately, I’ve been thinking about others in our community who may also feel isolated — not only those in nursing homes, but individuals living alone who rarely hear a friendly voice. With that in mind, I’d like to propose a new service project: “Reassuring Lions.”

The idea is simple: a group of Lions who regularly call community members who could benefit from hearing a caring human voice. We could identify individuals through our members, local churches, and word of mouth. It’s a small gesture that could make a meaningful difference.

I’m reaching out to ask whether any other Lions Clubs have tried a similar project. If so, I would love to hear about your experiences — the pros, the challenges, and any advice you might offer.

Wishing you all a blessed New Year! There is so much to celebrate as Lions!

Yours in service,

District Governor Marcia Meyers



Color Fun

**FOR LIONS PROJECT
CANINE COMPANIONS**

TICKETS \$5 EACH

What color do you want to see SVDG Tim's Beard?



**Color will be revealed at the
District Convention**



THE ROCKFORD ICEHOGS PRESENT

LIONS CLUB

★ NIGHT ★



SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH @ 7PM



Scan this QR code and you'll be taken directly to the discounted ticket offer. Tickets not purchased through this link will not receive the discount.



For more information, please contact Shiloh Bausman at Lionshilohb@outlook.com or 815-618-8356

DISTRICT 1D LIONS PRESENTS



LIONS SERVICE CARNIVAL

**Food
Service
Fun**



**JOIN US FOR
GAMES AND
FUN!**

Saturday March 21st

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Set up at 9:00 AM

Lincoln Mall.

1247 W Galena Ave Freeport, IL

**BRING
the KIDS**

Join your District 1D Lions for a

Service Carnival

Featuring service clubs and organizations from our region

REGISTER TO HOST A SERVICE BOOTH.

CONTACT LION MARCIA MEYERS

GOVMEYERS2025@GMAIL.COM

LIONS DISTRICT 1-D CONVENTION

APRIL 24 & 25, 2026

FARM BUREAU CENTER

210 W SPRING ST., FREEPORT, IL 61032



April 24th | 7:00 PM | Lions Got Talent

A great opportunity to share your talent with all of the Lions! Celebrity judges & prizes awarded!

April 25th | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Convention

- Seminars & Education
- Lunch with ID Chris Carlone
- Awards & Memorial



\$50 - Registration & Luncheon
\$25 - Luncheon Only (Non-Lions)

Lodging

Hampton Inn | (815) 232-7100

109 S Galena Ave, Freeport, IL 61032

Lions 1-D Block Rate \$139/night available until **March 25th**



Lions District 1D Convention Registration April 24-25, 2026

ATTENDEE #1 (Lion, Lioness, Leo, Partner) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

DISTRICT: _____ CLUB: _____ DELEGATE: Y / N

OFFICE/TITLE; _____ 1ST DISTRICT CONVENTION Y / N



ATTENDEE #2 (Lion, Lioness, Leo, Partner) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

DISTRICT: _____ CLUB: _____ DELEGATE: Y / N

OFFICE/TITLE; _____ 1ST DISTRICT CONVENTION Y / N



CONVENTION REGISTRATION
& LUNCHEON

PERSON #1
\$50 _____

PERSON #2

Just Luncheon
(non-Lions only)

\$25 _____

Total

Payment Check # _____

Mail to: District 1-D Convention
c/o Kristy Hahn
3706 Greenspire Ct.
Belvidere, IL 61008



Name/Group : _____

If a group, members: _____

Club: _____

Talent: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

No piano available

Mental Health Awareness in District 1-D

🌟 A New Year, A Renewed Purpose

January invites us to pause, reflect, and begin again. As Lions, we are known for our service to others—but the start of a new year is also a powerful time to practice self-compassion and set intentions that sustain our passion for giving back.

Self-compassion simply means offering ourselves the same kindness and understanding we readily give to others. It reminds us that we don't have to do everything at once, or perfectly, to make a meaningful impact. When we care for ourselves, we show up more energized, connected, and inspired to serve our communities.

As we move into the new year, consider setting intentions rather than rigid resolutions. An intention might be as simple as:

- I will find one new way to serve my community this month.
- I will invite one person to learn more about Lions Club.
- I will show up with curiosity, kindness, and purpose.

Small, thoughtful actions create lasting change. Each conversation, project, and act of service strengthens not only our communities, but also our connections with one another.

This year, let's lead with compassion—for ourselves and for others—and channel that care into meaningful service. Together, we can grow our membership, deepen our impact, and continue making a difference where it matters most.

Here's to a new year filled with purpose, passion, and service. 🐒🌟

Respectfully submitted,

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German Valley Lions Club

 **Cathy Fricke Kohlbauer**
Nov 29 · 🌐
Volunteered at Salvation Army Toy Drive as a German Valley Lion. Thanks to JH Barkau for hosting and area Lions for braving the elements to make this drive a success!

German Valley Lions Club sponsored a Holiday Lites Decorating Contest within their village limits, complete with prizes. This is the first place winner below.



Second place winner



Third place winner





Amboy Lions Club

In October, the Amboy Lions Club sponsored a pumpkin painting project for 4th graders at Central School. This is an annual event for the Amboy Lions and is spearheaded by Lion Membership Chair and District 1-D SE Zone Chair Jim Travi and Lion Perry Braida. The Amboy Clipper Leo Club helped students with their painting again this year.



Northeast Zone Meeting

On November 17, 2025, 1st Vice District Governor Barb Sager conducted a fun Zone Meeting while having each club create their own Gratefulness Turkey with everything we were grateful for during our Lions year.



Galena Lions Club

Galena Lions Club donates to their food pantry. Please read the article on the next page for more detail.



Galena Lions Club

Season's Greetings from the Galena Lions Club! Here's an update of what's been happening here, and news about two events in February that might interest you and your clubs. The 18th annual Galena Oktoberfest was held on October 4th, bringing 4500 people and 75 wiener dogs. The weather was warm, the food was plentiful, and the beer was flowing. The kinder area offered lots of kids' activities. The wiener dog races, polka dancing and lessons with two bands, and the Samuel Adams Stein Hoisting Contest were all well-attended and enjoyed! Oktoberfest After Dark was hopping, with Boogie Monster blues band playing and Galena On The Fly balloon company lighting up the sky with fire bursts. All profits from this event will go back to the community and to Lions' interests. We mailed out the questionnaire to 20 worthy local organizations, requesting them to complete and return it. We ask "what do you need?" and "how much does it cost?" and then the club votes on sending money towards its needs. Four donations have already been given. The club recently gave \$5000 to the Galena Food Pantry for holiday meals. To Lions International, we donated \$1000 towards Jamaica hurricane relief. We also provided \$2500 to The Workshop for the scholarship program for clients who can't afford the tuition, and a donation of \$500 was given to the Galena Police Department for their "Brighter Christmas" toy drive. On the day of the Halloween Parade at the end of October, we had our Candy Day. Even with a shortage of volunteers this time, we were able to send \$403 to the programs of the Lions of Illinois Foundation. In the spring, LIF will benefit from the support we will provide to the Student Low-Vision program and Camp Lions. Our club also provides annual support to the Center for Sight & Hearing in Rockford, Eversight (Illinois Eye Bank), and Leader Dogs in Michigan.

Our next fundraiser is happening on "Big Game" Sunday, February 8th, from 7:00 am to 12:30 pm. This will be the 62nd annual Pancake Breakfast, offering all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, and drinks. A decade ago, we added a Bake Sale to this event. It will be held at the Galena High School cafeteria, 1206 Franklin Street. We welcome you and your families to attend! Nearly two years ago, our club joined the United Service Clubs of Galena. This group consists of members from eight service clubs in Galena. The mission statement is "To learn more about each other's service organizations and to affect positive change within our community in the present and future." We share information about coming events and convey membership and volunteer opportunities. USCG held an event for the community last February and will host it again on Monday, February 16th. The 2nd annual "Galena's Lunch with Leaders" will be held at the Galena Arts & Recreation Center (ARC), 11084 US. 20 W., from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. This event is free, open to all adults, and lunch is provided. More information and sign-up will be available soon at www.GalenaClubs.org or by email to USCG815@gmail.com.

Recent service projects include: Year four of clean up on a two-mile stretch of Stagecoach Trail through the Adopt-a-Highway program, eighth year of raking leaves at the Galena Public Library, more recycling of glasses and hearing aids, and paying for those items for individuals in need. For more information about our club and events, call 815-331-0180 and leave a message, or go to www.GalenaLions.org. Just a note about our town, 2026 is the bicentennial year of Galena's founding, and many community events are being planned to celebrate!

Submitted by Lisa A. Schoenrock, Secretary, Galena Lions Club

Galena *Lions Club*

GALENA, ILLINOIS

The Galena Lions Club welcomes you to the 62nd annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 8th, from 7 am to 12:30 pm. This community event will be held at the Galena High School Cafeteria, 1206 Franklin Street in Galena, Illinois. Patrons will be offered all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, applesauce, orange juice, milk, and coffee. Admission is \$10 for adults and teens, \$5 for children ages 6-12, and free for children 5 and younger.

All proceeds from this event will benefit the ongoing medical costs of Beth Berning. She is the wife of Dusty, a mother of three, and the daughter-in-law of Tim and Lynn Berning of Galena. Beth has endured treatments for colon cancer with multiple complications for nearly three years.

The club will also offer baked goods for sale, some of which patrons will want to take to their "big game" parties later that day. A collection box for recycling eyeglasses and hearing aids will be available, and everyone is sure to enjoy connecting with friends and family over breakfast.

From the 18th annual Galena Oktoberfest proceeds held last October, the Galena Lions Club recently donated \$5,000 to the United Churches of Galena Food Pantry for holiday meals. In addition, the club provided \$500 for the Galena Police Department's "Brighter Christmas" program for children and \$2,500 to The Workshop Scholarship Program.

For more information about events, becoming a member of the club, or volunteering for events, call 815-331-0180 and leave a message, or go to GALENALIONS.ORG.

GALENA LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, WE SERVE FROM 7 AM TO 12:30 PM

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKES AND SAUSAGE AND APPLESAUCE; PLUS JUICE, MILK & COFFEE

GALENA HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA, 1206 FRANKLIN STREET, GALENA

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE BEHIND THE SCHOOL, THROUGH THE KITCHEN

ADMISSION: ADULTS & TEENS \$10; CHILDREN AGES 6-12 \$5; CHILDREN 5 & YOUNGER FREE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 815-331-0180 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE

OR GO TO GALENALIONS.ORG

Submitted by Lisa Schoenrock, Galena Lions Club Promotions Chair, las2510@hotmail.com, 815-275-4881

Capron Lions Club

Capron Lions delivered Fruit Baskets and created the fruit baskets



Enjoying the Christmas Party



Annual Christmas Train Show



Rockford 815 *Lions Club*

Rockford 815 Lions Club participated in Dining in the Dark hosted by the Center for Sight & Hearing on November 13, 2025. The Lions of Illinois Foundation sponsored the table Rockford 815 Lions Club joined. Our very own Lion Emily made a generous bet at the live auction for a painting. Most live auction items were created by people who have vision or hearing loss.



Rockford 815 Lions Club also collected Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Socks and Coats during the Holiday Season and donated the items to the Rockford Rescue Mission. We intended to also donate to Veterans Drop-In Center, but they were at capacity due to the generosity of our community.



District 1-D
NEWSLETTER

Submissions:

Send all pictures and articles to
PDG Nicole Fruit at

1dlioneditor@gmail.com

I will post what I have gathered and create a newsletter by the end of the month. Please send everything to this new email address.