

District 1M Lions Live at the Grand Ole Opry

January 23rd and 24th, 2026

With District Governor Mark Wyer

Holiday Inn Champaign, 101 Trade Center Dr., Champaign, IL 61820

Welcome to the Show!

On behalf of District Governor Mark Wyer and Lion Lisa, we welcome you to District 1M Lions Live at the Grand Ole Opry. We will be live January 23 and 24 at the Holiday Inn Champaign.

Come celebrate with great food and learning sessions, see old friends and make new ones. Come and meet our International Guest for the weekend, International Director Lion Dr. Mark Mansell and Lion Debbie from Ocean Park, Washington. You will have the opportunity to speak with them about what is going on at the International level and get some of your burning questions about our organization answered. They will be with us all weekend long.

The events will kick off on Friday evening with a kickoff dinner that is open to anyone who registers for that dinner. We will have informal comments from our visiting International Director and some entertainment for you to enjoy, then head upstairs for hospitality. Then Saturday morning everything really gets going in the conference center with our opening session, seminars, silent auction, exhibitors, fun, and fellowship. We will hold all seminars in one room so that everyone can hear what all our presenters have to say. From learning about the different service opportunities that are available to our clubs through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, to helping those with mental health issues, to learning more about what is happening at our Lions of Illinois Foundation. We will also have a session near and dear to DG Mark, Mission K9 Warrior. Finally, we have the privilege also to have Paralympic Athlete Jean Driscoll here to tell us her story. YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

DG Mark has asked for the dress code for the weekend to be Lions casual. Show off your club shirts or vests and be comfortable for this fun event. Even for the Saturday night banquet, come as you are, no need to dress up. You most certainly can if you prefer. You can register by filling out the next page and mailing that and a check to Lion Jennifer Perrine at the address listed. To book your hotel room at the special Lions rate of \$119, you can call the hotel directly at the number on the next page or click the link on that page. The deadline to book rooms is Dec. 24, SO PLEASE BOOK NOW to ensure that there will be rooms available.

We hope that you will join us for this celebration of our great district!

Sincerely,
District 1-M Convention Team

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Friday, January 23, 2026

Show Time	Show	Venue
4p – 5p	Registration Check-in & Credentials	Conference Center Foyer
4p – 5p	Silent Auction Check In	Grand Prairie 1 & 2
6p – 8p	Convention Kick-off Dinner	White Oak 1
8p – 10p	Hospitality	Hospitality Suite

Saturday, January 24, 2026

8a – 9a	Registration Check-in & Credentials	Conference Center Foyer
8a – ???	Silent Auction & Vendors Open	Foyer & Grand Prairie 1 & 2
9a – 10a	Opening Session	White Oak 2 & 3
	Welcome & Introductions	
	Prelim Convention Report	
	Nominating Speeches	
10:05a – 10:45a	Lions of Illinois Foundation – Exec Dir Ron Fruit	White Oak 2 & 3
10:50a – 11:35a	Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library	White Oak 2 & 3
	Angie Lazzell, United Way of Vermillion County	
11:40a – 11:55a	Voting	Foyer
12p – 12:45p	Lunch – PDG’s wear your Governor jackets	White Oak 1
12:45p – 2p	Business Session & Remembrance Ceremony	White Oak 1
	Voting Results & Acceptance Speeches	
2:05p – 3:05p	Jean Discoll, Paralympic Athlete	White Oak 2 & 3
3:15p – 4:00p	Mental Health & Wellness – Crosspoint	White Oak 2 & 3
4:05p – 4:45p	Mission K9 Warrior – Neal Stevens	White Oak 2 & 3
4:50p	Silent Auction & Vendors Close	Foyer & Grand Prairie 1 & 2
5:30p – 6p	Reception for New Officers & ID	Foyer
6:05p – 8:30p	Dinner – keynote address, awards	White Oak 1
8:30p – ???	Hospitality	Hospitality Suite

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Your Information:

TITLE (Circle one) LION LEO GUEST Current Office _____ DELEGATE: Y__ N__

IDENTIFICATION: Name _____ Club _____ District _____

ADDRESS _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Spouse/Guest Information:

TITLE (Circle one) LION LEO GUEST Current Office _____ DELEGATE: Y__ N__

IDENTIFICATION: Name _____ Club _____ District _____

ADDRESS _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Mark the selection that indicates your registration choice:

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|--|----------|-----------|-----------|
| <input type="radio"/> Registration only..... | \$20.00 | Qty _____ | Amt _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Registration and Lunch (Sandwich & salad buffet) | \$55.00 | Qty _____ | Amt _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Registration and Dinner (2 meat plated dinner, sides, dessert) | \$65.00 | Qty _____ | Amt _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Registration, Lunch and Dinner..... | \$90.00 | Qty _____ | Amt _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Convention Kick Off Dinner (BBQ pork dinner buffet) | \$35.00 | Qty _____ | Amt _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Registration, lunch, dinner, and Kickoff..... | \$125.00 | Qty _____ | Amt _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Leo – includes lunch..... | \$30.00 | Qty _____ | Amt _____ |

* Meals may not be available for registrants after Jan. 16th

AMOUNT ENCLOSED

\$ _____

* Indicate special diet needs here:

Payment **must** accompany registration form payable to District 1M. Deliverable to: CST Jennifer Perrine, PO Box 241, Arthur, IL 61911 (Questions? 217-254-1703)

Hotel Reservations: Mention the Lions Club District 1M block prior to December 24, 2025, to reserve your room at these special Lions rates: Standard and King Room rates are \$119 per night + tax. Book by calling 217-398-3400 or online at [Holiday Inn Champaign](#).

Room cutoff is Wednesday December 24th.

Check our pages for updates: Facebook – 1M Lions, Website – [district1m.org](#), or the District ROAR
Questions? Contact Convention Chair: Lion Peg Morris – 217-474-6178 (call or text) or pegmorris784@gmail.com

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Show Book Ad Form

Show off your business! Support your candidate!
Advertise your event/fundraiser in the Convention Program Book!

Club/Business _____

Contact Name _____

Email Address _____

Contact Phone _____

Address _____

Best Value!			Finished Book Size	8.5" x 5.5"
Full Page	\$100	7.75" x 4.75"		
Half Page	\$75	4.75" x 3.75"	All ads are black & white	
Business Card	\$50	3.75" x 2.25"		

Form, artwork, payment due December 19, 2025.

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Delegate Information – ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS & SECRETARIES

Attached is list of the Official Delegate Count and Outstanding Amounts due. Every Club must be in “Good Standing” to be eligible to vote. The list shows:

1. Each Club name
 2. Number of eligible members to be counted towards the number of delegates
 3. Number of eligible delegates
 4. Balance due to Lions Clubs International (LCI)
 5. Minimum amount due to LCI to be in “**good standing**”
 6. If a Club is ineligible to vote there will be an X in this column.
- **All payments must be paid several days prior to January 9, 2026**, especially to reflect on the portal!
 - **No payments can be made at the election site.**

Delegate Certification Forms:

Each Club is responsible for filing delegate certificates prior to the District Convention. Remember that any ID, PID, or PDG have International Family Status and have a free vote in the District 1-M election but **MUST** be on the District 1-M Delegate Certification form.

Have your delegate certificates assigned and signed by the Club President or Club Secretary. Mail to CST Jennifer Perrine, PO Box 241, Arthur, 61911 or email to district1mlions@gmail.com.

DELEGATE FORM DEADLINE DATE: January -

(No Delegate Forms will be accepted at the convention.)

Note: Certified Members are regular members. Family membership, student membership, and Leo-Lions membership are not counted in the delegate count. District Officers have no control over the membership delegate count.

Convention Delegate Certification Process:

Registration and Certification are OPEN in the Convention Foyer

Friday, January 23, 2026, from 4pm to 5pm AND Saturday, January 24, 2026, from 8a to 9a

1. All Delegates must be registered for the Convention and receive Convention Badge.
2. Present your Convention Badge and current Membership Card when certifying.
3. Certification committee will process your delegate status and hand the certification card to delegate.

If you have questions, please contact CST Jennifer Perrine.

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Lion/ID/PID/PDG (please circle) Club Name _____

Delegate's Name _____

Lion/ID/PID/PDG (please circle) Club Name _____

Alternate Delegate's Name _____

Certified Please circle Club President Club Secretary DG/CST

Date _____ Signature _____

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