



Message from Governor Steve Mahovlich

Our INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT Tam has chosen the theme I BELIEVE and I really could not agree more with him. I believe that we the Lions do make a difference. We in this district have a lot to be proud of – after all we did make Lions International. We also live up to the Association’s motto of “We Serve” by the various things we do.

I have chosen “Leading The Way” as my personal theme because those who know me know that I am a piper and traditionally pipers lead charges from the front. I believe that a good leader stands up front for all to see so as to set the example for others to follow just as the piper leads the parade or his regiment into battle. I believe that we need to be leaders within our communities. To render service to those who require it makes our communities better places to grow and prosper.

Over 21 years ago when I was asked to join I knew very little about the Lions other than that they were a service club. I had some very astute Lions who became my mentors and they helped point me in the right direction so that I could grow and understand just what Lions were all about.

At the recent international convention the incoming governors of the world were challenged by the incoming President Dr. WING-KUN TAM to plant 1,000,000 trees. As your Governor I think that the Lions Family of District A-1 can do our part. If we planted just one tree for every member of the Lions’ family we can plant over 1500 trees, thus helping our environment and showing that we care.

And finally it is my hope that every member of the Lions Family continues to enjoy being in Lionism. To do this we must remember that while we are serving our communities and living up to our associations’ motto we must take time for ourselves and **HAVE SOME FUN AND FELLOWSHIP WITH OUR FELLOW LIONS.**

As we go into the future the Lions will be asked to do many things and I know that we will answer the call. **I BELIEVE IF YOU HAVE IT IN YOU TO DREAM YOU HAVE IT IN YOU TO SUCCEED.**