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Message from DG Patty Cooke:

Hello Lions of 25A

The Convention has come and gone and it was a lot of work but a lot of fun! I cannot thank the team enough for all the effort that went into the event.

Congratulations to our 25A officers for 2017-2018: DGE Lion Robin Smith, VDGE Dennis Brown and 2VDGE Mitch Semans! I know you will do a great job.

We all enjoyed our visitors from California, Lion ID Howard Hudson and his wife Lion Lynn. ID Howard's message at the banquet was about 'asking'. His dad was a Kiwanian and ID Howard expected to follow in his footsteps. But they never asked him to join. He went to a restaurant where they were having a Lions meeting – and they asked him to join. He did and never regretted his choice.

We all need to be 'asking'. There are so many ways Lions serve. Think of all the lives we have affected in our first 100 years of service. We will soon begin our next 100 years and LCI has a set a goal of improving the lives of more than 200 million people per year by 2021—tripling our humanitarian impact.

To do this we need to strengthen our clubs. We had a presentation at the convention about changing the club membership dynamic. A few clubs in 25A have done this by adding multiple younger members over the last year. These members are enthused and full of ideas! All you need to do is 'ask'. Once that first new member joins and becomes active in serving his / her community, they will 'ask' their friends to join.

Now it is on the Evansville!

Lion Patty, District Governor 25A



DG Patty and her Granddaughter Rhianna at District Convention.

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Message from Robin Smith, DG-Elect



A huge thank you to DG Patty and the convention committee for a wonderful District Convention weekend. As always, the team worked hard to provide a variety of learning and fellowship opportunities to those in attendance. If you weren't there, you missed an enjoyable time. But don't fret, there is still time to register for our state convention being held in Evansville April 28-30. This is a special convention as Evansville is the home of our Lions first International President, Dr. W.P. Woods. What better place to celebrate our centennial. We will be honored with the attendance of our current International President, Chancellor Robert Corlew and his wonderful wife, Dianne. This is an event you don't want to miss. Many learning opportunities and activities are promised by the convention committee. Time is ticking...visit www.indianalionsconvention.org for more details and get registered.

We have officially entered our last quarter of this Lion year. That means Spring is here, and our clubs are busy with their annual springtime fundraisers and service activities. It also means it is time to be thinking about the Club Excellence Award. This is a Lions Clubs International Award to honor clubs who have met certain criteria. You can find the requirements and application form in the Member Center's Club Resource Center of LCI's website. The application must be signed by the District Governor and submitted to LCI by August 31st. Make it your last quarter's goal to achieve this Excellence and end this Lion year strong. Now is also the time to be electing new officers for the next Lion year and completing the Officer Reporting Form, more commonly known as the PU101. It is very important to complete this task by the due date of May 15th as the information submitted is used by LCI and the district to send out various communications about club operations, news and dues. It is also used to create the new District Directory. As always, if you need help with these tasks, please contact me. Hope to see you in Evansville! Until next time...

Yours in friendship and service – **Lion Robin Smith, DGE**

Message from IP Chancellor Robert Corlew

Dear Lion,

Lions have changed lives at home and around the world for a century. We matter because every act of kindness makes a difference in someone's life. And Lions matter now more than ever because the needs of the world are growing.

We are introducing a new global service framework to help Lions meet the emerging needs of our second century of service. The service framework will help us achieve our LCI Forward goal of serving 200 million people per year by 2021—tripling our impact—so we can help more people than ever before.

It's an honor to introduce our new global service framework to you and your club:

- The new service framework includes **vision, hunger, the environment, pediatric cancer and diabetes**.
- Lions will continue to support young people by **engaging youth as volunteers and service leaders** in the five areas of service.
- **We will announce diabetes as a new global service focus** at our 2017 Centennial convention in Chicago, and we'll be asking Lions and Leos to rally around this global health emergency that results in 5 million deaths a year.
- **Lions and Leos will continue to serve local community needs** just as they always have.
- Lions Clubs International Foundation will support the service framework by aligning the work of our charitable arm with the efforts of Lions to create large-scale, lasting change where it's needed most.

The global service framework gives Lions new ways to serve and unite other caring people in service. We will continue to share updates about the service framework and diabetes with you and your club.

Together, we can meet the challenges of our next century of service. And just like the first 100 years, the world is depending on us.



Very truly yours,
Chancellor Bob Corlew
Your International President



2017 Indiana Lions State Convention *Evansville, Indiana*

Please make plans to attend the MD25 Convention in Evansville – April 28 thru April 30. This is an exciting time for all Lions! Just a few months ago, President Corlew was here to reenact the signing of the first Lion Club charter and he is returning in April. We are very privileged in Indiana to have the International President attend our convention. Please come and show the pride you have in Indiana Lions. We want to be 600 Lions strong at All-State banquet!

To check out all the information, please check out the following link. You can register online or print out a copy of the registration form:

<http://www.indianalionsconvention.org/>

SPECIAL NOTICE: RECEIVE YOUR MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP HONORS AT STATE CONVENTION THIS YEAR

Any Indiana Lions Club or person that would like to receive their Melvin Jones Fellowship presented during the Indiana Lions State Convention on Saturday April 29, 2017 in Evansville, IN. should plan for it now. Everyone will have this unique opportunity in that it will be presented by current Lions Clubs International President Chancellor Robert E. Corlew and PIP Wayne Madden. What makes this a unique opportunity is because of three reasons. First, your MJF plaque with pin will be presented by the International President Chancellor Robert E. Corlew; Second, PIP Wayne Madden will be there to assist; and third, this will be a great photo opportunity for you and your Lions Club. Deadline to enter April 21st, 2017.

Even if you do not have the actual MJF plaque during the Indiana Lions State Convention, we will make the presentation using a “sample” MJF plaque and then you will receive your official plaque later.

Please contact PDG Gary Ochs, Indiana LCIF Multiple District 25 Coordinator by Friday April 21st, 2017 at gochsinlions@att.net or 812-275-7241.

When we think of PDG Nick Xinopoulos certain “Key Words” come to mind.

INITIATIVE; COMPASSION; COMMUNICATION; LEADERSHIP; PATRIOTISM AND INTEGRITY.



INITIATIVE: Most of you have known PDG Nick for quite some time now. We know that he grew up in a small village in Greece and was on the receiving end of government assistance. He knew that there was no way that he could better himself in his poor village and decided to immigrate to the United States of America. Once here he knew he had to learn to communicate with others so he attended night school. Many late nights he found himself walking 7 miles to get home after staying after class if he didn't understand the evening lesson. It didn't take him long to work his way from a clothing store tailor to store manager. After 10 years in the clothing business he started working at General Motors and worked his way from a sewing machine repairman retiring 30 years later as the most successful manufacturing manager at Rolls Royce, Inc.

COMPASSION: PDG Nick joined the Brownsburg Lions Club in 1990. He has served his club in all leadership roles and is an active member of the Board. Nick and his Partner-in-Service Lion Gretchen (who has been a club secretary for 8 years and Cabinet Secretary for 5 years) are the club Vision Screening Coordinators for both School age children and the Operation KidSight program. PDG Nick has just returned from his 4th Eyeglass Mission in Mexico and he has visited a hospital in Delhi, India on behalf of the Indiana Lions Eye Bank to follow-up on corneal transplant procedures. Both PDG Nick and Lion Gretchen have **COMPASSION** for better vision for others.

LEADERSHIP: Not only has Nick served at the club level but he was the 25C District Governor for the year 2009-2010. He has also been on the Board of Directors for the Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc. since 2003 and is now serving his second year as Chairman of the Board. During his first year as Chairman of the Board he initiated the move of the Operation KidSight program from the Eye Bank to the Indiana Lions State Office. Not only did this generate \$600.00 each month to the Indiana Lions Foundation but it also made the KidSight office more accessible to ALL Lions of Indiana.

PDG Nick has been a member of the Indiana Lions International Convention Committee (3-year term) and has also served on the Indiana Lions International Understanding Committee. He also supports the Indiana Lions Foundation by working shifts at the Indiana State Fair and many years he has been known to work extra shifts as they are needed.

COMMUNICATION: He has been personally invited by 4 International Presidents to work on the International Convention Credentials Committee where he has been able to use his multi-lingual skills to help make the registration of club delegates a smoother process. (We note here that while PDG Nick is working, Lion Gretchen attends the Plenary Sessions with the Indiana Lions.) PDG Nick believes that any question asked gets an answer in a timely manner. Many of you can attest to this.

INTEGRITY: PDG Nick is an outstanding and well-respected member of the community who works hard to make sure the Brownsburg Lions Club and Lions Clubs International are well respected.

COMMITMENT: PDG Nick has been known to gather “Keys for Cancer” from the community hardware stores even though he is not a trustee for the Cancer Control project. He also supports the ISBVI by riding a tricycle in the annual “Brian’s Trike Race.” If he hears of a club that needs volunteers and he is available, he will be there to help. If you haven’t seen his brochure, please read through it to see his accomplishments.

PDG Nick and Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos are committed to the ideals of Lions Clubs International and would like to be your representatives “Working Together for a Better Tomorrow.”

Article submitted by “The Friends of PDG Nick Xinopoulos for International Director”

Lions International Convention and 100th Anniversary Celebration



APRIL UPDATE: Lions Clubs International Convention and 100th Anniversary Celebration

Hopefully, you have had a chance to buy one of the official Indiana Parade Delegation shirts and hats at your District Conventions in March. **If you are marching in the parade on Saturday of the LCIcon, you must wear the official uniform:** Official Indiana parade shirt, Official Indiana parade hat (if wearing a hat), black trousers for men, black skirts or pants for women, black shoes for everyone. The International Convention Committee will be selling shirts and hats next at the State Convention in Evansville.

We will be a juried entry into the parade this year with an opportunity to receive an award and compensation. Strict adherence to the uniform and organization of the Indiana parade delegation is crucial. The Indiana Lions will march with new banners celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Lionism, new uniforms, and in conjunction with the award winning LaPorte High School Marching Band.

Please come join us!

For information and to register go to <http://lcon.lionsclubs.org>.

PDG Dan Wilcox, ICC Chairman – danwpu@comcast.net

Cabinet Secretary Lion Angie Schmeltz has a bus to go to the Lions International Parade on July 1, 2017. It will leave Merrillville K-Mart or Wal-Mart parking lot at 6:30 AM and it will drop us off at State Street where the parade will be held. Then the bus will take us on to McCormick Place where all the festivities will happen. You must be registered for the Convention to enter McCormick Place. It is possible to register for one day (\$90 cost) but there will likely be long lines. I must have 35 riders to make it a go. Please e-mail or call me with your reservations. The bus will return us to the parking lot in Merrillville approximately 1-1/2 hours after the festivities end. I don't know what the final times are yet. The cost is \$35 per person including tip. E-mail me at emschmeltz56@att.net or call 219-374-9714. I will take a maximum of 50 people. More info to follow.

Lion Angie, CS

District 25A Convention—March 17– 18, 2017

Best Western Hotel & Conference Center, LaPorte



ID Howard Hudson from California & DG Patty Cooke at first Seminar at Convention.



Zone 2-B Chair Clarence Davis & Lion Sally Davis chat with ID Howard Hudson and his wife Lion Lynn.



Leos approach DG Patty & ID Howard for their signatures



Bench made from recycled bottle caps to be donated for "Fishing For Life" site by St. John Lions Club. In back are St. John Lions with ZC Al Konieczka. Seated on bench are Lions Rhonda and Butch Weston from Westville Lions..



New Lions members inducted at Convention—Catherine Johnson, Hector & Katherine Gonzalez from Portage Lions and Jenel Zepik from Michiana Lions, being welcomed by ID Howard Hudson at afternoon business session. Ceremony performed by LaPorte Lions



Saturday evening Banquet crowd at Convention

District 25A Convention—Continued



Council Chair Vic Fischer and wife Lion Diane from North Liberty, IN at Saturday Banquet.



A selfie of Lions CT Chuck, PDG Dennis, and DG Patty

Region 2 Pancake Fundraiser for “Operation Lifesaver”

At Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore—March 4 -12



Lions Laurie Haussman, Pam Shaffner & Carolyn Laviolette, Jerry Ruge on Pancakes, and Ken Laviolette on Sausages



Ogden Dunes Lions Dan Barnum, Bill Cunningham & Tom Kniola at money collection station.



Merrillville Lions Ellen Hennessy & Carol Rozelle on drinks

District 25A Peace Poster Contest Winner



Miranda Cummings from LaPorte is the District 25A Peace Poster Contest winner. She was sponsored by the LaPorte Lions Club. She is shown here with her winning poster held by Lion Paul Marsh, LaPorte Lions President, along with 1st VDG Robin Smith, and Convention Chairman Lion Butch Weston. Miranda received a plaque and a \$50 gift from District 25A.

Michiana Lions Club



Michiana Lions Allen Wozniak (in the ladies swimsuit) and Daniel Konshak are shown taking part in the Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions "Polar Plunge" on March 4.



Zone Chair Lion Brian Pagels is the sponsor of Michiana Lions newest member Lion Jenel Zepik, who was inducted at the 25A District Convention in LaPorte.

A poster for a "Spring Break Away Dance!" event. At the top is a graphic of colorful silhouettes of people dancing. The text reads: "The Westville Lions Club is hosting a dance for all ages! We have a live band, Dr. Groovy and the Soul Surgeons. They keep the dance floor crowded, so wear your dancing shoes! Come hungry, our Leo Club will be selling sloppy joe's, hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, etc.... We'll be having games & prizes, a photo booth, 50/50 & more!" Below this, the date is "Saturday, April 8th", time is "6:00-10:00 (doors open at 5:30)", and location is "Westville High School". Admission is listed as "10 & under FREE" and "over 10 \$5.00 per person", with a note that "children under 15, MUST be accompanied by an adult!". At the bottom is the Lions Club International logo.

Clubs may contact Cheryl Tuholski at (219)608-5818 if they are interested in setting up a display table at the Dance.



LAKE OF THE FOUR SEASONS LIONS CLUB STEAK SALE

We will be selling our "steak fry" steaks. They are 12oz veal in New York strip steaks. They will be individually wrapped and frozen. There will be a minimum purchase of a half case which is 8 steaks! We also will have full cases which is 16 steaks. Half case of steaks is \$50 and the full case is \$100. The steaks will have to be prepaid before we order. Please make checks payable to LQFS Lion Club. Dead line to order steaks will be April 30, 2017.

If you would like to order, contact any Lions Club member or you can also contact Lion Linda Kroner at 219-765-3590 or email lkroner1159@comcast.net. But remember, steaks do need to be prepaid. We will set up pickup in the morning at the clubhouse on May 6th, 2017 from 9am til 11am!

REMEMBER, SUMMER IS COMING SO ORDER ENOUGH STEAKS FOR ALL OF YOUR SUMMER COOKOUTS!

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone #: _____
Half case (8 Steaks) \$50.00 - Full Case (16 steaks) \$100
Half case: _____ Full Case: _____
Cash: \$ _____ Check #: _____

Lakes of the Four Seasons Polar Plunge

The Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions Club held their third Polar Plunge on March 2, 2017. We had 5 people take the Plunge this year.

The Lakes of the Four Seasons Fire Department helped with the plunge. They made sure everyone was safe. We had two Lions from the Michiana Lions Club. They were Alan Wozniak and Dan Konshak.

Lion Al from Michiana Lions Club was challenged by one of their female Lions to wear her swimsuit and she would match the money the Club raised. He had no problem doing the challenge.



Participants from left to right
Al Wozniak, Dan Konshak, Sky Hall, Dawn Shepard and
Jackie Katz

Bass Lake Lions Club

Annual Smelt Fry

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

6:00 – 8:00 pm (Central Time)

Smelt, French Fries, Slaw, Soft drinks or Water

No Cost

Hanna Lions Club



Lion Jim Jessup is shown receiving his 30 year letter & Chevron from Zone 3B Chairman Mitch Semans. Lion Jim has been a member and driving force of the Hanna Lions for 30 years.



Women in Lions for 30 years Recognized

*I salute those women who knew they had something to bring to the table
and the courage to ask, "Can I Join" you in becoming a
"Knight of the Blind".*

30th Anniversary - 1987 - LCI Voted to accept Women



Helen Keller

Elinor Davis - 1/1/1981
Sandra Demars - 11/1/1986
Marilyn Fox - 10/1/1989
Heidi Zima - 7/1/1990
Joanne Freeland - 7/1/1990
Evelyn Jones - 5/1/1991
Rebecca Talaga - 5/1/1991
Yvonne Mees - 7/1/1991
Geraldine Grott - 10/1/1991
Lucille Heironimus - 10/1/1991
Mary Deering - 10/1/1991
Mary Gayda - 10/1/1991
Michelle Haluska - 1/1/1992
Deborah Greer - 1/1/1993
Margaret Verkuilen - 1/1/1993
Barbara Toosley - 3/1/1993
Jenny Washburn - 7/1/1994
Jeanne Delascasas - 10/1/1995



Those Women who forged the way in Lionism for 25A, in the 20th Century

Judy Heater - 2/1/1996
Sherry Gasparovic - 4/1/1996
Carol Pahs - 9/1/1996
Agnes Siemens - 10/1/1996
Constance Roe - 10/1/1996
Elaine Parish - 10/1/1996
Jean Reisinger - 10/1/1996
Linda Lee Kroner - 10/1/1996
Patricia Kalina - 10/1/1996
Barbara Wilson - 4/1/1997
Marjory Hyman - 8/1/1997



Judy Engel - 3/1/1998
Mary Brankle - 10/1/1998
Patricia Greer - 3/1/1999
Genny Gasparovic - 4/1/1999
Melinda Nagle - 5/1/1999
Beverly Collingsworth - 8/1/1999
Rita Seleski - 9/1/1999
Kathleen Reber - 10/1/1999
Kimberly Brownlee - 10/1/1999
Martha Risner - 10/1/1999
Phyllis Rudziewicz - 10/1/1999

Spring Work Day at the ISBVI—May 20, 2017

The Indiana Lions have supported ISBVI not only financially but also physically for many years and on Saturday, May 20, we will be holding our spring workday at the school. The School for the Blind is always in need of our support especially at our spring workday, when we clean up the grounds, do garden clean up, wash windows and generally clean where needed. There will be a number of inside and outside jobs to do that day --- lots of opportunities to help one of your state projects in a hands-on way. Registration begins at 8:30 with work beginning at 9:00 and we are usually done by 3:00.

This is a "fun" day of easy to hard work --- choose what you want to do - and a time to meet other Lions from around the state. Bring your friends, family and did I say potential new members to work alongside us. New Lions will be amazed when they see the school and when we tell them what an amazing educational facility it is to help our State's vision impaired.

So dig out your work duds, hoes, weeders, etc. and come to our May 20th get-together! The school provides most of the equipment and cleaning supplies, so just bring yourself, jeans and Lions hats/vests. And, I forgot to mention, the school provides us with donuts in the morning and pizza for lunch!

We do need to know who will be there so we can arrange for sufficient food as well as work tools/supplies etc. If attending, please contact Lion DGE Robin Smith by May 11 at 219-462-8285 or by email at mswolfen@aol.com

We Welcome These New Lions Members:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Crown Point	Dustin Hlavaty	Ed Schiesser
Crown Point	Robert J Skertich	Ronald Gang
Michiana	Jenel S. Zepik	Brian Pagels
Wanatah	Vanessa Vance	Carol Benkie

Those who have completed their service:

Michiana	Robert A. Lyles
Rensselaer	John Rusk

Indiana State Police Law Camp

The Dates for the 2016 – 17 Lions sponsored ISP Law Camps are:

Anderson University, Anderson, IN. June 28 – July 1, 2017

Vincennes University, Vincennes, IN. June 14 – June 17, 2017

Both boys and girls entering grades 6, 7, and 8 are eligible to attend. The cost is \$150 per student. Please notify your clubs. Some funds are available to assist children and Lions Clubs if funds are an issue.

Contact PID Linda Tincher (812) 240-0545 or PDG Betty Weist at (765) 623-3553 for more information.

The Indiana State Police also offers a Career Camp for boys and girls going into grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 at a cost of \$250. Sponsored by Kiwanis, not the Lions. Dates for those camps are:

Trine University, July 9 – 14, 2017

Vincennes University, June 25 – 30, 2017

All of the camps are very good and have been in business for over 40 years. The Counselors at all the camps are Indiana State Troopers – many are fathers and mothers who understand the problems kids face today. All of the camps are designed to promote active participation and learn about the behind the scenes aspect as to what it is like to be a police officer. For additional information or to apply online, go to www.trooper.org.

An Income Opportunity for Your Club!

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway has offered our membership the opportunity to be ticket sellers for the Indianapolis Grand Prix and Indy 500 races. This is a great way your club can find a new revenue stream – especially if there are limited options in your area.

Since this is a direct contract with the IMS, the money paid by them to the club can either be put into the Activities fund or the Administrative account. This option is up to the club! Funds can go towards projects or help reduce dues!

Signing up is easy – enter in the following link to see what shifts are available and then reserve yours. Currently just the Grand Prix is open for registration – the 500 will be available soon. Attached is a map listing gate numbers for your reference. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4ea5a92aaafe3-grand>

Parking spots for the Lions will be provided by the IMS.

All ticket selling areas are to be in a ticket booth or under canopy/shade.

Training for ticket selling will be provided by the IMS. This can be done either in person or online.

For additional details, contact Speedway Lions Reed Fish at Rfish@amfam.com 317-501-0535 or Jeff Berghoff at jberghoff62@icloud.com

