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District 25A News

Grow With Me — The Best is Yet to Be



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Lions of 25A

Let's talk about our District Convention! We had a great attendance of 183 for the convention and 114 for the banquet. Those are good numbers for our District. But remember, we have almost 1300 members in our district. Where were the rest of our members?

They missed things like the three seminars that we held — one on Diabetes, a session of Member Orientation Jeopardy, and then the Leo seminar from the Leo's perspective in a Q&A session. There was also a Diabetes dance to promote activity. We did the electric slide, twist, the chicken dance, and my favorite — the hokey pokey! Let's try to get more Lions there next year. We also had an Angel sing for us at that night's banquet. Mainly we had a great International Director who delivered an inspirational speech. Because it came from the heart, there were not many dry eyes afterwards. That's what I think we all needed to inspire us. Thank you Director Ardie Klemish!

Some of our clubs were not able to vote at the district convention. Because their dues were not paid in the designated time frame. Let's not have that happen at the state convention any money owed to Lions Club international needs to be paid by April 10 in order to vote at the state convention so watch your LCI account.

April Membership contest

The person that brings in the most members in April will win \$50. The club that brings in the most members will win \$100. Who's going to win? I have one club that said they have 12 that they will be inducting. Who can top them? Don't think you can do that? Remember, I'm passing out the secret to getting new members. If you want to know "Just ask!"

Womens's Symposium

We are having our symposium on May 5, 2019 in Kouts from 2 to 5 PM. Come and find out what past district governor Patty Cooke has planned. She will let us know about women in Lions like Helen Keller to International President Gudrun Yngva-dottir. A painting class is planned as well. Sounds like fun!

Have you and or your club reach their goals for the year? It's not too late! What are you doing to make this happen? Don't give up! Remember our motto "We Serve".

Yours in Lionism,

District Governor Dennis Brown

Dear Lions

Thank you all for a successful convention. I hope everyone found it entertaining and informative. For those of you that couldn't make it, please talk with someone that did. Convention time is a great time to fellowship with other Lions, to find out what's new, and just to learn about Lions. And it's also a great way to recharge our batteries and get fired up to finish out the year.

By now we should all know what April is — New Lion Month. Yes, there are some contests going on for the month of April. The person that sponsors the most new Lions in April for District 25A will get \$50 cash and the club that brings on the most new members will get \$100 cash. Also, LCI will give back the \$35 initial fee in a service grant for each new member in the month of April. So that's the membership side! And a huge thank you to the Lowell club for putting on a fabulous new member induction ceremony at the District Convention!

On the Leadership realm, and yes I'm going to say it again, the convention is a great way to learn about different leadership opportunities that are available. Thank you Lion PDG Connie Roe for putting on Lions Jeopardy game at the convention. I heard a lot of positive feedback from the participants and that they didn't realize everything that was available for them. Also, at the convention we had our elections. So congratulations to everyone that won. But we still have a few trustee positions that we need to be filled — Speech and Hearing Trustee and ISBVI Trustee. Not only did we elect trustees for the state projects, we also had elections for positions for the Indiana Lions Foundation and Ed Paine and Helping hands. And, of course our slate of District Governors offices. I'm looking forward to working with 1st VDGE Allen Mushett and 2nd VDGE Dave Dickinson! Congrats!!! Feeling left out? Don't worry because there are lots of opportunities to get involved and lots of committees to appoint. So, if there is an area that YOU would like to know more about or get involved with, just let me know.

Last but not least, Service. It was awesome seeing all the ads in the District Convention book which is amazing and a big thank you to Lion PDG Barbara Toosley for putting that together. As I looked thru the Convention book and see all the activities the clubs are doing and the different ways you all are helping your communities, I can't help but feel such a sense of pride that we are the best service organization out there. So, as you gear up for your Easter Egg hunts and pancake breakfast and people come up to you to thank you for being there, for being part of the community, just ask them "Would you like to be part of something great?". Start the conversation and share the experience, because you Lions truly and sincerely make our organization great. Thank you for all you do.

God Bless

DGE Mitchell Semans

Zone 2B Meeting hosted by Chesterton Lions

When: Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:00 pm

Where: VFW Post 2511

1290 Wagner Rd.

Porter, IN

What: Fish Dinner—\$10.00 per person

RSVP to Lion Nicolas Gonzalez, Zone 2B Chair, by 4/19
with count of members/guests who will be attending

nsg1917@yahoo.com 219-588-1493

Zone 1C Meeting

When: Saturday, April 13rd at 12:00 pm

Where: Skillets Restaurant

2040 45th Ave.

Highland, IN 46322

Who: Lion Patty Cooke, PDG, will talk about both
Global Service and LCIF

RSVP to Lion Margaret Verkuilen, Zone 1C Chair, at
219-923-0776 by 4/12

APRIL MEMBERSHIP SHOWERS

BRING MAY DOLLARS

The April challenge is on!!!

You could be the Lion that pockets \$50 for brining in the most Lions in April.

Your Club could win \$100 for bring in the most Lions in April.

While we concentrate on bringing in new members we must always work to keep the members we have. So far this year MD25A added 55 members. Unfortunately, the District dropped 78 Lions leaving the District with 23 less people helping people than it started with on July 1, 2019.

So why do Lions leave? Yes Lions do pass away, and move, but most Lions t are dropped because they fail to pay dues, and/or attend meetings and events. The real question is why don't they attend events and pay their dues. On the surface the answers seem the same as always – long meetings that accomplish little, lack of agendas, lack of leadership, and all the other reasons we have been hearing for years and years. Before we drop them, do we make personal contact with them and ask why they are leaving or do we just say “oh let's drop them and get it over with?” Do we have no time to care for each other because we are very busy caring for others?

More than 48% of Lions say the leave because they did not feel valued and they were not making a difference. We need to change this attitude and get all Lions to understand just how big an impact they can make in the lives of people not only their community but throughout Indiana and even the world. Stop for a moment and think about that time when you became a Lion –not when joined and paid dues -but maybe that time when a child look up and smiled and said thank you for a toy or a food basket or a pair of eye glasses. Those times when someone thought no one cared and you and the Lions prove them wrong - Lions do care.

Communicating the good we do even within our own club seem too difficult for Lions to do. Try this approach:

At each meeting a Lion should speak on a club service project and how the project impacts an individual or the community. How and who did it help?

Read thank you notes clearly so everyone knows how the club makes a difference.

invite someone to speak about the impact of the club's project.

Many projects serve a number of people and organizations so find someone to speak to the project

This will help all Lions feel valued and proud to be Lions and they will stay active.

GMT Lion Dick



Left: DGE Mitch
receives Pres. Cer-
tificate

Right: STRIDES
Dancing

Below L: PDG Ken,
DG Dennis and ID
Ardie Klemish



District Convention



Left: DG Dennis'
family

Right: VDGE Allen
receives Pres .
Certificate

Below L: Lowell
Lions

Below R: Crazy Hat
Winner s—Pat &
Jodie Greer





2019 Indiana Lions State Convention

The Lions of District 25B are anticipating your arrival in Fort Wayne on Friday, April 26. The Lions pictured attended the 25B District Convention and are registered for the State Convention – ARE YOU? There is still plenty of time to meet the April 10 th registration deadline. Registration, Certification and the Exhibit Hall will open at Noon on Friday. Arrive early and enjoy beautiful downtown Fort Wayne and the Hilton before the opening Business Session at 5:00 pm.

Our keynote speaker for the Friday evening 6:30 pm dinner is Dr. Kay Nottingham Chaplin, Director of Vision and Eye Health Initiatives with School Health Corporation. Join the celebration of vision service volunteers and the inspiring week-end planned with International President Gudrun.

The full Convention schedule as well as all the latest news is available at www.indionalionsconvention.org and in the April Hoosier Lion.

We look forward to seeing you in Fort Wayne!

Kindness Matters

Kindness defines who we are as Lions. And why we serve. An act of kindness may be small and personal, or large and profound. When 1.4 million men and women come together to serve, it represents a dynamic force for good.



2019 INDIANA LIONS STATE CONVENTION

Hosted by District 25B

April 26 – 28, 2019

120 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, Indiana

Special Guests**International President Gudrun & PID Jon****Host Hotel – Hilton (attached to the Convention Center)**

1020 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, Indiana

Room Rate: \$115.00 plus tax

Call 260-420-1100 or 1-800-445-8667 for reservations

mention *Lions of Indiana - Group Code LOI***Registration Form (one per person)****Registration Deadline: April 10, 2019***Please print name as desired on Badge*

Name and Title _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City/State/Zip _____

District _____ Club _____ Email _____

Friday Evening Dinner \$20.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Lunch \$20.00 = \$ _____

Saturday All State Banquet \$35.00 = \$ _____

___ Filet ___ Salmon ___ Chicken

Sunday Brunch \$20.00 = \$ _____

2019 Convention Pin (free to 1st 400)

Additional pin \$ 4.00 = \$ _____

2019 Convention Shirt (polo)

___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X \$35.00 = \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____**SPECIAL MENU:** Diabetic () Gluten Free ()**SEMINARS:**

1. Fort Wayne Botanical Gardens
2. Allen County Library Genealogy Department
- 3A GAT Leadership – PID Gene Spiess (offered 1st session only)
- 3B ~~VisionFirst~~
4. Diabetes Education, Screenings and Lions

SESSION 1**SESSION 2**

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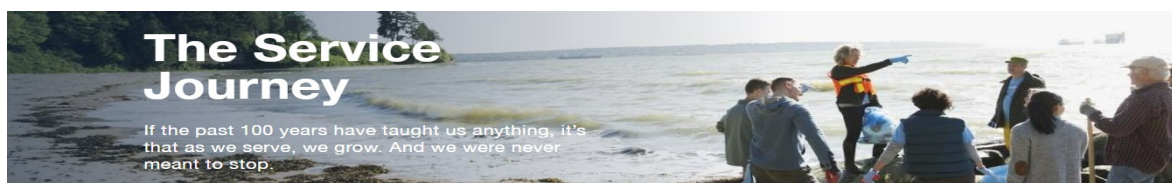
Send registration and check payable to:

2019 IN Lions State Convention

Lion Kevin McDermitt

2227 O'Day Rd.

Ft. Wayne, IN 46818



2019 Indiana Lions State Convention

Convention Schedule

Function**Location****Friday, April 26, 2019**

10:00 am		Golf Outing	Colonial Oaks
12:00 pm	6:30 pm	Convention Registration	Anthony Wayne Pre-function
12:00 pm	5:00 pm	Delegate Certification	Anthony Wayne Pre-function
12:00 pm	5:00 pm	Exhibit Hall/Silent Auction	Anthony Wayne Ballroom A
5:00 pm	6:00 pm	General Session I	Anthony Wayne Ballroom B
6:30 pm	8:00 pm	Friday Evening Dinner	Parkview Field
8:00 pm	10:00 pm	West Central Quartet	Parkview Field
8:00 pm	10:00 pm	Euchre Tournament	Hamilton Room

Saturday, April 27, 2019

8:00 am	4:00 pm	Convention Registration	Anthony Wayne Pre-function
8:00 am	4:00 pm	Delegate Certification	Anthony Wayne Pre-function
8:30 am	9:15 am	District Caucus Meetings	Jefferson & Harrison
9:30 am	4:00 pm	Exhibit Hall open	Anthony Wayne Ballroom A
9:30 am	3:00 pm	Silent Auction	Anthony Wayne Ballroom A
9:30 am	11:00 pm	General Session II	Anthony Wayne Ballroom B
11:30 am	1:15 pm	W.P. Wood Luncheon	Convention Hall A
1:30 pm	2:30 pm	Seminars – Session I	
2:45 pm	3:45 pm	Seminars – Session II	
1:30 pm	3:45 pm	Local Tours	
4:00 pm	5:00 pm	PDG Meeting	The Gallery
6:00 pm	6:45 pm	Receiving Line	Corridor
7:00 pm	9:00 pm	All State Banquet	Convention Hall A
9:15 pm	11:00 pm	Hospitality Suite	Hamilton Room

Sunday, April 28, 2019

7:00 am	10:00 am	Voting	The Gallery
9:00 am	10:00 am	Necrology Service	Anthony Wayne Ballroom B
10:30 am	12:00 am	Key Member Brunch	Convention Hall A
12:30 pm	1:30 pm	General Session III	Anthony Wayne Ballroom B
1:45 pm		Council Meeting	The Gallery

Women's Membership Symposium

Sunday May 5th from 2:00 to 5:00

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Parish Hall

507 Rose Ave Kouts, IN 46347

Light Refreshments * Raffle * Items for Sale

And a Painting Party!**PDG Peg VanNevel, GMT of 25G, will speak about the Impact of Women as Lions****Enjoy the Afternoon —Bring a potential new Lion—Have some Fun!****Please bring personal care items and paper products to be given to Sojourner Truth Home**

Must make reservation by 4/28 \$10.00 per person

Contact: PDG Patty Cooke 219-801-4626 ** patty.cooke@gmail.com

Or PDG Margaret Verkuilen 219-923-0776

Leave message with Name, Phone Number, Club and number of guests



No entry fee, but bring a gift card to be used
for prizes (*gas, grocery, coffee, restaurants*)

Email PDG Peg VanNevel with questions or to register!
pitchinpeg@yahoo.com

**La Porte Lions donate to elementary libraries**

Lion Paul Marsh (right), past president of La Porte Lions Club, gives Kingsbury Elementary School Librarian Amanda Peterson a check for \$250 to buy books. During the week of March 4th, all eight La Porte Community School Corp. received the same amount. La Porte Lions have been donating to the elementary school libraries for the past several years. They also give dictionaries to third graders in the schools.



Lions Club International Convention Updates – Milan, Italy July 5th thru 9th, 2019.

Lions Clubs International is pleased to announce that Mr. Tony Blair, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and founder of the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, will be the Keynote speaker at LCICon 2019 in Milan.



Serving as Prime Minister from 1997 to 2007, Mr. Blair redefined modern, progressive politics and implemented major domestic reforms. Through record investment and reform, the education and healthcare sectors were transformed. Mr. Blair's New Labour Government implemented the largest hospital and school building program since the creation of the UK's welfare state. The first ever national minimum wage was introduced, and there was also transformational progress on human rights and equality. All this while overseeing a period of record economic growth and levels of employment.

A central figure on the global stage, Mr. Blair also helped bring peace to Northern Ireland, created the UK's Department for International Development, tripled foreign aid to Africa and introduced landmark legislation to tackle climate change.

Mr. Blair is at the forefront of today's most challenging debates, such as how technology will impact the workforce, and tackling issues of inequality in societies across the globe. His unparalleled international experience, both as Prime Minister and since leaving office, gives him a unique perspective on global events and the political insight to offer solutions to the critical challenges of our time.

In 2017, all Mr. Blair's various areas of work formally came together as one not for profit organization; the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, which builds on the legacy of Mr. Blair's activities since leaving public office. Its Mission is to help make globalization work for the many, not the few. They do this by helping countries, their people and their governments address some of the most difficult challenges in the world today.

Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions

Pork chop dinner

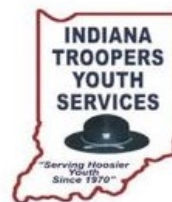
When: Sunday April 14th 4 to 7 pm

Where: LOFS Clubhouse

What: 1 Chop \$10 2 Chops \$13



Indiana State Police Summer Camps



2019 Dates:

PIONEER CAMPS ARE BY RECOMMENDATION ONLY: AGES 11-14

Lincoln Pioneer Camp: June 24-27, 2019

Mounds Park Camp: June 9-14, 2019

Potato Creek Camp: June 17-21, 2019

LAW CAMPS: 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH GRADE

Vincennes Law Camp (Vincennes Indiana): June 12-15, 2019

Anderson Law Camp (Anderson Indiana): June 26-29, 2019

CAREER CAMPS: HIGH SCHOOL AGE

Vincennes Career Camp (Vincennes Indiana): June 23-28, 2019

Trine Career Camp (Angola Indiana): July 7-12, 2019

Indianapolis Career Camp (Indianapolis Indiana): July 14-19, 2019

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Phone: 1-317-450-8720 or 1-317-895-5138

Indiana Troopers Youth Services, Inc.

8660 East 21st Street

Indianapolis, IN 46219



Your ISBVI Lion Trustees are sponsoring a **work day** at the school in Indianapolis on **Saturday, May 18, 2019**. This is a great opportunity for you/family/friends to walk the walk and put our "**We Serve**" motto into action. Our schedule for the day will be:

- 8:30 am Registration and donuts (of course!)
- 9 am – 1 pm Morning work Session
- 1 pm Lunch (provided by the school)
- After Lunch **Tour of the School** for those interested
- After lunch Afternoon work session until done

Come and help us beautify and improve this campus! Interested? Contact...

Lion Mike Okuly

260-519-3541

mokuly52@yahoo.com

It's a great day of fun, hard work and camaraderie and a chance to meet other Lions from around the state as well as visit this beautiful campus. This is one of **your** Lions State Projects.....take a few hours to help beautify and improve it. You'll get great satisfaction from doing so.....and of course, a **free lunch**! Hope to see you there.

Eyeglass Mission to Mexico 2019

Bo Zimmerman

On February 16th, 37 Lions Club International members from District 25A left for Tula, Mexico, for their 2019 Eyeglass Recycling Mission. Local Lions were Butch and Rhonda Weston, Kurt and Lisa Crizer, and Pat Hanson from the Westville Lions, Joe Davila from Hanna Lions, Bo Zimmerman from Union Mills Lions Club, and Jenel Zepik from the Michiana Club. Prior to their arrival, 67,000 pair of glasses were shipped to Mexico to be used for this Mission; they will also be used for two more missions over the next two weeks. The 25A Eyeglass Recycling Program began in 2001 under the direction of Gene Rice of Wanatah and has now seen over 153,000 patients. Over one million pair of glasses have been shipped to Mexico, and two permanent clinics have been established using the remaining glasses from the missions.

The group arrived in Tula on Saturday and 800 patients arrived Sunday and the work began. When a patient arrives, they begin at the registration tables, where their personal information is gathered and recorded. The patient then goes for their acuity reading on the E chart. From there they go the autorefractor which gets a reading of their needed eyeglass script. The patient then goes to the doctor who screens the information and determines if the patient needs to go to the doctor for further screening or can proceed to get their glasses. Their information is then sent to the computer station where the script is entered into a database to find the closest script to match their script within parameters. That pair of glasses is then pulled from the inventory and matched up with the patient. They then go to the fitting station where the glasses are fitted and vision is tested with the new glasses. By the end of the week, 6,430 patients were seen by the Lions.

Tula, with an elevation of 6,700 feet, is located about two hours north of Mexico City, with a population of 125,000 residents. The interpreters with the Lions members explained that jobs are scarce in this area. The residents that came to the clinic were very friendly and appreciative when they received their new glasses. On the group's travel day, they visited a pyramid in Tula.

For some Lions Club members on Mexico Mission 2019, making this trek to Mexico is something they've done before. It is fulfilling. It is long volunteer hours but at the end of each day, you know you have truly made a difference in the lives of others. Each volunteer has had a part in delivering the gift of improved sight. For other members, it is something they have heard about but not yet experienced. This year, Lion Jenel Zepik who lives in Wanatah and belongs to the Michiana Lions Club had the opportunity to join the group traveling to Tula and experience her first mission. She has the following impression from her first trip.

From the Eyes of Lion Jenel Zepik

For my first time on the eyeglass mission, I was not sure what to expect but I went with the flow. I was assigned to work with Rhonda Weston to the reader's booth. This booth is where the patients come that are not required to get prescription eyeglasses by the eye exam. Rhonda and I each worked with patients one-on-one. We would pick out a few frames in different colors/styles and then ask the patient which one interests them. Every day we had a Spanish translator as well. Once the patient picked the eyeglasses, they would try them on and read an eye chart to be sure the prescription works for them. I couldn't believe all the smiles I got to see once they put on the glasses; it was such an emotional feeling. So many gave handshakes, hugs, kisses on the cheek, and even said a blessing in Spanish. Basically, it was nice to turn the frown upside for them.

They came in for help, and they left able to see with our help! One lady I helped get a pair of readers left happy and then came back. She asked our translator how to pronounce my name. I told her, and I wrote it down on a piece of paper for her since she had it handy. Then she told the translator that she thought my name was beautiful. Her daughter is having a baby girl, and she wants to name her granddaughter with my name. I just thought to myself, "wow"! All the patients were so appreciative and kind.

Not only did I meet these great patients, I gained a lot of new friends that are residents of Tula and Mexico City and plan to keep in touch by Facebook. The staff of Tula and all the other Lions member from Mexico were great to work with. After the first day of the mission trip, I was already looking forward to future mission trips! I would have never thought to put the eyeglasses mission trip on my bucket list, but this is an experience everyone should add. I joined the Lions because they helped me to achieve getting my cochlear implant almost three years ago. Since I don't have the luxury to monetarily give back, instead I decided to give back my time to help others. This mission trip was a huge plus for me to give tremendous help to others. It felt good! I'm proud to be a Lion. ~ Lion Jenel Zepik





Welcome New Lions!

Hamlet—James P Gillard

Sponsor: Larry Jernas

Hamlet—Sarah A Gillard

Sponsor: Larry Jernas

Lakes of the Four Seasons —Yolanda Hernandez

Sponsor: Juan Hernandez

Lions Who Have Completed Their Service

Richard A Lochner — Hamlet

Robert Cooper — Union Mills

John Grott — Wanatah



Left: Lion Paul Palmer of Lowell Lions with a new friend.

Below: DG Dennis with new Schererville Lions Robin and Tim Avvinitis and Candy Ramsy and their sponsors Karen Phil Aldrich and Cindy Vaught



Thanks to your hard work at the 2018 Indiana State Fair, the Indiana Lions Foundation received more than \$40,000 to support local Lions Clubs throughout the state of Indiana.

We're still dealing with winter weather, but it's time to start thinking about - and signing up for - the 2019 Indiana State Fair.

A few of you have already signed up, but there are still plenty of open positions. Sign up now to ensure that you get the job you want at the gate you want on the dates you want.

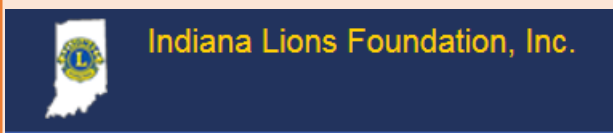
Sign up at <https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/>.

If you have any questions, send me a message or give me a call and I will be happy to try to answer them for you.

Lion Rose Russell, Trustee
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Lakeville, Indiana, USA

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MD25	LCI
April 6 Indiana Leadership Institute	Environmental Awareness Month
April 13 Indians Lions Foundation Meeting	Family & Friends Month
April 13 Women’s Symposium in Zionsville	Leo Club Awareness Month
April 14 Speech and Hearing Trustees Meeting	April 10 Lions Day with the United Nations
April 25 State Convention Welcome Dinner	April 22 Earth Day
April 26—28 State Convention in Fort Wayne	April 27 Lions Worldwide Induction Day
	May is Strengthen Membership Month
	May 1 Deadline for advance LCICON registration
	May 1 Deadline for LCICON registration and hotel refunds
	May 15 Deadline for filing Officer Reporting Form (PU101)

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”—Winston Churchill

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4 Hebron OV	5	6 Leadership Conference
7 Leadership Conference	8	9 Hammond OV	10	11 Lake Station OV	12	13 25C Women’s Conference
14 Cedar Lake Pancake	15 Taxes Due	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 State Convention	27
28 State Convention Ends	29	30 PDG Meeting	1	2	3	4