

District 25A Seasons Greetings

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Wow! Back home in Northwest Indiana, reality check with the weather. They are not kidding when you hit pavement, start running. It has been non-stop since the Fourth of July weekend.

We had a planning session and the enthusiasm of 5 new Zone Chairs is contagious, just listening to them gets you fired up. The cabinet meeting with 60 Lions and 23 clubs present was great. Special thanks to the Kouts Lions for hosting and the Ladies for providing a delicious lunch. All the activities our clubs are doing are remarkable. We need to get the word out to our communities about the wonderful things we do in the neighborhoods. Several Zone meetings are planned; we would like to get the word out on Facebook and in the newsletter.

The Children's Dignity week challenge is August 30th - Sept. 5th. Lions International is asking us to have a program that week that benefits Children. Clubs that participate are eligible for a Banner Patch. If your club does a children's service activity during this time we would like to hear about it. Take pictures of the event and send them to Lion Jody Greer our PR Chair. She will post them on Facebook. Also, send articles to Lion Bill Ellis to put in the Newsletter. Every Club in our District does at least one Youth Activity Program, make sure you put it on your Activity Reports and your club will earn a Centennial Service Challenge Patch. If you're having trouble with putting in Activity Reports contact, Lion Pat Greer at :

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What a great turnout from the state and district for Banner Night. Special thanks to ID Linda Tincher for her inspiring words and for taking time to talk to us about Lions. The night was filled with friendship, fun and good food. It was so nice to see so many PDG's in attendance. Thanks to the South Haven Lions for all of their support and help! We are proud to be Lions for all seasons!

District Governor Randy

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Message from 2nd VDG Robin Smith



The month of August seems to bring about a new sense of energy. Families are preparing their children to return to school, and many Lions clubs are filling their calendars with service and fundraising activities after enjoying a simpler schedule during the Summer. I find myself receiving this extra sense of energy. As a mom, I too am preparing to send my youngest off to her sophomore year at school. As a student, I am getting ready for that last year at Ivy Tech. There is so much to do...get registered, buy the books, and shop for those last supplies. August is a busy month. As a Lion, I am anxious for my club's annual steak fry, where we all get a chance to regroup and reacquaint as we discuss our very full service and fundraising calendar. August is that "Back to School" month, so it is easy to remember the children. With our kids being in the forethought, service projects geared towards them is an opportunity to fill our needs. Two such projects come to my mind quickly.

The Dictionary Project has been a growing project for the past several years, and yet, there are still so many children who lack a dictionary of their very own. In this age of technology much information can be accessed on the Internet, but nothing can compare to having a print copy of a dictionary at the fingertips. If you already participate in this worthwhile project, you know the joy of this service. If you don't, please contact me and I will help get you on the path to provide this gift to your local third or fourth grade students.

Operation Kidsight has been providing vision screening to children ages 6 and under for more than 10 years, and I have witnessed many children in need of eye care. It is even more rewarding if the need is in your own family. Two of my grandchildren were found to have very poor eyesight during screenings by the Chesterton Lions Club. What a difference corrective lenses make! There will be training on Operation Kidsight and school children vision screening on August 23 (details in this newsletter). Please join us to renew your training or to join the many clubs participating in this wonderful service.

Let's challenge each other and get our district at 100% participation in both of these youth oriented projects. Grab your piece of the new sense of energy and pass it along to everyone you meet. You will be glad you did!

Yours in Service ~ Lion Robin

Vision Screening Training – August 23rd

What will be covered Kidsight Camera?

How to put it together? How to use it? What to do with Results?

Vision Screening Equipment, how to use the OPTEC Machine?

Acuity Chart Testing, How to give Acuity Tests?

Hands on Training for all of the above.

All forms needed to be filled out will be there and explained

How to fill out and where to send them?

There will be a booklet with Directions and Forms provided

to everyone who attends the Training

Date: Sunday August 23, from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

Location: Towne Center Retirement Community Center

7250 Arthur St. Merrillville, IN 46410

Just East of Taft Street, right off 73rd Ave. (Old Lincoln Highway)

Contact and REGISTER with Lion Angie Schmeltz (219) 374-9714 or

(Cell) 219-405-0286. You can email her at 14726bryan@comcast.net

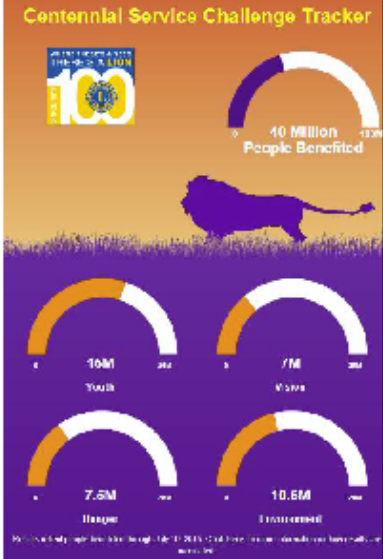
We need a count so they can set up enough Tables and Chairs

Refreshments provided by District. We hope to see you there.

Officer's Training

We are offering another Officer's Training session on Thursday, August 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the Wanatah Lions Clubhouse, 409 S. Ohio St. in Wanatah. This is for Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice Presidents., who missed it in May or who have questions about their positions. It is also for Lions who want to learn about Leadership roles. Refreshments will be provided.

Centennial Corner from VDG Patty Cooke



Centennial Service Challenge Tracker

100 MILLION PEOPLE BENEFITED

40 Million People Benefited

10M Youth

7M Vision

7.5M Hunger

10.6M Environment

Lions around the world continue to work on the Centennial Service Challenge – the global initiative to serve 100 million people by our anniversary in 2017. To participate, all you have to do is make sure your club submits activities reports through the LCI website. If you activity falls within the Campaigns of Engaging Our Youth, Sharing the Vision, Relieving the Hunger, and Protecting Our Environment, just click that option in the Service Challenge box. See the example below.

Many of you are already doing these activities—make sure you get credit and help meet the goal!! There will be district and club recognition for those who participate.

We are well on our way to goal!

Lion VDG Patty Cooke

Basic Activity Information

Fiscal Year: 2014-2015

Month: November

Signature Activity: None

Activity Type: food bank / food distribution

Activity Title: Food Bank

Activity Description: Distribute turkeys of Thanksgiving to families in need

Detailed Activity Information

Share this story

Internet web activity

Can be used for club credit for:

- Engaging our Youth campaign
- Sharing the Vision campaign
- Relieving the Hunger campaign
- Protecting our Environment campaign
- None

Number of Lions: 5

Number of Lion Hours: 40

Number of People Served: 15

Funds Raised (USD): USD

Funds Donated (USD): USD

New Club in District 25-F: North Vernon Lions Club

You are invited to help Welcome Back and Celebrate the return of the North Vernon Lions Club on August 8, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church in North Vernon. The Key-note Speaker will be ID Linda Tincher. Pre-Registration is \$20.15; At door- \$25.00

Mail registration to: Lion Sec. Shae Everage, 1305 N. Co. Rd 615E, Butlersville, IN 47223.

1st District Meeting in Kouts—Sunday July 19



Lions having fun with a Team Building game at the District Meeting in Kouts

Banner Night at the Hobart Elks Lodge—Saturday, July 25th



DG Randy & PDG Glenn Swanson passing the Home Club Banner



About 100 Lions and guests celebrated Banner Night with DG Randy. DGs & VDGs from around the state attended.



PDGs from 25-A passed the flame from one to another ending with Governor Randy.



Lion Pat Greer with PDG Barbara Toosley



District Gov. Randy with guest speaker International Director Linda Tincher from Riley, IN.

Lions from around the State and District 25-A gathered at the Elks Hall in Hobart on Saturday night July 25th to celebrate "Banner Night" with passing of the Home Club Banner from the Maple City Lions to the South Haven Lions Club.

Munster Lions Steak and Chicken Grill

The Munster Lions Steak and Chicken Grill will be on August 1st in Munster's beautiful Centennial Park. The time – 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tickets (donations) - \$20 for adults, \$7 for kids under 12 for hamburgers and hot dogs. Buy tickets from a Munster Lion or purchase at the door.

The Lions will cook to your order a sizzling steak, or a tender and tasty ½ chicken. Add mushrooms and onions, a baked potato, and butter-dripping corn-on-the-cob. Soft drinks are provided. Beer and wine available at an extra cost. Boy Scout Troop 533 will have their special deserts to purchase.

Eat in the air conditioned clubhouse, on tables on the front lawn, or on the terrace overlooking the ponds and park. As an option you can take your meals home in white boxes.

Provided by Munster Lion Russell Snyder

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Reserve the Date:

South Haven Lions Club 50th Anniversary

Saturday, October 24, 2015

Duneland Falls Banquet Hall

(St Rd 149, Portage, IN)

5:00PM Social-6:00PM Dinner

\$40.00 Dollars per Person

Guest Speaker: PIP Wayne Madden

Cash Bar/Business Casual Attire/Raffles

More Information to Follow



Hanna Lions Club

Hanna Lions Club will be sponsoring “HannaFest” on the weekend of August 7—9. Hanna Lions BBQ Chicken will be sold on August 8th from 10 A.M. until gone at the Hanna Lions Park in Hanna, IN (just south of US 30, between US 421 and US 39). Parade, Arts & Crafts, car show, garage sales, and more, all on August 8th.

Hobart Lions Club

Hobart Lions will hold their 27th Annual Steak Fry at Hobart Community Center at 111 Old Ridge Road on Friday, August 21, 2015, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. The donation is \$15 per person. For tickets call Lion Joe Larson at (219)942-0358 or Lion Sally Davis at (219) 942-4433.

Fishing For Life on June 13 & 14



On June 13th & 14th of 2015, (9) blind or visually impaired youth gathered at the property of Lions Butch and Rhonda Weston. Some came up on the Friday June 12, to set up tents, eat pizza, and get to know each other. We sat around the campfire and talked, even after the power went out, on some of our goals we wanted to accomplish. Lion Butch had a generator to run the necessities.

Saturday morning came awfully early, I know of a couple of Leo's were up long before myself to start the coffee and get the fire going again. It had rained a little bit during the night, and the fire only had a few ambers left. We were to have donuts, along with other breakfast item's but with the power off the night before, the place we were to get the donuts from was not able to make them. So we improvised and scrambled around to make eggs, sausage, and pancakes, it worked out well and was enjoyed by all.

After breakfast we started the day by explaining the day's events. Many lions from around the district came out to help along with several Leo's. The Lions helped with the blind on putting the fishing poles together, even tying on the hooks and putting on the worms. We all were amazed how well they did. The Leos were then to partner up with a blind person and go down to the pond and see what they could catch, with the lions to offer assistance if needed. Amazingly enough, nobody got hooked, or lines tangled up. Where did the morning go, it was lunch time, and the 4-H group came along with the horses. So after lunch those that wished to rode the horses, while some went on a wagon ride. This was a free time for the Leo's and any others who wished to, go swimming.

After a short break, Lions Connie and Robin had planned paddle boat racing, with the blind person and a Leo in the paddle boat. The objective was for the blind person to steer the boat while the Leo gave the directions on which way to go. They had to paddle across the pond and touch the dock on the other side and come back. Easier said than done, by many. With only the winners of each to race again. This left an odd team with no one to race against them. Oh, but DGE Randy was there, a vote was taken, and we volunteered Randy, and Robin to go, but a blindfold had to be worn by one of them. Well the outcome was what we expected, they lost. DGE Randy kept losing his seat, and they kept going in circles in the pond.

A group of us met with the parents of the blind, to discuss any issues that they have with the child's education, and other problems. Some of the issues got solved, while others are going to take some time. Dinner came and went, all seemed a little tired, but managed to stay up for the evenings event. A talent show was presented to those that stayed. The blind entertained us with singing, dancing, jokes, and even self defense.

After another short night, where does time go, breakfast was ready, Awards were given out along with certificates for attendance, door prizes, and those that wished took their fishing poles home with them. After several more pictures were taken and hugs and thanks were given ,all departed for their journey back home. I heard a lot of Lions say WOW, I never knew much about this, but we will be back next year to help support this. TIME FOR CLEANUP!! We want to say thank you for those that stayed to help, it does not take long when we all pitch in to help. Also a huge thanks to Cabela's, Family Express, and everyone who helped with the shelter, and prepare and serve meals, to make this happen every year. Next year will be the fifth one, so we need to work on something special. The committee is open for suggestions.

Monterey Lions Club



Monterey Lions newly painted Clubhouse with Lion greeter at the door. Lion Fred Bauer proudly displays his “50 Year Certificate of Achievement.” The club had sponsored their 1st Annual Lions Day in Monterey with a Ham & Bean supper, Vision Screenings, a Bounce house, and rummage sale on June 6th.

Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions Club

On August 8th from 10am-1pm the Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions will be hosting a bike drive. We will accept any bike, helmet, bike pads, or parts in any condition. These bikes are given to the Knights of Columbus #7473 who will refurbish and give them to children or Adults in need around Lake and Porter Counties. This is a great time to clean out your garage and help a wonderful cause. Bikes can be dropped off at the lower clubhouse parking lot between 10am and 1pm located at 1048 Lakeshore Dr., Crown Point.

Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions Steak Fry Dinner is on Sunday, August 23rd. The cost of the dinner is \$15.00 and will be served at the clubhouse located at 1048 Lakeshore Dr Crown Point between the hours of 4-7pm. Free hot dogs for the kids.

On August 14th the Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions Golf Outing. Cost is \$75.00 per golfer. Registration is at 10:30, 11:00 lunch and a 12 Noon shotgun start followed by dinner. Sponsorship is still available. Please contact Lion Chuck if you would be interested in golfing or sponsoring a hole at 219-776-3031.

Welcome New Members

Club	Member	Sponsor
Crown Point	Amy Nikruto	Tim Fealy
Crown Point	Heather Shelton	Amy Nikruto
Hobart	Dorthy Roediger	Tom Hansen
Rensselaer	Margaret Shupe	Angela Clapp

Remember those who have completed their service to Lions:

Robert Dillon - Michigan City

Harold Russell - Rolling Prairie

Whiting Lions Club

As s promised, the Whiting Lions Club donated all the proceeds they collected during the Whiting 4th of July Parade! Last year the club to donate the proceeds collected during the parade to the local food pantry, since during the summer season the request for food is higher due to the children being home all day instead of at school. The Club had a “hungry lion” in the cage they pulled requesting the parade sightseeing to feed the lion so he can feed the hungry! It worked! The Club would like to thank all the participants that donated to the “hungry lion”! The club members presented the check during the July cruise night celebration.



Pictured are Lions Efen and Ralph and Chuck K is the food pantry coordinator and Lion Karen with the huge check.

Scheduled Zone Meetings

Region 2, Zones A & B	Thurs.,Sept. 24th	American Legion Post 502, South Haven
Region 3, Zone B	ThurRs.,Oct. 1st, 7 p.m.	Westville Methodist Church
Region 4, Zone A	Weds., Sept. 30th	Rensselaer
Region 4, Zone B	Tues., Oct. 6th	Wheatfield
Region 4, Zone C	Thurs. Aug. 20	Medaryville

Changes and Corrections

Address Change: PDG Bob Wideman, Rolling Prairie Lions

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Mill Creek Lion Sec’y Marolyn Klockow (219) 369-9565

Schererville Pres. Sharon Moore (219) 677-0687

Union Mills Lions 5-K Walk/Run

Event Information: This event will be held at the Union Mills, Indiana and is a 5K run/walk to benefit the local Lions Club. The course starts at the American Legion. So come join us for some true fun while supporting your local Lions Club. Runners of all age categories as well as walkers are welcome.

Location: American Legion is at the corner of 800 W & 400 S, in Union Mills

Date: Saturday, August 22, 2015 ; **Start Time:** 7:30 AM

Pre-Registration Cost: \$15

Onsite Registration Cost: \$20; **Onsite Registration begins at** 6:30 AM

To Pre-Register call (219) 380-9516 or (219) 785-2681

Let us know what shirt size you would like.



Run with the Lions
5-K walk/run

Union Mills Lions Registration

-----Please return this page with your registration fee-----

Name _____ Age ____ Male ___ Female ___

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Email _____

Circle T-Shirt Size: Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large (preregister only)

In signing this form for myself (or the participant named above if he/she is under 18), I understand that running or walking in a road race is a strenuous activity and that I am properly trained and medically able to participate in such an event. I agree to abide by the directions and instructions of the Race Director, officials, and volunteers. I agree to abide by all vehicular traffic laws and yield right of way in all situations where I may encounter a motor vehicle during the race. By accepting these statements, I hold the Union Mills Lions Club, the Mill Pond Festival, Noble Township, and all other sponsors, volunteers and suppliers, their representatives and assignees, harmless of any and all claims and liabilities that may arise from participation in this event. I give my permission for the free and unrestricted use of my name and picture in any broadcast or written account of the event.

By submitting this registration you affirm that you have read and understand this waiver and you hereby agree to the conditions for participation. By submitting this registration, you acknowledge that you have authority to enter into this agreement.

Signature of Participant

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18)

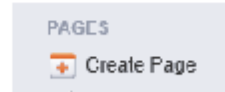
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Please make checks payable to:
Union Mills Lions Club
PO Box 173
Union Mills, IN 46382

Create a Facebook Page for your Club

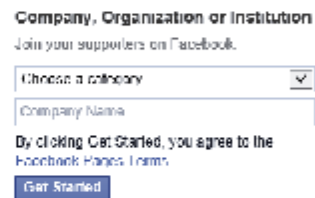
Facebook is a great way to advertise your Lions Club and events. If you would like to create a Facebook page for your club, here are the steps to do so. It is easy and free. If you need help, please feel free to contact me at jlgreer5@yahoo.com or 759-2865.

1. Sign into Facebook and on the side of your home page, scroll down to pages and click on Create Page.



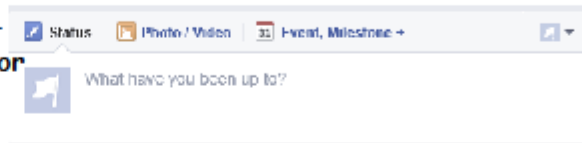
2. Click on this icon.

3. Under Choose Category scroll down to Non-Profit Organization. For Company Name, type in your Club name (ex. South Haven Lions). Then press get started.



4. Fill in as much information as you would like. Just follow the steps.. You don't have to add a profile picture right away. You can add one once you get comfortable using Facebook..

5. Now you are ready to post comments, add pictures from events, or create events.



6. On your home screen you will see the name of the group page you created. If you click on it, you will be able to manage your new Facebook page. To post as your club instead of you, go to the top of the page where your name is. Click on the arrow (it is hard to see) and then click on the name of your club. You will now be able to post as your club.



Have fun and enjoy this new way to promote your club!

Where is the DG?

See an open date? Contact DG Randy to schedule your club official visit:

H: 219-759-2865 C: 219-728-8432 or lionrandy@yahoo.com

August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 B Banner Night Last Day PCF
2 C Banner Night	3	4	5	6 Kouts OV	7	8 Hanna Fest
9	10 Ogden Dunes	11 Lacrosse Picnic	12	13 Lions State Fair	14 LOFS Golf Outing	15 S H Picnic
16	17 TCCD	18	19 Whiting Car Show MC Noon OV	20 Zone 4C Mtg Medaryville	21 Hobart Steak Fry 4-7	22 Union Mills Walk/Run F & G Banner Night
23 Vision Screening Training @ Merrillville LOFS Steak Fry 4-7	24	25	26 Lion Golf Outing	27 Officer Training Wanatah 6:30 pm	28	29
30 SH Bass Pro	31					

September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 East Chicago OV	3 Westville OV	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8 Rensselaer OV	9	10	11	12 Lowell Car Show
13	14	15	16-19 USA –Canadian Forum			
20 USA –Canadian	21	22 Lowell OV	23 1st Day of fall	24 4B Zone Mtg Wheatfield 2A & B Zone Mtg South Haven	25	26 Wanatah Fish Fry
27	28	29	30 4A Zone Mtg Rensselaer			

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Official Visits

We have 15 scheduled so far. If you have a date, contact us before your date is taken. We would like to put in a complete list in the September Newsletter.

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