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Hello Lions of 25A:

July has been a very busy month! After I returned from Japan as your District Governor, there was much to be done. But with the help of my team, we have accomplished a great deal.

In Japan, International President Corlew gave all the new District Governors a Centennial Banner with instructions to take it to all the Official Visits. Then the Lions of that club will sign the banner. At the Convention in Chicago next year, all the banners from around the world will be displayed. In July, I visited the Michiana Lions on their Ladies Night to install their new officers. They had the opportunity to be the first 25A club to sign the Centennial Banner! Please call to schedule your Official Visit as soon as possible to add your signatures.

We also held a successful Planning night for our district. Some insight was given to the new Zone Chairs into the organizational structure of LCI and our district. Then there was some discussion of my goals for this year and what we needed to do as a team to accomplish them. And I do have a great Leadership team! Thank you to all who attended.

Then I visited Lions Club International with the fellow District Governors of Indiana! We had the tremendous opportunity to be the first to have our picture taken with the Centennial Torch! After that we were all part of our first Council meeting -- an interesting and learning experience. Some of the discussions were long. But as I listened to all the reports, I gained more respect for all Lions do! I know that the saying 'Where There's a Need There's a Lion' is really true because we are helping everywhere!

Then there was Banner Night! My Schererville Lions put on a fantastic party! There IPDG Randy passed the Home Club banner on to me. It will be difficult to be as great a DG as him, so I have my work cut out for me.

And the District Directory is done and in print! Yea!! You will be getting copies at our District meeting in Griffith on Sunday 7/31. I am looking forward to seeing many of you there. I know that many of you have been just as busy with vision screenings, food booths, blood drives, but we are Lions and that is what we do!

Yours in Lionism, **Lion Patty Cooke, District Governor**

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Message from 1st VDG Robin Smith

The official passing of the banner to our new Governor is complete. Good food, good company and good music. This was a great party celebrating our new governor. Thank you Schererville Lions and DG Patty for a nice evening.



August historically always seems to be a busy month. Generally, it is viewed as that “Back to School” month. With Lions, it marks the time that clubs begin to gear up for the Lion year by finalizing many of their service and fundraising activities. Until we meet 100% participation, I will continue to encourage each club to participate in two important services for our youth. And I believe this “Back to School” month is a great time to remember our youth. The Dictionary Project and Operation Kidsight are excellent services centered on our children. Perhaps you have other service activities in mind. While our “WE SERVE” goals never change, we must always be thinking of new ideas in order for us to grow. Please take the time to think of some new service activities and fundraising opportunities to help our communities, district, state and world. Consider serving with other Lions from Indiana at the State Fair, or participate in Brian’s Trike Race in October at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. And don’t forget to invite a potential member to work alongside you and experience the fun and joy of Lions. This is a great year to be a Lion! Let’s show our pride to everyone and make a difference.

Yours in service ~~ Lion Robin, 1st VDG

Save the Date !

The next District Meeting will be Sunday, October 16th at 1:00 PM in LaPorte.

More information will be in next month’s newsletter.

Door Village Lions Club will be celebrating the

40th Anniversary of their Charter Night

Saturday, November 12, 2016

Important Phone Number Corrections

Lions Doug Schmeltz, District GMT, and Angie Schmeltz, CS , from Cedar Lake Lions Club have incorrect phone numbers in the District 25A Directory; Please note the following corrections:

Doug: (Home) 219-374-9714 (Cell) 219-608-0097

Angie: (Home) 219-374-9714 (Cell) 219-405-0286

Check out our State Fair videos by clicking on the link below. Several Lions throughout the state are featured in these videos.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP0zQdRE1nqA-CcR_XRBHFA

Indiana Lions Foundation Needs Your Help

Please volunteer to work at the Indiana State Fair

The Indiana Lions Foundation provides ticket sellers and ticket scanners at four gates at the Indiana State Fair. The fair runs Friday August 5th—Sunday, August 21st. Over 600 shifts need to be filled over this 17 day period. This is the single largest fundraiser for the Foundation and the money is used to provide Foundation Grants to individual clubs.

Working at the State Fair as a ticket seller or scanner is much easier than it has been in the past. The computer terminals worked very well last year and selling tickets requires pushing only three buttons. Scanning tickets requires only that the worker hold the hand held scanner over the bar-coded ticket and press the trigger.

Most positions are sitting and two of the four gates have air conditioned booths for the ticket sellers. Only the Tunnel Gate may require standing, although that is not normally a busy gate.

Two shifts are available to work. The morning shift is 7:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.. The afternoon shift is 1:30 p.m.—9:00/9:30 p.m..

In return for working the Indiana Lions Foundation is offering W.P. Woods Fellowship credits for workers—one credit for the morning shift and two credits for the afternoon shift. It takes 10 credits to earn a regular W.P. Woods and 12 credits for the Centennial Plate. Bring a car load of Lions and friends and join us at the Fair this year.

You may use the Foundation website to volunteer. Click on the link below

<http://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/>

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We welcome these new members:

<u>Club Name</u>	<u>New Member</u>
Hamlet	Catherine Raub
Hobart	Cheryl Anderson
Hobart	Jessica Tonello
Hobart	Anthony Tonello
Hobart	Andrea Whitmore
Michigan City	Angie Kmiecik
Westville	James Ingram

Those who have completed their service:

Chesterton	Ron Warner
Star City	William Braun

Banner Night at the American Legion Post 485 in Schererville

Saturday, July 23, 2016



Immediate PDG Randy Greer from the South Haven Lions Club passes the “Home Club” banner to new District Governor Patty Cooke’s Schererville Lions



Left: Lion PCC Mike Gutyan kicks off the Banner ceremony; Right: DG Patty thanks all for attending & introduces guest District Governors from other districts; Bottom left: DG Patty starts off the dancing to the “Got Issues” Band—bottom right.





Hobart Lions Club
28th Annual Steak Fry
August 19th 4-7
Festival Park
Hobart, IN
Cost \$15.00 per person

Crown Point Lions Club

Crown Point Lions are sponsoring a "September Bingo", on September 22nd (first day of Autumn) at Saint Elijah's Hall, 8700 Taft Street, Merrillville. Doors open at 5:00 P.M. There will be "regular" bingos as well as "money games" and of course numerous "tip boards" for succulent meats, basket raffles, and lots of door prizes. We ask all of our Lions Clubs to support this fund raiser.

Lion Greg Fabian, ZC IB



Northwest Indiana
Reguladores LEMC and
Dyer Lions Club
Present:

Summer Surprises!

- Collecting clothing, gifts, and gift cards for kids at the Carmelite Home in East Chicago.
- Motorcycle ride from White Rhino to the Carmelite Home to distribute collected items.
- Dyer Lions will conduct vision screenings for kids.
- Donations can be dropped at All of Me Therapy, 1160 Joliet St., Suite 102 in Dyer.

ST. JOSEPH'S
CARMELITE HOME
we rebuild families

Saturday, August 20, 2016
12:00 pm-4:00 pm

For More Information:
Orlando "Roosta" Morris
708/932-7377

Monterey Lions Club



The 2nd Annual Monterey Lions Day was held on Saturday, June 25th. They had a free bounce house, face painting, and their annual All You Can Eat Ham and Beans, made by the Britten Brothers of the Bass Lake Lions Club. There was also a free clothes drive giveaway for those in need in conjunction with the local church. Lion Doug Denton, President of the Monterey Lions is pictured on the right smiling as the beans were yummy, as usual.

Lakes of the Four Season Lions Club

Steak Fry

Sunday August 21, 2016

3:00 PM. to 7:00 PM.

At Lakes of the Four Seasons Clubhouse

Cost: \$15.00

They will be our famous Steaks. Many of the Lions have had them at the District Cabinet meeting.

For tickets call Lion Chuck De Las Casas at 219-776-3031

Rolling Prairie Lions Club



Handicap Ramp on left was built by Lion Harold Carlson, along with United Methodist Church members Bruce Wordinger and Steve Everingham in only 2 days on Maple Street in Rolling Prairie. The Rolling Prairie Lions donated \$1000 toward the cost of materials.



Harvest Bicycle Tour

Rolling Prairie Lions
Mill Creek Community Lions



August 14, 2016 starting 6:00am CST

Registration and starting point for ride at

Holling Prairie Elementary Gazebo

605 E Michigan st Holling Prairie, In 46371

Fees: Online registration **\$20 till August 1**

Day of ride \$35/rider

3 or more for family \$40/family

4 or more group \$30/rider

Max riders on event limited to 500

T-shirts and sweatshirts
only available Till
July 22. so order
now!

After August 1, registration
on the day of, at Gazebo

Questions? Send email to hbct@rollingprairielions.org

Above is our poster for advertisement. You can download the form here: [RegistrationForm](#), fill out and follow directions. Remember that online registration or mail-ins have a deadline of July 29, 2016. After that, registration is at the Gazebo where the ride starts. T-shirts and sweatshirts are only available online so get them soon!



Indiana Governors at Lions Club International Headquarters in Oak Brook, IL proudly showing the Lions 100th ANNIVERSARY TORCH. **It had just arrived and we were first to view it!**

Front Row: Lion Cub Danielle Drapalik.

2nd Row: 25G DG Peg VanNevel, 25A DG Patty Cooke, State Admin. Sec. PCC Sue Topf, PID Linda Tincher, Council Chair Vic Fisher, Lion Jennifer Drapalik, Lion Pam Arnold, Lion Katherine Holtzleiter.

Back Row, left- right PDG Vern Tincher, 25F DG Wayne Karanovich, 25C DG Ross Drapalik, 25 D DG Al Arnold and 25B Steve Holtzleiter.

Lions Clubs International Foundation

One Shot, One Life: Thus far, Lions have been champions of measles education and vaccinations, raising more than \$17 million of our \$30 million commitment to Gavi. With just one year left to reach our goal, LCIF is calling on Lions to continue their push for gifts to the One Shot, One Life initiative. With the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the UK's Department for International Development each dollar is matched, making Lions' dollars go further.

Charity Miles: Check out this new and easy way to donate to LCCIF! LCIF has partnered with Charity Miles to support Sight for Kids programs. All you have to do is download the Charity Miles app, and select Sight for Kids as your charity of Choice. LCIF will receive a donation for every mile logged. You can continue logging miles throughout the next year to raise money for Sight for Kids wherever you are in the world!

Centennial Service Challenge: Don't forget that an unrestricted donation to LCIF counts towards the Lions Centennial Service Challenge! Clubs that make a donation and report their donation through MyLCI will receive credit towards CSC recognition. To report, choose "donations to LCIF" from the activity type drop down menu and select a CSC Campaign for the donation.

Indiana Lions State Convention Information



Happy Birthday Lions!

That is the theme for the 2017 Indiana Lions State Convention in Evansville on April 28—30, 2017.

Make your plans now to join Lions from across the state of Indiana at the 2017 Indiana Lions State Convention to celebrate 100 years of lionism. More than 130 Lions have already pre-registered for the convention. The convention will be hosted by the Oakland City and Petersburg Lions Clubs, assisted by Lions from throughout District 25-E.

Lions Clubs International President Robert Corlew will be our special guest at the convention. IP Corlew will participate in the presentation of awards at the Awards Luncheon on Saturday, and will be the keynote speaker at the All-State Banquet on Saturday evening. Convention attendees will have an opportunity to meet IP Corlew during a seminar session on Saturday afternoon.

A frequently asked question about the convention is: "What is the dress code for the All-State Banquet on Saturday evening?" The District Governors and other Lions leaders seated at the head table will be wearing formal dinner jackets, but this is a Lions function and Lions apparel is always appropriate at a Lions function. Please plan to attend the All-State Banquet, even if you don't have a Lions vest or shirt. We want you there, no matter what you wear.

Several exciting events and tours are being planned including a Friday evening dinner aboard the LST 325. LST 325 is a restored, fully operational, Navy ship that actually served our country in WWII. The LST is docked in Evansville on the Ohio River and will provide a unique dining experience. There will be a special breakfast commemorating Dr. W. P. Woods, LCI's first International President, who just happened to be from Evansville. Theme baskets are great items to bring for the Silent Auction. A great way for your club to participate in the convention. There will be many surprises throughout the convention.

There is no charge to attend the convention business sessions, seminars, or visit the exhibit tables. We have done our best to provide affordable meals at the convention, including children menus for the Saturday Luncheon, All-State Banquet, and Sunday Brunch. Walk-in registrations will be accepted during the convention, however, no meal reservations will be accepted after April 20. The deadline for meal reservations at regular prices is April 1. After April 1, the price for each meal will increase by \$5.00. We encourage you to register early to avoid the added cost.

We look forward to celebrating 100 years of lionism with you at the 2017 Indiana Lions State Convention!

Lions Centennial

We are almost there!! Every day we get closer to reaching our goal of serving 100,000,000 people though out the world. Keep doing what Lions do – We Serve! Then record your activities on MyLCI. We've got this!



Save the Date !



Club Excellence Award

The deadline for the Club Excellence is August 31, 2016. Many of your clubs qualify – the one most clubs miss are being plus on membership and giving to LCIF.

Here is the link to the application:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/dal-2015-16.pdf>



From The Desk of the Cabinet Treasurer Chuck De Las Casas

The following article about dues was produced by Cabinet Secretary PDG Ann Haffner of District 25-G. The article has been modified to reflect changes needed for District 25-A.

Please share this information with your club's Officers and Board of Directors.

Dues In July your club will receive your July-December State and District

Semi-Annual Dues Statement from CT Lion Chuck De Las Casas. You will be billed \$9.50 per member on record at Lions Clubs International on July 1.

In addition, Lions Clubs International will bill your club \$21.50 per member for July December. For spouses and family members recorded as Family Unit on MyLCI you will be billed \$10.75.

Dues are payable within (30) days to both CT Chuck De Las Casas and LCI. Checks for International dues should be made out to "International Association of Lions Clubs" and mailed to Lions Club International at the Chicago address on the billing statement. District and State dues checks should be made out to District 25-A and mailed to CT Lion Chuck De Las Casas; 5030 Spinnaker Lane Unit A; Crown Point, IN 46307.

Your club should be collecting at least \$62.00 in dues per year from each member. Family members enrolled in a Family Unit (except for the Head of Household) should be paying at least \$40.50 per year in dues (Family members' international dues are \$21.50 per year rather than \$43.00). Dues must be paid from your club's Administrative Fund, not from your club's Activities (Project) Fund. All money raised from the public must be used for charity.

WHERE IS DG PATTY GOING?

Calendar

August 14 Rolling Prairie Lions – Harvest Bicycle Tour

August 5 – 21 Indiana State Fair

Indianapolis -- See Newsletter

August 4 Kouts OV

August 9 Winamac OV

August 20 District 25G Banner Night

Milford, IN

August 27 District 25F Banner Night

Richmond, IN

September 3 District 25D Banner Night

September 10 District 25B Banner Night

New Haven, In

September 11 First Ladies Health Initiative

Gary, In

September 15 – 17 USA Canada Forum

Omaha, NE

September 19 Wanatah OV

September 25 District 25C Banner Night

Martinsville, IN

There is definitely room in the calendar for more official visits! Please check you club calendars and contact Lion DG Patty! And Zone Chairs will be scheduling their meetings. Please make sure the dates are added to the Newsletter.