

The Lions Heartbeat

District 25A Newsletter



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Message from the District Governor

Greetings Lions!

We are off and running in this new Lion year. Many thanks to all who attended District A's Banner Night. And many thanks to the Chesterton Lions Club for their support and to my Boss Lion, Laura Layman, for her expertise in event planning. What a great night of fellowship! A few Lions had the opportunity to 'roast the Governor' – sharing a few unknown facts. I do believe my favorite was from my mentor and friend, Jerry Ruge, as he said ~ "Well, what happens in Mexico, stays in Mexico!" What fun!

Have you read your Lion magazine yet? If not, please take the time to read it. Our magazine is full of useful information and can be used as a tool to strengthen our clubs. You can even take the magazine with you by downloading the app to your phone. Visit LCI's website to find out how. If you don't have the time to read the magazine in its entirety, please read our International President's message. I believe it to be a strong one.

Fellow Lions, we have just finished a century of service to the world and are venturing into a new century. We are essentially at year one and are in the position to make a powerful impact as we journey into the new century. Let's take the ideals from the past, the foundation of service, and build a stronger organization with new ways and new ideas. How will we do this? With the Power of We! Membership is essential to achieve our goals. Sadly, District 25A, lost the Medaryville and Kentland Lions Clubs. While grateful for their collective 97 years of service, those communities no longer have a club in which to turn. The departure of these clubs places District 25A in a very fragile state of members. Going forward, please place membership on the list of urgent tasks; both retention and new members. We have an excellent team of dedicated Lions to help achieve our growth and service goals. So, keep reading the newsletters and attending zone and district advisory meetings. Then put into action the ideas that are shared, and the training that is offered. Together, we will achieve great things. Please always remember you make a difference, and Lions are 'Touching Lives through Service'. Until next time....

Yours in Service and Friendship~~

Lion Robin, District Governor



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Message from 1st VDG PDG Dennis Brown:

Hi Lions of 25A:

Well now it's Governor Robin's turn to lead the district. Let's get behind her with whatever position or task she has assigned to us. It is the only way to show our support for her and her ideas to help the district.

For those who went to the International Convention in Chicago, it looked and sounded like a great time was had by all. Just imagine 40,000 to 50,000 Lions converging on Chicago for one cause – to help Lions to be better. That doesn't include the crowd that watched the parade. I'm sure Chicago was glad to see the Lions come to town. Just think what we added to their economy and those who attended know what I mean.

I know one of Governor Robin's messages will be membership. Our district is in danger of going into transition. That means falling below 1250 in members. This is a very serious situation with numerous consequences. Want to learn more about this? Schedule a Governor's visit and I'm sure Governor Robin will elaborate on this topic and more.

Thanks to all who came to Banner Night and made it such a success. It's nice to see so many Lions in a social setting. Wasn't it nice to witness the passing of the torch from one governor to the next? I know Governor Robin will take good care of it.

Lion PDG Dennis Brown



District 25A Membership Statistics

Where does 25A Stand and how can you help improve it!

My Members			Statistics Updated 7/26/2017 10:01 PM	
	This Month	This Year		
Opening Balance	1,288	1,288		
Added Members	9	9		
Dropped Members	15	15		
Closing Balance	1,282	1,282		
Net Gain/Loss	-6	-6		

HOW TO



JUST ASK

The way we ask someone to join Lions could make the difference between a yes and a no.

How do you ask someone to become a Lion? When someone asks “what do Lions do” most Lions respond by saying that we do fund raisers, such as pancake breakfast, fish fries, candy days, and others fundraisers. We give that money away to various charities – food pantries, leader and guide dog programs, schools, and buy eyeglasses, etc. Oh, and for doing this, you will need to attend meetings and, oh yes, pay dues. What a good deal! Well, many may not think so. When they ask what is in for me, the general response is they will get a good feeling from helping others.

Let’s try another approach. I would think that most, if not all, of you believe that in some sense Lions are miracle makers. It seems, however, that we have a difficult time telling others about those miracles. Miracles you say? Come, come, these are just the things that Lions do.

- When we build a ramp so a person does not have to be carried out to a van and give them the ability to leave their home; it’s just what Lions do. To that individual, it’s a Miracle!
- When we put food on tables that might be otherwise empty, it’s just what Lions do. To the families that say, “Thank you” to the Lions in their prayers, it’s a Miracle!
- When we do eye exams and buy glasses, we give the gift of sight so a young child can see the board in school; it’s just what Lions do. To that child, it’s a Miracle.
- When millions of people in the world can see because of Campaign SightFirst, it’s just what Lions do. To them, it’s a Miracle! Stop and look at the stars, watch them twinkle, and imagine they were eyes once covered by the clouds of the darkness of the blind. It is indeed a Miracle!

We need to tell people what we accomplish. We need to tell them we are a strong group of individual who help those less fortunate than ourselves. We are an International Association, 1.4 Million strong, with the resources to provide disaster relief to their communities. Tell them Lions are the world leader in humanitarian service and we need to grow to serve in the future. Ask them to help and become a member. Do it with passion. You can do it. If we practice this, maybe we can be more effective in gaining new Lions. Try it. You might like it. Have the courage of the Lion and remember:

There is a Lion in everybody – ask, just ask.

Next edition: Overcoming the Cowardly Lion

Lions Centennial Convention in Chicago—June 30 —July 4



New MD25 District Governors parade on State Street



Indiana Lions delegation marching in Parade of Nations



Indiana Lions display the State Projects in Parade



LaPorte High School Band won a Third Place in Bands



PID Gene Rice from Wanatah and DG Robin waiting for Indiana Lions to start off in Parade



Chesterton High School Band in Parade

Welcome to Lions at McCormick Place Convention Center front entrance.

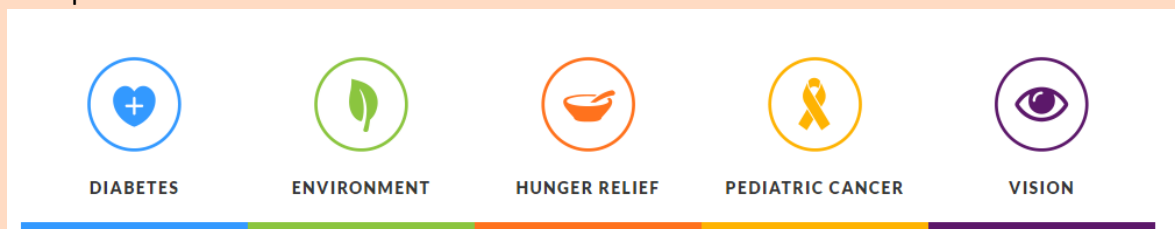


TOUCHING LIVES THROUGH SERVICE

Message from IPDG Patty Cooke:

Hello Lions of 25A

It is a new year, we have a new Governor and I am moving forward with some new duties. The first is to be the **Global Service Team Coordinator** and champion the service framework for LCI and LCIF and empower Lions and Leos in 25A to maximize impactful service, action and growth. The frame work incorporates the five service areas:



So I will be working with you to ensure that our clubs are serving in these areas.

This also connects with my second title as the 25A **LCIF Coordinator**. For one hundred years, LCI has aided millions of people throughout the world. As LCI enters its next century of service and LCIF prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2018, we challenge ourselves to dream bigger than ever before. We seek to triple our humanitarian impact by serving 200 million people annually. **Please schedule time for me to visit your clubs for an LCIF presentation.**

Part of the GST service efforts are to ensure that Lions continue to work on the Centennial Service Challenge and Community Legacy Projects. So as **Centennial Coordinator**, I will be working with you to make sure we finish strong with our Centennial challenges.

As **Activities Chair** I want to work with all the clubs to make sure we enter, and get credit, for all the terrific work we do. I also want to keep a calendar of both our fundraising activities (Pancake Breakfasts, Scare Crow festivals, Cruise Nights, etc.) and service efforts (Putting up the Christmas Lights, packing boxes for soldiers, collecting plastic caps to purchase a bench, etc). For this I need your help. **As you schedule your events, please send me the dates. When you send a flyer to the newsletter editor, please include me. I will compile a clendar for the newsletter and want to spread the word about all we do. Maybe another club will see what you are doing and think "Hey, We can do that!" and your effort will grow.**

My last title is that of **Women's Membership and Development Chair**. I don't quite understand the 'development' part of that title – I think we are quite developed enough. But I do understand the need for more Women Lions – we make a big impact on **Service** and **Activities**. I am open to ideas and will be providing more information in future newsletters.

Please contact me – schedule an LCIF presentation, let me know about your activities, or whether you have a new service project. I look forward to serving you again this year.

IPDG Patty Cooke

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TOUCHING LIVES THROUGH SERVICE

District 25A Banner Night—July22, 2017

A Mexican Fiesta at Chesterton Moose Lodge



Emcee PDG Dick Silveira and DG Robin Smith begin the Banner Night Program in Chesterton



"Passing the Torch" Ceremony from all past District Governors to DG Robin Smith. PDGs are Patty Cooke, Randy Greer, Connie Roe, Dennis Brown, Kevin Roe, Barbara Toosley, and Bob Morgan.



DG Robin cuts the cake.



IPDG Patty Cooke transfers the "Home Club Banner" from Schererville Lions Club to The Chesterton Lions Club President Laura Layman.

The Kids had fun trying to break the Pinata.



District 25A Officer Training in Kouts—July 8th



Chair Volleyball fun time at 25A Officer's Training day in Kouts.



District Tail Twister Lion Doug Schmeltz doing his 50/50 thing.



Part of the training group—one of the largest crowds ever at a 25A training session.

Welcome New Members to 25A

Club	New Member	Sponsor
Door Village	Nathan E. Shepherd	Bonnie Olson
Mill Creek Community	David L. Hodges	Carolyn Hunt
Mill Creek Community	Gail D. Hodges	Carolyn Hunt
South Haven	Paula Raupach	Patricia Kalina
South Haven	Kenneth A. VonHoltz	Edward Piontek
Westville	Elmo Elliott	
Westville	Richard L. Fagg	

Those Who have Completed Their Service

<i>Ogden Dunes</i>	<i>Charles J. Hayes</i>
<i>South Haven</i>	<i>Frank D. Raupach</i>

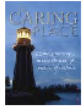
Indiana State Fair – Lions Help Needed

Opening day for the 2017 edition of the Indiana State Fair is only a few days away and we still have more than 260 positions to fill. We Lions are sometimes accused of being reluctant to try anything new or different. Let's prove our critics wrong. If you've never worked for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the Indiana State Fair, this is the year to start, because we've added over 100 positions and we need your help to fill them .

If you've worked at the Fair in the past, try something different this year: volunteer for the Tractor Shuttle. We have been assigned 4 shuttles on weekend days (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) and there is one shift (1:30 pm – 10:00 pm) each day. Your job will be to collect \$1 from each rider as they board the shuttle.

Do you like to interact with people? You can chat with riders between stops. Do you like to know what's going on at the Fair? You'll see the entire Fair from the comfort of a seat on the Tractor Shuttle. Funds raised by this project are used to provide matching grants of up to \$750 to support the community service projects of Lions Clubs throughout Indiana. The Fair runs from August 4 – 20, 2017 in Indianapolis, Indiana. For more information or to sign up, visit our web site at indianalionsfoundationmd25.org or call me at 574-784-9094.

Lion Rose Russell, Trustee, Indiana Lions Foundation



2017 LOFS Lions Annual Golf Outing

Date: August 11, 2017 – Friday (no rain date) Place:
Lakes of the Four Seasons Country Club
Time: 10:30 am Registration – Noon Shotgun Start
Format: 4 Person Scramble (Limited to first 100 players)

Event includes:

Lunch 11 - 11:45 / Beer Tickets
Dinner Following
Event 6 Drawings for \$50 cash
(extra entry for paying by 7/25/17)
Hole in One #17 \$25000
Goody Bag / Door Prizes 50/50 Raffle
Driving Range
Skins game - optional
* Possible silent Auction

Donation: \$85 per player

LOFS Golf Members \$60

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Name (Please Print)	Phone:	Golf & Dinner	Dinner only \$15	Have cart?



2017 CEDAR LAKE LIONS CLUB
ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
SUNDAY, AUG. 6th, 2017
OAK KNOLL GC

TEE TIMES FROM NOON TILL...
BEST BALL, LOW GROSS
1ST-\$140 2ND-\$100 3RD-\$60

\$70 DONATION PER PERSON

**INCLUDES GOLF, CART, FOOD, BEVERAGES,
AND PRIZES
SKINS GAME \$20/TEAM**

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Valparaiso Lions Club

Freedom Charity Run—2017



The four Polish runners are shown with
IPDG Patty Cooke at a get together at
Valparaiso Lion Elisha Porterfield's house.

The Valparaiso Lions Club welcomed four of their fellow members who took a 1,000 kilometer run in honor of the Club's 100th anniversary on Thursday. After a long flight from Poland to the United States, the four runners started their journey from Helen Keller's birthplace in Tuscomb, Alabama to the annual Lions Convention in Oakbrook, Illinois.

Valparaiso Lions Club President and fourth generation member, Elisha Porterfield, housed the runners, as Valparaiso was one of their final stops before reaching the convention. Porterfield, who was recommended for the job by District Vice Governor Dennis Brown, happily took part in supporting the runners and their goal-service.

"Like our motto says, 'We serve,' " said Brown. "There is so much more that Lions do that people don't really understand. Everyone thinks that Lions collect glasses, but there is so much more. There is so much more that we do for people that is not known. The more people we can help, the better."

The runners reflected the values of the Lions Club through their hope to raise 100,000 dollars for Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Led by Mariusz Szeib, the team of Daniel Wcislo, Jacek Trębecki, and Mateusz Pietruliński traveled to Riga, Latvia, Hiroshima, Japan, and many other international locations in previous years with the goal to raise money for those in need.

Valparaiso Lions Club



VALPARAISO LIONS CLUB
3RD ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBEQUE
AT IRONWOOD BREWERY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017 STARTING AT 1:00 PM

AT IRONWOOD BREWERY

LOCATED JUST NORTH OF LINCOLNWAY ON ROOSEVELT ROAD



21 YEARS OF
AGE
OR OLDER
(IT'S A BREWERY)



CHICKEN DINNER = \$10.00

INCLUDES ½ FRESH BARBEQUED CHICKEN,
CORN ON THE COB, AND CHIPS

PROCEEDS GO TO LIONS PROJECTS
"HELP THE LIONS HELP THE BLIND"



Hobart Lions Club

29th Annual Steak Fry

August 18th 4-7

Festival Park

Hobart, IN

Cost \$15.00 per person

Hanna Lions Club

HannaFest

Saturday, August 12

At Lions Park in Hanna

All day music, kids activities, town garage sales,
vendors, parade at 11 AM, world famous Hanna
Lions BBQ chicken on sale at 10 AM.



Come support the Hanna Lions and South Central
Leos and have a lot of family fun!

IH – East Chicago Lions Club

Adopt-a-Beach Cleanup – Jerose Park

Sat., August 12, 2017

Come join the beach cleanup at Jerose
Park Beach. Join Indiana Harbor East
Chicago Lions. If interested in helping, go
to the following link to register or call PDG
Patrick Rodriguez.

<http://greatlakesadopt.org/Secure/Event/12138>

Hamlet Lions Club



Hamlet Lions members recently visited "leader Dogs for the
Blind" facility in Michigan Front: Lion President Tiffany Nagai,
Lions Rex Miller, Danielle Pinkham, Bonnie Hennigsmith. Back
row: Lion Larry Jernas, Austin Fletcher, & Ron Hennigsmith.

DG Calendar...August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Contact DG Robin to schedule your club's official visit by August 31 st !! mswolfen@aol.com or (219) 462-8285		1	2 OV – Michigan City	3 OV – Kouts	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 OV – Winamac	16	17	18 Hobart Steak Fry	19
20 Munster Steak & Chicken	21	22 OV - Chesterton Steak Fry	23	24	25	26 District F Banner Night
27	28	29	30	31		
It is a terrible thing to see and have no vision. ~Helen Keller						

Clubs Can Contribute and Communicate

Spread the news and brag a bit about what your club has done recently or has planned for the upcoming months. Send a news story – preferably with photos – for the upcoming newsletters to Lion Bill Ellis, Editor, at ellisbild@yahoo.com or mail to Bill at P.O. Box 752, Chesterton, IN 46304. Be sure to include names of Lions and others in your photos.

If the Newsletter is reaching a Club President or Secretary who is no longer in office, please send me a new name and e-mail address to update our records.

Club Activities can also be listed in the newsletter by sending a brief announcement to our Activities Chair IPDG Patty Cooke at patty.cooke@gmail.com



Indiana Lions Calendar for August

Indiana State Fair – Aug. 4 – 20, Indianapolis
 IN LCIF District Coord. Training- Aug 5, State Office
 2018 Inter Conv Committee Mtg. – Aug 12
 Leader Dog Trustees Mtg. – Aug 12, State Office
 25B Cabinet Meeting – Aug. 12, 8 AM, Fort Wayne
 Speech & Hearing Mtg. – Aug. 13, Riley Hospital
 Audit Meeting – Aug. 19, State Office
 District 25F Banner Night – Aug. 26, Milan, IN
 District 25G Cabinet Meeting- Aug. 26, LaFontaine
 ISBVI Meeting – Aug. 26, State Office Building
 Vision Services Mtg. – Aug. 26, State Office Building