



District 25A News

The Force Is Strong In 25A Lions

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Lions of MD25 and District 25A

It has begun! A lot has happened in July, starting with the International Convention in Milan. Milan was beautiful and the architecture was amazing and then there was the convention. PDG Charlie Short from 25C put on a great seminar presentation, there was some great entertainment, and the inspirational messages from our leaders were very motivating. We have some great International Conventions planned for the next several years and I encourage everyone to take advantage of these great opportunities.

MD 25 had our first Council of Governors meeting on July 26-27 at the beautiful Lindenwood conference and retreat on the Ancilla College campus. These meetings allow the District Governors to find out what's going on with the Lions on an international and state level so that we can pass that information along to our district and club levels. One of the items is "ALLI", Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, which is scheduled for November 9-11 in Chicago. This is an amazing opportunity for training not only for Lions but for your personal and professional life as well. If you are interested, please contact me. We have all our committee reports as well as the state projects and foundations.

And then we followed that meeting up with "Banner Night". I would like to take some time and thank all of the Lions, friends, and family that made my Banner night a success. The Hamlet Lions club put together a committee headed up by Hamlet Treasurer Heather Cecrle, Wendy Semans, Larry Jernas, Diann Henry, Rex, Miller, Bryan Cecrle and CT Tiffany Nagai. A special thanks to PDG Dick Silveira and PDG Barbara Toosley for all their input and participation, and to all the other Hamlet members that showed up and participated. Another special thanks to everyone that donated to the silent auction and those Lions that have amazing talents — Doug and Kelli Denton and their band Night Shift who are all Monterey Lions, Laurie Haussman from Lake Station Lions for making the incredible cake and Don Grott from Mill Creek for donating 2 amazing original paintings. We have fantastic Lions in our district that have amazing talents. Thank you for sharing those talents.

I said it at Banner night and I'll say it again: "Our District of 25A is the only District in Indiana to have 2 years in a row of positive membership growth". Our PDGs have worked their tails off to put us in this position with great momentum. We need to continue to grow our members by increasing our service activity because we are the District that will lead MD25.

It all starts by caring and having the passion to serve. I look forward to working with all of you and building relationships that will create positive outcomes for our communities.

And please come to Cabinet Meeting on Sunday 8/5—see flyer on page 5

May the Lions be with you and God Bless.

25A District Governor

Mitchell Semans





Dear District 25A Lions

I am honored and excited to serve you as 1st Vice District Governor. Firstly I would like to Thank Lion Allen Mushett, who has stepped down, for his work as 2nd Vice District Governor last year and wish him all the best in the future.

I have been a member of Lowell Lions for 7 years and served as Club President 2017-2018 and as Zone 1B chairperson 2018-2019.

I served in the British Army for 11 years and worked in the water industry in Scotland for many years. I married my wife Martha in 2005 when I came to the USA from my native Scotland. I am now retired after working as a salesperson for Bosak Auto Group.

At present I also serve as an elected official for Lowell Town Council.

I look forward to working with DG Mitch and all the Lions in the District.

Yours in Lionism

1st VDG Will Farrellbegg



District 25 Lions

I am a member of the Westville Lions Club. Since joining the Westville Lions Club in 2004, I have been an active member — serving as Club President 2 years, Treasurer for 7 years and currently Secretary past 2 years. In past 4 years, I have been part of the 25A Leadership team as Zone 3B Chair or Region 3 Chair.

Graduating from Westville High School in 1990, I attended Michiana Business College in South Bend, IN and earned my Associates Degree in Accounting/Business Management. Currently, I am an outside sales rep for Carter Lumber in Plymouth where I have been employed since 1991. Throughout my career I have enjoyed building many great relationships.

I coach girls high school volleyball at John Glenn High School. I have also coached little league baseball, travel club volleyball and den leader for cub scouts. I have been married since 1993 to my wonderful wife, Tina. We have 3 children: Ben, Hannah and Eliza.

I want to thank all 25A Lions for their support and encouragement on my next steps through the District. I am excited to listen, learn and help grow 25A in the upcoming years. Thanks again and have a great 2019/2020 Lions year.

2nd VDG Dave Dickinson



102nd Annual Convention

LCICon 2019 in Milan, Italy



Top Left: PDG Patty with a Lion. Bottom Left: DG Mitch and Lion Wendy march in parade

Top Right: PDG Charlie Short from 25C Bottom Right: DG Mitch and Lion Wendy make a new Lion friend in Milan



District 25A Cabinet / District Meeting

Sunday August 4 at 1 pm
Hamlet Union Methodist Church
200 S Main St.
Hamlet IN 46532



Come meet with
2019-2020 District Governor Mitch Semans
And his Leadership Team

Cost of Dinner: \$12.00

RSVP and send Payment to
CS Tiffany Nagai
PO Box 306
Hamlet, IN 46532
219-716-3844
tiffanypressel@hotmail.com

Make checks payable to Hamlet Lions Club

Welcome New Lions!

East Chicago Evening— Anthony Campos

Sponsor: Arcides Santiago

Hamlet — Amanda Schwenk

Sponsor: Mitch Semans

Merrillville —Romaine R. Rozelle

Sponsor: Carol Rozelle

South Haven —Ann Marie Nelson

Sponsor: Jason Kegebein

Lions Who Have Completed their Service

Jerry Hancock	Hamlet
Robert J. Reber	South Haven
John R. Tomczak	Valparaiso



**SUPPORT THE
INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION
BY SELLING TICKETS AT THE
2019 INDIANA STATE FAIR
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

**DATES: AUGUST 2 – 18
MORNING AND AFTERNOON SHIFTS AVAILABLE
EARN W. P. WOODS FELLOWSHIP CREDITS FOR
YOU OR YOUR CLUB**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP VISIT:
indianalionsfoundationmd25.org**

Or Contact an Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee



**New for 2019: This Collector Pin will be presented
to all Lions volunteering at the Indiana State Fair**





The **Cedar Lake Lions Club** presented a \$1000 donation to Police Chief David Coulson at the June Police Commission meeting. The donation will be used toward the VIPS unit of the police department. VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service) assists the police department with patrols and traffic control. Currently, they are looking for additional members. Pictured are: (left to right) Chief David Coulson, VIPS Sgt. Jack Yauger, Lion Terri Yauger, Lion Angie Schmelz, Lion Dick Kutchek, VIPS Lt. Tim Layer, and Lion President Jim Braner

Left below: Cedar Lake Lions donated a park bench in memory of Jackie Klear-Massey.



Right: Lion Freeland stands next to bench installed at Safety Village and dedicated to her late husband, PDG Paul Freeland



The **Rensselaer Lion Club** have been collecting pop tabs since 2004. The pop tabs are sent to Ronald McDonald House. They are recycled and the funds are used to provide a low-to-no cost place for parent to stay when they have an ill child. Annually aluminum pop tabs generate between \$30,000-\$50,000 in revenue to help fund this project.

Mikayla, a great granddaughter of our Lion Lois Evers, was admitted to Riley Hospital for Children the first four months of her life. Because her parents couldn't leave her, they stayed at the Ronald McDonald House during their child stay.

The Rensselaer Lions Club recently send 50,000 tabs to Ronald McDonald House. Posing with the tabs is Mikayla who is now 15 years old. Rensselaer Lions thank everyone in District 25A who collect tabs so families can be together at a time of a health crisis. Illness can never be planned!



Mill Creek Community Lions Club
All You Can Eat Ham and Bean Supper
 Corn bread, beverages and
 one dessert included



Saturday, September 21, 2019

4-7 PM CST

Lincoln Township Community Building
3098 South 800 East Fish Lake, IN

Adults \$7 in advance/\$8 at door

Children 12 & under \$3

Preschool FREE

Carry-outs Available

For tickets call 369-9565 or 778-2027



HOBART LIONS CLUB



31ST ANNUAL Steak Fry

SAT AUG 17TH, 2019

4PM-7PM

\$15



**STEAK, CORN ON THE COB, PARSLEY POTATOES,
 LETTUCE SALAD & DESSERT
 LEMONADE, OR TEA**

Hobart Community Center

BACK SIDE (seating inside)

Hobart Lakefront Festival

Old Ridge Road, Hobart



HannaFest 2019

The Hanna Lions invite all our fellow Lions and friends to HannaFest 2019 on Aug. 10 in Hanna, IN (just south of US 30 between US 421 and IN 39). Our world-famous BBQ Chicken will be served in the Park from 10 am until we are sold out (usually around 12 noon). Want to help cook or serve? Contact Lion Dave at 219-477-0767. Enjoy free entertainment, the Lion Norm Parade (11 am), town-wide garage sales, homemade food, vendors, arts & crafts, a car show, and the famous Hanna VFD Summer Heat Street dance, plus much more. Come enjoy family fun at HannaFest all day Aug. 10. Contact: Lion Heather at 219-851-8401.



2019-2020 District 25A Zone Chairs

Zone 1A	<p><i>E. Chicago Evening-Hammond-Indiana Harbor East Chicago-Whiting</i></p> <p>Andy Dybel—Whiting Lions 1647 Davis Ave, Whiting, IN 46394 219-659-1658 (C) 219-629-1273 andy.dybel@yahoo.com</p>
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1C	<p><i>Dyer-Griffith-Highland-Munster-Schererville</i></p> <p>Margaret Verkuilen—Griffith Lions 306 W Glen Park Ave, Griffith, IN 46319 H 219-923-0776</p>
Zone 2A	<p><i>Chesterton-Ogden Dunes-South Haven-Valparaiso</i></p> <p>Carolyn Laviolette—South Haven Lions 3017 Bender St, Portage, IN 46368 H 219-763-2034 (C) 219-741-2340 kdlcsl89@hotmail.com</p>
2B	<p><i>Hobart-Lake Station-Merrillville-Portage</i></p> <p>Nicolas Gonzalez—Hobart Lions 8208 Indian Boundary, Gary IN 46403 C 219-588-4893 W 219-888-4101 Nsg1917@yahoo.com</p>
Zone 3A	<p><i>LaPorte, LaPorte Maple City, Michiana , Michigan City , Mill Creek Community-Rolling Prairie</i></p> <p><u>OPEN—Past or Current Club Presidents , consider moving into a Leadership role</u></p>
Zone 3B	<p><i>Door Village-Hamlet-Hanna-Koontz Lake L C Union Mills-Wanatah-Westville</i></p> <p>Don Parker—Wanatah Lions 8208 Indian Boundary, Gary IN —46403 C 219-588-4893 W 219-888-4101 Nsg1917@yahoo.com</p>
Zone 4A	<p><i>Goodland-Morocco-Remington-Rensselaer</i></p> <p>Allen Muschett / Bob Souza—Rensselaer Lions 5744 S 850 W, Rensselaer, IN 47978 219-866-8007 mushett@hotmail.com</p>
4B	<p><i>Hebron-Kouts-La Crosse-Shelby-Wheatfield</i></p> <p><u>OPEN—Past or Current Club Presidents , consider moving into a Leadership role</u></p>
4C	<p><i>Bass Lake-Francesville-Monterey-Star City-Winamac</i></p> <p>Douglas Denton 6778 N Bridge St, Monterey IN 46960 H 574-542-2075 dougkellidenton@gmail.com</p>

BRIAN'S TRIKE RACE and DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT**September 15, 2019**

Please help the children at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired by participating in Brian's Trike Race. Relay race your team of four against in a single-elimination race for fun and fundraising! This year also sees the addition of a new event: Disc Golf! More information is available at www.inlionsforisbvi.org. Students will receive 4 hours service credit. *Each Trike team member will receive a race t-shirt; Additional shirts and Disc Golf discs available to purchase.*

**BRIAN'S TRIKE RACE & DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT
Trike Race Team Application**

September 15, 2019; Entry Deadline August 16
Doors Open at 11AM

Registration & Practice = 12:00 noon

Races start at 1PM (rain or shine)* at the
Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
7725 North College Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana

Team Name _____ Organization/School _____

Captain's Name, Phone #, & Email _____

Team category that best describes 4 team members: (circle) Students Adults Mixed Ages

List (print): Name Phone # Lion/Leo? T-Shirt Size Y/N (if Trike team)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Alternate: _____

\$100 entry fee per team includes \$10 for each additional t-shirt or disc (please specify) beyond those included.

*** For safety purposes, participants must wear closed-toe shoes**

Please send a check, payable to *Indiana Lions for the ISBVI*, along with this form to

Pat Henninger, 8447 Stones Ferry Road, Indianapolis IN 46278.

Questions? Contact Pat at 317-908-8884 or iwtlions@gmail.com; **text or e-mail form for timely entry**

Hosted by the Indiana Lions for the ISBVI and the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Students must
be 14 years old
by race day.

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**VALPARAISO LIONS CLUB****5th ANNUAL SMOKED CHICKEN
COOKOUT AT IRONWOOD BREWERY****SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2019 STARTING AT 2:00 PM****AT IRONWOOD BREWERY****LOCATED JUST NORTH OF LINCOLNWAY ON ROOSEVELT ROAD**

**HELP CELEBRATE
IRONWOOD'S 6TH
ANNIVERSARY!
AND 80 YEARS OF
LIONS IN VALPO**

**CHICKEN DINNER = \$10.00****INCLUDES ½ FRESH BARBEQUED CHICKEN****AND CORN ON THE COB****PROCEEDS GO TO LIONS PROJECTS****"HELP THE LIONS HELP THE BLIND"****(Must be 21 or over – It's a brewery!)**

The **Indiana Harbor-East Chicago Lions Club** is hosting their annual Carlos Godinez Adopt-a-Beach project.

Lion Carlos, brought us this project, as a new member of the IH-EC Lions club. Unfortunately, Lion Carlos term of service as a Lion, ended at a young age, but the IH-EC Lions have been keeping his legacy alive, by doing this great environmental project.

This is a great way for Lions clubs in District 25-A, to do an environmental project, and fun while doing it.

What: Carlos Godinez Annual Adopt-a-Beach Clean-up

When: **August 17, 2019 at 9:00 am**

Where: **Jeorse Park Beach,**

3301 Aldis Ave, East Chicago, IN 46312

Located behind Ameristar Casino parking garage. We are meeting at the bathhouse.

Lunch will be provided.



Hamlet Lions screening at the Starke County Fair

Pictured left to right: Heather Ceele, Kathy Raub, nurse practitioner Melissa Grchik and president Tiffany Nagai and GMT Bryan Ceele.



Merrillville Lions

BBQ Fundraiser

Thursday September 26, 2019

American Legion Hall 7430

Broadway Merrillville IN from m 4-7PM

Tickets \$15

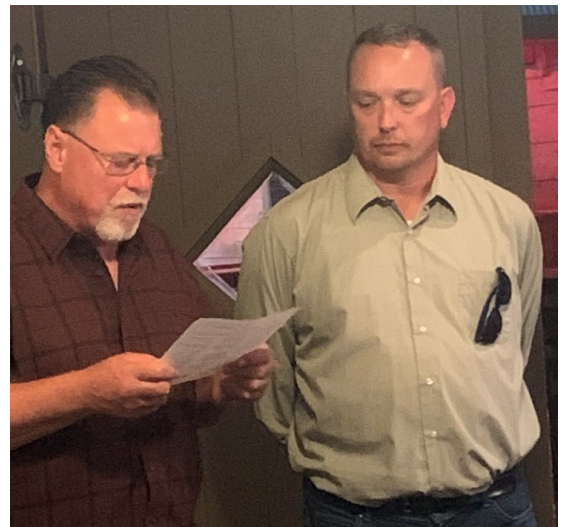
Text Ellen at 219-718-0203 for tickets.

Michiana Lions

In the first picture, Lion Brian Pagels is inducting our newest member, Lion Jerry Elkins. We are so happy to have Lion Jerry in our group. He is employed at Dalton Heating and Air Conditioning. Lion Larry Dalton was a long-time member of the Michiana Lions Club but he passed away this past December. Lion Jerry has already been an active member of the club. Welcome, Jerry, to the Michiana Club.

The second picture is of CS Steve Helmken receiving the Certificate of Excellence award for his duties as Secretary of the Michiana Club. The award was from our past International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir. Lion Steve receives the award from club president, Jamie Miller of the Michiana Club.

The Michiana Lions Club held its annual Spouses Night, July 11, at Galveston Steakhouse in Michigan City, IN.



August 2019 Calendar

Aug	1	OV Kouts
Aug	2—18	Support Indiana Lions Foundation—Sell Tickets at State Fair
Aug	3	Griffith Lions at Symphony at Central Park 7 pm
Aug	4	Hebron Lions Port-a-Pit Chicken at the Community Center
Aug	4	Cedar Lake Golf Outing
Aug	9	District 25A Cabinet and District Meeting—Hamlet United Methodist Church 1 pm
Aug	6	Schererville and other clubs participate in National Night Out
Aug	4	Lakes of the Four Seasons Golf Outing
Aug	4	Cedar Lake Golf Outing
Aug	9	Lakes of the Four Seasons Golf Outing
Aug	10	Hanna Lions invite you to HannaFest
Aug	13	OV Morocco
Aug	15	Brian's Trike Race and Disc Golf—ISBVI in Indianapolis at 12 pm
Aug	17	Hobart Lions Annual Steak Fry—Festival Park from 4 to 7 pm
Aug	17	Valparaiso Lions 5th Annual Smoked Chicken Cookout —Ironwood Brewery starting at 2 pm
Aug	17	IHEC Annual Beach Cleanup—Jeorse Park starting at 9 am
Aug	18	Westville Lions Pancake Breakfast
Aug	24	Griffith Lions Presents Safety Extravaganza—Central Park at 11 am
Aug	24	Kouts Lions man the Ring Toss at the Pork Fest
Aug	31	Lacrosse Lions Pork Chops—corner of 421 and 8—starting a 9 am

