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**District Governor, Will Farrellbegg**

Lions,  
I have begun my journey of being your DG. The month of July has been a busy month.

I did miss not being able to go to the International Conference and meeting the other DG from around the world. They have a ceremony of being sworn in as a group and having our elect ribbon pulled.

I started my DG year with a couple of club visits to install new officers. I visited Michiana and Crown Point, and it was great to meet members of their clubs. Then we had our first Council of Governors meeting at the Hilton Gardens in Merrillville. It was great to start our day with the pulling of our ribbons. This was a ceremony that would have taken place at the International Conference. The meeting was chaired by our very own district 25A CC/IPDG Mitchel Semans.

I thank all who attended my Banner night, which was put on by my home club Lowell Lions Club. They did an awesome job with the venue, the meal, and the entertainment. A special mention to Lion's Amanda Thacker, Mel Goldman, Manny and Connie Frausto, Chuck Furlong and Vickie Cullen of the Lowell Lions

Club for their hard work and putting together a successful evening. The entertainment by the Piper Henry Wessler was informative and enjoyable.

This year our International Presidents (IP) slogan is “United in Kindness and Diversity” so I ask you all to show kindness to all you meet no matter who you meet. In Lions we work for the betterment of others in our everyday lives, whether it be collecting glasses, hearing aids, passing out food or meals, raising funds for scholarships. All that we do is an act of kindness to help others. During this time of COVID-19 we are going to find it more difficult to hold our normal fundraisers. We will need to be more inventive on how we raise funds to continue helping those within our communities. As Lions we always rise to the challenge and overcome the challenge.

Our District has sadly lost over 50 members during the last year. With your help I am hoping to reverse this decline and add new members. I want to send out a challenge to each club to add a couple of new members this year.

I ask you all as Lions to do an act of Kindness within your community. Let's be kind to all and help our fellow Lions and new Lions spread kindness.

Yours In Lionisum, DG Will Farrellbegg



L-R IPDG Mitch Semans, Doug Lozier, D.G. Will Farrellbegg, Martha Farrellbegg, PID Linda Tincher

District 25A Banner Night

“A single act of kindness  
throws out roots in  
all directions, and the  
roots spring up and  
make new trees.”

—Amelia Earhart



## District 25-A Banner Night

John Yelkich, Lowell Lions Club President

Will Farrellbegg, former Lowell Lions Club President, celebrated becoming District Governor for Indiana Lions Clubs, District 25A, Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, with a formal dinner at Signature Banquets in Lowell, Indiana. The evening included the passing of the Governor's banner from previous Governor Mitch Semans, recognition from several current and past Indiana Governors and a special honor from Will's home Lions Club in Lowell. 95 guests attended the Banner Celebration and witnessed Will being presented with the Melvin Jones Fellowship for his service to the community. The Melvin Jones Fellowship was created in 1973 and takes its name from the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones. Past Lowell Lions Club members Mel Goldman, Paul Palmer, Ron Wietbrock and Leon Morrow have also been honored with the Melvin Jones Fellowship.

In response to being asked if he would like to make a statement, Will said; "If I had to say just one thing, it would be, 'We serve through kindness.' To quote Mark Twain, "Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see"".



Top left: MD25 District Governors L-R Jim Query, Kenneth Williams, Will Farrellbegg, Roger Cash, Brian Thomas, Ken Faulkner, Mike Ambler. Best of luck on your year of service District Governors!

Top Right L-R Doug Lozier, Linda Tincher, Nick Xinopoulos, and, Patrick Rodriguez. Congratulations PDG Pat Rodriguez!

Bottom left: L-R Doug Lozier, Linda Tincher, Nick Xinopoulos, Patrick Rodriguez, IPDG Mitchell Semans





Top Left: L-R Wendy Semans, Mitch Semans, D.G. Will Farrellbegg, John Yelkich. The passing of the gavel!

Top Right: L-R Ron Wietbrock, D.G. Will Farrellbegg, Mel Goldman, Paul Pal. Congratulations DG Will on your Melvin Jones.


Middle left: L-R Bob Block, Brenda Block, Doug Lozier, Cathy Lozier, Martha Farrellbegg, D.G. Will Farrellbegg, Linda Tincher, Vern Tincher, Gretchen Xinopoulos, Nick Xinopoulos

Middle Right: P.I.D's L-R Doug Lozier, D.G. Will Farrellbegg, Linda Tincher, Nick Xinopoulos

Bottom Left: L-R Bob Burger, Liz Meschede, D.G. Will Farrellbegg, Martha Farrellbegg, Brian Burge







LAKE STATION LIONS CLUB  
**LOWERY'S RAFFLE**  
 2 CHANCES TO WIN A \$250 GIFT CARD  
 DONATION: \$1 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5  
 DRAWING AUG 24, 2020  
 WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT

The Indiana Cyber Lions have homemade masks available for purchase. The best part is they have Lions Masks. If you would like to order visit their website below. They are sharing a portion of the proceeds with Leader Dog.  
<https://www.indianacyberlions.org/shop>



### LAKES OF THE FOUR SEASONS STEAK SALE

We will be selling our "Steak Fry" steaks. They are 10 oz. vein in New York Strip Steaks. They will be individually wrapped and frozen. These Steaks will be sold by the full cases which is 16 steaks for \$100. New for this sale is a 6 oz. steak for a case of 26 for \$100. Please make checks payable to LOFS Lions Club.

**Deadline to order steaks will be August 24, 2020.**

If you would like to order, contact any Lions Club member or you can also contact Lion Linda Kroner at 219-765-3990 or email [lkroner1159@comcast.net](mailto:lkroner1159@comcast.net). Remember, steaks do need to be prepaid.

**We will set up pickup in the morning at the  
Seasonal Lakehouse on August 29, 2020**

**from 9am till 11am!**

**REMEMBER THESE STEAKS ARE GREAT FOR SUMMER AND FALL COOKOUTS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

10 oz Case (16 Steaks) \$100 – Number of Cases \_\_\_\_\_

6 oz Case (26 Steaks) \$100 – Number of Cases \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cash: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount \_\_\_\_\_




## JOIN THE WESTVILLE LIONS FOR TACO TUESDAY!!

**AUGUST 4TH  
5-9PM MICHIGAN  
CITY HACIENDA!  
OUR CLUB  
WILL GET  
20% OF THE  
SALES WHEN  
YOU SHOW  
YOUR COUPON!  
YOU CAN  
PRINT THE  
COUPON OR  
SHOW IT ON  
YOUR PHONE!**



**CAN'T MAKE  
THE EVENT  
BUT YOU  
STILL WANT  
TO HELP?  
YOU CAN  
PURCHASE  
A GIFT CARD  
IN ADVANCE  
FROM A  
LIONS MEMBER!  
JUST ASK  
A MEMBER  
AND THEY  
WILL HELP  
YOU!**

**WANT TO TACO BOUT EVERYTHING THE  
WESTVILLE LIONS CLUB DOES?  
WE...  
HAVE A MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET  
HOST SHOP WITH A LION  
PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS  
SUPPORT OTHER LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS  
HOST A SENIOR CITIZENS DINNER  
PARTICIPATE IN THE DICTIONARY PROJECT  
SUPPORT VISION  
SUPPORT STATE PROJECTS  
PURCHASE KINDERGARTEN BOOKS  
AND THERE IS SO MUCH MORE!**

## Merrillville Lions Club 2ND ANNUAL BBQ Fundraiser

SEPTEMBER 24, 2020  
 AMERICAN LEGION HALL, 7430 BROADWAY IN MERRILLVILLE  
 \$15 PER TICKET  
 DINE-IN OR CURBSIDE PICK-UP

**ON THE MENU:**  
 PORK CHOP, RIB TIPS,  
 BAKED POTATO, BAKED BEANS,  
 SALAD

CALL LION ELLEN AT 219-718-0203  
 EMAIL US AT  
[MERRILLVILLELIONSCLUB@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MERRILLVILLELIONSCLUB@GMAIL.COM)  
 FOR TICKETS



**We Serve**



## 2019-2020 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

*Club must be chartered prior to January 1 of the fiscal year to qualify.*

Application Date \_\_\_\_\_

Club Number \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

2019-2020 Club President's Name \_\_\_\_\_

2019-2020 Club President's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

1. MEMBERSHIP	2. SERVICE
<input type="checkbox"/> Achieved a Net Growth of: _____ * <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Chartered new Lions club, Leo Club or Club Branch: Name of club, or branch: _____ <b>AND</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Supported member retention by increasing member satisfaction Outline strategy: _____ _____ <i>*Based on June 30 cumulative membership report</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Started a new service project. Consider one of our Global Causes! 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ <b>AND</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Contributed to LCIF
<b>3. ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Club is in Good Standing: Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with LCI greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more. <b>AND</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Key Officers participate in one or more of the following leadership training events: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> District  <input type="checkbox"/> International  <input type="checkbox"/> Lions Learning Center               </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple District  <input type="checkbox"/> Webinars               </div> </div> <b>AND</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Improved club operations. Use the Club Quality Initiative to identify opportunities for improving your club. Improvements Include: _____ _____	<b>4. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media Choose all that apply: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook  <input type="checkbox"/> Instagram  <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter  <input type="checkbox"/> Billboards  <input type="checkbox"/> Presentations to Groups  <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____               </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Local Paper  <input type="checkbox"/> Radio  <input type="checkbox"/> Club Website  <input type="checkbox"/> Posted or Distributed Flyers               </div> </div>

Date \_\_\_\_\_

2019-2020 District Governor's Signature\* \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Due by:** August 31, 2020

**Send to:** [clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org) or fax to (630) 468-6828

**Awards Mailed to:** 2020-2021 District Governors

\*If sent from district governor's registered email, it qualifies as signature on applications submitted electronically.

Disqualified clubs have 12 months from original due date to request a review.

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# LIONS DISTRICT 25-A FIRST CABINET MEETING

When: Sunday, August 9th at 1:00 p.m. cst

Where: Agape Christian Church in the Fellowship Hall

1601 "I" Street, La Porte, IN 46350

Sponsored by the *Westville Lions Club*

Lunch will be **\$15.00 per person**

**Please RSVP along with payment by 8/01/20.**

Mail to CS Steve Helmken 6522 W. Laura Ln., LaPorte, IN 46350





Top Left: The Lake Station Lions were instrumental in the process of getting a Safe Haven Baby Box for the Town of Lake Station.

Middle Left: Please Say a Prayer for Chesterton Lion Mike Baranko.

Middle: The Westville Lions had a Candy Day on July 25<sup>th</sup>! It was hot but it was a successful candy day, they raised over \$1400.

Middle Right: Chesterton Lions Scholarships

Get Well Mike Baranko  
Lion Mike of Chesterton Lions has suffered a Stroke and is recuperating at his daughter's home in Illinois. He is doing better physically but needs to see a Neurologist to determine the extent of damage. He will be there at least until the end of August. If you wish to send Lion Mike a get well card, his address is:  
Mike Baranko, c/o Susie Thome  
781 Willis Street, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137



Bottom: The Lowell Lions had a very successful car show/cruise. They had 135 cars. Below is a picture of the cars lined up down the street. There also is a picture of Leann and Lion Mike Ceiga and Lion Rick Karlson setting up the cruise night. Unfortunately the other cruise nights have been cancelled due to Covid.

### Chesterton Lions Scholarship Winners for 2020

This year our club awarded three \$1000 Scholarships to graduating seniors from Chesterton High School.

The winners are Olivia Johnson (Lion DJ's granddaughter), Madalyn Figg, and Peyton Westphal.







### Welcome New Members:

Bass Lake: Melissa Long

Kouts: Thomas Williams  
Sponsor: PDG Dennis Brown

Lowell: Vicky Cullen  
Sponsor: Connie Frausto

South Haven:  
Debra Dudek  
Jamaica Rice

Members that have completed their  
service:

GORDON M DIBBERN  
Winamac Lions Club

### Pictures

Top Left and middle : South Haven  
Lions Club -packing care packages for  
essential workers who have worked  
hard providing food to those in  
need. Thank you to the Portage  
Township Food Pantry and South  
Haven Salvation Army for all you do.

Bottom: The South Haven Lions Club  
serving and participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> of  
July Parade. They passed out candy  
and Lions Club information.

L - Luminous  
I - Impactful  
O - Openhearted  
N - Noble  
S - Supportive



Lions serve their communities in  
many ways. We are everyday  
people making a positive difference  
in the world!



Being a Lion is important to our community, our clubs, Lions International, to ourselves, and to our families! We, as Lions, make a difference in so many lives! Vision, hunger, environment, and diabetes are some of the causes we support. Whether we notice it or not we are helping to be a change that our world so desperately needs. I have a 3 ½ year old and he loves going to Lions events with me. You can ask him what the Lions do and he will respond "They Help People". He came up with that on his own, watching us serve at many events and listening to our meetings. As Lions we are helping to teach our children and grandchildren the importance of giving back. Lions is a great family to be a part of. You never know who is watching you so continue to serve your club proudly!

Members of the Hamlet Club had a pleasant surprise during their 4<sup>th</sup> of July cookout. There was a cookout at IPDG Mitchell Semans and Lion Wendy's house. During the cookout the children disappeared. The kids had formed a mini Lions Club and were holding a meeting which included the pledge, moment of silence, old business, and service projects. They even organized a roadside cleanup which is pictured to the right. CC/IPDG Mitch, Lion Wendy, and Lion Tiffany have definitely have taught their kids right! -Lion Whitney



The Hamlet Lions Club would like to thank all of the area clubs and members that supported them at their Monday Night Dinners. There were members from different clubs at each dinner. On the July 20<sup>th</sup> dinner there were at least 6 different clubs! Thank you so much for your support.

Picture to the left: The Hamlet Lions cooked up some delicious fair food the last three Monday's in July! They had burgers, bbq pork, hot dogs, and chicken tenders. The fairs might have been cancelled but if you went to the dinner you got to indulge in the fair food!

## Rolling Prairie Lions are hosting a blood drive!

Saturday, August 15th from 9AM - 1PM. The blood drive will be located at the Rolling Prairie Library, 1 E Michigan St, Rolling Prairie.

You must have an appointment, go to <https://www.givebloodnow.com> and search by their city and state! You can also check out their Facebook for the link to the site!

**They will have safety precautions that include social distancing and temperature checks. There is a shortage of blood so please consider donating!**

Brian's Trike race is cancelled for 2020 due to COVID. Lion Pat Hettinger, who is in charge of the event got clarification from Jim Durst that the campus will remain mostly shuttered until January. Given lack of availability of the campus and supporting infrastructure, we must take a 'rest year' from the Trike Race. In the context of the greater coronavirus pandemic and its effects on schools and social distancing, this is the responsible decision.





Virtual Coffee Talk with Leader Dog  
Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am EST

Join us August 5<sup>th</sup> for our monthly chat over coffee!

This month we are thrilled to introduce you to Leader Dog's Director of Programs, David Locklin! David has so much to share with us about the exciting things happening on our campus.

As always, the conversation will take place over a Zoom call and there is also an option to dial in by phone. You will hear from David and have an opportunity to ask him questions. We hope you'll join us for this one-hour chat!

To RSVP please reply to this email ([melissa.aupperle@leaderdog.org](mailto:melissa.aupperle@leaderdog.org)) or call me at 248-218-6221 and I'll send you a link to the Zoom meeting.

If you've never used Zoom before, I'll be happy to talk with you about how it works and make sure you are able to join before the event.

I hope to see you VIRTUALLY on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am!  
Have a great week,

Missy

If you could make a difference in someone's life wouldn't you want to?



Thank you again for praying for 1st VDG Dave and his family. Please continue to pray! The Westville Lions are hosting a non-perishable food drive. There is a list of items that the family could use. If anyone would like to donate gift cards they shop for groceries at Walmart. Lions truly is a family and everyone has been so generous in helping the Dickinson Family.

Items can be brought to the District 25-A Cabinet Meeting August 9<sup>th</sup> in LaPorte. They can be dropped off at Lion Bev Dickinson's house in Westville, 611 Granite Dr. Westville. You can also drop off items at Lion Whitney Martin's house 402 S Washington Street, LaCrosse. If you have any questions regarding the items you can contact Donna, Dave's sister +1 (317) 442-4996.

Items needed for food drive. There are no food allergies.

Fruit Loops, Frosted Flakes, Raisin Bran

Honey Nut Cheerios, Reese's Peanut Butter Puffs

Green Beans, Carrots, Peas

Corn, Yams, Kidney Beans

Chili Beans, Baked Beans, Tomato Juice

Manwich, Ramen Noodles (Chicken or Beef only please, all the kids love this item.)

Popcorn

Peaches (diced or slices - doesn't matter), Mixed Fruit

Pineapple (tidbits or chunks - doesn't matter), Mandarin Oranges

Canned Ravioli / Beefaroni

Spaghetti Noodles, Elbow Macaroni, Any pasta that will work for Spaghetti or Alfredo

Kraft Mac & Cheese Box (any brand), Spaghetti Sauce (Any regular flavors)

Alfredo Sauce, Marinara Sauce

Canned Coffee - Regular - Mc D Breakfast Blend or any Breakfast Blend to brew

Dawn Dish Soap

Hand Soap

Laundry Dryer Sheets

Laundry Soap (Beverly and Donna are getting 5 gallon bucket)

Laundry Softener (Beverly and Donna are getting 5 gallon bucket)

Trash Bags 39-gal

Make sure you submit club photos, events, fundraisers, flyers, and anything else you would like to have in the newsletter by the 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> of the month!

We have some amazing clubs within the district that are very active. I would love to include your club in the newsletter.

You can email me info at [wls.whitney@gmail.com](mailto:wls.whitney@gmail.com) or text me info to 219.393.8913.

Thank you,  
Lion Whitney

## The Lions Emblem



On June 17, 1917 at the Invitation of Melvin Jones, delegates met in Chicago. The only point of contention was the selection of a name for the new organization. Melvin Jones researched the idea of calling the new organization Lions. He was convinced that the lion stood for strength, courage, fidelity and vital action. On a secret ballot the name Lions was chosen over several others.

### The Lions Emblem

At the 1919 convention, there was a move to change the symbol, but a young attorney from Denver, Colorado rose to speak. His name was Halsted Ritter. "The name Lions stands not only for fraternity, good fellowship, strength of character and purpose, but above all, its combination of L-I-O-N-S heralds to the country the true meaning of citizenship: LIBERTY, INTELLIGENCE, OUR NATION'S SAFETY".

## LCIF

I know a lot of clubs are not meeting right now. Some are sporadically meeting, whatever you are doing is great. I would like to let you know that PDG Randy Greer is a co-coordinator with me for the district in LCIF. This allows us to split up the visits and responsibilities. I know that we have to do things differently because of COVID-19.

You can invite one of us to either your club or zone meeting, so that we can tell you what LCIF is doing in these trying times. LCIF needs your personal and or club donations. Please help!

One of us will be contacting you to let you know how much money you have in your LCIF account. That way you can name a Melvin Jones fellow or see how close you are. It is always nice to present a Melvin Jones to a Lion. If you have any questions please give one of us a call.

LCIF is helping with COVID-19. They also are helping with many other services too. Disasters are still happening around the world, for example in Japan some parts received 15 inches of rain in less than six short hours. A \$100,000 grant was given to Japan immediately.

Here is an example of a district A grant that is in the works.

District 25-A Eyeglass Recycling and Vision Services applied for a Standard Grant with LCIF, for the grant total of \$76,130.

The funds will be used to purchase a 2020 cargo van and trailer, (3) S12R Plus Optix cameras and (2) lens meters.

The cargo van and trailer will be used to pick up used eyeglasses in Indiana and surrounding states, and taken to the Eyeglass Recycling Center.

In Wanatah Indiana, and from there they go to the Westville Correctional Center to be cleaned and computerized for taking on missions.

The Plus Optix cameras are used to test the eyes of children 6 years of age and under. A very important program for early detection of any eye problems. And the lens meters are used by the offenders at the Westville Correctional Center to read the script of the used eyeglasses, then bagged and put into the computer.

As you can see by these examples LCIF funds are used throughout our country but also our district. These funds do make their way back to us. Please reach out to myself or PDG Randy Greer to learn more about LCIF and invite us to a meeting.

Thank you,  
PDG Dennis Brown



“Kindness is the only service that will stand the storm of life and not wash out. It will wear well and will be remembered long after the prism of politeness or the complexion of courtesy has faded away.” –Abraham Lincoln

August 1st: Deadline to RSVP for the 1st Cabinet Meeting

August 4th, DG Club visit with Kouts Lions Club, Hacienda Give Back Night for Westville Lions 5-9PM at Hacienda in Michigan City

August 9th, 1st Cabinet Meeting sponsored by Westville Lions. 1 PM at Agape Christian Church on I street in La Porte

August 12th, International Youth Day

August 15th, Rolling Prairie Blood Drive 9AM-1PM

August 18th, DG Club Visit with Mill Creek Community Lions Club

August 24th, deadline for Lake of Four Seasons Steak Sale, Lake Station Lions Lowery's Raffle

August 31st, Deadline to submit Club Excellence Awards