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Wow, can you believe the Holiday Season is upon us already? The year is flying by as Lion Karen and I crisscross the District visiting clubs attending meetings and sharing ideas with terrific Lions in every community. It truly takes a team to accomplish everything expected during the year in a District.

In November we attended a zone 3B meeting in Michigan City and listened to 4 clubs share 30 projects they have completed or are working on for the year. 18 of the greatest Lions in the world out on a Wednesday night talking about and planning projects, convention, mission trip, mid-winter conference and the next district meeting. Makes me so proud to be your Governor.

We do need to be more boastful about what we are doing. Vice District Governor Lion Randy mentioned that many clubs are not listing service projects when doing reports to International. They want to know what we are doing in our District. So please send complete information on what your club is doing, so we can be recognized for the wonderful projects we are completing.

Finally, let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas as we help and serve those who are less fortunate. As your ringing a bell, filling a Christmas basket, putting food in the church pantry or just assisting a needy family, take a moment and look into the eyes of those your helping. We can all do a little to make it a better world but it is amazing what we can accomplish when we work as a team and nobody cares who gets the credit. 25A Lions, continue to serve and "SET THE PACE".

Yours in Lionism,
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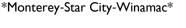
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Christmas Elves are alive and well in District 25A. Christmas Elves better known as Lions exist in every Lions Club. Lions Clubs collect canned goods and put together food baskets with Turkeys and Hams. They also, buy Christmas presents for needy children. Lions serve senior citizens Christmas Luncheons and Dinners throughout the District. They dress up as Santa giv-



ing out presents and spreading good cheer. So yes, Lions believe in Santa because they act like Christmas Elves all year long.

Has your Lions Club ever wondered how much money they have towards a Melvin Jones Award? How to fill out an MJF Application? Who has a Melvin Jones Award? Or would if you would like a speaker on LCIF, please contact PDG Dennis Brown at 508-9715 or VDG Randy Greer at 728-8432.

Ist VDG Randy Green

2015-2016 Lions Year—Available Elected Offices

- 2nd Vice District Governor 1 Year Term 2015 to 2016
- Ed Paine Care & Helping hands 3 Year Term 2015 to 2018
 - One candidate from Region 3
- MD International Convention Committee 1 candidate 3 Year Term 2015 to 2018
- State Foundation Representing 25A 1 candidate each 3 Year Term 2015 to 2018
 - Cancer Control
 - Eye & Tissue Bank
 - Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
 - Indiana Lions Foundation
 - · Speech & Hearing

To place your name in nomination, please contact:

Lion Gary Schaffer 387 Raritan Dr., Valparaiso, IN 46385 219-762-9577 email: gishj87@netzero.net





Lions District 25A

3rd District Meeting



Hosted by the Westville Lions

Agape Christian Church 1601 I Street LaPorte, IN 46350

No Silent auction!!

No White Elephant!!

No Cost!!

Everyone should bring One Dish to Share

Region and Zone Chairs — Prepare to do a 2 minute report Club Reports will be limited to 1 minute

> RSVP to Lion Roy "Bo" Zimmerman 602 Hamilton St. Union Mills, IN 46382 219-575-1637

Spread the Word to both Long Time and New Lions!!

See You There!!!







DISTRICT 25-A LIONS

please join



"Set the Pace" March 13-14, 2015



Best Western Hotel and Conference Center
Room Rate: \$79.99 per night (plus tax). Ask for Lions Rate
Reservations are to be made directly with the Hotel
8 am to 10:15 am, Conference Registration is FREE
Deadline for Convention & Meal Reservations: Feb 16, 2015

444 Pine Lake Avenue La Porte, IN 46350 210-362-4585

Buffet Breakfast Saturday Available for \$8.95/person (free if you stay at hotel)

			Total
Friday, March 13th	Meet the ID	\$20.00 per person X	_ \$
Saturday, March 14th	Deli Lunch	\$15.00 per person X	_ \$
Saturday, March 14th	Banquet	\$27.00 per person X	_ \$
Display table for our clu	ь	need e	lectic
\$10 charge for clubs doing fundraisers		State & District Project	are FREE
Club:			
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Mail to: CS Lion Roy (Bo) Zimmerman 602 E. Hamilton St. Union Mills, N 46382 219-767-2848 lionbo@frontier.com

** Please Make Checks Payable to District 25-A Lions **



Advertise in the 2015 District Ad Book All Ads are due by February 16, 2015



Advertise your Club's Upcoming Fundraisers

Honor Your Melvin Jones Members

List your Past Presidents

Give a Welcome to our Special Guest International Director William "Bill" McKinney Congratulate the DG & VDG's

Place an AD for you Business—Lions Support Lions

ALL BUSINESS ADS 1/2 page or larger will also be posted in the Registration Area

Full	Size Page	Design Size Width X Height	V
Front Inside Cover	\$ 100.00 (Sold to DG)	7 X 9	
Back Page	\$ 200.00	7 X 9	
Back Inside Cover	\$ 100.00 (Sold to 1st VDG)	7 X 9	
Regular Page	\$ 100.00	7 X 9	
1/2 Page	\$ 60.00	7 X 4 ½	
1/4 Page	\$ 35.00	3 ½ X 4 ½	

Detach and Return with Check and Picture Ready Ad Or Send check and email your AD to CS Lion "Bo" Zimmerman

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6010 Gateway Drive, Plainfield In 317-837-9000

Reservations can be made now!

Just Mention-Indiana Lions

Rate: \$55 per night-includes breakfast

Menu is: Beef Tenderloin, Baked Tilapia, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Glazed Carrots, Tossed Salad, Spinach Salad, Rolls, Peach Cobbler or Pound Cake w/Whipped Cream & Strawberries Be sure to make your reservations!

Entertainment to be Announced



The Mid Winder Conference is a great place to learn about Lions and meet some of the other Lions in our State. Information on the conference sessions and registration can be found at the following link:

http://www.indianalions.org/Downloads/2015 Mid Winter Registration no5.pdf

LIONS PARK BRICK PROJECT



\$75 Per Brick

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The **Schererville Lions** recently performed their annual packing of boxes for our soldiers. This year we packed a record 50 boxes—a total of 550 pounds. Well liked items are toiletries of all kinds and lots and lots of candy. The club received donations from many sources — including local school children who wrote letters to the service men and women. The collection of items from the schools

was coordinated with the American Legion and Flag Day presentations. Any items that were not packed went to local Veterans homes and hospitals. Pictured to the right is one of the letters. Below is Lion Sharon Przybylinski doing some packing.





MID WINTER CONFERENCE SILENT AUCTION

Again this year there will be a silent auction at the Indiana Lions Mid Winter Conference on January 10, 2015 at Plainfield Middle School in Plainfield. Each Indiana Lions District is asked to donate at least 3 items worth \$20 or more for the auction.

Last year every district made an outstanding effort to make the auction a great success and nearly \$1000 was raised for Youth Programs. If you have items to donate for the auction please contact Patty Cooke who will organize our district's participation.

Save the dates:

January 10 and 11, 2015 MidWinter Conference

Plainfield, IN

February 8, 2015 3rd District Meeting

LaPorte, IN

March 13 and 14, 2015 District 25A Convention

LaPorte, IN

April 23-25, 2015 MD25 State Convention

Columbus, IN



Check out our Facebook webpage for additional pictures and stories

https://www.facebook.com/25Alions

Go to our website for full size copies of all the announcements and other links

http://www.e-district.org/sites/25a

Please send information pictures, articles, etc for the newsletter to Lion Patty Cooke by the 20th of the Month patty.cooke@gmail.com

LIONS Worldwide Week of Service in January

The Lions Worldwide Week of Service is a special Centennial Service Challenge event that brings Lions around the world together for a week of celebration and service. It's a great opportunity to showcase your club and celebrate the birthday of our founder, Melvin Jones.



Join the Lions Worldwide Week of Service in January

- Plan your project Host a service project that benefits youth, vision, hunger or the environment during the week of January 10–16.
- Share your project Invite your community to serve with you to showcase your club and the power of service.
- Report your project Report your service on the MyLCI Service Activity Report to earn a Centennial Banner Patch for your club.

Start Planning Your Service Project

Share this special event with your club and start planning your project today. Don't miss this opportunity to join Lions around the globe in the Worldwide Week of Service in January!



— lions100.org –

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Reports! Reports! Reports!

This is a request to all Clubs to file their Monthly Membership Report (MMR) before the end of this month — EVEN IF YOU HAVE NO CHANGES IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP. This information is used by LCI to track our clubs and district. One of my fellow 2nd VDG's has challenged other districts on improving our on time MMR reporting. And I do enjoy a challenge so I will be sending out a reminder later this month.

Another essential report is the Service Activity Report (SAR). This lets you ADVERTISE all the great service your club provides. You can create 'Signature Projects' - the Christmas Gathering, Monthly Blood Drive, etc. This makes reporting these hours very easy. To celebrate our 100th anniversary, we are asking Lions to help reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people by June 2018. The information in the SAR is used to calculate our service hours.



The **Door Village Club** members have for the past 38 years celebrated the anniversary of having received their charter. At their 2014 gathering they awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Carol Pahs – a member since 1996. Lion Catherine Veach was voted Lion of the Year by her peers.



Left to Right: Lion Carol Pahs, recipient of Melvin Jones Fellow Award; Lion Catherine Veach, Lion of the year 2013 -2014

Happiness ... consists in giving, and in serving others. Henry Drummond



Mill Creek Community Lions Club

1,000 Blood Unit Donor

The Mill Creek Community Lions Club recently achieved their 1000th unit donation. The Blood Drives started in 2010 as a Community Service by the club. Their efforts have been recognized by the Fort Wayne Regional Blood District Office. Each unit of blood saves 3 lives.

Left to right: Dawn Duty, Account Manager for the American Red Cross, Larry Long, I,000th donor, Paul Tuszynski, Mill Creek Community Lions Club Blood Drive Chairman. Wendy Glaser, Account Manager for the American Red Cross, Lori Caputo, Donor Recruitment District Manager Indiana Ohio North



The **Whiting Lions** celebrated their 31st annual Christmas party for the ill and disabled children in our area on December 7th. There were 29 families and 55 children that attended this years' event. The club invites Barboo, the clown to entertain the kids who enjoyed singing carols, decorating cookies and eating pizza! A great time for all! Bellow—Whiting Lions.



Whiting Lions Celebrate Veterans Day

Family and friends joined together with the Whiting Lions November 15 to celebrate their special Veterans Day Ceremony at the War Memorial in Forsythe Park that has been restored by the Lions. Special patriotic music was provided throughout the moving ceremony by David Boban, and vocalist Caitlin Gomez with taps ending the solemn event by trumpeter Mark Danielson.

Speakers included Reverend Jerome Stack, C.PP.S, Senator Frank Murvan and Ist District Councilman of Hammond, Mark Kalwinski. They spoke of the importance of remembrance and respect for all those who gave their lives and all those now in the service who are currently protecting our country.

In addition was the dedication of 25 new engraved bricks that have been laid in the Memorial. Each year the Lions offer the applications for having an engraved memorial brick to honor veterans. If you are interested in purchasing one, please call 659-1658. Engraved bricks are \$60.



Michiana Lions Club members, spouses, and friends filled orders for 3,712 items during their Annual Nut and Fruit fundraiser recently.





Welcome New Members!!



<u>Club</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>		
Crown Point	Deanne Vanco	Charles McKean		
Cedar Lake	Jerry Kish	John Schutz		
Merrillville	Deborah Heptinstall	Evangeline Schmeltz		
South Haven	Joann Meyer	Patricia Greer		
St. John	Ryan Spangler	Richard Silveira		
Michigan City	Gray Socrates	Bill Forsythe		

And Remember those who have Completed their Service to Lions.

La Crosse—Lion George 'Les' Earle Mill Creek—Lion Sherry Ray

The **Valparaiso Lions** welcomed new member, Todd Wooten, at their recent Holiday Gathering. Here his wife pins on his Lion pin.



The **Hebron Lions** presented a Melvin Jones Fellow Award to one of their members at a recent Hebron Lions Club meeting.



Peace Poster Contest

Sonja Kirova has won the MD25 Peace Poster Contest again this year! An 8th Grader from Portage, Sonja was sponsored by the Portage Lions. She is also the winner of the Essay Contest—the title is "Peace, Love, and Understanding". Congratulations Sonja! We wish you luck as advance in the contest! See her beautiful entry below.



Wishing you Joy and
Peace
at the Holidays and
throughout the New Year



Club Visitation Schedule

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Bass Lake	Wednesday	October 6,, 2014	Done
Burns Harbor	Thursday	November 20, 2014	Done
Cedar Lake	Tuesday	May 5, 2014	
Chesterton	Tuesday	March 10,. 2015	
Crown Point	Thursday	September 1, 2014	Done
Door Village	Monday	December 8, 2014	Done
Dyer	Saturday	October 18, 2014	Done
East Chicago Evening	Wednesday	September 1,2014	Done
Francesville	Tuesday	October 14, 2014	Done
Goodland	Wednesday	August 13, 2014	Done
Griffith	Tuesday	November 4, 2014	Done
Hamlet	Monday	January 5, 2015	
Hammond	Monday	October 13, 2014	Done
Hanna	Tuesday	January 20, 2015	
Hebron	Thursday	August 21, 2014	Done
Highland	Tuesday	November 11, 2014	Done
Hobart	Wednesday	December 3, 2014	Done
Indiana Harbor East Chicago	Saturday	October 25,2014	Done
Kentland	Tuesday	August 26, 2014	Done
Koontz Lake	Tuesday	April 7, 2015	
Kouts	Thursday	August 7, 2014	Done
La Crosse	Tuesday	August 5, 2014	Done
La Porte	Monday	October 6, 2014	Done
Lake Station	Wednesday	December 10, 2014	Done
Lakes of the Four Seasons	Wednesday	October 8, 2014	Done
Laporte Maple City	Wednesday	December 10, 2014	Done
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Merrillville	Thursday	December 18, 2014	
Michiana L C	Thursday	July 10, 2014	Done
Michigan City	Wednesday	November 12, 2014	Done
Mill Creek	Monday	December 15, 2014	
Monterey	Wednesday	November 12, 2014	Done
Morocco	Tuesday	August 26, 2014	Done
Munster	Wednesday	October 15, 2014	Done
Ogden Dunes	Monday	November 24, 2014	Done
Portage	Tuesday	December 9, 2014	Done
Remington	Tuesday	September 23, 2014	Done
Rensselaer	Tuesday	September 9, 2014	Done
Rolling Prairie	Tuesday	February 3, 2015	
Schererville	Tuesday	December 12, 2014	
Schererville Central	Tuesday	October 21, 2014	Done
Shelby	Thursday	September 18, 2014	Done
South Haven L C	Thursday	December 11, 2014	
St. John	Thursday	November 6, 2014	Done
Star City	Tuesday	August 19, 2014	Done
Union Mills	Sunday	January 25, 2015	
Valparaiso	Tuesday	December 2, 2014	Done
Wanatah	Monday	October 20, 2014	Done
Westville	Thursday	January 5, 2015	
Wheatfield	Monday	Septem5er 15, 2014	Done
Whiting	Thursday	October 16, 2014	Done
Winamac	Tuesday	September 16, 2014	Done

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