

District 25A Seasons Greetings

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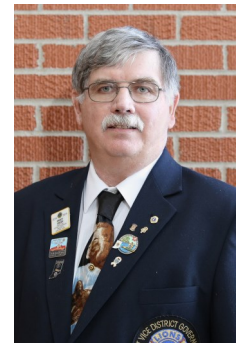
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December Newsletter

We hope everybody had a great Thanksgiving. This is such a wonderful family holiday. Many Lions Clubs provide turkey dinners to people in need. Lions are at their best during the holiday season. It seems everywhere we go Lions clubs are doing something to help families in need during Thanksgiving or Christmas. Several clubs have either a Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner for seniors. Lions clubs throughout our District are buying Christmas presents for needy children and putting together food baskets for families. Lions are truly Santa's helpers.

We have visited 29 clubs so far and are totally amazed at all the different things Lions do to help out in their communities. Every club has at least one special project or fund raiser that is unique. We have been receiving lots of eyeglasses and various other Lions items on our visits. We have made several trips to Wanatah to drop off glasses.

We have information about the District Convention in this Newsletter. We want to get the information out early so clubs and all our Lions can plan ahead. We have so many new Lions it would be great to have them at the convention. This is a good way for them to learn about what Lions do in our communities, state, and internationally. We will be sending out Convention material to each of the club secretaries this month. If your club doesn't receive this information please contact us.

Remember to give your Lions club credit when you are doing all that great community service. Send pictures and stories to the local newspaper and our district newsletter. Put your Activity reports in so your club gets proper credit. There is still a majority of people out there who have never heard of Lions. We don't toot our horn enough about all the wonderful things we do for our communities.

Our family would like to wish every Lion and their families a great Holiday Season. We thank you for all that you do for your communities and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Lions Randy, Pat, and Jody

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Message from 2nd VDG Robin Smith



With the holidays in full swing now, I love to watch the positive changes that happen around us. There is a special ambiance in our communities that seems to transform overnight. There are more greetings and smiles shared and more giving than any other time of the year. There is more happiness in the air. It really is a wonderful time of the year. And our Lions are in full swing of performing more of their endless service by collecting food for local food pantries, creating food baskets, offering Shop with a Lion, adopting a family in need or picking a child's name from the angel tree and giving a Christmas to those who may not otherwise have had one. Lions are wonderful and are making a difference not only in our district, but worldwide. Where there is a need, there is a Lion, and I am grateful and blessed to be a part of this wonderful organization.

Speaking of this wonderful organization, not only do we as Lions offer much needed services, our headquarters offers each of us opportunities to learn as well. I was fortunate to attend the Advance Lions Leadership Institute in November. WOW! Three full days of learning from dedicated Lions and a lot of ideas to serve and grow. LCI's website offers many learning opportunities, and I encourage each of you to take advantage of these tools. I promise you will learn and be inspired.

Although this is the season of giving, in our world – our Lions' world – every season is a giving season. I know this because I get the pleasure of watching and participating in much of what Lions do. A Norman Wesley Brooks' poem says, "Christmas is forever, not for just one day, for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf. The good you do for others is good you do yourself... So keep the Christmas spirit, share it with others far and near, from week to week and month to month, throughout the entire year!" Our district Lions are keeping that spirit alive every day! May each of you feel that spirit and may your hearts be filled with happiness this holiday. From my house to yours....Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year!! 2nd VDG Robin

"Lions For All The Seasons!"

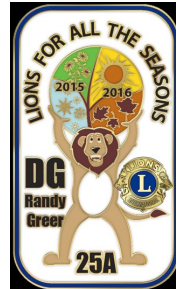
Please Join

District Governor Randy Greer

at Our

District 25A Convention

March 11-12, 2016



Best Western Hotel and Conference Center

444 Pine Lake Avenue

LaPorte, IN 46350

219-362-4585

Room Rate: \$89.99 per night (plus tax). Ask for Lions Rate

Reservations are to be made directly to the Hotel

Deadline for Hotel is **February 11, 2016**

Buffet Breakfast Saturday

Deadline for Meals is **February 24, 2016**

(free if you stay at hotel)

Conference Registration is free - Saturday from 8AM-10:45AM

Seminars will be at 9AM & 10AM - 1st Business Session begins at 11AM

Friday, March 11th "Hawaiian Casual" Meet the ID 5:30PM Social 6:00PM Dinner
\$20.00 per person X ____ = \$____

Saturday, March 12th Deli Lunch Noon \$15.00 per person X ____ = \$____

Saturday, March 12th Banquet 5PM Social 5:30PM Dinner
\$25.00 per person X ____ = \$____
Total _____

Display table for our Club/State/District Project _____

need electric _____ Contact Lion Doug at d_schmeltz@hotmail.com Displays from 8AM-1PM

Club: _____

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

Advertise in the 2016 District Ad Book

All Ads are due by February 24, 2016

Advertise your Club's Upcoming Fundraisers

Honor Your Melvin Jones Members

List your Past Presidents

Give a Welcome to our Special Guest

International Director Roderick P. Wright

Congratulate the DG & VDG's

Place an Ad for your Business-Lions Support Lions



Back Cover	\$200.00	7X9	Sold		X
Back Inside Cover	\$100.00	7X9	Sold	1st VDG	X
Back Page	\$100.00	7X9	Sold	2 nd VDG	X
Regular Page	\$100.00	7X9			
½ Page	\$ 60.00	7x4 ½			
¼ Page	\$ 35.00	3 ½ x 4 ½			

Return with check and Picture Ready Ad (Preferably In a Word Document)

Or send check and email your Ad to Lion Pat Greer

Name: _____

Club or Business: _____

Address: _____

City & State: _____

Zip Code _____ Phone# _____

Check Amount \$ _____

	Ad is attached or emailed to Lion Pat Greer randy.greer@frontier.com
	Please design an Ad with the attached information

Mail to: Lion Pat Greer 744 Acadia Rd. Valparaiso, IN 46385

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We remember these Lions who served:

Forrest Stone	Francesville
Wayne Parsons	Morocco
Dr. Michael Louck	Rensselaer



We welcome these new Lions to District 25A:

Member	Sponsor	Club
Elaine Brown	Cory Wilson	Bass Lake
Mary Lynn Ritchie	Gloria Ballard	Bass Lake
Clyde Ritchie	Peggy Arquette	Bass Lake
Kimberly Deterling	Michael Baranko	Chesterton
Patty Steele	Carolyn Perra	Door Village
Suzanne Tobey	Rita Mrozinski	LaPorte
Linda Cioch	Nancy Hawkins	Michigan City
Kyle Christenson	Roy Nordyke	Morocco
Cathy Hamer		Morocco
Trisha Dowden		Morocco
Gary Hancock		Morocco
Jamie Hesson		Morocco
Matthew Howell	William Blaney	Morocco
Alisa Rude	Dan Blaney	Morocco
Shaun Wynn		Morocco
Michael Hawkin	Russell Snyder	Munster
Charles Gross		Munster
Michael Wood	Russell Snyder	Munster
Norma Castagna	Sue Beach	Schererville
Larry Mysliwicz	Sharon Moore	Schererville
Don Burch	Eldon Zulich	Valparaiso
Kelly Ireland	Dr. Richard Ireland	Valparaiso
Lynda Corbett	Cheryl Tuholski	Westville
Rhonda Killingbeck	Rhonda Weston	Westville
Toyna Popp	Rhonda Weston	Westville
Larry McMahon	Robert Tillema	Wheatfield

Merry Christmas and

Happy Holidays to all Lions & Families



Hobart
LIONS CLUB
Hobart, Indiana 46342

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday December 6th

7AM - 11AM

Trinity Lutheran School

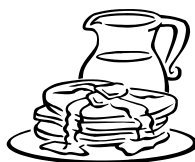
891 Linda Street, Hobart

ADULTS - \$6 CHILDREN \$4

PANCAKES & SAUSAGE

Biscuits & gravy

Juice, coffee or milk



For tickets call Clarence at 942-4433 or Joe at 942-6987

Zone 1B Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2016

The Schererville Central Lions will host the next Zone Meeting, with Lion Dick Ireland speaking about the Lions Low Vision Project. Meeting will be at

The Bullpen

1013 Old Lincoln Hwy (US 30)

Schererville, IN

(219) 322-7788

Social: 6:30 pm; Dinner: 7:00 pm

Everyone can order right off the menu.

Zone Chair Lion Jeanne DeLasCasas

Indiana Lions at Advanced Lions Leadership Institute training November 14-16th. Lions Robin Smith, 2nd VDG and Arcides Santiago represented District 25-A.



Several Indiana Lions attended the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute and Faculty Development Institute this past weekend. Attending were: Keith and Erica Thomas, Melissa Baker, Robin Smith, Peg VanNevel, Ross Drapalik, Steve Holtzleiter, Arcides Santiago and Reed Fish. Not pictured Chloe Weyrauch. A great representation from MD 25.

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Mill Creek Community Lions Club



Lion Shirley Doms, Mill Creek Treasurer (second from left) with Walgreen's and Hospice Reps at Mill Creek Health Fair .

The Mill Creek Community Lions Club in conjunction with the LaPorte County Library held their second annual Community Health Fair at the Fish Lake Library. The fair featured flu shots by Walgreen Pharmacy; diabetes, bone density and blood pressure screening by I U Health; glaucoma and acuity screening by the Mill Creek Community Lions; Health insurance assistance by "Covering Kids & Families of Indiana".

A total of 67 screenings and 12 flu shots were administered

Westville Lions Club



On Saturday, November 14th the Westville Lions Club hosted a Seniors Dinner. This was our first Seniors Dinner and it was a great success., with 62 seniors being served an amazing Thanksgiving feast. Prizes were given away and music was provided by Lion Pete from Union Mills. We also had a slide show about our "Fishing for Life" project and the Eyeglass Mission. There was a display showcasing our medical loan closet and information on how we loan medical items to those in need. Thank You to everyone who attended our dinner and to Family Express, Olga's, Greenway Café, and Full Throttle Salon for their donated items. We are excited to make this an annual tradition and look forward to next year's dinner.

Whitney Martin, Westville Lions Club

ZONE 4A LIONS HEAR ABOUT DONATIONS AT WORK FOR LEADERDOGS.

Kevin O'Callaghan spoke to Lions Club in Zone 4A at the Remington Clubhouse on November 18th. Clubs from Remington, Morocco and Rensselaer heard an outstanding presentation.

Kevin was born and raised in the metropolitan Detroit, Michigan area. Most of his life, he never realized that an organization named LeaderDogs for the Blind would become such an intricate and critically important part of this life.

It was not until O'Callaghan was an adult that he would become familiar with LeaderDogs for the Blind, located in Rochester, Michigan. O'Callaghan lost his vision at the age of 21 due to Type 1 Diabetes, which was diagnosed at the very early age of five. He began to view the world in a different way after he was introduced to LeaderDogs for the Blind and has never stopped to dwell on the impacts of total vision loss. Since receiving his first LeaderDog in June 1989, O'Callaghan has completed his Bachelor's Degree at the University of Michigan and has earned himself an impressive 22 year career path in the human resource field. O'Callaghan has demonstrated through leadership attributes that being a great leader in an organization is not being able to see, but rather about showing others how to be when you live life as a positive role model. O'Callaghan is currently the Human Resources Manager within Advance Auto Parts distribution center located in Remington, Indiana. He has an extensive background in leadership and cultural development, along with assessment of high level talent. When he is not helping to drive his team to a greater place in the business, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Jacqueline and his third LeaderDog, Flynn. As a Graduate Field Representative with LeaderDogs for the Blind, he travels to many states to share his experiences with numerous International Lions Clubs. He stays well connected with LeaderDogs for the Blind and with the International Lions Clubs due to their endless support with those with visual impairments. Kevin is just one person who shares his life in service for his impairment.

So if you club does give to the LeaderDog project, think twice and give. It's one way for Lions to SERVE!



Kevin O'Callaghan and his wife Jackie and his Leader Dog "Flynn".

“The Dictionary Project” in 25-A

Several clubs in our District have participated in “The Dictionary Project”, donating Student Dictionaries to Third grade students in their locales. Westville Lions has been doing this for 7 years, giving out 75 books this year to 3rd Graders. Mill Creek Lions has participated for the past 5 years at the Indian Trail School in Stillwell, IN, providing approximately 60 dictionaries per year. Schererville Central Lions have participated for several years and are looking for other clubs to join them to spread the cost out. The dictionaries cost about \$2.50 per student. A very worthwhile program!

Rensselaer Lions Distribute Dictionaries to Third Grade Students



The Rensselaer Lions distributed 158 dictionaries to third grade students in Rensselaer on November 11th, Veterans Day. Lion Bob Souza spoke to each third class about Lions and equated them to the U.S. military and veterans. He compared the men and women in the U. S. military to the Rensselaer Lions. He stated that the military personnel serve our country and the Lions serve the city of Rensselaer. He shared parts dictionary including a guide to the dictionary and the gazetteer in the back of the dictionary. Students were receptive and very enthusiastic about these dictionaries. Besides Lion Souza, Lions Lois Evers, Ken Murray and Dave Jordan assisted in the distribution.

Chesterton Lions Club

The Chesterton Lions Club has been giving out dictionaries for the past 6 years to 3rd Graders in seven elementary schools. This year 480 dictionaries were given out by Club mascot “Chester”.

Dictionaries delivered at Yost Elementary School to 3rd graders Natalie McCormick and Samantha Bencer by “Chester” the Lion (Lion Russell Hardsock) and Lion Bill Ellis., Co-Chair.



Clubs Install new members and recognize outstanding service..



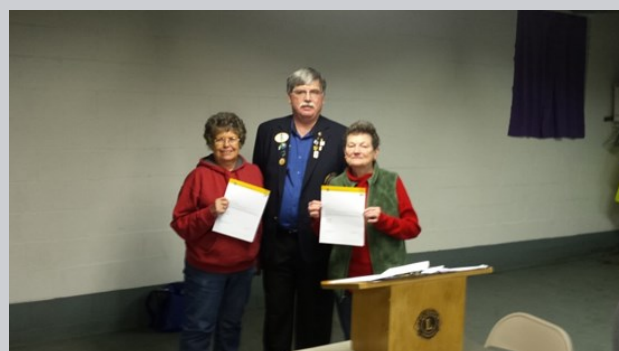
New Bass Lake Lions and Sponsors .



New Morocco Lions Kyle Christenson , Alisa Rude and Matthew Howell being installed with the Helen Keller Candlelight Ceremony.



New Michiana Lions Club member Jessica Wozniak (sitting in front) with her Kappa Delta Sorority at Valparaiso U. raising awareness on World Diabetes Day on November 14th.



DG Randy handed out service chevrons to Lions Darlene Denton and Nancy Spiewak from Monterey Lions Club.

Upcoming Zone Meetings

Zone 1B, Monday January 11th at 6:30 at the Bullpen Bar & Grill in Schererville

Zone 4B, Wednesday December 16th at 6:30 at St. Paul's Parish Hall

507 Rose St., Kouts, In.

Zones 2A & B, Tuesday January 5th at 6:30 at Casa Del Roma, 712 Calumet Ave.,

Valparaiso

Where is the DG?


See an open date? Contact DG Randy to schedule your club official visit:

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December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Valpo OV	2	3 Vision Screening	4	5 Council Meeting Party
6 School for the Deaf lunch	7 Hamlet OV	8 Portage OV	9 Hobart OV	10 South Haven OV	11	12
13	14 Family Event	15	16 Zone Meeting Kouts 6:30	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 	26
27	28	29	30	31		

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Convention Meeting	5 Zone Meeting Valpo LaCrosse OV	6	7 Crown Point OV	8	9 Council Meeting
10 Council Meeting	11 Zone 18 Meeting Schererville	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Zone Mtg 3A & B Michigan City	21	22	23
24 3rd District 31 Mtg SH	25	26	27 1	28	29	30