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Hello Lions of 25A

I hope you all enjoyed Thanksgiving! It is always a busy day (week?) for me. But having my family and friends together for the feast is worth all the effort. We give thanks for what we have and are thankful that that we can give to others. We Lions make a difference on this day – many families would not be able to share a meal without our giving.

This time of the year always seems to come too quickly – and it's gone in a blink of an eye. There is the decorating and baking and gift buying and parties in our personal lives. But for Lions we are also helping decorate the town tree or the community center. We are gathering items for local food banks or direct meals to families in our communities. We are collecting gifts for seniors at the nearby nursing home. We are wrapping toys to make sure child goes without a gift. Yes, a very busy time, but **Where There's a Need There's a Lion.**

We are seven months away from the end of the first century of Lions! Has your club discussed or planned a Legacy Project?? This is a great way to ensure that our celebration carries into the next 100 years. There are New Mountains to Climb!

We will be celebrating throughout the year, but definitely at the 2017 District and State Conventions. Please check out the flyer in the newsletter – and SAVE THE DATES! Evansville is not too far away and it will be a great time to observe this event with our International President Bob Corlew.

Then there is the BIG convention in Chicago! Then there is the BIG convention in Chicago! Please also check out the Lions International Convention Update. We will keep updating that page with current information.

And if you are looking for speakers for your meetings or have a question about Leader Dog or Cancer Control, please check out the list of project trustees now included in the newsletter. Thank you, 2VDG/PDG Lion Dennis.

Everyone enjoy this wondrous time of the year. Take time to pause and remember holidays past while savoring the joy and excitement of the moment. Don't worry about the work or effort to prepare for the big day. It will happen whether you are ready or not, so let go, take a deep breath and feel the love of family and friends.

May your holidays be peaceful, happy, crazy and joyous and transport you into a wonderful New Year.

Lion Patty Cooke, District Governor



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Message from 1st VDG Robin Smith:



We are almost to the half way mark of our Lion year, and in the middle of one of the most celebrated holiday seasons. Although our Lions are always serving in one way or another, traditionally, our service expands during this time of year as we strive to put more smiles on more people's faces and make more of a difference in our communities. I took some quiet time over the Thanksgiving holiday to reflect on our Lions family, and as always, felt thankful to be part of this great district and organization. I am continually amazed to hear about and watch the great works of our clubs, and I thank you for making that difference.

While you and your club are making a difference in your community by creating food baskets, ringing the bell, shopping for gifts, serving food, visiting the 'shut-in', and much more, please keep this spirit of service alive by sharing these good deeds with everyone. Share it on social media, print it in the newspaper, and shout it from the roof top.... share the joy and invite someone new to experience it. And of course, don't forget to let Lions Clubs International know what you are doing by filing your reports each and every month. These reports help our organization know what we are doing, and how we are helping to meet the needs of our communities, our district, our state and our world. If you are still not sure how to get this task accomplished, reach out and ask. We are here to serve you as well.

As you journey through this next month and close the year of 2016, please take some time to reflect on the meaning of the holiday season, spend some quality time with your family and friends, and get recharged. May each of your lives be filled with much love, peace, and joy, now and into the new year.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year!!

Lion Robin. 1st VDG





Lions District 25A

3rd District Meeting

Sunday January 22, 2017 at 1:00 pm CST



Hosted by the Kouts Lions

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Parish Hall
507 Rose Ave.
Kouts, IN 46347**

\$12.00

Silent Auction—Recycle some Holiday Gifts!

Please RSVP by January 8, 2017

Enclose a check made out to District 25A Lions

Mail to: District Secretary Lion Angie Schmeltz
14726 Bryan Street, Cedar Lake, IN 46303
Any questions, call Angie at 219-374-9714

Name _____

Club _____

Name _____

Club _____

Name _____

Club _____

Number of reservations: _____ Total Enclosed: _____





SAVE THE DATES!!

DISTRICT 25A LIONS

please join

Governor Patty Cooke

for her

District Convention

March 17-18, 2017

**Best Western Hotel and Conference Center
444 Pine Lake Avenue
La Porte, IN 46350**

**INDIANA LIONS MD 25
STATE CONVENTION**

April 28 – 30, 2017

**Old National Events Plaza
Evansville IN**

**Convention Hotel:
DoubleTree by Hilton
Evansville, 601 Walnut St
Evansville, IN**

<http://indianalionsconvention.org>



Nominations and Elections

The following positions and the persons currently holding these will be up for election at our District Convention on March 18, 2017:

District Governor---Robin Smith

First Vice District Governor—Dennis Brown

Second Vice District Governor--Open

Trustees:

Ed Paine Care and Helping hands –Region 1 and Region 3---Doug Schmeltz---Butch Weston

Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund –Oscar Ryl Kuchar

Indiana Lions Eye and Tissue Bank---Kevin Roe

Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing—Robert Morgan

Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired---Mitch Siemans

Indiana Lions for Leader Dog---Tom Kimble

Indiana Lions Foundation---Andrew Dybel

A candidate seeking election to one of these positions must submit a letter of intention as well as a letter of endorsement from his or her club to:

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We Welcome these New Members:

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Lowell	Gerald Deyot	
Michigan City	Susan L. Dreske	Timothy Leary
Mill Creek Community	Treva B. Lawson	Marilyn Lawson

There are no deceased members this month.

W. P. Woods Awards

At the November 12, 2016 meeting of the Indiana Lions Foundation, the trustees passed a policy to deal with outdated credits and moneys that are shown on the received funds list. These are credits earned by working at the State Fair, race track, etc., or money donated by clubs or individuals. The W.P. Woods Fellowship program began in 1995 and Lions have been working since to gain credits towards a W. P. Woods Fellowship.

Some of the credits or money were earned or donated as far back as 2006-2007 Lions year. In an effort to use these older credits and money, the Trustees are going to be contacting each of the holders of older accounts to see what they want to do with their credits or money. The policy will take effect July 1, 2017.

Every effort will be made to contact the account holders to determine what steps will be taken. Also you do not need to wait for a trustee to contact you about your club or individual account. You can contact them. You have three trustees in each district to contact. They are listed in your district governor's directory and the state directory.

Thank you and I hope to hear from you soon,

Lion Sandy Ruane

Indiana Lions Foundation President

W.P. Woods Fellowship State Chair

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Distinguished Lion Awards

Lions of 25A, we have many Lions from over the state of Indiana and our district who are worthy of the Award. It will be presented at the Indiana Lions State Convention. To recognize a Lion in your club, just submit the form through the link below. If you want to name a Lion from our District, fill out the form and forward it to DG Patty Cooke. All forms must be received by January 31, 2017.

Please go to the Indiana Lions Foundation website to submit an application:

<http://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/>

The application will go directly to the Chair of that Committee, PCC Bob Booher. If you prefer to use the paper version of that application or need more information you can contact him at lion_boo@att.net.

Lions International Convention and 100th Anniversary Celebration



DECEMBER UPDATE: Lions Clubs International Convention and 100th Anniversary Celebration

The parade shirts and hats have been revealed!



We have a few shirts remaining, but will have more available in late January 2017. The hats are in plentiful supply. You can order for late January delivery to your home (a small delivery fee will be included) from this website: <http://www.promotionsplus1.com/showrooms.htm>

Or you can wait until you see a Committee member in January.

Don't forget to register for LCIcon. You will save money registering early and increase your odds of getting in the Indiana Delegation Hotel (The Palmer House Hilton).

Go to the LCIcon web site at <http://lcon.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php> for more information and to register.

PDG Dan Wilcox, ICC Chairman – danwpu@comcast.net

We will be checking on reserving a bus to transport 25A Lions to Chicago for the day of the parade—Saturday, July 1st. Our State Convention Committee has chosen a new parade uniform. The racing-styled shirt was for sale at the Leadership Conference last month and is pretty sharp. As soon as it is available for purchase on-line, we will send out that link and also post it in the Newsletter. To see what the Host Committee in Illinois has planned and opportunities to volunteer, go to their web site:

www.lions2017chicago.org/

DG Patty Cooke



Join the Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger

Worldwide Weeks of Service are great opportunities to support the Centennial Service Challenge and make a difference in your community. Visit the [Worldwide week of Service to Fight Hunger](#) page to start planning your hunger project, and invite your community to change the world with you!


People Served:

121,484,827



Zone I-B Activities:

Crown Point— Hosting the next Zone I-B Meeting on February 6th at Pappas Restaurant, 6:30 PM; Cost is \$15.00. Food offerings will follow next month.

Lakes of the Four Seasons— Children’s Christmas Party is December 11th.; Gift collection will be Dec. 16th and distribution on the 17th.

Lowell—Annual Christmas Tree Sale is ongoing. Dictionaries will be distributed to 3rd Graders in December.

Schererville Central—Special need for Food Pantries during the holidays.

Schererville—Donating \$800 to St. Timothy Food Pantry which will be matched at 50 cents to the dollar.

St. John—Providing gift cards to Strack and VanTil and also Target to needy families. In process of donating a park bench from recycled plastic caps as part of their Legacy Project.

Lion Greg Fabian, Zone Chairman

Valparaiso Lions Club

The Valparaiso Lions Club recently provided 40 care bags to the VNA Hospice Center in Valparaiso. The care bags are for the patient and their families who are undergoing a difficult transition. Included in the bags are items to make the patient more comfortable: skin lotion, lip balm, combs, etc, and also hard candies, puzzle and game books, coffee and tea, notebooks, and a stuffed teddy bear among other items.



The Valparaiso Lions Club has just finished a successful season officiating Valpo University Football games by running the Chain Gang. They man the yard markers and chains for all the home football games. Six to ten members work each game. This is the 45th season they have participated.. PDG Bob Morgan and Lion Bob Mahoney have been on the Chain Gang throughout those years.

Monterey Lions Club



Monterey Lions Secretary Kelli Denton and President Doug Denton hand out candy at the Monterey town 's Halloween Party on October 30th. They were dressed as "Kato" and "The Green Hornet"



COME, CELEBRATE CHICAGO - 2017



THOUGHTS FROM THE CHAIR

The MD1 Host Committee has moved into a higher gear as we are within eight months of the 2017 LCI Centennial Convention. It is like someone expecting their first born. You are excited about the birth, but at the same time you are questioning if you will be ready for that responsibility. We, too as a committee, is nervous about being ready to accept the responsibility that we are looking at as the host of this great celebration of our organization.

When things were going good and we were finalizing our plans, LCI threw us a curve and now we must reorganize to the new plans. There have been changes to the schedule of events that are effecting the Host Committee's responsibility. Those changes have been adopted by the LCI Board at their latest meeting that happen in October. Some of those changes are:

The hours of the Convention Services and Exhibit Hall has been extended for additional hours per day. This change is to accommodate the high number of attendees.

The Delegate Certification and Voting Procedures has been change. Instead of Certifying any time during the convention and then everyone coming to vote on the same day. You will now be able to get Certified and vote immediately. To date, we have not learned what that means for us as to the manpower that will be needed. That will come at a later date.

LCI is considering using the main Exhibit Hall for the Plenary Session with no overflow hall as they have originally planned. This will limit the amount of volunteers needed per Plenary Sessions.

LCI has added a Business Session on Saturday, July 1 following the parade. This session will be for the nomination of the candidates for International Directors. The third Vice President's nomination will take place at the Sunday morning session.

DGE Schooling will be using additional venues as just the one as originally planned. Now there will activities at Navy Pier and McCormick Place. This will added more volunteers needed during the DGE Schooling prior to the start of the convention.

With these changes, we have the opportunity to demonstrate are ability to be flexible and ready for anything that LCI will need during the convention. As chair of this committee, I feels that we are up to that challenge. So, I hope that you too agree with me and help us achieve our goal of a success convention.

The more hands that we have helping, the easier it will be to look back and say how easy and fun it was to be that Host.

November 2016

- *A celebration of 100 years of service*
- *Welcome Home to Chicago*
- *June 30-July 4, 2017*
- *Parade July 1, 2017*
- *Marching on State Street*
- *Your Kind of Town!*

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As you can see by the sign above, the volunteer seeds have been planted and they are beginning to take root. The volunteer data base list is growing and the Lions are becoming excited about the opportunity to be a part of the 100th Year Celebration of our organization. Lions are asking to be included in not just one aspect of our volunteer duties but two or three different committees. Talk about flexibility!

Lions Clubs International has informed the host committee that we should prepare for between 40,000 and 50,000 Lions to attend the Convention. We also have been told to expect as many as 25,000 Lions to march in the parade on July 1st. To meet the demands that these anticipated numbers present to the host committee, we have decided that we need a volunteer, dedicated force of 2,000 Lions. I feel that this is going to be a task that can easily be accomplished by the Lions.

Recently, I have been receiving contact information from Lions near and far and they have volunteered to work on the various committees. Some have said, "I'll work whenever and wherever I'm needed". Now that's the Lion spirit.

If you have not already filled out the FILLABLE VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM on the MD1 State Website, now is the time to do it. Simply fill it in on line and e-mail it back to me at "santonlions@comcast.net."

I will add your name to the database and the Chairperson of your assigned committee will soon be in touch with you. It's that easy!

Remember this...

"Do Your Part...Play A Part...Chicago 2017"

PCC Steve Anton, Staff Volunteer Chairman

Where is District Governor Patty headed:

Calendar

December 1	Westville OV
December 3	Council Christmas Party in Indianapolis
December 4	Speech & Hearing Luncheon in Indianapolis
December 6	Valparaiso OV
December 8	South Haven OV
December 10	Indiana Harbor East Chicago OV
December 13	Portage OV
December 14	Hobart OV
December 25	Christmas Day
January 1	New Years Day
January 5	Crown Point OV
January 7	Council Meeting in Evansville
January 17	Hanna OV
January 20	Michigan City OV
January 22	District Meeting in Kouts

