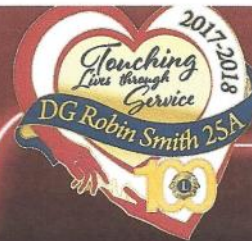


The Lions Heartbeat

District 25A News

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Message from the District Governor...

When I make an official visit to a club, one of my goals is to teach, inspire and motivate each individual in the room. While I strive to accomplish this goal, I find that YOU, the Lions, are the ones leading, inspiring, and motivating. Your passion for life, service and our organization are making a difference. I leave each visit more excited and proud to be a part of this outstanding organization. Thank you for your dedication.

And so it begins....the holidays are in full swing. This is my favorite time of the year! The special ambiance that transforms overnight amazes me. Overall, there are more smiles shared and more giving than any other time of the year. And our Lions are busy doing their part by giving all they can to make this special season brighter for so many. YOU are touching lives! Did you know Relieving the Hunger Centennial Service Challenge begins December 1st? Many of our clubs are fulfilling this Challenge with holiday food baskets or special dinners. And although it is fun and heartwarming being a Secret Santa, please don't keep your good deeds to yourselves. Remember to submit your Service Activity Report each month. By doing so, you are building your history in the archives at LCI, and each activity is what builds the credit for earning Service Challenge Banner patches. Above all, make sure you are publicizing your efforts and sharing with your community. You never know, you might find a new Lion.

As you journey through this next month and close the year of 2017, please take some time to reflect on the meaning of the holiday season and spend some quality time with your family and friends. The following was printed in a previous year's newsletter, but it is worth sharing again: 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 much love, peace, and happiness...now and into the new year.

From my house to yours...Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year!!

Lion Robin, District Governor



Hoosier Lion Newspaper Survey

The Hoosier Lion newspaper has been Indiana's (MD25) method for communicating with its members for more than 30 years. As the change to more digital formats is occurring, the Governors of MD -25 have determined that it is important to survey the Lions of Indiana to determine if changes in the newspaper should be done. Please take a few moments and let us know what you think. The link to access the survey is <https://surveyhero.com/c/5165Ofc>.

Touching Lives Through Service

Message from PDG Dennis Brown, 1st VDG

Dear Lions of 25A:

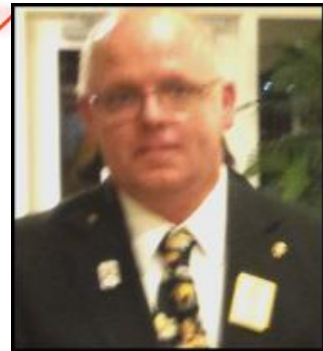
By the time you get this, I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and did not eat too much. This was a time to reflect on our personal lives and Lions life. I hope we all have something or someone to be thankful for. I know a lot of Lions help with food baskets and food pantries this time of the year to help families in their time of need.

Next is Christmas. What a joyful time of the year. We celebrate many things – the first snowfall, sledding, ice skating, spending time with our family and exploring the meaning of Christmas. There are many other religions observed in Lions. Let's be respectful of their beliefs.

As we look forward to the new year, the Lions year is only halfway done. We still have a lot of work to do. If you don't have something to do in Lions, let me know. I can help you out with that. Happy New Year.

Here are some rules of etiquette for when the District Governor visits your club for an official visit. Usually the governor is the only topic for the evening, unless something needs to be addressed. When the Governor is announced, all should rise and applaud. Most clubs do not charge the Governor when attending their fundraiser. Remember this could be the third, fourth, or even the fifth pancake breakfast that the Governor is attending that day. So let's keep the cost down. Governors do not get reimbursed for mileage when attending fundraisers.

PDG Dennis Brown, 1st VDG



District 25A Officer Nominations

The following positions will be up for election at our District Convention on March 17, 2018:

District Governor

First Vice District Governor

Second Vice District Governor - A letter of intention as well as a letter of endorsement from his/her club must be submitted before February 16, 2018 to Nominations/Elections Chair Bo Zimmerman.

Trustee positions open (these are for a three year term)

Indiana Lions Cancer Control

Visionfirst- Indiana Lion Eye Bank

Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing

Indiana School for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Indiana Lions for Leader Dog

Indiana Lions Trust Foundation

Ed Paine Care and Helping Hand at Large (2 positions)

If you would like your name on the Ballot, please contact Lion Bo before Feb 16, 2018.

lionbo@frontier.com or call (219)767-2848 or (219)575-1637

Welcome New Members

Michael Ollis—Crown Point
Sponsor: Louise Moore

Wendy L. Semans—Hamlet
Sponsor: Robin Smith

Crystal R. Martin—Highland
Sponsor: David Jones

John M. Nelson—Highland
Sponsor: David Jones

Bill Carroll—Lake Station
Sponsor: Amanda Nauta

Mike Poweska—Lake Station
Sponsor: Amanda Nauta

Kevin A. Gray—Lowell
Sponsor: Will Farrellbegg

Reid A. Rhodes—Lowell
Sponsor: Will Farrellbegg

William W. Souza—Rensselaer
Sponsor: Robert Souza

Cindy Van Wienen—Rensselaer
Sponsor: Mike Steinke

Jerry Van Wienen—Rensselaer
Sponsor: Mike Steinke

Erica Eckiss—Schererville

Ralph Barr—Westville
Sponsor: Myrle Weston

Donna Ping—Westville
Sponsor: David Dickinson

Ryan Weaver—Westville
Sponsor: Elmo Elliott

Those Who Have Completed Their Service

James Zehner—Monterey

Frank Lizak—Cedar Lake

District Zone Beats & Club Activities

Zone 4-A Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 9th at 7:00
PM in Morocco. All Lions are welcome

Zone Chair Allen Mushett

Directory Changes

PDG Kevin Roe: new cell (574)946-4701

And new e-mail: lionkevroe@gmail.com

PDG Connie Roe: lionroeable@gmail.com

**Cancer Control Trustees: Lion Allan Wozniak ,
Change e-mail to lionalwoz@gmail.com (pg 18)**

**LaPorte Maple City—Meeting 2nd Wednesday at
6:39 pm. Pres Daniel McKibben— add e-mail
danandcarrie@comcast.net.**

**Secretary Evan Lancaster— add e-mail
emlancaster2@yahoo.com (pg 42)**

**Remington—Sec'y Steve Kinsell (219)863-1447
and e-mail: silvlanhyb@aol.com**

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E-mail to rballardattorney@gmail.com**

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E-mail: farmgirlboy456@yahoo.com**

Pres Wayne Hayden—(219)552-0155

**Goodland—Sec'y Mary Miller (219)816-0652,
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**Merrillville— Sec'y Carol Rozelle (773)351-4300
And e-mail: drcnrozelle@gmail.com**

ZC 3A Brian Pagels: cell (219) 229-9398



2017-2018 District 25A
District Governor Robin Smith

3rd Cabinet Meeting

Sponsored by the Michiana Lions Club

Sunday, January 21, 2018 - 1:00 PM CST

Auxiliary VFW Post 1130

181 Mc Clung Road, La Porte, IN 46350

219-324-9355 CS Barb's Cell 219-798-5950



3rd 25A Cabinet Meeting

Name _____ Club _____ L C

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Menu: Pork Loin, Fried Chicken, Red Potato with Parsely & Butter
California Medley, salad, roll, Coffee, Sweet tea, water, dessert

Cash Bar on soda & alcoholic items

Number attending _____ X \$ 15.00 = \$ _____

Please RSVP by January 10, 2018

Make checks to: Michiana Lions Club

Mail to:

CS Barbara Toosley

13700 Lantern Drive

St John, IN 46373

LionBarb@comcast.net - 219-798-5950

Experience the excitement.....

Your 2018

District Convention is coming.....

FUN FELLOWSHIP LEARNING SHARING

Opening Event: Friday, March 16th
Dinner & Welcoming our special guest:

ID Alan Lundgren & Lion Terry Pressel

Saturday, March 17th

Club display tables, Silent Auction, Leo's event,
Seminars, Lunch, Special events,
DG Banquet, ID Address, Awards,
Auction winners & Raffle drawings.

Best Western Plus La Porte Hotel
444 Pine Lake Ave, La Porte, IN 46350
Reservation: (219) 362-4585 Room rate \$89.00 + tax

More details in the JANUARY Newsletter

PRIZE Drawing at each Event

Convention Silent Auction

We ask each Lions Club to donate a "BASKET" worth \$35.00 (or more) to the raffle.

*Not talented, no time? Just send us the \$35.00 and we will
make one with your club's name on it.*



Make check to: Lions District 25A, note "Convention Auction"

Mail to: CS Barbara Toosley, 13700 Lantern Drive, St John, IN 46373

Early Bird SPECIAL....

Ad received by December 20th will be will also be in the January Newsletter**District 25A - 2018 Convention Ad Book****Advertise in the:****2018 District 25A Ad Book****District Convention March 16-17, 2018****Your Clubs
Ad****Upcoming Club Fundraisers*****Honor your Melvin Jones Members******Foundations: Thank the Lions for their Donations******Give a Welcome to our Special ID Guest*****CONGRATULATE THE DG & VDG****Place an AD for your Business – Lions Support Lions****All BUSINESS ADS ½ page or larger will also be posted in the Registration Area**

Full Size Page - 8 ½ by 11		Actual Ad Size Width x Height	✓
Color Front Inside Cover	\$ 150.00	7 X 9	
Color Back Page	\$ 200.00	7 X 9	
Color Back Inside Cover	\$ 150.00	7 X 9	
Regular Page	\$ 100.00	7 X 9	
1/2 Page	\$ 60.00	7 X 4 ½	
1/4 Page	\$ 40.00	3 ½ X 4 ½	

Check Amount \$ _____

✓ Make checks payable to: **District 25A District Convention**

<input type="checkbox"/>	I have attached an Ad or emailed an Ad
<input type="checkbox"/>	Please design an Ad with the attached information

Return with Ad or Send check and email your AD to: LionBarb@comcast.net**ALL ADS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 26, 2018**

Name _____

Club or Business _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Mail to: **CS Barbara Toosley****13700 Lantern Drive, St. John, IN 46373**

Centennial Service Challenge Update



It is a busy time of the year, especially for Lions. 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 no child goes without a gift. Please make sure you enter all these activities into MyLCI. **All these efforts contribute to service hours for this last year of the Centennial.**

In addition, LCI has set the goal to **improve the lives of at least 200 million per year by 2020-21** through expanded humanitarian service. One of the key measurements of whether we meet this goal is the monthly Activity reports.

LCIF has also set a goal – to **raise \$50 Million before their 50 Anniversary in 2018**. A big Thank You to all clubs who have already made their donations to LCIF for this year!

Please contact me as the GST and LCIF coordinator of 25A and schedule a time for me to visit your club. We can discuss what your club is doing to help both LCI and LCIF achieve their goals!

IPDG Patty Cooke

219-671-4668

Patty.Cooke@gmail.com

Second VDG Mitch Semans attends ALLI in Denver



Second Vice District Governor Mitch Semans receives his leadership certificate at the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Denver from November 11—15. Mitch said it was a great learning experience with lots of great sessions covering all aspects of leadership.

This Is the Season for Miracles

Yes, we Lions continue to make miracles for those we serve. Whether it be the giving the gift of sight to a child, replacing despair with hope to those who through no fault of their own are down trodden, putting food on tables that would be otherwise empty, or by simply doing a single act of kindness, we Lions are truly miracle makers.

There is a circle of WE that drives us to make these wonderful and heartwarming acts of kindness happen. It all about people helping people helping people:



We should all be proud of the services that Lion provide not only at this holiday season, but through the year, year after year. But there is an irony here because the biggest reasons that Lions leave isn't death, or health, or time, is because they no longer feel valued and part of the group, and don't feel they are making a difference. Hard to believe, but true. We all need to make an extra effort to help people who are helping people stay as Lions. **NO ONE IS SAYING NOT TO DROP A MEMBER.** But before that member leaves, we need to be sure there is a valid reason, find out what can be done to make the member feel valued and part of the team, and making sure that member knows they are making a difference.

Miracles are not only for those we serve. They are for us too. Let me ask you all a question: "Do you remember when you became a Lion?" Not when you paid your dues or were inducted into Lions, but when you realized that we get as many gifts and miracles as we give and maybe more. Can you remember that time, 2ND Vice District Mitch called the "AhHa" moment, when you truly became a Lion in your heart? There is no greater gift one can receive than the gift of giving.

It's all about people helping people helping people. It is the way to harness the power of WE. And WE are it - with the power to make life easier for those in need, make our communities' better, make Lions feel proud that they are making a difference, and provide the desire to share this journey of love and kindness with people just like you and me.

May the miracles of the season be yours now and forever.

GMT Dick Silveira



Lions of Indiana 2018 State Convention

Horizon Convention Center, 401 S. High Street,
Muncie, Indiana 47305
April 27-29, 2018



Registration Form

Please Print or Type All Information

Name:				
	Lion Title	First Name	Last Name	Name on Badge
Name:				
	Lion Title	First Name	Last Name	Name on Badge
Address:				
	Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code
Telephone:		E-Mail:		
Club:		District:		
Special Dietary Needs:				
Emergency Contact:				
	Name	Daytime Telephone	Evening Telephone	

HOTELS

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR OWN LODGING BY MARCH 26, 2018

Rooms and rates cannot be guaranteed after March 27, 2018

Courtyard Muncie at Convention Center	601 S. High Street	\$ 129/night plus tax	Call: 765-287-8550
Holiday Inn Express on Bethel (off McGalliard)	4201 W. Bethel Ave.	\$ 129/night plus tax	Call: 765-289-4678
Hampton Inn on Bethel (off McGalliard)	4220 W. Bethel Ave.	\$ 129/night plus tax	Call: 765-288-8500

MEALS / CONVENTION MERCHANDISE

Meal Prices Increase by \$5.00 per meal after April 1, 2018. – No Meal Reservations Accepted after April 21, 2018

Make All Checks Payable to : Indiana Lions 2018 State Convention

Send Check and Reservation Forms to: Lion David DeVilbiss, Convention Registrar

10301 Central Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46280

Registration and Meals may be reserved and paid online at: <http://indianalionsconvention.org/convention-registration>

Event	Entree	Number	Price	Amount
Friday Lunch	Soup and Salad Bar		\$ 20.00	\$
Friday Dinner	Smoked Pork Chop, or Mediterranean Chicken Breast		\$ 25.00 \$ 25.00	\$ \$
Saturday Lunch	Herb Roasted Chicken Breast		\$ 20.00	\$
Saturday Dinner	Grilled 8 oz. Beef Ribeye, or Lemon Caper Trout		\$ 35.00 \$ 35.00	\$ \$
Sunday Brunch	Breakfast Buffet plus Fried Chicken, Ham Steak		\$ 25.00	\$
Saturday Afternoon	Strides Walk for Diabetes – T-Shirt and Donation		\$ 25.00	\$
	Convention Souvenir Limited Edition Pin		\$ 5.00	\$
	Convention Souvenir Limited Edition Mug		\$ 5.00	\$
	Total Amount Enclosed			\$
If Participating in Strides Walk for Diabetes, indicate T-shirt size:				



Bulletin No. 5 *"Las Vegas here we come"*

By PDG Gary Ochs, Chairperson

Early registration is **BEFORE** January 12, 2018; Regular registration is January 13 through March 31, 2018; and Late registration is April 1 to May 1, 2018. **Plan early!** All convention venues are located at the MGM Grand on the Las Vegas Strip. The Indiana Lions attending will stay at the Luxor "Egyptian Pyramid" hotel within walking distance of the MGM Convention Center. Visit online at www.lionsclubs.org for update.



Membership Stats – Keep the momentum!

My Members

Statistics Updated 11/28/2017 10:02 PM

	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	1288	1288
Added Members	16	78
Dropped Members	8	70
Closing Balance	1296	1296
Net Gain/Loss	8	8

Wanatah Lions Club

Wanatah Lions Club honored their Firemen who showed their appreciation for the donations by the club for new equipment. The Club also honored 50 plus member Lion Ed Marks.

Ogden Dunes Lions Club

The Ogden Dunes Lions Club inducted five new members at their meeting on November 27th, with District Governor Robin Smith presiding at her official visit. Shown are Lions Dan Barnum, Lion President Bill Cunningham, , new Lions Jerry Hale, Marianne Ashby-Grimmell, Patrick Smith, Phil Jankura, Michael Kilmer, and Governor Robin.

**Chesterton Lions Club**

Chesterton Lions Club presented donations of \$500 each to our local Fire Departments. In photo are Chesterton Fire Chief John Jarka, Lion President Laura Layman, Porter Assistant Fire Chief Dan Branham, and Burns Harbor Fire Chief Brent Valpatic. Liberty Twp Fire Department was not present to accept their donation.

Upcoming State Events

Dec 2	ISBVI Trustee Meeting-ISBVI
Dec 2	Council Christmas Party
Dec 2	Vision Services Meeting –ISBVI.
Dec 3	Speech & Hearing Luncheon
Dec 9	Foundation Christmas Party
Dec 9	Long Range Planning Meeting—State Office

Upcoming LCI Events

Dec	Relieving the Hunger Centennial Service Challenge
Dec 1	Postmark Deadline for DG to send Peace Poster
Dec 1	Postmark Deadline for DG to send Essay Winner
Dec 5	International Leo Day
Dec 15	Annual District/MD Youth Camp/Exchange report
Dec 15	Postmark Deadline for MD to send Peace Poster & Essay winner

Christmas Cheer ~~ And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbon. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more. ~ Dr. Suess



DG BEATS-DECEMBER 2017



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 ISBVI meeting Council Party
3 Speech & Hear- ing Luncheon	4 OV Portage	5 OV Valparaiso	6 OV Monterey	7 OV Westville	8	9
10	11 Grandson's Concert	12 Mikaela's Concert	13 OV Hobart	14 OV South Haven	15	16 Family Birthday Dinner
17 Eyeglass Recy- cling meeting	18	19 OV Wheatfield	20 OV Hammond	21	22	23
24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26 Canada	27 Canada	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve	 <p><i>The only real blind person at Christmas-time is he who has not Christmas in his heart. ~ Helen Keller</i></p>					