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Who is going to be the next District Governor after Lion VDG Mitchell Semans and Lion 2VDG Allen Mushett? Will it be you? Will it be a male or a female? If you know the answers to these questions, then you must be considering this Leadership opportunity.

The time to decide is now! Your paperwork needs to be in 30 days before the District Convention on March 16, 2019. Will it be your turn?

I have failed you as a District Governor. As of the time I'm writing this, we are down in membership. No matter what I do or say to motivate Lions to add members and watch their drops, we are still down. Maybe it's not me. Maybe it's the GMT. Or all the members of the Global Action Team.

Who is to blame? Because in today's society, somebody is always at fault - right? We all are at fault when we fail to ask new members and retain the ones we have. If there's something I, as District Governor, or GMT Dick Silvera can do to help you, please let us know before it's too late!

Please plan on attending the midwinter conference on January 12, 2019. It's a lot of fun and a good chance to learn something about Lions. Don't be shy — come on down to Indianapolis. See the flyer in the Newsletter.

In planning our District convention, we will be trying new things. I told Lion Mitchell if he likes the changes, then continue using them next year. But if he doesn't, then try something else. Hopefully you will plan on attending. We should show our International Director Lion Ardis Klemish from a Adair, IA some good old District 25A hospitality. See the 'Save the Date' reminder in this Newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours in Lionism,

District Governor Dennis Brown



Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

I hope everyone is having a fantastic holiday season. It's always at this time of the year that you see people stepping up to volunteer to help provide for the needs of other people. It really warms the heart!

With all the negatives in the news with this that and the other thing, I can always count on the Lions to be positive. Whether it's going to a club meeting and seeing Lion President Tiffany's smiling face and upbeat attitude. Or attending a Zone Meeting and hearing all the positive things we are doing for Diabetes Awareness from Lion Carolyn. Or being at our awesome Cabinet meetings and hearing the roaring laughter of Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Barbara and PDG Patty.

So, as you may have noticed everyone that I have just mentioned are not just women, but women in leadership roles. They are one of the many reasons the Lions are the largest service organizations in the world. It takes a big heart to achieve the acts of kindness that we as Lions do every day. And I can't think of a woman that has a bigger heart than my Mom. I know, or at least I hope, that everyone feels the same about their mothers as well. Moms just know how to make everything better by caring and giving and doing whatever it takes to provide for their children.

Don't we want those same characteristics from our leaders in Lions. So, it makes perfect sense for more women to step up in leadership roles. (And it just so happens we are having our District Convention in March and 2nd VDG for year 2019-2020 is up for grabs — hint, hint).

The great things about Lions is that we all have an opportunity to be leaders — whether chairing a committee, being part of your club's executive committee, holding a position in the district, or signing up for one of the many committee or trustee positions listed in the directory. You can go all the way up to being International President, who is a woman this year. Anyone — other than the people that receive a draft of the newsletter — who is the first person to call me and attend the next cabinet meeting, will get \$20.

Every day is a day for caring and giving, but the Holiday season is where it comes out the most. If you see a non-Lion out and about doing charity work, invite them into our wonderful organization so they have an opportunity to contribute all year long and then encourage them to take on leadership roles. Do whatever it takes to make being a LION the most caring and giving we can be, just like our moms.

Merry Christmas and God Bless

1st VDG Mitchell Semans



Zone 1C Meeting

When: January 29 , 2019 at 6:30 pm

Where: American Legion Post 485

7485 Burr St.

Schererville, IN 46375

Who: Lion Patty Cooke will provide information about LCIF Campaign 100

If you plan to attend, please contact ZC Margaret Verkuilen at 219-923-0776

Zone 1A Meeting

When: December 12 , 2018 at 6:30 pm

Where: Casa Blanca Restaurant

4616 Indianapolis Blvd.

East Chicago, IN

What: Lion's Pride Celebration

Please plan to attend this fun night.

Contact ZC Oscar Sanchez at 219-616-7080





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Dennis Brown

3rd Cabinet Meeting

Sponsored by the Michiana Lions Club

Sunday, January 27, 2019 - 1:00 PM CST

(This is a Non-Football Sunday, except for the All Star Game)

Auxiliary VFW Post 1130

181 Mc Clung Road, La Porte, IN 46350 - Phone 324-9355

Menu: Fried Chicken & Pork Loin, Scalloped potato, salad and rolls.

Dessert and coffee

This is a catered meal; we must have your RSVP. Thank You

3rd 25A Cabinet Meeting

Name _____ Club _____ L C

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Number attending _____ X \$15.00 = \$ _____

Please RSVP by January 13, 2019

Make checks to: Michiana Lions Club

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

LionBarb@comcast.net - Cell 219-798-5950



**IT IS TIME TO ASK PEOPLE TO
JOIN LIONS TO HELP PEOPLE
HELPING PEOPLE**



Now is the time to ask people to join the greatest serves organization in the world and to become members the District 25A Lions Clubs. Our District is a minus three in membership. It is **TIME** to get our membership into the plus. Many Lions signed the pledge sheet to ask at least three people to join Lions. It is important that we all honor that pledge and there is no time like the present to do so.

So how do we ask someone to become a Lion? First of all we must **BELIEVE**:

- **IN THE GOALS AND MISSION OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL.**
- **THAT WE LIONS, ARE MIRACLE MAKES.**
- **IN OURSELVES AS LIONS**
- **AND THE GOOD EACH OF US DOES FOR THOSE IN NEED AND HUMANITY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.**

When people ask “what do Lions do?” we often rattle off the fundraisers and projects like we do fish fries, pancake breakfast and do vision screening and gave eye glasses to those can’t afford them, and give needy children toys at Christmas time. We need to modify our approach. Rather than saying what we do - deliver food baskets, or give eye glasses, or donate funds, we should be telling people what we accomplish and share our passion about the miracles Lions make:

- When we put food upon tables that would otherwise be empty, we say that’s what Lions do. **To the family that thanks the Lions, it’s a miracle!**
- When we provide a leader dog to visually impair person, who can get on a bus, go to work, and live a full life, that’s what Lions do. **To that person, it is a miracle!**
- When we support cancer and speech and hearing programs, we say that’s what Lions do. **To those we have been cured and to those who can hear, it is indeed a miracle!**
- When we build a handicapped ramp, a playground, or fix up the house of an elderly person, it’s what Lions do. **To those who see Lions working to make their community better place to live, work and bring up children, it is a miracle.**
- When we do eye screening and provide eyeglasses to a child who might not see the board or read a book, we that’s what Lions do. **Giving the gift of sight is a miracle!**

So many people we help will never know our names, but they will know one name and it will forever be emblazed in their hearts. Five letters that stands for “miracle makers”:

L-I-O-N-S

**ASK AND LIONS MAY WELL RECEIVE A NEW MEMBER
IT ALL ABOUT PEOPLE HEPLING PEOPLE**

GMT Dick Silveira



Reasons We Don't Do the Things We Should Do

Being Comfortable. I know you all have things you think about that you *Should Do* but for a variety of reasons, we don't do them. We decide to be *Comfortable*. It's the easier path, Right? **Don't be in this space.** The best motivator is *progress*. When you do things that enrich your life, you are making *progress*. With positive progress, knowledge, momentum and a positive attitude, you feel great and achieve great things. It keeps you motivated to do things you should do. Step outside your comfort zone!

Distractions. Cut out things in your life that do not fulfill you. Make room to do the things you know you should. Shouldah, Couldah, Wouldah....yeah, you Shouldah!

Excuses. *Excuse Me?* For every reason you have you should do something, we easily come up with even more creative reasons not to do something. "Hey Joe, I can't go to the Zone meeting tonight, I have another commitment." And, as you tap the 'end call' button on your cell, you grab the bag of chips, a cold one and flop in your Lazy Boy. Ah yessss. Another nightly Wheel of Fortune episode. Who doesn't love Pat and Vanna? Allow yourself to be accountable. Do things that are meaningful and have a positive impact on your future. Just Sayin'....I like Pat & Vanna too!

Misuse of Negativity. Focusing on the negative will bring a lot of negativity into your life. Yeah I'm talking to you Debbie Downer! Focus on what inspires you and makes you happy. If you focus on the happy and positive things, it is scientifically proven you will be happier in general. And, if you always focus on the negative, the same is true, you will be mostly unhappy and have a negative outlook on life in general.

"Sure is a cheerful color, Guess I'll have to get used to it." Remember who said that?. Answer at bottom.

Uncertainty. This is the most deadly reason we don't do things we should. It is difficult to commit to things when we don't know the outcome or how to do it. It is human nature to predict a negative or too stressful of an experience when there is doubt. Well, I for one don't doubt it! Share your doubts with others who can help you overcome your fears or uncertainty. Participate in positive group activities. Uncertainty breeds negativity!

Here is one thing you can do to get out of your comfort zone...Attend the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference In January! It will get you out of your comfort zone, fulfill you, create a positive and knowledgeable experience and alleviate a lot of uncertainties. There is no room for negativity and no excuses!

[Congratulations to newly elected 2nd Vice District Governor Allen Mushett!](#) Lion Allen is from the Rensselaer Club and he has stepped out of his Comfort Zone into the Danger Zone. Ha, Ha, Just kidding. Please Welcome Lion Alan and give him your full support. You can be certain that he is truly a dedicated Lion and will bring a lot of experience and a giving heart to the district.

We are always needing Lions for Zone Chairs, Project Trustees and future District Governors. Now is your chance to step up and out of the comfort zone. Contact a Lion Leader in your area today!

May you and Your Family Share a Wonderful Christmas !

Yours in Lion Leadership, PDG Connie Roe



Answer: Eeyore

THE FOLLOWING **PREVIEW** HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR

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Winamac Lions Club

Club members at the newly installed water fountain in the Lions Park in Winamac. It was a joint effort of the Lions Club and Winamac Town Board.



Save the date

**It's time to plan for
District 25A's District Convention**

*DG Dennis Brown & Laurie
look forward to seeing you..*

Best Western Plus Conference Center
444 Pine Lake Ave, La Porte, IN 46350 - 219-362-4585

Friday, March 15 & Saturday, March 16, 2019

Meet Old Friends, Make New Friends

Learn & Laugh

Attend the Seminars and visit the Hospitality Room

Buddy Benches

St. John Lions went down to Evansville to drop off over 2,400 pounds of plastic caps and pick up 12 benches from Green Tree Plastics. The benches will be donated to various parks in St. John and schools (called Buddy Benches when given to a school, which promotes friendship, not bullying). Four of the benches we picked up were for the Schererville Lions. They are donating two of theirs to a park in memory of Lion Paul Free-land and 2 for the Safety Village.

Keep saving those plastic caps. There are a few Clubs in the district who are collecting.

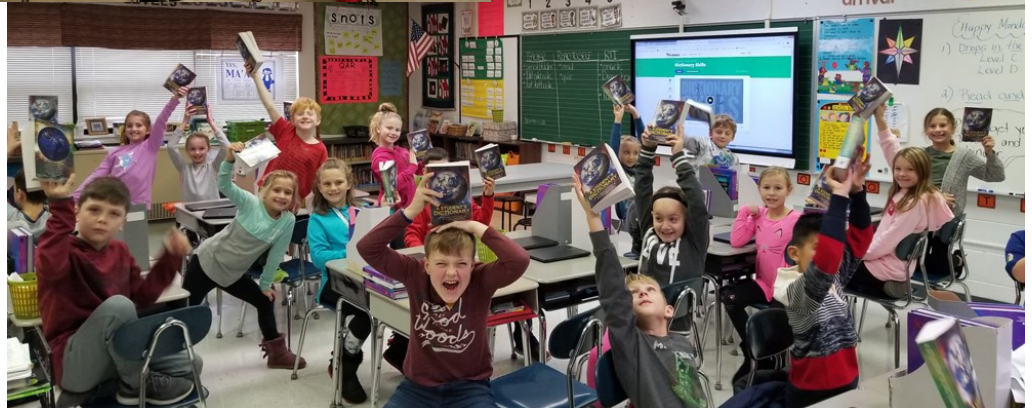


Dictionaries

Left: Lion Carolyn Toosley of the Schererville Central Lions and Lions Patty Cooke and Mike Gutyan of the Schererville Lions joined forces to hand out dictionaries to the five schools in their town.



Below: Some very happy 3rd graders received dictionary from the St. John Lions.





Lowell Lions

Setting up for their annual Christmas Tree Sale. All the trees are \$43.00 (no tax) we help load the trees and every tree comes with a free tree disposal bag. Any child that comes shopping with their parent gets a candy cane provided by Santa Claus .. !!!



Left: Hamlet Lions President Tiffany Nagai presented Lion of the Year award to Vice District Governor Mitchell Semans and Lion Larry Jernas



Right: The Schererville Lions handed out cookies and cocoa to lots of happy children when Santa came to town. Waving from the back is their newest member, Lion Caleb Johnson.



ALL NEW SEMINARS

- Eyeglass Recycling – How you can help
- Marketing communications to improve your club's presence
- Beyond the Numbers: People Helping People
- Anyone can make baked beans (or, we've always done it that way)
- Making community partnerships simplify your fundraising
- Have you considered being a Leader Dog puppy raiser?
- What's this fuss about MyLION?
- GPS for Clubs: Orientation for Lions
- Let's broaden our horizons: Getting out of the 'Club Box'
- Effective presentations-Steps to be an effective communicator
- Online Leadership Resource Center
- Internet Fraud Protection
- Organizing and reporting club service projects
- Diabetes Awareness
- Generational Leadership Styles
- Finding Money in Your Community

January 11-12, 2019

Registration information

is on Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference
Facebook page or at <https://bit.ly/2F8VaOZ>



NEW LOCATION

Everything under one roof! The Mid-Winter Conference will be
In the Crowne Plaza at the Indianapolis Airport.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Professional FAMILY comedian Craig Tornquist has done over
3000 shows across the country, and according to hm, three of those
went really well! Full audience participation, hilarious
competition and the change to win some rotten gifts.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Relive Helen Keller excerpts from the 1925 speech she gave at
the LCI convention. The program continues in third person
as she relates on Helen's life and experiences. Inspirational and
educational!

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2019 State Convention

Why should you attend the State Convention in Ft Wayne? Along with business sessions, Friday night Party, W.P. Wood Luncheon, All State Banquet, seminars, Memorial service and voting, there will be golf at Colonial Oaks Friday at 10 am and Walking Tours Saturday afternoon. More details will follow. Check our Facebook page and website for updates.



Ready to have some fun!? Then come play EUCHRE with some of the best players in the state...at least that's what we've been told!

The 8 round tournament will begin after the Friday night dinner. There is no registration fee, but we ask that you donate a small gift card that can be used for prizes. It promises to be a fun night of cards and great food...potluck fare, please bring a snack or a dessert to share.

Pre-registration is requested. Email PDG Peg VanNevel at pitchinpeg@yahoo.com and provide your name, email and phone number. If you don't play euchre and would like to be a part of the fun, volunteers are needed for scorekeeping and organizing the food.

Winter Special Olympics

Please help the Lions of Indiana to reach our \$10,000 sponsorship of the 2019 games — we need about \$3000 — by December 18th 2018 hopefully or year end. Please talk to your club members to help support this wonderful experience for these Special Olympians. Contact PDG Steve for more information

Lion PDG Steve Holtzleiter
25D State Chair
765-425-1473



Mid Winter Conference Silent Auction



The Mid Winter Conference will be here before we know it. We are again holding a Silent Auction at the conference on Jan. 12, 2019. Each Indiana Lions District is asked to donate at least 3 items worth \$20 or more for the auction.

Last year we were successful in raising funds for Youth Programs. If you have items to donate for this year's auction please let your District Governor know and send what you are donating to lindamscott@comcast.net. That way I will be able to make the bid sheets before the auction and have things ready to go on Jan. 12. Items may be brought to the dinner on Friday night Jan. 11, or they may be brought first thing Saturday morning.

We will have a nice surprise for the person who donates the item that has the most bids on it.



Mid-Winter Conference
MD25
2019

NEW SERVICE PROJECT



We'll be collecting socks, mittens and scarves for distribution to needy kids in your own District.



2019 Lions International Convention
Buongiorno—good morning, good afternoon, good-day, good evening, good night [interjection, noun] words used (depending on the time of day) when meeting or leaving someone.

2019 Lions International Convention

Are you set to go to the next International Convention or considering it? Here are some important dates to remember for registration:

Registration fee before January 11th is \$150 then goes to \$200 until March 31st. At that point it will be \$225 including onsite registration. Alpha Leo cost is \$20 and Omega Leos is \$100 for all time periods.

Please note that when submitting the hotel deposit there is an 8% fee if using a credit card. If paying LCI by check for initial registration there would not be an 8% fee on the hotel deposit.

Will you be planning some additional fun outside of the Lion events? I hope so! The following preferred tour companies are offering Lions a variety of Pre- and Post-Convention Tours for you to select from. Italy has so much to choose from – the Italian Alps, its famous beaches and coastal cities, its capital city Rome with its historic sites, Vatican City, spectacular art, fashion, sports cars, plus Italy's world-famous cuisine, wines and hospitality.

Are you interested in traveling beyond Italy to another country? These LCI preferred tour companies can help you plan this too! Visit the LCI Convention website LCICon.Lionsclubs.org for more info and links to each of these companies and what they offer.

AIM Italy

Since 1960, AIM Italy has been providing outstanding travel experiences thanks to its extensive network of preferred partners. Its AIM is to take advantage of a global know-how mixed with a local experience.

Central Holidays / Rose Marie's Travel LLC

Since 1972, Central Holidays / Rose Marie's Travel LLC has offered travelers superior travel programs, value, and service to some of the best destinations in Italy, the Mediterranean, Europe, and beyond.

Goway Travel

Goway Travel is offering Lions and their guests custom Pre- and Post-Convention tours highlighting some of the best Italian travel experiences and beyond. Interested in a cooking class in Tuscany? A visit to a charming Italian island on a private boat trip? A Mediterranean cruise? These are just some of their tour highlights. Goway's escorted tour packages include international air, hotels, transfers and touring.

Naonis Viaggi

Based in Italy, Naonis Viaggi has designed their custom "Lions On Tour in Italy" tour packages for Lions that showcase many of their favorite places and activities, or as they say, "Meet Italian charm and culture with the advice of your Italian travel agent." Naonis Viaggi's tours feature top cities and regions.

PCC Reed Fish - PDG Dick McKellar – PDG Patty Cooke
 CC Keith Thomas - Lion Bob Yunker - PCC Sue Topf

Indiana International Convention Committee





The Dyer Lions collected diapers for the St. Clare home. Pictured is Lion Erin Tacke with the director of the home program unit of St. Clare's. Estimated value of donation was \$625.

Recently twenty-eight members of the LaCrosse Leo's Club held a candy day sale in both LaCrosse and downtown Wanatah. The Leos would like thank everyone who supported the club in both towns and help them to raise \$1,935.52. Mrs. Guse stated, "I was so proud of our Leo members. What an amazing fundraising drive we had. All of our Leos were smiling, waving, and having a great time!"

The word "LEO" stands for Leadership, Experience, and Opportunity. Leo clubs encourage youth to develop leadership qualities by participating in social service activities. This week some of the Leo members will be visiting a nursing home. Leo member Brad Shireman said, "It always feels good to help out the community." The Leo members are very thankful for Mr. Bruder and Mrs. Guse for all the hard work they put into running the club.





Mill Creek Community Lions

Left: LaPorte American Legion Post # 83 member Cliff Parks accepts the personal hygiene items which were purchased by the Mill Creek Community Lions Club. These items were sent to our soldiers who are stationed in Afghanistan as part of the "Support Our Troops" program.



Above: Mill Creek Community Lions Club Assistant Treasurer Carolyn Hunt is presenting a cash donation to Cutler Funeral Home Owner Dale Knouse in LaPorte Indiana.

This donation will extend warmth and generosity for the 11th Annual "Bundle Up LaPorte" program. Warm clothing items are purchased to protect the needy during the cold winter months. Items are purchased for infant through adult and are distributed during the Living Hope event which included eye screening done by local Lions Clubs.

Indiana Harbor-East Chicago Lions Club



Pancake Breakfast & Coat Drive*

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Riley Park Pavilion

1005 East Chicago Ave.

\$6.00.... All you can eat....8am-12pm

***Collecting gently used coats and winter wear**

Drop box at Fife Funeral Home, 4201 Indianapolis Blvd. (side door)

Coat drive from Dec. 9th-January 12th.

Zones 2A & 2B Meeting

When: January 8 , 2019 at 6:15 pm

Where: Casa Del Roma

712 Calumet Ave.

Valparaiso, IN

Who: Lion Dick Ireland will be presenting

Please RSVP to Lion Carolyn Laviolette by Saturday, January 5th with your final count of members/guests who are attending. She can be reached at 219-741-2340

Welcome New Lions!

Chesterton—Lisa Magura
Sponsor: Cathy Kihl

La Crosse—Scott Sikora
Sponsor: Benjamin Erle

La Crosse—Kristy Simic
Sponsor: Leonard Lustgarten

La Crosse—Robert Younggreen
Sponsor: Justin Kiel

La Crosse—Sherry Younggreen
Sponsor: Justin Kiel

Schererville —Caleb Johnson
Sponsor: Jerry Tippy

Schererville Central— Ramona Jarvis
Sponsor: Carolyn Toosley

Lions Who Have Completed Their Service

Ralph Howes—La Porte

Carl Johnson—Valparaiso

South Haven Lions

The South Haven Lions Club will hold their annual Christmas Potluck on Thursday December 13th where we partake of good food and great camaraderie as we pack the boxes of food for the less fortunate families in our area.

These boxes are then delivered along with Christmas presents for all the children in each family by the Lion who has chosen that family. DG Lion Dennis Brown will be joining our festivities that evening!!



The Lacrosse Lions celebrated their 60th Anniversary and welcomed new members at their annual Charter Night. Above is DG Dennis with new members and their sponsors — with Cory Simic, Kristy Jeffers Simic, Scott Sikora, Sherry Butler-Younggreen and Justin Kiel .

MD25	LCI
Dec 2 Speech and Hearing Holiday Luncheon	Dec 1 Postmark deadline for DG Dennis to send one winning Peace Poster and/or Essay Entry to Multiple District
Dec 8 Indiana Lions Foundation Meeting	Dec 5 International Leo Day
Dec 15 Constitution and By-laws Committee Meeting	Jan 6—12 LCIF Week
Jan 11 Midwinter Conference Dinner	Jan 11 Last Day for Early Registration on LCICON in Milan
Jan 12 Midwinter Conference	Jan 12 Melvin Jones' Birthday
Jan 12 Long Range Planning Committee Meeting	Jan 15 Peace Poster Kits go on sale
Jan 13 3rd Council Meeting	



December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5 Munster OV	6	7	8
9 IHEC Pancake Bkfst	10 Portage OV	11 Valparaiso OV	12 Hobart OV	13 South Haven OV	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24		26	27	28	29
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