



District 25A News

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Dear 25A Lions

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas, I hope everyone is having a great start to the Holiday Season. I have to admit I am having a blast as your District Governor — having the opportunity to visit clubs and meet such amazing people doing amazing things in the name of Lions. I would like to thank all of you for all that you do for our communities. That's what Thanksgiving and Christmas are all about. Giving thanks and being blessed with all we have and then using those resources to give to others.

I am very proud of our clubs in 25A! I had the opportunity to pack gift bags for hospice patients with the Valparaiso Lions. Then I contributed to the Westville Club for the "Shop with a Lion" project where they take kids shopping for Christmas. Then I was part of the generous giving that the Ogden Dunes Lions do each meeting. I wish I could list everything all the clubs are doing. I will try to give shout outs when I can because what we do as Lions really does impact everyone. As DG, I have been exposed to many awesome people and their acts of service. I want to return the favor and support you as much as possible. So, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, if you have a fundraiser or project going on, call me or get the info to PDG Patty Cooke for calendar.

The first half of the year has gone by quickly and I want to keep the fun going. We have a great night planned of dancing, singing — and of course eating — on December 28th at the Wanatah American Legion. See flyer on page 4. Join us January 18th 9am at the Michigan City Elks for the third District and Cabinet Meeting. I am hoping for a great turn out since we have a lot of awards to recognize clubs and individuals for all their achievements. Then we have the District Convention March 13th and 14th to continue the fun, learn more about Lions, get great ideas on service projects and fundraisers and did I mention FUN!!! Please look for registration forms in the newsletter and emails from the CS Steve Helmken. You will have plenty of opportunity to register for these awesome events. Our district is also having another round of Zone Meetings and I want to encourage every Lion member to attend and if you can't make your zone go to a different zone. These events — zone meetings, district and cabinet meetings and conventions — are a great way to network, learn, catch up with old friend and make new friends.

I hope to have as much fun in the second half of my year. For those clubs I haven't visited, with I'll be seeing you soon. Again, thank you for all you do.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and God Bless.

District Governor Mitchell Semans





Lions of District 25A.

Wishing all our Lions a very happy and prosperous festive Season

This time of the year when I know a lot of clubs have a lot of projects in their communities to help families and children less fortunate. That is what Lionism is all about serving others, bring cheer to all

It has come time of the year that we are also thinking and arranging our district convention on 13/14th of March. Set the date in your calendar it will be a fun event.

We will be looking for someone to become our 2nd VDG for the 2020/2021 year. I am hoping that we have a few people interested in this very rewarding Leadership position not only in Lions but in leadership in general. If you are interested in leadership contact DG Mitch, myself or 2ndVDC David. We will be able to give you information and guidance.

I wish all and your Families a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Yours in Lionism

1VDG Lion Will Farrellbegg



Message from: Global Service Team

Happy Holidays from D25A. I want to reach out and say THANK YOU to all Lions that make this organization great. I know these next few months are busy times for most clubs. I would like each of you to reflect on what your club has accomplished and the needs your communities may need. Remember the small things that are simple for us and then those people who may have nothing or very little. I encourage clubs to help your local food pantry, winter shelter locations and other organizations that may need extra support for those unfortunate in our communities. It's easy for a club to write a check, lets reach out and take another step to gather and collect items such as: food baskets, paper goods, gloves, hats, blankets, scarfs, coats and personal hygiene supplies and show up to a homeless center, battered women's shelter, children's hospital, nursing home or even the town trustee in your community. No good deed is un-noticed, no good service provided is un-noticed and most of all it doesn't matter if we help one person or many people. With the awesome Lions of D25A keep up the great work you do and continue to keep Lions in the for front of your community members.

God Bless

2VDG, GST Dave Dickinson



Mid-Winter Conference Sock-It-To-Me

Please bring your new or 'gently used' mittens, gloves, scarves and hats to the MWC. They will be divided up and given to the District Governors and returned to the seven districts for distribution to agencies that will share them with individuals in your communities.

Mid-Winter
Conference



2020

Indiana's PREMIER Conference
January 10-11, 2020

Mid-Winter Conference Registration

YES- You can download a complete MWC registration packet from the this link: <https://bit.ly/2X5dVb7>

YES- You can participate in the Friday night Million Meal Project without attending or registering for the MWC.

YES- There are limited rooms available at the Crowne Plaza. Call now to make your reservation.

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Mid-Winter Conference Silent Auction

Proceeds will benefit Lions' Youth Activities.

Districts are requested to bring at least 3 quality items that will appeal to Lions that will bring at least \$20. Please bring items Fri. Evening or by 7:45 a.m. Sat. Contact PDG John & Linda Scott (317) 856-4089 or Lindamscott@comcast.net with what you will bring.

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HEY! WHATDA' SAY? WANT TO BE SCREENED FOR DIABETES?

THEN!!! Join us at the 31st annual Mid-Winter Conference (January 11, 2020) and **GET** screened. The Zionsville club is hosting a three-part diabetes screening session, in private, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon, at no charge

Please attend seminar #12 at 9 a.m. by LCIF presenter Dr. Mel Prince, Zionsville Lions Club

Diabetes undiagnosed can, after a period of time, be very detrimental to your health in many ways. Once damage is done there is no backing out!!!

- **Stage 1** 3-5 minute paper survey
- **Stage 2** fingerstick for blood glucose reading
- **Stage 3** A1c test (measures your average blood sugar levels over the last 120 days)

Diabetes Healthcare Professionals available to answer questions
For additional information contact R. L. McKellar
macagcon@tds.net or 317 769 2427



To register for MWC, please click on the following link:

<https://bit.ly/2X5dVb7>

You will find the registration information plus the schedule for all the seminars.

I hop to see you there.



March 13-15, 2020

District Governor Mitchell Semans'
Lions District 25A Convention

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***New Location:** Dynasty Banquets/Ramada Hotel – Hammond, Indiana



Location:

4125 Calumet Avenue
Hammond, IN 46320-1132

Phone: (219) 933-0505

Fax: (219) 933-0506



(I 90 and Calumet Ave.) 3 Miles from Horseshoe Casino

Convention Events Include:

Convention Speaker: ID Mark Lyons

Friday: Tour of the Mascot Hall of Fame

Saturday: Convention, Banquet, Silent Auction, Hospitality Suite



District 25A New Years Eve Bash

December 28, 2019

Wanatah American Legion

203 S Washington St. Wanatah, IN 46390

7pm- Midnight

\$15 or \$25 couple

RSVP by December 20th

Wendy Semans 219-851-2409 Tiffany Nagai tiffanypresel@hotmail.com

Come join fellow Lions for a night of fun! Dinner, cash bar, evening snacks, music, and dancing. State project booths on hand for information. We will be lighting luminary bags for loved ones that have passed from cancer.





2020 Indiana Lions State Convention

Hosted by District 25C

April 24, 25, 26, 2020



Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center
302 South College Ave., Bloomington, Indiana

Special Guests: Past International President Bob Corlew and Lion Dianne

Marriott Convention Hotel (Attached to Convention Center)

310 South College Ave., Bloomington, IN 47401 (Free Parking available at Convention Center)

Room Rate: \$139.00 per night, plus tax, **until March 23, 2020**

Call 1-800-321-2211 or 1-812-335-8000 for Reservations (Mention "Indiana Lions Convention")

NOTE: There are many other hotels in Bloomington, but this is a little 500 Weekend at IU, so be sure to book early!

Alternate Hotels in Bloomington are:

Hyatt Hotel, 1 ½ Blks. North of Convention Ctr., \$119 per night (812-339-5950), 217 S. Kirkwood Ave.

(The Hyatt Hotel charges \$10/day for parking, but serves free breakfast daily)

Fairfield Inn, 2.5 mi. from Conv. Ctr., \$103 per night, Breakfast included; (812-331-1122), 120 S. Fairfield Dr.;

Quality Inn, 2.2 mi. from Conv. Ctr., Breakfast included, 1100 W. Rappel Ave., \$70-80 per night (812-558-2289)

Registration Form (one form per person)

Deadline: All Registrations must be postmarked by April 10, 2020

Please print name/Lion Title as desired on name badge:

Name and Lion Title: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

District: _____ Club: _____ E-mail: _____

Friday Evening BBQ Dinner \$15.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Lunch: Choose 1 below: \$10.00 = \$ _____

Garden Salad _____ or Club Sandwich _____

(Both include chips, fruit salad, cookie & drink)

Saturday Night Banquet: Choose 1 below \$25.00 = \$ _____

Chicken Piccata _____ or Citrus Glazed Pork Chop _____

(Please mark as needed: Gluten free _____ Vegetarian/Vegan _____)

Sunday Brunch \$15.00 = \$ _____

Friday Golf Outing (Pay at golf course \$40.00)

Strides Walk T Shirt Size (S to 2XL) _____ \$10.00 = \$ _____

2020 Indiana Convention Pin \$ 4.00 = \$ _____

Total Registration Paid \$ _____



Mail This Registration Form and your Check, payable to

Indiana Lions State Convention 2020, to:

PDG Jim Query, 2408 Shepard Patrick Rd., Spencer, IN 47460

(Contact info: 1-812-829-4496 or jequery@bluemarble.net)

You may also Register Online and pay with PayPal: www.indianalionsconvention.org



Family surprised with \$1K donation from St. John Lions Club

Three weeks after Briella Lukesch was born at Franciscan Health hospital in Crown Point, she was diagnosed with Herpes simplex virus, type 1. HSV-1 is transmitted from oral-to-oral contact, and her family believes someone at the hospital kissed her, causing the virus. From the moment she was born until she was 3 weeks old, she hadn't opened her eyes.

So, the Lukesch family, who live in St. John, took Briella to a specialist, who tried a couple of medications to fight off bacterial infections. However, it wasn't working. The specialist referred the family to a cornea specialist at the University of Chicago Medicine campus. She was admitted for two weeks, and since then has had various doctors, including a cornea specialist, an infectious disease doctor and a pediatric ophthalmologist.

During a routine checkup in December 2018, the pediatric ophthalmologist said Briella was nearsighted instead of farsighted, something uncommon in babies. In April 2019 during another routine checkup, the family found out Briella had pediatric glaucoma. In a four-month time span, Briella's eyeglasses prescription went from -2 to -7.

Since the end of April, Briella has had three surgeries — one in her left eye and two in her right eye. She was supposed to get another surgery in early November to put in a device to help keep the drainage system open in her right eye. That was until the family found out about Rhopressa eye drops, which help lower her eye pressure.

The family pays \$1,000 every month toward Briella's medical bills: \$350 for one brand of eye drops that isn't covered by insurance, \$60 for other eye drops after a co-pay, \$60 for oral medication and \$600 toward the \$9,000 bill she has from her multiple surgeries.

The St. John Lions Club heard about Briella and decided to help. To help offset some of the costs, the club donated \$1,000 to the family in mid-November. If other clubs want to donate to the Lukesch family, please send donations through the St. John Lions Club. Checks can be made out to Briella Lukesch and sent to the St. John Lions Club at P.O. Box 331, St. John, IN, 46373.



The Westville Lions participated in the peace poster project. Above, holding the winning artwork, are Westville Lions President Whitney Martin and Laci Ann Wilke, their

WP Woods Awards

Notice from the Indiana Lions Foundation

There are just a handful of the Centennial WP Woods Medallions left, and they are being offered at a discount!

For a limited time only, these last few commemorative plates are being offered for only \$500.00 or 10 credits. Once these plates are gone there will be no more ordered.

This offer is good until December 31st, 2019 or until the plates are sold whichever comes first.

Please contact Trustee Lion Sandy Ruane for your chance to own one of these Medallions.

Sandy Ruane fsruane@frontier.com
203 S. Park Dr.
Seymour, IN 47274

www.indianalionsfoundationmd25.org

Lions Who Have Completed their Service

Helen Louise Heise

Bass Lake

Welcome New Lions!

Bass Lake — Robert Lorenz

Sponsor: Terry White

Lakes of the 4 Seasons — James J Furlong

Sponsor: Charmain Ganley

Lakes of the 4 Seasons — Maura A Marcotte

Sponsor: Charles De Las Casas

Rolling Prairie — Nancy A Biggum

Sponsor: Theodore Hull

Rolling Prairie — Brandon Rose

Sponsor: Daisy King

Rolling Prairie — Amanda Collins

Sponsor: Daisy King

Rolling Prairie — Sarah Rose

Sponsor: Daisy King



Happy
Holidays!



Westville Lions

Above: The Senior Event held on Dec 16 at The Westville United Methodists Church. We hosted 97 seniors with 13 carry-out meals for local senior citizens.

Left: Westville Lions Kurt and Lisa Crizer enjoying the candy day events. The money raised supports their Shop with a Lion event to help take children shopping for the holiday season.

December 2019 Calendar

Dec	5	Westville OV
Dec	6	Schererville Central OV
Dec	7	Council Chair Christmas Party—Indianapolis
Dec	8	Speech and Hearing Luncheon—Indianapolis
Dec	11	Veteran's Day
Dec	9	Union Mills Senior Dinner
Dec	10	Portage OV
Dec	11	Hobart OV
Dec	12	South Haven OV
Dec	17	Hammond OV
Dec	20	Stars Wars the Rise of Skywalker opens
Dec	25	Merry Christmas!
28	1	District 25A New Year's Eve Bash
Jan	2	Crown Point OV
Jan	1	Happy New Year!
Jan	10-11	Midwinter Conference in Indianapolis — see flyers page 3
Jan	18	Cabinet Meeting — Michigan City Elks

