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Dear Lions,



I am hoping that you all had a Happy Thanksgiving and were able to have some family time. This year, 2020, has been a very different and difficult year for all of us as we are dealing with COVID-19. As we enter this holiday season, I wish you all a happy festive season. Let us all continue to support fellow Lions in our Club, District, State, and Worldwide.

I am Happy to announce the District has now appointed CC/IPDC Mitch Semans as our 1st VDG. Mitch will be a great asset for our district with the help he will be able to provide for myself and 2nd VDG Nick Gonzalez. Replacing officers on our governing team during the year can sometimes be difficult, so I ask you all to support our decision as well as support the District the upcoming year.

I would like to remind our District of a goal I set for my year as District Governor which is membership retention. I would like to encourage all clubs to not only maintain your current membership but to also increase it. We have had the ask one campaign in the past where it was encouraged to ask a friend, neighbor, or family member to come to a meeting. As clubs get back to in person meetings this might be a great way to get a friend out of the house; invite them to a meeting and see what happens.

You can also take advantage of zoom meetings and someone can join the meeting from the comfort of their own home. As Lions we serve, and one way we serve is by growing our clubs. If every club could add one or two members our district would grow substantially. Meeting prospective members can be difficult at this time due to clubs not being able to meet and host our traditional in person fundraisers and service projects. One way that we can overcome this is to look closer to home and see if family members and close friends would like to join. Together we can carry on our mission to serve and share the good work that we have done as Lions throughout the years.

Wishing all Lions a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Stay Safe

Yours in Lionism,

DG Will Farrellbegg

2ND Vice District Governor, Nick Gonzalez

Hello there, fellow Lions! I hope each of you had a safe and happy Thanksgiving. Celebrations may have been tempered a bit, but I am thankful for any family gathering I could enjoy. I realize service opportunities are challenging during the pandemic. However, there are many members of our communities who need our help. Please consider donating to or volunteering at your local food pantry. Donate to Toys for Tots or an Angel Tree project. Many clubs have not been meeting in person during the late stages of the pandemic. Please check on club members you have not seen in awhile. A simple hello can go a long way. I wish you each a safe and merry holiday season. Thank you for all of the wonderful service you have provided your communities this year. You are appreciated!

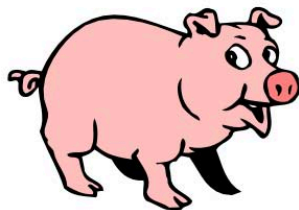
Yours in Lionism,
2VDG Nick Gonzalez

Congratulations CC Mitchell Semans on being appointed 1st VDG.





Hobart Lions Club
PORK CHOP DINNER
Carry out only



DATE:
TIME:
LOCATION:
LUTHERAN

January 31st
3:30-5:30 pm

TRINITY
SCHOOL

891 LINDA ST. HOBART

COST: \$10 one chop; \$13 two chops

For tickets call

Clarence at 942-4433 or Joe at 781-9604

Profit supports:

Pack Away Hunger and Hobart Food Pantry

Mill Creek Community
Lions Club

Culver's Give Back Dates
10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

December 9, 2020

Please mark your calendar.
Thank you for your support!

The Rolling Prairie Lions have an
Upcoming give back night at
Culver's in LaPorte.
Make sure to mention their name
while you are dining!
December 8th



Hobart Lions Club Raffle

- 1st Place \$500 Gift Certificate from Trailblazers Bike Shop**
- 2nd Place \$100 Air Conditioner from Ace Hardware**
- 3rd Place \$100 Gift Basket Cara's Salon**
- 4th Place Acoustic Guitar from Guitar Center**
- 5th Place \$110 Various Gift Cards**

Drawing December 9, 2020

Donation \$5 or 6 for \$25
Winner need not be present

Tickets donated by Burns Funeral Home
 and Crematory, Hobart and Crown Point



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 Address _____
 City _____
 Phone (____) _____

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Lion Barbara Birby working and participating in the Mill Creek Community Lion's Blood Drive of November 4. A total of 29 pints were collected.



Congratulations to Lion Paul Tuszyński for his ten years as chairperson and as originator of the Mill Creek Community Lions Community Service Blood Drive. Lion Paul is now retiring from that chairpersonship. Thanks to his leadership we are fast approaching the plateau of 2,000 blood donors. Pictured to his left is Lori Caputo, District Manager Donor Recruitment, American Red Cross Blood Services, Indiana-Ohio Region and to his right, presenting the Red Cross certificate of appreciation is Amira Dedic, Account Manager American Red Cross Blood Services, Indiana-Ohio Region. The Red Cross provided a decorated cake which was served in his honor. New chairpersons for the blood drives are Lion Sherry Evenburg and Lion Kathy Trevillian.



The Door Village Lions Club
is having a give back night
at the La Porte Culver's
December 3rd
10 AM - 10 PM
Mention their name when
you place your order!



 **LOWELL LIONS** 
CHRISTMAS TREE SALE
LOCATION
CORNER of RT-2 & MILL ST
SALE DATES
BEGINS
NOVEMBER 21ST NOON TO 8:00PM
THRU
DECEMBER 12TH
OPEN @ NOON TO 8:00PM
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
AND
OPEN 10:00 TO 8:00
SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS
TREE VARIETIES
FRAISER FIR
BALSAM FIR
DOUGLAS FIR

Michigan City Lions Club have some upcoming fundraisers. Please contact Lion Irene 219-878-5678 for the coupons for the events.

Victory lane auto spa, Car Wash Coupons,
3417 franklin street
These are \$10 each.

On Saturday, December 5th, we will have our annual pointsettia sale. The pointsettias are \$15 each and can be ordered in red, white or pink.

These need to be picked upon the day of the sale.

Both cash and personal checks are accepted.

We are also planning a candy sale at

Fannie Mae

102 west US -20 On TUESDAY, December 15th.

**The Michiana Lions Club
is hosting a Reverse
Advent food drive to
benefit the Salvation
Army in Michigan City.**

**If you have any questions
you can call:**

office 219-874-6885

Jessica O'Brian ext 1003

Dale Simmons ext 1007

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

**EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.**

December 1 - box of cereal
December 2 - peanut butter
December 3 - stuffing mix
December 4 - boxed potatoes
December 5 - macaroni and cheese
December 6 - canned fruit
December 7 - canned tomatoes
December 8 - canned tuna
December 9 - dessert mix
December 10 - jar of applesauce
December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
December 12 - cranberry sauce
December 13 - canned beans
December 14 - box of crackers
December 15 - package of rice
December 16 - package of oatmeal
December 17 - package pasta
December 18 - spaghetti sauce
December 19 - chicken noodle soup
December 20 - tomato soup
December 21 - can corn
December 22 - can mixed vegetables
December 23 - can carrots
December 24 - can green beans

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Tis the Season to give back!

Please think of your local food bank as many will be in need of donations this holiday season.

Please think of local Church Resale Shops as you go through closets and old toys. Many resale shops give back or donate to families in need.

Also, consider local shelters for used coats, clothes, and toys no longer in use!

Please keep our First Lady Martha Farrellbegg in your thoughts and prayers, her Fiber Myalgia Rheumatic has returned. Both she and DG Will have to isolate due to the medicine and how they impact her immune system. DG Will is still available for Club Visits but he will be present via zoom and not in person. Thank you for your understanding.

Please be safe and stay healthy!



Wanatah Lions Club December Car Wash Fundraiser
DECEMBER 1ST THRU DECEMBER 31ST 2020

VISIT CREW CAR WASH BY USING YOUR MOBILE PHONE CAMERA AND SCANNING THIS BARCODE TO PURCHASE YOUR E-WASH TICKET TODAY. **TICKETS PURCHASED NEVER EXPIRE**

*** **USE PROMO CODE 60646 AT CHECKOUT.** ***

GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS FOR TEACHERS, OFFICE STAFF, PASTORS/PRIEST, NURSES, BUS DRIVERS, MAIL DELIVERY, HS & COLLEGE STUDENTS.

Carwash	E-WASH CARWASH High-quality washes featuring eight signature soaps, heated water, heated dryers. \$10.00
Choose Two Wash	E-WASH CHOOSE 2 Choose TWO: Clear Coat, Wheel Bright, Underbody Wash, Tire Shine. \$15.00
Works Wash	E-WASH WORKS Clear Coat, Wheel Bright, and Underbody Wash. \$17.00
Ultimate Wash	E-WASH ULTIMATE Wheel Bright, Tire Shine, Underbody Wash and FastWax. \$20.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE BY SCANNING THIS QR CODE WITH YOUR MOBILE PHONE CAMERA APP

PAPER COPIES AVAILABLE THRU YOUR LOCAL LIONS CLUB MEMBER OR VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



LIONS
 YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE
SECOND DUAL ZONE MEETING
 OF
ZONES 3A & 3B

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021

6:00 PM @
 Christos Family Restaurant

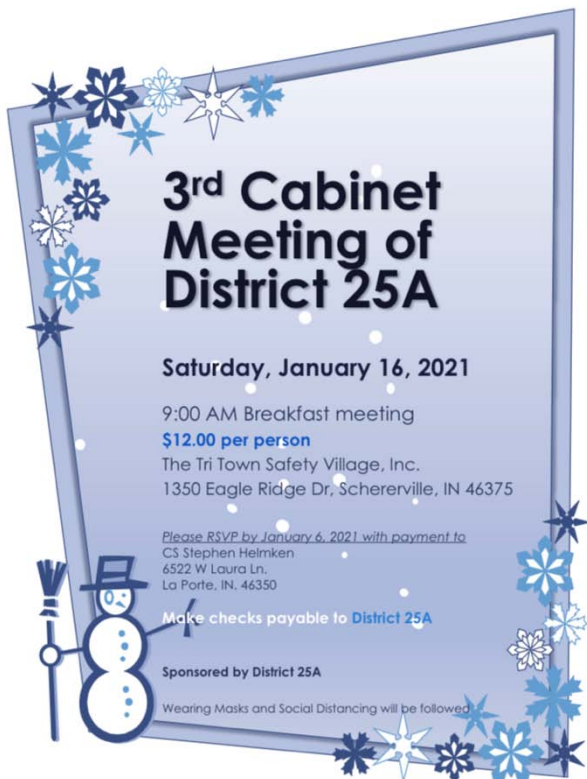
1462 W State Rd 2
 La Porte, IN 46350

We will order off the menu and payment will be your responsible.

Please R.S.V.P. by January 8, 2021
 ZC Stephen Helmken
 219-879-2539 or
lionstephenh@gmail.com

PDG Randy Greer will be our guest telling us about LCIF.

Each Club should be prepared to give a report on activities since last Zone meeting.

3rd Cabinet Meeting of District 25A

Saturday, January 16, 2021

9:00 AM Breakfast meeting
\$12.00 per person
 The Tri Town Safety Village, Inc.
 1350 Eagle Ridge Dr, Schererville, IN 46375

Please RSVP by January 6, 2021 with payment to
 CS Stephen Helmken
 6522 W Laura Ln,
 La Porte, IN. 46350

Make checks payable to District 25A

Sponsored by District 25A

Wearing Masks and Social Distancing will be followed

**MODERN WOODSMEN
 AGENT AMY WELKIE
 PRESENTED A CHECK TO
 WANATAH LIONS PRESIDENT
 CAROL BENKIE. THE MONEY
 WILL BE USED TO FEED
 LOCAL ELEMENTARY
 STUDENTS OVER THE
 CHRISTMAS/COVID 19
 BREAK.**



Mill Creek Community Lions Club

Mill Creek, Indiana

Pictured Left to Right: Secretary Marolyn Klockow

Captain Chris Karlin- Salvation Army LaPorte County

President Thomas Sharp

The officers of the Mill Creek Community Lions Club are shown making a cash donation to the Salvation Army for their expenses preparing meals during the holiday season.

Captain Karlin has worked in LaPorte for a year and helped serve 45,000 meals this year. They have served 35,000 meals from their food truck from March thru July.

Over 600 kids are served thru the week end backpack program.

The Red Kettle goal for this year is \$70,000.00 and stops on Christmas Eve.

The Salvation Army is always looking for volunteers.



Zone Meetings are perfect for all club members to attend. It gives you the opportunity to learn what other clubs in your local area are doing. Now more than ever we have had to get creative with our fundraisers and service projects because we cannot serve in our traditional ways.

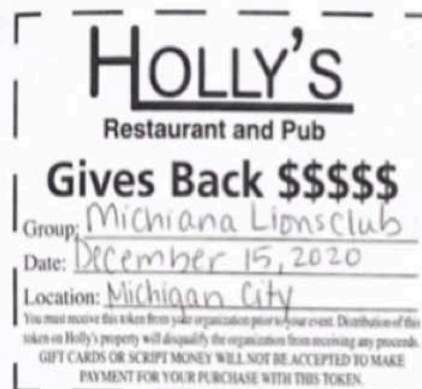
Attending your zone meeting will allow you to share what works and doesn't work with other clubs. Together we can serve our communities and help everyone through these trying times.

The Cabinet Meeting is also open to everyone. These meetings have a wealth of knowledge on what is happening within the District and State. Please consider coming to the meeting.



The Michiana Lions Club raised \$140 from their Hacienda give back night.

They will have a give back night at Hollys in Michigan City on December 15th. Please show this coupon for their club to receive credit.



Crown Point Lions

The Bingo Bacon and Steak Sale was remarkably successful. Congratulations to Lion Vicky Klein for organizing the event. Great job!! Thank you, Lion Volunteers, Cindy Beckman, Rich Day, Ron Gang, Rose Kendall, Chuck and Colene McKean, Sandy Nadolski, and Donna Worst. The Profit was \$5426.55. The Lions Bench has been placed at Brideport Park, Crown Point. Take a stroll in the park and have a seat. Thank you, Lions Rich and Ed, for putting the Bench in place.



Joan C. Sherrington

February 21, 1940 - November 28, 2020

We are saddened by the loss of fellow Lion Joan Sherrington. Joan was a member of the Crown Point Lions Club since 2003 where she was a Secretary for 4 years. Our prayers go out Lion Donna and her family for their loss.

The Crown Point Lions offer our deepest sympathy.



Welcome New Members:

Koontz Lake Lions:

JAMES YORKO

SARA YORKO

Sponsor: JAMES MILLICE

RENSSELAER LIONS:

MATTHEW E MC ADOW

Sponsor: JERRY MCKIM

ST JOHN LIONS:

MRS. NANCY WELLS

Sponsor: SANDI PETEE

Members that have
completed their service.

Chesterton Lions:

JAMES S THORSTAD

Crown Point Lions:

JOAN C SHERRINGTON



December Calendar

December 9th - Club Visit Hobart

December 10th - Club Visit South Haven

December 13th - Club Visit Indiana Harbor

December 18th - District Convention Planning Meeting

International Understanding: Lions in Germany

There are 52,000 Lions members in Germany in 1,500 Clubs. German Lions are in Multiple District 111 that has 19 individual districts. The first Lions Club in Germany was in Dusseldorf. In MD 111-Germany there are five committees: for statutes and organization, long-term planning, finance, information technology, and for communication/magazine "LION". They each have their own rules of procedure and usually meet two or three times a year. They support the Governor's Council by processing orders or by means of their own proposals.

Since 2016, the Multi-District Assembly of the German Lions Clubs has been held as part of a congress. The Congress of the German Lions (KDL) wants to be an attractive and informative conference, where the Lions can deal with current social issues, learn about projects and offers in the multi-district 111-Germany and exchange ideas with other Lions about the Lions organization worldwide and club activities. Public meetings and workshops and discussions illuminate the framework theme from different sides and provide impulses for the daily club work.

Lions Club projects and fundraisers are very similar to those here in the US, such as Rose festivals, golf tournaments, coronavirus support, supporting local police, elder care, selling advent calendars, and playgrounds but everyone has an Oktoberfest. All district and country-wide projects are now managed through the Foundation of the German Lions. German Lions are very supportive of Lions Quest, Youth Exchange, and the Lions Youth Music Prize (an instrumental music competition throughout Europe). More information on individual club projects can be read at <https://www.lions.de/clubberichte>.

German Lions meetings are a little more formal than here in the US with men wearing suits and skirts/dresses for ladies. Most clubs have friendship banners to present to guests. German Lions and their meeting speakers are more political than what we are accustomed to. An excerpt from the MD-111 website describes German Lions flavor as:

"We stand for a liberal, social and cosmopolitan society. Free from all party political, religious and national considerations, we have always been committed to maintaining peace, understanding between peoples and promoting a good sense of citizenship. This also applies, and in particular, to the 'European project'.

We, the German Lions, see the growing renationalisation and the risk that Europe will no longer be able to take advantage of the advantages and future opportunities that have already been gained. We see European integration as a great project for the benefit of all citizens and we will support it with all our possibilities. These include increased activities of local Lions Clubs, the appointment of European representatives in the districts and cross-border cooperation with the approximately 250,000 Lions in Europe at conferences and meetings, to the strengthening of the annual European Forum, where contacts are established across Europe, issues discussed, youth exchanges and other projects agreed."

When traveling to Germany, be sure to have your passport. No VISA is required. Once you enter a European country like The Netherlands, and go through Customs, you do not go through customs again until you leave a country of the European Union. The Euro is the currency. Be sure to visit Berlin if you have never been there to see the Checkpoint Charlie and museum, The Reichstag, the Brandenburg Gate, the remnants of the Berlin Wall, and then go to Potsdam where Truman, Churchill, and Stalin met to finish the World War II and where Truman gave the order to drop the atomic bomb. You will learn more about US involvement in WW-II history than you did in school.



The Information and Technology Committee for the Indiana Lions is composed of a representative from each district. Regularly, the committee will provide information regarding all things technical that will help you remain safe, secure, and knowledgeable about the devices and platforms you use. Feel free to suggest subjects to your district chair that you would like covered in future newsletters.

Backup, Backup, Backup . . . My Kingdom for a Backup!

You have had your PC, cell phone, or other computing device for years. Never had a problem with it. It runs just as fast as the day you bought it. You don't need to backup it up you think? Wrong!

All devices are in danger of a catastrophic failure. You could lose years of photographs, personal documents, and even Lions documents – many of these which are irreplaceable. You will lose a lot of hard work and memories if your device fails.

A few ways you could lose files and data are . . .

1. **Environmental** – Flood (rain or broken water pipe), extreme heat or cold, fire, dirt (how often do you open and vacuum your desktop PC?)
2. **Physical** – Dropped, thrown, knocked to the floor, stolen
3. **Cyber** – Hackers can place ransomware on your device so you cannot access your data without paying them a fee
4. **Natural Causes** – Every electronic device has a shelf life. Used long enough, every device will fail

To mitigate the impact of the above (or any other reason), you must backup your files. Many cell phone providers offer free backup of a phone to their cloud, so this article will concentrate on desktop devices.

PC Backup Methods

1. USB Flash Drive

- a. **PROS** – Convenient, cheap, and easy to use. They're transportable and can be easily stored. 128 Gigabyte (GB) devices are as low as \$20. 1 Terabyte (TB) devices are near \$200.
- b. **CONS** – Limited storage. Easily lost, stolen, and broken.

2. External Hard Drive

- a. **PROS** – Portable, convenient, easy to use, holds a lot of data, can be setup to create automatic backups. Relatively inexpensive even for multiple terabyte devices. 2 TB is around \$60-\$100, Solid state drives at 1 TB can be had for around \$125.
- b. **CONS** – Can be lost, stolen, and broken.

3. Online backup services

- a. **PROS** – Backs up to the cloud over your internet, files can be shared with multiple devices, increased security for your data, convenient, can be setup to back up regularly (even daily). Files can be recovered across the internet or by mailed device.
- b. **CONS** – Initial backup over the internet can take days depending on internet speed and amount of data (*most providers provide physical options*). If you lose your setup password, you cannot access your data and will have to do an initial back up again. Requires a monthly or yearly subscription.

All three options are good ones depending on your needs. The best is to use an online service. A few options to investigate are (in no particular order) . . .

☐☐ **iDrive** – 5 TB, \$52/year for the first year, \$69/year thereafter

☐☐ **BackBlaze** – \$60/year, cost effective, unlimited backups

☐☐ **Acronis True Image** – One computer, \$50/year, detects and reverses ransomware

There are other online backup services, but not all are equal. Do not rely on free services (you know who they are). Your solutions should support restoring multiple versions of a file. It should be fully automated for best results.

If you choose to use a physical device backup like a USB drive or an external hard drive, for all reasons good and decent, please **DO NOT** store the device next to your PC. Put it in a safe, safety deposit box, or even leave it with a trusted relative.

Submitted by PDG Dan Wilcox and the Indiana State Lions IT Committee

MWC Schedule

9:30 am- Opening session with message from LCI special guest

10 am- Seminar #1

11 am- Seminar #2

Noon- Lunch (of course, on your own!)

1 pm- Seminar #3

2 pm- Seminar #4

3 pm- Closing remarks

3:15 pm- Adjournment, in plenty of time for everyone to return home!

VIRTUAL

Mid-Winter Conference MD25

JAN. 23 2021

Register at- <https://bit.ly/in-lions-mwc-2021-reg>

ONE DAY ONLY

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Virtual Mid-Winter Conference Planned

This year's Mid-Winter Conference will be a trailblazer on many fronts in Indiana Lions leadership history. Most significant will be the online format, being the first such leadership opportunity offered to Lions throughout the state. Attendance at a central physical location will not be required so there also will not be any registration fees associated with the conference.

Of course, there will be several items missing from the conference due to the uncertainties of what restrictions the coronavirus might have by the January 23, 2021 date. Gone are the numerous displays by state projects, the silent auction, other Lion-sponsored programs, and projects, as well as the opportunities for personal, one-on-one interactions among Lions and visitors to the MWC. This year the conference will have four seminars, allowing all attendees to attend. Earlier this year, past MWC attendees were surveyed to help the organizing committee plan and schedule seminar topics that were identified as the most interesting and useful. The list was narrowed to four in attempt to respond to the requests of over 100 previous MWC attendees.

The 2021 MWC will begin at 9:30 a.m. with an introduction by a special LCI guest. Seminars will be at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., with a one-hour break for lunch. The conference will conclude at 3:15 p.m., allowing all attendees to return home by, well of course, 3:15 p.m. There will be NO SNOW cancellations.

The four topics follow.

- 1) **Conducting online meetings and seminars-** Lion Jennifer Drapalik, a seasoned organizer and moderator of several online meetings, including Zoom, the one that will be used to host this year's MWC, will de-myth the mysteries of setting up, hosting and handling other details in holding a successful online meeting.
- 2) **Everything you want to know about recruiting new Lions-** PDG Charles Short will moderate this panel discussion, featuring winning programs and tactics from successful club marketers, area specialists, and recruiters from around Indiana and the Great Lakes Region. Special guest Dave Wineman, LCI's North American Membership Initiative Regional Chair will be on the panel.
- 3) **The 'magic' of membership retention-** PCC Ross Drapalik will talk about the two most significant reasons Lions leave our organization: They are either 'pulled' away or we 'push' them away from our organization. His powerful presentation has received recognition from those groups where his seminar was given.
- 4) **Putting 'FUN' in FUNdraising-** Even with restrictions imposed on clubs by the Covid-19 pandemic, PDG Mary Jane Bodnar will moderate this discussion that will feature several innovative fundraising projects that have proven to be profitable as well as FUN. MWC participants are encouraged to share their experiences.

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Mentioned earlier was the 'no registration fee' feature of this year's MWC. Holding our conferences previously was extremely costly. Several years ago, we were forced to move our conferences from the school buildings in Plainfield, which severely restricted our ability to expand the conference and required travel from hotel facilities to the conference location. Few hotels matched our needs in terms of meeting rooms, banquet areas and affordable overnight accommodations. In addition, hotels required our use of their food service. The MWC had to highly subsidize previous conferences to bring the cost to their previous registration fees. This year's MWC virtual conference eliminates all these associated costs and will allow the first NO FEE conference of its type in Indiana Lions history.

Even with no fees required, ALL MWC ATTENDEES must pre-register for the conference. Details to host the online conference requires the committee to have enough capacity in the Zoom meeting that will accommodate those who want to attend. An online registration form will soon be available on the Indiana Lions website at <http://e-district.org/sites/md25/> as well as on district websites. Facebook posts on the MWC page, <https://www.facebook.com/IndianaLionsMidWinterConference>, will also have registration forms. All Lions who register will receive additional information about how to login to the MWC, including the password required. For those who need additional information about how to participate in a Zoom meeting format, a FAQ sheet will be available. The MWC Zoom meeting is available to Lions via either a computer, a tablet or smartphone with an internet connection, or through a regular telephone.

Black tie or pajamas, the choice is yours! But the decision to attend the virtual MWC requires registration. Make your decision and complete your online registration NOW.