

25A Pace Setter

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CONVENTIONS, CONVENTIONS, CONVENTIONS!!

It is that time of the year to start planning for District, State & International Conventions. This year is just flying past us, so Lions, "start making your reservations now", so you can see all your "Lion friends" and reflect on the year.

District Convention on March 13-14 in La Porte is coming together nicely under the direction of Lion R.C. Butch Weston and his committee. We are planning a couple of new features for recognizing "old Time Lions" as well as welcoming our featured speaker I.D. William "Bill" McKinney from M.D. #1. Please find all the needed forms in this newsletter.

Our State Convention in Columbus is also shaping up to be very special this year. How lucky we are in Indiana to have the International President, Lion Joe Preston and his wife Lion Joanie, join us this year. He is a dynamic speaker and perhaps he will even entertain us with his song "Strengthen the Pride". We have made every attempt to keep the cost low. District A will again partner with District C for our Hospitality Room. V.D.G. Randy Greer & Lion Pat will be in charge this year. The dates for State Convention are April 23-26.

We are encouraging all Lions to reach out to friends, family and anyone who would like to be more active in the world of Service. There are people out there and if we are truly committed to "strengthen the pride", we have to be willing to ask them to join the organization. It is time to make a membership push if we are to show an increase in members for the 2014-2015 year. 25A Lions, let's "SET THE PACE"!

Yours in Lionism,
District Governor
Lion Glenn Swanson
Maple City Lions

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First of all, we hope everyone had a great set of holidays.

We would like to thank State Assistant Secretary Gretchen Zentz, PDG Dan Wilcox and our very own Lion Al Konieczka from the St. John Lions for getting the Indiana Lions State Website up and running again with easy access to it. The website has been messed up for the last 18 months. On the website <http://www.indianalions.org> you can find all kinds of things: link to our District Website, State Projects, Printable forms, and you can touch the right hand of the screen and access Lions International.



The District 25A website <http://www.e-district.org/sites/25a/> has all the clubs that have websites in our District, what's going on in the District, Photos, Newsletter, and all kinds of things going on in our District.

Thanks again to Lion Al for keeping this up for us.

District 25A also has a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/25Alions> which has the latest news and photos of our District.

If you just want Lions International, just use their direct link <http://www.lionsclubs.org> You'll find more than you can imagine about Lions.

Back in September we decided as a family to upgrade to Smart Phones. There is a learning curve for a man that just turned 60 that only had a flip phone before. How many dumb things you can do with a phone when you only have to touch the screen with your fingers! Now since the first of the year, through trial and error, mostly errors, I can access all those websites. Now texting is still trial and error.



We Serve

Yours in Lions,

IstVDG Lion Randy Greer

2015-2016 Lions Year—Available Elected Offices

- 2nd Vice District Governor - 1 Year Term 2015 to 2016
- Ed Paine Care & Helping hands - 3 Year Term 2015 to 2018
 - One candidate from Region 3
- MD - International Convention Committee - 1 candidate - 3 Year Term 2015 to 2018
- State Foundation - Representing 25A - 1 candidate each - 3 Year Term 2015 to 2018
 - Cancer Control
 - Eye & Tissue Bank
 - Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
 - Indiana Lions Foundation
 - Speech & Hearing

To place your name in nomination, please contact:

Lion Gary Schaffer 387 Raritan Dr., Valparaiso, IN 46385 219-759-1473



DISTRICT 25-A LIONS

please join

Governor Glenn Swanson

for his

District Convention

"Set the Pace"

March 13-14, 2015



Best Western Hotel and Conference Center

Room Rate: \$79.99 per night (plus tax). Ask for Lions Rate

Reservations are to be made directly with the Hotel

8 am to 10:15 am, Conference Registration is FREE

Deadline for Convention & Meal Reservations: Feb 16, 2015

444 Pine Lake Avenue

La Porte, IN 46350

210-362-4585

Buffet Breakfast Saturday

Available for \$8.95/person

(free if you stay at hotel)

			Total
Friday, March 13th	Meet the ID	\$20.00 per person X _____	\$ _____
Saturday, March 14th	Deli Lunch	\$15.00 per person X _____	\$ _____
Saturday, March 14th	Banquet	\$27.00 per person X _____	\$ _____

Display table for our club _____ need electric _____

\$10 charge for clubs doing fundraisers

State & District Projects are **FREE**

Club: _____

Name/Title: _____

Name/Title: _____

Name/Title: _____

Mail to: CS Lion Roy (Bo) Zimmerman 602 E. Hamilton St. Union Mills, N 46382
219-767-2848 lionbo@frontier.com

**** Please Make Checks Payable to District 25-A Lions ****



Advertise in the 2015 District Ad Book

All Ads are due by February 16, 2015



Advertise your Club's Upcoming Fundraisers

Honor Your Melvin Jones Members

List your Past Presidents

Give a Welcome to our Special Guest

International Director William "Bill" McKinney

Congratulate the DG & VDG's

Place an AD for you Business—Lions Support Lions

ALL BUSINESS ADS 1/2 page or larger will also be posted in the Registration Area

Full Size Page		Design Size Width X Height	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Front Inside Cover	\$ 100.00 (Sold to DG)	7 X 9	
Back Page	\$ 200.00	7 X 9	
Back Inside Cover	\$ 100.00 (Sold to 1st VDG)	7 X 9	
Regular Page	\$ 100.00	7 X 9	
1/2 Page	\$ 60.00	7 X 4 1/2	
1/4 Page	\$ 35.00	3 1/2 X 4 1/2	

Detach and Return with Check and Picture Ready Ad

Or Send check and email your AD to CS Lion "Bo" Zimmerman

Name: _____

Club or Business: _____

Address: _____

City & State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Check Amount \$ _____

**** Please Make Checks Payable to District 25-A Convention ****



<input type="checkbox"/>	Ad is attached or emailed to Lion Bo@Frontier.com
<input type="checkbox"/>	Please design as Ad with the attached information

Mail to: CS Lion Roy (Bo) Zimmerman 602 E. Hamilton St. Union Mills, N 46382
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Vision Screening

Dear Governors,

I hope you have all enjoyed your holiday.

I hope that you have made progress in your efforts in forming your committees of volunteers to vision screen school age children. We have made some progress and I realize that this is going to take some time to become a full-scale project. The important thing is to keep trying.

It has been brought to my attention that some Lions have been calling Lion Janice Chapman, our KidSight co-ordinator for preschool vision screening, to get information about the school age children. The KidSight program is an all together different program than the school age Vision Screening program.

The Plus Optic camera is only designed for the KidSight program. It does not test for acuity because acuity requires input from the child.

Please do not confuse the two programs. If you need any help to screen school age children, please contact me or PDG Charlie Short. We will be more than happy to assist you with any information you may need.

Lion Janice should only be contacted for preschool screening. She does not have enough information on the vision screening project to be able to help you.

Please pass this information to your clubs so they will have it when they need it.

Sincerely,

PDG Nick Xinopoulos

Chairman, Vision Screening Project



**MUNSTER LIONS CLUB
ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
Sunday, March 1st, 2015 7:00 am to 1:00 pm



Munster High School Cafeteria
Columbia Ave. and Fisher St.
Munster, Indiana.

\$8.00 each for adults
\$5.00 for kids under 12.

Tickets are available from any Munster Lion or at the door.

All You Can Eat
Piping Hot Plain Pancakes or Blueberry Pancakes
Regular or Turkey breakfast sausage,
Juice, Milk, Coffee and all of the Trimmings

No highly paid executives!
All **proceeds will go for the 25 service projects** the Munster Lions
are committed to this year.

Vision screening will be available for pre-school children
Hearing screening will be available for children and adults

Bring your old eyeglasses and hearing aids for recycling
Bring your old keys for recycling to fund cancer research.

The Munster Lions Club would welcome both men and women as
new members. **Ask a Munster Lion about the club.**

Save the dates:

February 8, 2015	3rd District Meeting LaPorte, IN
February 17, 2015	Zone 1A Meeting Griffith, IN
March 13-14, 2015	District 25A Convention LaPorte, IN
April 23-25, 2015	MD25 State Convention Columbus, IN



Check out our Facebook webpage for additional pictures and stories

<https://www.facebook.com/25Alions>

Go to our website for full size copies of all the announcements and other links

<http://www.e-district.org/sites/25a>

**Please send information pictures, articles, etc for the newsletter to Lion Patty Cooke
by the 20th of the Month**

patty.cooke@gmail.com

DYER – GRIFFITH – HIGHLAND – MUNSTER – SCHERERVILLE

ZONE MEETING

Tuesday 2/17/15
REGION 1 ZONE C

JEDI RESTAURANT

CLINE AVENUE & RIDGE ROAD, GRIFFITH

Gather: 6:15 P.M. Order From Menu: 6:30 P.M.

Guest Speakers

Lion Butch Weston District Convention Committee
PDG Connie Roe Global Leadership Team Coordinator
PDG Kevin Roe Fishing For Life

For more information please call:

Zone Chair, PCC Michael S. Gutyen - 219.322.1359

Griffith Lions Club President, PDG Margaret Verkuilen - 219.923.0776

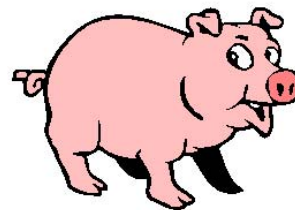
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We Serve

Hobart Lions Club

PORK CHOP DINNER



DATE: FEB. 8

TIME: 3 PM - 6 PM

LOCATION: TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

891 LINDA ST. HOBART

COST: \$8 one chop; \$10 two chops

Profit supports Kids Against Hunger and Hobart Food Pantry



2015 State Convention Committee

"Celebrate the PRIDE in Columbus"

April 24-26, 2015

2015 INDIANA LIONS STATE CONVENTION

Hosted by the Clermont Lions Club and Lions of District 25-F, Inc.
With Special Guest

International President Joe Preston

CLARION HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

2480 Jonathan Moore Pike | Columbus, IN 47201 | (812) 372-1541

Room Rate: \$89.00 plus tax (includes complimentary breakfast)

For room reservations call (812) 372-1541 and mention

"Lions of Indiana" to receive convention room rate.

****Early Registration****

DEADLINE
April 1, 2015

Registration Form (one per person)

Name & Title
(Lion, DG, PDG, PID, VDG etc.)

Please print name as desired on badge.

Address _____ Phone _____

City, State & Zip Code _____

District _____ Club _____ Email _____

Friday Golf Outing - 9:00 am (lunch included) \$ 40.00 =
Friday Evening Dinner 15.00 =
Saturday Celebrate the Pride Luncheon 10.00 =
Saturday All State Banquet 15.00 =

Please check entire choice:

Chicken Cordon Blue _____ Roast Beef _____ Caribbean Salmon _____

Please check any dietary needs:

Gluten-Free _____ Vegetarian _____ Other _____

Sunday Brunch 15.00 =

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Send registration form and check payable to "2015 Indiana Lions State Convention"
Lion Cindy Lindgren, 8747 Blooming Grove Drive, Camby, IN 46113 (317) 690-5573



Register online and pay with
(small convenience fee will be charged)



Email: ILSC2015@gmail.com

www.ILSC2015.COM

Registration and Certification will begin on Friday, April 24th at 12:00 pm

**Registrations received after April 1, 2015 will be accepted with each meal cost being \$5.00 extra.

Convention pin / Convention bag will also be \$5.00 after this date**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



WHITING LIONS CLUB

FAMOUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUN., MARCH 22nd
7:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

ST. JOHN PANEL ROOM

119th AND LINCOLN AVENUE
WHITING, INDIANA

♦ Special Toppings

♦ Door Prizes



♦ Fun For All

♦ Pancake Variety

SPECIAL RAFFLE: BRING IN AND DONATE AN OLD PAIR OF EYE GLASSES
OR HEARING AID TO ENTER

Proceeds to:

LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS • LEADER DOG
FORSYTHE PARK MEMORIAL • INDIANA CANCER CONTROL
SPECIAL KIDS SUMMER CAMP • INDIANA EYE AND TISSUE BANK

Posters Donated By P&H PRINTING, ETC.



Welcome New Members!!



Club	Member	Sponsor
Hammond	Sean Harris	Oscar Sanchez
Mill Creek	Adam Howard	Emily Howard
Munster	Dustin Anderson	Matthew Underwood
Munster	Everardo Del Real	Russell Snyder
Munster	Russ J Shelton	Steve Scheckel
Ogden Dunes	Susan E. Squire	Karel Kearn
Rensselaer	Judith B. Kiger	Lois Evers
Rensselaer	Bradley W. Mushett	Allen Mushett

And Remember those who have Completed their Service to Lions.

Dyer —Lions Dean Allen

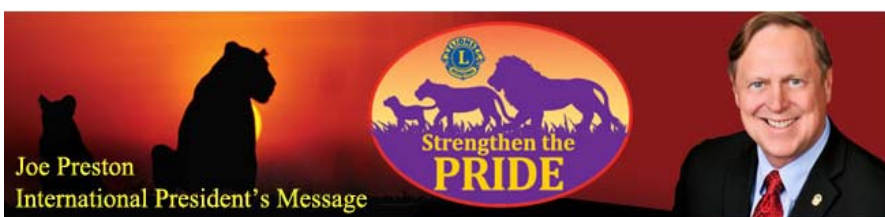
Indiana Harbor East Chicago —Nick Sarengach

Munster—Charles Hulsey

LaPorte—PDG Rich Revers



Adam Howard became a member of the Mill Creek Community Lions Club. He was sponsored by his wife Emily who joined in July 2014. 2nd Vice President Governor Patty Cooke conducted the ceremony. Pictured left to right: Emily Howard; Adam Howard and 2nd Vice District Governor Patty Cooke.



Dear Lion,

A new year brings new challenges, new rewards, and new opportunities. We have a lot to build on this year thanks to you. Lions are using new tools to keep their clubs strong, and adding new members because Lions have embraced the **Ask 1** campaign.



But there is a significant challenge we need to address: the number of members that are leaving clubs. Inviting new members *and* keeping existing members is the key to strengthening your club. That's why we introduced our **Keep 1** initiative.



Keep 1 is a simple concept that reinforces the importance of keeping each one of your members actively involved. Every Lion can play a key role in supporting new members and engaging existing members in your club.

It is important to value your members, to encourage them, mentor them, and more. There is an old saying, "People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care." If we are to reach our full potential, we have to do a better job of keeping our members engaged and happy to serve as Lions. And together, WE CAN!

Directory Correction

Lion PDG Keith Hall phone: 219 545 2497

Cancellation

Bus trip to tour Leader Dog School this April has been cancelled!! Contact PDG Tom Hansen for further info.

District 25A Convention

If you have items for **Silent Auction**, please

Contact **Lion PDG Margaret Verkuilen** at 219-923-0776

Please bring all your old keys to LaPorte!!

They will be donated to **Keys for Cancer**

Club Visitation Schedule

Cedar Lake	Tuesday	May 5, 2014
Chesterton	Tuesday	March 10,, 2015
Koontz Lake	Tuesday	April 7, 2015
Lowell	Tuesday	March 24, 2015

More Volunteers Doing More Community Work in More Places than Any Service Club Organization

When it comes to meeting challenges, our response is simple: **We serve.** In over 200 countries, in hospitals and senior centers, in regions battered by natural disaster, in schools and eyeglass recycling centers, Lions are doing **community volunteer work**, helping, leading, planning and supporting. Because we're local, we can serve the unique needs of the communities we live in. And because we're global, we can address challenges that go beyond borders.

We want everyone to see a better tomorrow. That's why we support **sight programs** and services including vision screenings, eye banks and eyeglass recycling. Provide eye care services to those at risk of losing their sight. And raise donations through campaigns like SightFirst and Campaign SightFirst II.

We believe everyone deserves a healthy life. From providing **health programs** that focus on **hearing loss** to supporting efforts to control and prevent **diabetes**, Lions volunteers are working to improve the health of children and adults around the world.

We empower the next generation. Whether it's providing **youth volunteer opportunities** and leadership experiences in a Leo club or sharing a message of peace through our Peace Poster contest, our **youth programs** invest in the future by reaching out to young people.

We serve local communities – and protect the planet. From performing hands-on community work and service projects to providing emergency assistance, our **community and environment programs** improve our communities – and protect the environment.

Zone Meetings

Zones 2A and 2B recently held their 2nd Zone meeting to review club activities and Zone Project — Governor Glenn's challenge. They will be raising money to assist the blind and visually impaired students in Lake and Porter Counties. Lion PDG Margaret Verkuilen gave an excellent presentation on Emergency Preparedness & Disaster Planning. Zone 1B also scheduled a meeting last month to discuss their project — to participate in the Relay for Life in Crown Point this summer. They will be raising funds before the event and having a pancake breakfast on that weekend. Zone 3A is moving forward with their 2015 Golf Outing. Other Zones are just as busy! See notice in newsletter about upcoming Zone 1A meeting.



Lion Clarence Davis (Zone2B Chair) at podium and Lion Pat Kalina (Zone2A Chair) to far right at recent meeting in Hobart.



LOFS LIONS CLUB LIONS PARK BRICK PROJECT



\$75 Per Brick

UP TO 3 LINES - 15 SPACES PER LINE

Name _____ Phone (____) _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Please Mail Check To: LOFS Lions Club Brick Project • 3714 Cherry Hill Drive • Crown Point, IN 46307
Make Mail Check To: LOFS Lions Club



Lion Marolyn Klockow receives the Lion of the Year award from her sister Lion Carolyn Hunt, club secretary, at recent meeting of the **Mill Creek Community Lions.**

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February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Medaryville OV	4	5	6	7
8 3rd District Mtg. Hobart Pork Chop	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Zone 1A Mtg-Griffith	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 District 25C Conv.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 District 25D Conv. Munster Pancake	2	3	4	5	6 District 25G Convention	7
8	9	10 Chesterton OV	11	12	13 District 25A Convention—La Porte District 25F Convention	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 District 25E Convention	21 District 25B Conv.
22 Whiting Pancake	23	24 Lowell OV	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4