

District 25A Seasons Greetings

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District Governor's Message:

Wow! It's hard to believe that this is the 8th Newsletter already. We are already counting how many days to Spring. Speaking of new life, we now have 4 Leo Clubs in our District. This is remarkable, we have over 80 Leo members and could have 100 soon.

The sponsoring clubs are awesome and great job to the leaders. The Leo clubs are all very active and hearing all their activities at a zone meeting last week was amazing.

The Leo's are looking forward to our convention and meeting the Leo's from other clubs.

After 42 years of service the Burns Harbor Lions, closed their doors.

We want to thank them for all the service to their community. This club was always small in size but did a tremendous amount of work in their community. The members had a big heart and we know that's what Lions are all about. Thank-you to the Burns Harbor Lions for always taking on the needs of the less fortunate in their communities. Remember Lions to Just Ask someone to join your club so you have more hands to do your projects.

The District Convention is six weeks away and all clubs should have received their Convention package in the mail. All the forms for the Convention are in this Newsletter.

Our guest Speaker ID Roderick Wright is from New Brunswick, Canada. He is looking forward to coming to Indiana for the first time. Let's give him a great big Hoosier Lions welcome with lots of Lions to greet him. There is a full page about Nominations to look over in this Newsletter. If interested in running for an office please read it.

We are also, very proud to have 35 Lions going on an Eyeglass mission to Mexico. Many of them are staying a second week and going on another Mission at another site. We want all our members to be safe and come back and tell us about this incredible service.

We know starting in March, will be the start of Pancake season. Clubs get your Information in so we can advertise your event. Lion Bill's info is on the front page of every Newsletter. He needs your articles and pictures.

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Message from 2nd VDG Robin Smith

SERVICE. What does it mean? According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, service is defined as “the occupation or function of serving; the work performed by one that serves; a helpful act”, and the list goes on. Melvin Jones had a vision to work at improving our communities through service. This vision and his most famous quote, “You can’t get very far in life until you start doing something for someone else”, are alive and well in our Lions motto “We Serve”.



As our clubs work feverishly to raise funds for our causes, we often become “check writers”. We become good financial stewards...accounting for our funds, abiding by the tax laws pertaining to said funds, and writing checks. While monetary donations are, without doubt, helpful, it is important to remember our commitment to serve. After all, isn’t wanting to serve others the reason we joined the world’s largest SERVICE organization? And isn’t that why we seek new members – to gain more hands to do more SERVICE? Of course it is. It is important to inform, encourage, and inspire the volunteer within us; those who believe in unselfish SERVICE and making a difference in the lives of others.

I attended a joint zone meeting in Region 3 recently and was happy to hear how each club is making a difference in their communities. I want to give special recognition to those Lion leaders who are leading and nurturing our Leo clubs. These kids are SERVING by the hours. Their list of services include “Shopping with a Leo”, providing assistance to build a picnic shelter, being a buddy to the blind/visually impaired at the Fishin’ for Life, volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, Reins for Life, the animal shelter, spending time with the LaPorte County Home residents...this list goes on and on. And the best part of these Leos is their parents are seeking to become Lions members. I hope this passion for service can be spread throughout our district. Outstanding job Lions and Leos!!

I challenge every club to revisit their SERVICE commitment. Perhaps it is time to limit the check writing and place those funds into a visible service for your communities. Leave your mark on your community! As our organization approaches our 100th year of service, every club worldwide is encouraged to be part of the celebration. Every club is encouraged to build their Lion legacy. Please visit <http://lions100.lionsclubs.org> to learn more about the Centennial Celebration and obtain ideas on building your legacy. And while you do that, make sure you let your community know that Lions are there serving. Tell everyone! Say it loud and say it proud! We are Lions and WE SERVE!

Yours in friendship and SERVICE ~ Lion Robin Smith, 2nd VDG

“Lions For All The Seasons!”

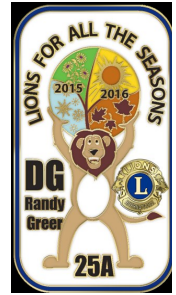
Please Join

District Governor Randy Greer

at Our

District 25A Convention

March 11-12, 2016



Best Western Hotel and Conference Center

444 Pine Lake Avenue
LaPorte, IN 46350
219-362-4585

Room Rate: \$89.99 per night (plus tax). Ask for Lions Rate

Reservations are to be made directly to the Hotel

Deadline for Hotel is February 11, 2016

Deadline for Meals is February 24, 2016

Buffet Breakfast Saturday
(free if you stay at hotel)

Conference Registration is free - Saturday from 8AM-10:45AM

Seminars will be at 9AM & 10AM - 1st Business Session begins at 11AM

Friday, March 11th “Hawaiian Casual” Meet the ID 5:30PM Social 6:00PM Dinner
\$20.00 per person X ___ = \$_____

Saturday, March 12th Deli Lunch Noon \$15.00 per person X ___ = \$_____

Saturday, March 12th Banquet 5PM Social 5:30PM Dinner
\$25.00 per person X ___ = \$_____

Total _____

Display table for our Club/State/District Project _____

need electric _____ Contact Lion Doug at d_schmeltz@hotmail.com Displays from 8AM-1PM

Club: _____

Name/Title: _____

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Mail to: CS Lion Judy Shaffer 387 Raritan Drive Valparaiso, IN 46385
219-759-1473 gjshj@comcast.net

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

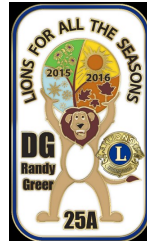
Advertise in the 2016 District Ad Book
All Ads are due by February 24, 2016



Advertise your Club's Upcoming Fundraisers
 Honor Your Melvin Jones Members
 List your Past Presidents

Give a Welcome to our Special Guest
International Director Roderick P. Wright

Congratulate the DG & VDG's
 Place an Ad for your Business-Lions Support Lions



Back Cover	\$200.00	7X9	Sold		X
Back Inside Cover	\$100.00	7X9	Sold	1st VDG	X
Back Page	\$100.00	7X9	Sold	2 nd VDG	X
Regular Page	\$100.00	7X9			
½ Page	\$ 60.00	7x4 ½			
¼ Page	\$ 35.00	3 ½ x 4 ½			

Return with check and Picture Ready Ad (Preferably In a Word Document)
 Or send check and email your Ad to Lion Pat Greer

Name: _____
 Club or Business: _____
 Address: _____
 City & State: _____
 Zip Code _____ Phone# _____

Check Amount \$ _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	Ad is attached or emailed to Lion Pat Greer randy.greer@frontier.com
<input type="checkbox"/>	Please design an Ad with the attached information

Mail to: Lion Pat Greer 744 Acadia Rd. Valparaiso, IN 46385
 219-759-2865 randy.greer@frontier.com

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Dance Party

At The

District 25A Convention

March 12, 2016

10:00 – 10:50 a.m.



Dance Instructor: Al Zahn (Retired Teacher)

Dance and promote the Strides program, which spreads awareness, educates communities and inspires healthy and active lifestyles to prevent or manage diabetes.

Each participant will receive a Strides Certificate!



District 25A Lions Convention

Friday Night Dinner

March 11, 2016

5:30 pm Social & 6:00 pm Dinner

\$20.00 per person – Fill out Registration Form



Guest Speaker: ID Roderick P. Wright

Entertainment: Mikaela Smith

Dress Attire: *"Hawaiian Casual"*

"Hele mei hooihua hooihua" – Come Celebrate!

Nominations for 2016-2017

The following positions are up for election at the District Convention on March 12, 2016

2nd Vice District Governor, for 2016-2017. Must submit Nomination, 30 days before Convention.

Just a reminder that the 5 state projects and the foundation require you to attend meetings down state.

The Following Trustees openings are

Leader Dog	2016-2019
Cancer Control	2016-2019
Speech and Hearing	2016-2019
Eye and Tissue Bank	2016-2019
Indiana School for the Blind & Visually Impaired	2016-2019
Ed Paine Region 2	2016-2019
Ed Paine Region 4	2016-2019
Indiana Foundation	2016-2019

Please inform Lion Butch Weston 785-4296 if you are interested in any of the positions. The only position that requires 30 day notice is 2nd Vice District Governor.



We welcome these new Lions:

Cedar Lake	Vickie Rainwater	Sponsor Angie Schmeltz
Chesterton	Marjorie Schultz	Sponsor Chuck Temple
Hebron	Amy Cunningham	Sponsor Keith Cunningham
Lowell	Chris Salatas Jr.	Sponsor Clifford Tetrault
Rolling Prairie	Karen King	Sponsor Ronald King
Star City	Lenora Hoover	Sponsor Melvin Good

We honor these Lions who served:

Lion Robert Eberle	Cedar Lake Lions Club
Lion Mike Seleski	Crown Point Lions Club

Zone Meetings

Zone 4-B Wednesday, February 3rd LaCrosse Methodist Church 6:30PM

Zone 1-C Tuesday, March 1st Jedi Restaurant-Griffith 6:30PM

Guest Speaker Lion Dottie Flack Indiana Cancer Control

District Reports for Ad Book

Region Chairs, Zone Chairs, Committee Chairs and any Lion that wishes to have a report published in the 2016 District Ad Book please email to Lion Pat Greer at randy.greer@frontier.com by February 24, 2016.

Silent Auction Items for Convention Needed

Lions we are looking for donations of Silent Auction items for the District Convention. If you have an item that you would like to donate or know of a business or other source that can donate items, please feel free to use the letter below. Thank you!

PDG Margaret Verkuilen is in charge of the Silent Auction contact her at 219-923-0776



**Lions of Indiana District 25A
District Convention
March 12, 2016**

Dear Business Professional,

The Lions of Indiana District 25A are providing the opportunity for businesses to supply items to be placed in "Goody Bags" that will be handed out to approximately 150 people attending our convention at the Best Western in La Porte, Indiana. Items such as: tablets of paper, pens, key chains, candy, etc. with your company logo are always appreciated by our guests.

We are also looking for items to be used for a Silent Auction and Raffle to raise money for our community services that reach out to help those in need.

We need to have all items that you are willing to donate to us by February 22nd so that we can have the bags ready for the convention. Again we will be having approximately 150 people attend. Thank you in advance for your consideration to donate items for our convention.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or are interested in donating items to be used at our District Convention please contact:

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Federal Tax ID Number 31-1150723



South Haven Lions Chili Dinner



Thursday, February 25, 2016

South Haven American Legion Post 502

429 West 750 North

South Haven (Valparaiso)

4:00PM – 7:00PM

Cost: Adults \$7.00 Family of 4 \$17.00 Children Under 10 \$3.00

(Hot Dogs Available)

Acuity Screening Help Needed

Help is needed for February Acuity Please contact PDG Patrick Rodriguez

if you can help 219-902-6459 or email at patrodsr@hotmail.com

Acuity Screening

Screening	Location	Time	Address	Grades
Feb. 3, 2016	Carrie Gosch Elementary School	10AM	455 E. 148St East Chicago	1, 3, 5
Feb. 10, 2016	Lincoln Elementary School	10AM	2001 E. 135 th St, East Chicago	1, 3, 5
Feb. 17, 2016	Washington	10AM	2400 Cardinal Dr., East Chicago,	1, 3, 5
Feb. 24, 2016	West Side	10AM	4001 Indianapolis Blvd. E. Chicago	

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Recent Club Activities and Awards:



President of Hamlet Lions Mitch Semens shows his Elvis moves at their Club Christmas Party. Entertainment by Windy City Dueling Pianos

PDG Tom Hansen sponsored his Grandson Nick Tonello and Lion Clarence Davis sponsored Lisa Tonello (PDG Hansen's Daughter) as new members in the Hobart Lions Club



During his official visit to the Crown Point Lions Club, DG Randy had the pleasure of presenting these Lions with their chevrons for their years of service.

DG Randy presented Lion Tim Earl from the LaCrosse Lions Club with his 35 years of Service Chevron.



DG Randy presents Service chevrons to Chesterton Lions members: Bill Ellis— 30 years, George Kelchak— 40 years, Ed Hutson—20 years, and Don Habel—40 years.



DG Randy inducts new Chesterton Lions Club members Kim Deterling and Marge Schultz at their January meeting.. Behind are sponsors Mike Baranko and Chuck Temple.

ISBVI Spring Work Day

Mark your Calendar for the Annual Spring Work Day to clean and spruce up the facilities at the Indiana School for the Blind in Indianapolis on Saturday, May 21st, 2016. More info coming soon!

Mill Creek Community Lions Club



Pictured left to right: Marolyn Klockow- Secretary,,Raylene Moore and Shirley Doms- Treasurer.

A cash donation was presented to Raylene Moore whose husband was critically injured in a car accident in November. Members of the community donated money at a Senior Citizen Luncheon sponsored by the Mill Creek Community Lions Club. The Lions Club and its members also contributed money to help with his medical expenses. He has been transferred to a Long Term facility in Mishawaka. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Lion Carolyn A. Hunt

Westville Lions Club

Westville Lions Club will be having their

Chili Supper

Saturday, February 6th; 4:30—7:00 pm

At the Westville Methodist Church

Chili, Hot Dogs, Corn Bread & Drinks

\$5.00 per person

The Leo's will be having a Bake Sale also

District Convention Display Tables

If your Club or Zone has a project or fund Raiser they wish to promote at the District Convention, Contact Lion Doug Schmeltz (d_schmeltz@hotmail.com) or 219-608-0097 to reserve a 6' or 8' table. Limited spaces with electric are available. Businesses are welcome too!

Please have your reservations in by March 4th.

Zone 1C Meeting

We are scheduling our second Zone meeting for Zone 1C on ***Tuesday, March 1st, 2016*** at Jedi's Garden, the corner of Ridge Road and Cline Ave., Griffith, IN. Our host for the evening will be the Griffith Lions Club. Social hour will be at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30. You can order off the menu. Lion Dottie Flack who is the Patient Advocate for the Indiana Lions Gamma Knife Center and a member of the Cancer Control Fund will give a presentation.

Lion Dottie will bring Cancer Control scented candles for anyone who wishes to purchase one. All proceeds will go to Cancer Control. All Lion club members are welcome to attend. There will also be a 50x50 raffle with all proceeds going to Cancer Control.

Lion Tom Talaga , Zone 1C Chairperson
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2016 INDIANA LIONS STATE CONVENTION

APRIL 29—MAY 1, 2016

“In the Heart of Amish Country”
Shipshewana, Indiana

Hosted by the Lakeville Lions Club and Lions of District 25-G

With Honored Guest

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DR. JITSUHIRO YAMADA

Convention Headquarters Hotel
Blue Gate Garden Inn

800 S. Van Buren St., Shipshewana, IN 46565
(800) 545-4725



Room Rate: \$89.99 plus taxes (complimentary breakfast)

Call for reservations or reserve online at <http://www.bluegategardeninn.com/>
Choose “Book Now”, Choose “Group Code” & type “Lions2016”. Choose dates of stay. Click “Check Availability” & select your room reference.

Registration Form (one per person)

Name & Title (as desired on name badge) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

District _____ Club _____ Email _____

Friday Golf Outing	\$ 50.00	_____
Friday Amish Farm Luncheon	\$ 15.00	_____
Friday Evening Authentic Amish Haystack Dinner	\$ 15.00	_____
Saturday Celebration Luncheon	\$ 13.00	_____
Saturday Evening All State Banquet	\$ 16.00	_____
Sunday Brunch	\$ 11.00	_____
Indiana Lions Convention Pin	\$ 4.00	_____

Total Enclosed _____

Special Dietary needs: Gluten Free _____ Vegetarian _____ Other _____

**Reservations
received after
April 1st**
Add \$5.00 per each meal
**NO MEAL
RESERVATIONS
ACCEPTED
AFTER APRIL 21ST.**

Send Registration form to: Jeanine Juel, 3204 Village Court, Goshen, IN 46528. Make check payable to: Indiana Lions State Convention OR register and pay online at

<http://indianalionsconvention.org/convention-registration/>

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Centennial Community Legacy Project



Connect with your community and build your Lion legacy by planning a Centennial Community Legacy Project during our Centennial Celebration. **Legacy Projects are visible gifts to your community that commemorate our Centennial** and create a lasting legacy of your service contributions.

Your Legacy Project will serve as a reminder of just how important your club is to the community during the Centennial and beyond. All Lions clubs around the world are encouraged to complete a Legacy Project by June 30, 2018, so start planning yours today!

There are three levels of projects:

1. Raise Your Community Visibility
 - a. Post New Lions Signs
 - b. Donate a Park Bench
 - c. Dedicate a Statue
 - d. Sponsor a found at a local Park
2. Provide a Community Gift
 - a. Refurbish a park or Playground
 - b. Build a footbridge over a busy road
 - c. Fund resources for the visually impaired
 - d. Donate a vehicle to a community organization
3. Make a Community Impact
 - a. Build a clinic
 - b. Expand a Library or School
 - c. Develop a training center
 - d. Equip an area hospital

All Legacy Projects must be identified with a sign or plaque indicating the project was donated by your Lions Club. In support of the program, Centennial highway signs, decals and bronze plaques will be available for the Club Supplies at a significant discount.

All of the clubs in District 25A can easily accomplish the goals for Level 1. Many of the Level 2 projects are already being done by some clubs. Now Level 3 would take a little more planning, but you have until June 30 of 2018!

Check out more information at the Lions Centennial website:

<http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/programs/centennial-legacy-projects.php>

And start thinking about your Centennial Community Legacy Project!



Where is the DG?


See an open date? Contact DG Randy to schedule your club official visit:

H: 219-759-2865 C: 219-728-8432 or lionrandy@yahoo.com

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Rolling Praire OV	3 Zone 4-B La Crosse	4 St. John OV	5	6 Westville Chili 4:30—7:00
7	8 Convention Mtg 6:30 LaPorte	9 Dyer OV	10	11	12	13
14 	15 Mill Creek OV	16 Cedar Lake OV	17	18	19	20
21 Family Event	22	23	24	25 SH Chili Dinner	26	27 District C Convention
28	29					

March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Zone Meeting Griffith 6:30	2	3	4	5 District E Convention
6 Chellberg Farm	7 Convention Mtg	8 Schererville OV	9	10	11 	12  District 25 A CONVENTION
13 Chellberg Farm	14	15 Star City OV	16 Merrillville OV	17 Crown Point Spring Bingo 	18	19 District B Convention Spaghetti Dinner— Griffith
20  Pancake Da y— Cedar Lake, Hebron, Union Mills	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		