



## District 25A News

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Dear Fellow Lions of 25A

February is a great month, love is in the air, spring training for baseball is getting ready to start, the ground hog did not see his shadow so we are looking forward to an early spring and of course planning for the biggest event of the year -- the District Convention.

One of the most important things we do at the convention is VOTE. There are several open positions available and each is a great opportunity to step up into a leadership role. Trustees on all four state projects (ISBVI, Speech and Hearing, Leader Dog and Cancer Control) are elected positions for a 3-year term. Vision First, Indiana Lions Foundation and Ed Paine Care and Helping Hands are elected positions for a 3-year term as well.

And most importantly the position of 2nd Vice District Governor is still available. The international Convention for the 2nd VDG will be in India. To be eligible for any position you must be a member in good standing (your dues are paid). You must also have held an office with your club for 2 years, must have been a club president for 1 year and either a Zone Chair, Cabinet Secretary or Cabinet Treasurer. Nominations Chair Butch Weston and I will help answer any questions, so please give us a call.

Also, there are more than just elected positions available to step up into a leadership role. There are over 60 District Committees that are appointed by the DG every year. Please find someone in your club that has a 25A District Directory or Google '25A Lions' and find the directory on our website. Then check out what interests you. Please keep in mind, we can have more than one person on the committee. So, if there is something that interests you, don't be afraid to inquire about it. ASK QUESTIONS!!!

Indiana Leadership training is in Plainfield and we are looking for people to send. We can send at least 3 and maybe up to 6 -- depending on how many the other districts send. The State pays for your hotel room and lunch and you get a complimentary breakfast. It's a great way to get away for the weekend and learn not just about Lions but concepts and theories about being a leader that can be applied to your everyday life. This is a great opportunity for Lions!!! Please let 1VDG Will Ferrellbegg or I know if you are interested.

I hope to see you at the District Convention -- we are trying some new things. We will have some service project ideas for your clubs and information about reporting. 2VDG Dave Dickinson can answer your questions about reporting. We will also have silent auction items at the District Convention. If anyone or any club would like to donate items, gift cards or money for this purpose, that would be great. We'll have several vendor tables as well.

Everyone should have received District Convention raffle tickets by now. Please send money and stubs back to CS Steve Helmken or CT Tiffany Nagai. Club Presidents and Club Secretaries please forward District Newsletter and all emails from CS Steve Helmken to your members. If you have members that don't have email, please print the Newsletter out and take it to a meeting. Or let us know and we will get them a copy. Please make sure every Lion gets a registration form to the District Convention. Thank you for all you do for Lions. May the Lions be with you and God Bless.

DG Mitchell Semans



Dear Lions

We are moving into our second part of our year with our District Convention fast approaching on the 13<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup> of March at the Ramada Hotel and Convention center in Hammond. Our DG Mitch has very innovative and exciting program for the Convention. I hope that we will have a big turn out from our membership. The State convention will be the following month 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> of April in Bloomington. These are to good Lions event to meet and learn from other Lions. We all do a lot of great work with our own club's but it is always eye opening, when you mix with other lions and exchange ideas and bring them back to your clubs.

Myself I will continue my training to become your next DG the month of February, I will attend a weekend in Indy finishing my state training and then attend four days in St Charles IL where I will get to meet all the incoming DG from around the world and have more in depth training. I am really excited and looking forward to those four days with other FVDG. And the training I will receive.

I have also enjoyed attending club visits with our DG Mitch and listening to his talks to members which I feel are very motivational and informative to club Members

Yours in Lionisum

FVDG Will Farrellbegg



## Cabinet Meeting



**All attending the Convention NEED TO REGISTER**

## 25A DISTRICT CONVENTION

District Governor Mitchell Semans

March 13 & 14, 2020



Our Special Weekend Guest is **ID Mark Lyon & Lion Lyn**

**MAY THE LIONS BE WITH YOU**

Make reservations directly with the Hotel *Ramada Hotel & Conference Center*

4141 S. Calumet Ave, Hammond, IN 46320 – (219) 803-1547

**ROOM RATE:** \$87.00 plus taxes - per night – until February 27, 2020 – Breakfast included

Call 219-803-1547 and ask for **“Lions District Convention”**

**FRIDAY NIGHT ID WELCOME DINNER**

**SATURDAY LUNCH - SATURDAY BANQUET\*** (see prices below)

Registration & Meal Reservation **Deadline:** Payment *received* by March 6, 2020

No Pre-reservations will be accepted after March 6<sup>th</sup> – Registration available at the Convention

Limited number of meals will be available for Friday & Saturday – No phone calls will be accepted

| PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY – ADD ADDITIONAL NAMES ON BACK   |   | Please note Title or Lion, or guest |                                |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Name:   |   | Title:                              | <input type="checkbox"/>       |
| Name:   |   | Title:                              | Guest <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lions Club:   |   | Region:                             | Zone: District: <u>25A</u> or  |
| Address:  |   | Email:                              |                                |
| City, State & Zip:  |   | Phone:                              |                                |
| Friday ID Welcome Dinner - <i>Roast Beef, Cheese Ravioli Buffet</i>   | \$ 20.00 X  | No. Meals ____ =                    | \$                             |
| Saturday Lunch – <i>Assorted Sandwiches, Potato Salad</i>   | \$ 14.00 X  | No. Meals ____ =                    | \$                             |
| Saturday Banquet – <i>Grecian Chicken, Perch, Mostaccioli Buffet</i>  | \$ 24.00 X  | No. Meals ____ =                    | \$                             |
| Friday or Saturday Meals for Child 12 & Under   | \$ 10.00 X  | No. Meals ____ =                    | \$                             |
| Make check payable: <b>District 25A Convention</b>  |   | Total Enclosed                      | \$                             |
| Please <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian meal requested  |   |                                     |                                |
| Please <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registration Only - FREE (no meals) <i>All attending the Convention NEED TO REGISTER</i> |   |                                     |                                |
| Please <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sales table – Club, Foundation, or Committees: Contact person/phone: _____               |   |                                     |                                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sales table – Vendor - \$10.00 Fee: Contact person/phone: _____                                 |   |                                     |                                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity needed (on first reply basis – limited amount)                                      |   |                                     |                                |
| Mail to:  | CS STEPHEN J. HELMKEN, 6522 W LAURA LN., LA PORTE, IN 46350 |                                     |                                |

## District 25A – 2020 Convention Ad Book

### 2020 District 25A District Convention March 13-14, 2020

#### ADVERTISE YOUR.....

- **Upcoming Club Fundraisers**
- **Honor your Melvin Jones Members**
- **Foundations! Thank the Lions for their Donations**
- Give a Welcome to our Special ID Guests
  - Congratulate the DG & VDG's

### Do you own a BUSINESS?

Place an AD – Support Lions

All BUSINESS ADS ½ page or larger will also be posted in the Registration Area and Placed in 2 Editions of the District Newsletter and Included in the 2019-2020 Listing of Lions in Business in the Directory & Newsletters

| Full Size Page - 8 ½ by 11         | Actual Ad Size Width x Height | ✓ |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Color Front Inside Cover \$ 150.00 | 7 X 9                         |   |
| Color Back Page \$ 200.00          | 7 X 9                         |   |
| Color Back Inside Cover \$ 150.00  | 7 X 9                         |   |
| Regular Page \$ 100.00             | 7 X 9                         |   |
| 1/2 Page \$ 60.00                  | 7 X 4 ½                       |   |
| 1/4 Page \$ 40.00                  | 3 ½ X 4 ½                     |   |

Check Amount \$

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Make checks payable to: **District 25A District Convention**

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I have attached an Ad or emailed an Ad

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Please design an Ad with the attached information DUE BY FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>

Return with Ad or Send check and email your AD to: [randy.greer@frontier.com](mailto:randy.greer@frontier.com)

**ALL ADS ARE DUE by February 24, 2020** Ads will not be accepted after the 24th

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club or Business \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: **Patricia Greer, 744 Acadia Rd, Valparaiso, IN 46385**  
[randy.greer@frontier.com](mailto:randy.greer@frontier.com) 219-759-2865





**Cost:**

- \$10 per person
- \$80 per table
- \$15 per person at the door

**Logistic:**

- \* Cash Only Event.
- \* Ages 18 & Up.
- \* Maximum of 8 per table.
- \* Must register & pay by April 11th to reserve table.
- \* 10 categories with 10 questions per round.
- \* Prizes will be awarded to top 3 teams.
- \* 50/50 & Raffles.
- \* Mulligans available for \$1 each (up to 10).
- \* Concessions available for purchase.
- \* No Smoking.
- \* Cash Bar.
- \* 1 free raffle ticker per person.
- \* Have fun!

**Hosted by:**  
**South Haven Lions Club**

**When:**  
**Saturday, April 18th, 2020**  
**Doors open at 6 pm**  
**Event starts at 7 pm**

**Where:**  
**American Legion Post 502**  
**429 W. 750 N.**  
**Valparaiso, In. 46385**

**Questions:**  
**Contact Lion Jason Kegebein**  
**at 973.6608**



## LEARN

## Childhood Cancer Facts

**2 minutes** a child is diagnosed with cancer every two minutes

**13%** increase in incidence of childhood cancer over the last 20 years

**6 years** average age at diagnosis of children with cancer

**>90%** of childhood cancer deaths occur in low resource settings



### Westville Lions

Picture of 2nd VDG Dave Dickinson, President Whitney Martin, and Lion Butch Weston at the January cabinet meeting in case you need pictures for the newsletter.

### District 25A Convention

## SILENT AUCTION

**Saturday, March 14, 2020**

*Please bring all items early on Saturday morning.*

**The Convention Committee is asking each club to participate by donating a basket, or items, valued at \$25.00 or more, for the auction.**

For more information, please contact either one of the co-chairs:

Alice Helmken  
(219) 879-2529

[ajhelmken@gmail.com](mailto:ajhelmken@gmail.com)

or

Naomi Rodriguez  
(219) 902-6459

[patrodsr@hotmail.com](mailto:patrodsr@hotmail.com)





## 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 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](mailto:jequery@bluemarble.net))

**You may also Register Online and pay with PayPal: [www.indianalionsconvention.org](http://www.indianalionsconvention.org)**





The **Lowell Lions Club** presenting a check to the Lowell High School Drama Department. Lowell Lions made a \$500.00 donation as well as purchasing a full page ad in the Theater's Playbill. Presenting the check is Lowell Lion's 1st VP William Farrellbegg (in the Blazer) with Lowell Lion's Secretary Chuck Furlong (vest). The check was presented to Ms. Vickie Blink and Patrice Martin of the Lowell High School Drama Department.



### Rolling Prairie Lions

Left: Lions Secretary Ron King (L) presented Lion Bob Barnes (R) with a Key Pin for sponsoring 2 new members.

Right: One of our newest members, Lion Brandon Rose, saw an opportunity at his workplace (ArcelorMittal in Burns Harbor) to collect glasses and asked for a collection box. Lion Frank Brown built the box and presented it at our January meeting.



Left: DG Mitch installs two new members—Jim and Sara Yorko—at **Koontz Lake Lions** meeting on January 24th.



## Support the **South Haven Lions Club** **WIN "Dinner For A Year"**

*Dinner for a year is defined as once a month starting March 2020-February 2021. Dinner & soft drink included, max total value is \$20.*

**Drawing date: March 8th at 6 pm**



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**Portage Texas Corral**  
5880 US Route 6 Portage, IN 46368  
**\$5.00 per ticket - Only 250 being Sold**

# Westville Lions Club Chili Supper

**February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30-7 PM**

**Westville United Methodist Church**

**Cost: \$6 donation**

**children 4 and under free**

Money raised from this event will go towards our medical loan closet

**We will have FREE Diabetes Screening during the chili supper. This is provided by LaPorte/Starke Hospitals**



Follow us on Facebook. [www.facebook.com/Westvillelions](https://www.facebook.com/Westvillelions)

Questions about our event or want to be a member? Call

Westville Lions President: Whitney Martin 219-393-8913

Secretary: Dave Dickinson 574-780-0713

Treasurer: Al Slont 219-405-5361

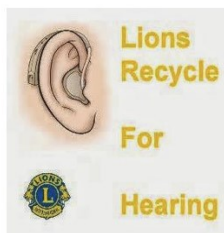
## Westville Lions Club Eyeglass, Keys, and Hearing Aid collection drive

The Westville Lions Club is sponsoring a collection drive for hearing aids, eye glasses, and keys at Westville Elementary School. Each grade will compete against the other grades to see who collects the most. The collection will start February 3rd and end February 28<sup>th</sup>. All you have to do is have your children bring in old keys, eyeglasses, and hearing aids. There will be a bucket for each grade and at the end we will see who has collected the most.

The winning grades will receive a gift card for the teachers to purchase classroom supplies. There will be one gift card per grade.

1<sup>st</sup> place \$250 gift card  
2<sup>nd</sup> place \$150 gift card  
3<sup>rd</sup> place \$50 gift card

If you have any questions you can contact Westville Lions President Whitney Martin 2193938913, or Club Secretary Dave Dickinson (574) 780-0713. Buckets donated by New Durham Hardware.



### Lions Who Have Completed their Service

Ronald G. Henigsmith      Hamlet

Don M. Hunter      La Porte



### Welcome New Lions!

**Crown Point** — Dominick E. Dimichele

Sponsor: Mary Jane Dimichele

**Crown Point** — Teri J. Zenere

Sponsor: Jack Zenere

**Crown Point** — Rose Ann Kendall

Sponsor: Cindy Beckman

**Indiana Harbor East Chicago** — Elida Ochoa

Sponsor: Joseph Ochoa

**Hebron** — Ricky Schrombeck

Sponsor: John Spinks

**Lake Station** — Bridgette Elaine Rosco.

Sponsor: Pamela Shaffner

**Lowell** — Connie Frausto.

Sponsor:

**Lowell** — Manuel Frausto.

Sponsor: Will Farrellbegg

**St. John** — Matthew E. Wascher

Sponsor: Lauren Adduci

**Star City** — Bill H. Peppers

Sponsor: Kathleen Thompson

**Star City** — Fred Richter

Sponsor: Gregory Dolezal

**West Ville** — Josh A. Skalka

Sponsor: Cheryl Tuholski

Many of the truths that we cling to depend on  
our point of view





## February 2020 Calendar -- Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

|     |       |  |
|-----|-------|--|
| Feb | 6     | Hebron OV  |
| Feb | 8     | Westville Spaghetti Dinner   |
| Feb | 8     | Chesterton Daddy / Daughter Dance                                    |
| Feb | 10    | Door Village OV  |
| Feb | 11    | La Porte OV  |
| Feb | 14    | Valentine's Day  |
| Feb | 15    | International Childhood Cancer Day                                   |
| Feb | 13-17 | LCIF Week  |
| Feb | 17    | President's Day  |
| Feb | 18    | Star City OV   |
| Feb | 25    | Schererville OV  |
| Feb | 27    | Merrillville OV  |
| Feb | 23    | Michiana OV  |
| Feb | 28    | Remington OV   |
| Feb | 30    | Merrillville OV  |
| Mar | 13-14 | District 25A Convention—Ramada Inn in Hammond — See Page 3 for flyer |



## MidWinter Conference

PID Linda and PDG Vern Tencher help pack food for the Million Meal Movement. Their Mission — We exist for those who are hungry— hungry for a warm meal, hungry for a mission, hungry to make a difference. We pack more than meals. We pack compassion. Give us your support, and we'll give you an Indiana where everyone can hunger for something greater than their next meal.

**Food Insecurity: Lack consistent access to healthy and adequate food**

1 in 5 children in Indiana are food insecure

1 in 6 seniors in Indiana are food insecure

1 in 6 veterans in Indiana are food insecure

13% of Hoosiers are food insecure

12% of Americans are food insecure

