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It all Started with a Big Bang!

Math, Science, History unraveling the mysteries and it all started with a Big Bang. Bang! Ah, to remember all the cool historical phrases that use the word bang. You did a bang up job. You get more bang for your buck. It is like banging your head against a wall. Mommy, I banged my elbow. And, my mothers favorite, "What the heck is all that banging going on in there?" And the ever popular, Start the New Year off with a Bang!

Happy New Year! We as a District have already started our year off with a big bang. We are half way into the Lions year and we are already a plus 40 in membership! Let us keep growing! I would like to extend my congratulations and deep appreciation for all the sponsors and new members that are making a huge difference in our ability to grow, to provide more service and to ensure our legacy of Lions in our communities. In traveling around the district, it warms my heart to hear all the great service projects that are being provided by large and small clubs alike. You are making a difference!

Each and everyone of you should take great pride in all you have done to serve your communities and those around the world. We certainly do not have to unravel any mystery in the great district of A to figure out how we started and continue to grow. Our dedication, selflessness and pride will continue into the years benefiting someone, somewhere.

Now, Google is my best friend. My head is like a huge sponge and sometimes I feel like it will explode with a big bang from soaking in all the information out there. For those of you that watched the Bundys on *Married with Children*, you can probably relate to what I call the Kelly Bundy Syndrome. Your brain is only so big and when it gets full of information, you have to let some things go out one side of your brain so you have room for more stuff! So, if you suffer from this particular medical ailment that has an infectious effect on your mind, get ready to let some information out. Make room for this incoming incredible information. And yep, I found this *Googleing*, of course.



A challenge was given to volunteers to sum up in only three words what volunteering meant to them. Responses are below:

Fun, Friendship, Opportunities	Glitter and Glue	Fun, Friends, Challenging
Worth Every Moment	Rewarding, Varied, Brilliant!	Empowering, Exciting, Exhausting!
Fun Fun Fun	Best Thing Ever!	Selfless, Joy, Others

I have three words for you...You are Priceless! I imagine that if you brainstormed with the members of your club, you could add even more words to the list. This might be a fun activity at one of your club meetings. There is no better reminder than ourselves as to why we are the largest and greatest service organization in the world! Here is a cool idea. Have your club brainstorm a list of words and have them printed on drinking glasses or coffee mugs with your club's name and the International logo. You could then give one to each current and incoming member. This would create another club legacy and a daily reminder of all that you are and all that you do.

And about that word; *bang*? In early American usage, it simply meant; *exactly*. So, exactly speaking, we are exactly who we were meant to be. Lions! Bang! Bang! Bang!

I sincerely hope to see you at convention. A world of vision awaits. Bang a Gong; Get it On! DG Connie



'To a Priceless New Year!'

A Few Words from 2nd VDG Randy

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all District 25A Lions and their families. Hope everyone had a great holiday season. The pictures on the faces of children and their families that receive Christmas presents and food baskets from the different Lions Clubs is priceless. We are proud of the District 25A Lions for all their efforts to help the less fortunate during the holidays.

Everyone is aware of Typhoon Haiyan that hit the Philippines, LCIF has sent over 1 million dollars in grants to help get these people back on their feet. There are over 12,000 Lions in the Philippines and many of them are helping to rebuild those areas that were hit by the typhoon. They are passing out food, water, clothing, medicine, and Lions in several countries have sent over 575 relief tent shelters that can be put up quickly so people have a place to stay. Lions from all over the world are sending aid to this area.

Lions are always there for others when disaster hits. This is the true meaning of "We Serve."

If your club would like to know more about LCIF and what it does. We will be glad to come out to your Club and give a PowerPoint presentation about LCIF-Indiana and provide updates on what's going on at LCIF. Contact 2nd VDG Randy Greer at (219) 759-2865 for this program.

Yours in Lions,
2nd VDG Randy Greer

Congratulations to Lion Randy for an outstanding achievement in promoting LCIF!

Lion Randy was presented with an LCIF Helping Hands award at the Mid Winter Conference this year. His dedication to LCIF moved District A up to the 2nd largest in donations in the state so far this year! Donations were increased by \$895 from last year at this time and club participation has increased.

If you see Randy, be sure to congratulate him on his achievement and while you are at it, congratulate yourself for your support.

LCIF Motto: We Care. We Serve. We Accomplish. Be sure to check out the LCIF website at: www.lcif.org

DG Connie



Important Notice

Concerning the article about the vision screening last month, I inadvertently omitted Lions clubs from District 25-A that made the vision screening at the Gary and East Chicago Lighthouse Charter School's a success. The Lions clubs were:

Hammond Lions Club: Lions Al Gonzalez, Ethel Crouch, Oscar Sanchez, and Mary Andres.

Griffith Lions Club: Lion Rod Mauch

Schererville Central Lions Club: Lions JoAnn Freeland, Lynn Kimbel, Sophie, and Heidi Zima

I.H-E.C. Lions Club: Lions Allison Sasamoto, Naomi Rodriguez, and Patrick G. Rodriguez Sr.

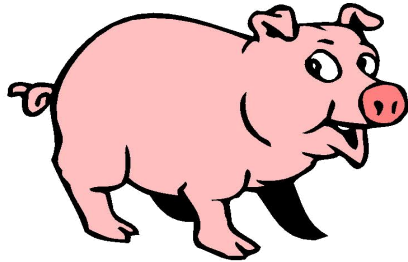
Thank you All! Lion Patrick IH-EC Lions Club



We Serve

Hobart Lions Club

PORK CHOP DINNER



DATE: FEB. 9

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



Upcoming Zone Meetings

Zone 1C

Dyer-Griffith-Highland-Munster Schererville

When: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 6:30 pm Central

Where: American Legion Post 485

7485 Burr St., Schererville, IN, 46375

Food: Pizza, soda \$10

A speaker has not been scheduled yet; I will let you know as soon as one is confirmed. I will be sending reminders to clubs in the zone.

1st VDG Glenn Swanson will be speaking on the Cancer Control Survivorship Program.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Hosted by Schererville Lions.

Lion Patty Cooke 219-671-4668 patty.cooke@gmail.com

Shhhhh... Top Secret



We are looking forward to another great silent auction event at the 25A District Convention March 8, 2014.

We are respectfully requesting that each club donate a gift basket(s) or other item(s) at this wonderful fundraiser.

Please bring your items on Friday evening or Saturday morning to the convention site. This year it will be held at the Best Western Conference Center in LaPorte.

Be sure to contact PDG Margaret with any questions or if you need someone to pick up your basket. 219-923-0776

Zone 2A & 2B

Burns Harbor-Chesterton-Lake Station-Ogden Dunes-Portage
South Haven-Valparaiso-Hobart-Merrillville

When: January 22, 2014 (Wednesday) 6:00 pm Central

Where: Paragon Restaurant

1701 East 37th Avenue, Hobart IN

Food: Order from menu

Guest Speaker will be Lion Carolyn Toosley and she will speak on Diabetes Awareness. We will also be discussing the upcoming District 25A Convention.

All Lions are welcome to attend. Encourage members to bring a guest to learn more about Lions.

Please RSVP to Lion Pat Kalina at 219-759-3240
or

Lion Clarence Davis at 219-942-4433
csdavis61@comcast.net

STEPHEN M. GLASS , INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

To Speak at District 25A Convention



Stephen M. Glass, from Bridgeport, West Virginia, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 95th International Convention, held in Busan, Korea June 22-26, 2012.

Director Glass is an attorney and retired FBI management and program analyst.

A member of the Clarksburg Lions Club since 1981, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, council chair, district governor, LEO chair, LCIF chair, GMT and Certified Guiding Lion. He has also chaired the West Virginia State Convention, and presented at several West Virginia Lions Leadership Schools.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the Presidential Excellence Award, 100% District Governor's Award, Grand Master Key, International President's Leadership Medal, Evan Hugus Award from the WVU Eye Institute and six International President's Certificates of Appreciation. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Glass is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including formerly serving as president of the Bridgeport High School Academic Boosters, chairperson of the Bridgeport United Methodist Church Administrative Board, Clarksburg Housing Authority and commissioner of Harrison County Deputy Sheriffs Civil Service Commission.

Director Glass and his wife, Cindy, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, have a daughter.

Come Meet ID Steve and his wife, Lion Cindy at the Friday Night Dinner!

All Lions and any guests are invited. Dress is Business Casual

Friday Dinner will be at the Best Western Inn and Conference Center.
444 Pine Lake Ave, LaPorte IN

Hospitality open from 4-5pm & 9-11pm central time

Contact CS Angie Schmeltz with any questions:
219-374-9714 or email: 14726bryan@comcast.net

Special Induction Ceremony To be Held at the District Convention For New Members

New members are invited to join us at our District Convention for a special induction ceremony. Our special guest, Stephen Glass, International Director, will induct you into the Lions Clubs International during our first business session. The LaPorte Lions will be hosting this special ceremony.

We would like to welcome you to the family of Lionism. As a Lion you are part of one of the largest service organizations in the world. Even if you have already been inducted, we would still like you to be a part of this special induction.

There will also be a morning seminar for new member orientation. This fun-filled event will use the game of Jeopardy to broaden your understanding of Lionism and our corporate structure. This seminar is open to any new or veteran Lion or Leo.

Teams will be pitted against one another, so get ready to compete and learn at the same time! Prizes will be awarded to the winning team. Bring a mentor or sponsor with you to enhance your teams chances of winning!

Please be sure to complete your registration form and mail it back so we know you will be joining us. There is no fee for the convention and registration can still be made on site, although we prefer you to preregister.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the convention. ***Bite 'Em!***

Mill Creek Lions

...They Went a Little Nuts!



"My back hurts" was heard at the Mill Creek Lions Community Lions Club October meeting. Area squirrels were asking each other, "Where are all the walnuts in the area?"

Club members picked up over 66,000 pounds of walnuts and delivered 38 pickup truck and three cattle trailer loads to Niles Michigan where they were hulled and purchased by the Diamond Walnut Company. These walnuts are then delivered to Missouri where they are shelled for walnut meats.

Funds from this project are used to supplement club dues expenses.

Marolyn Klockow Secretary 219-369-9565

Whiting Lions



The Whiting Lions walked in the evening Christmas parade in downtown Whiting on 12/6/2013. These proud Lions greeted the cold parade watchers and passed out Christmas candy to all along the route.

They had a busy weekend with the parade on Friday night then their annual Christmas parade on Sunday the 8th of December.

The club also hosted their 30th annual Special Needs Children's Christmas party on Dec. 8th at the local Knights of Columbus hall.

The club had over 48 children come with their parents. The club had their famous clown along with their keyboardist David and Lion Caitlin sang with him. The children danced as well as sang along. Sugar cookies were handed out for the children to decorate when they arrived and then treated to face painting. The club handed out 40 pizzas, cake and ice cream while the children waited for Santa. When Santa arrived bearing gifts for all the children, they took family photos and the club gave them a Polaroid picture to take home. The club has been blessed with many organizations that have donated funds each year to us to be able to have a successful Christmas party for the special children in the Whiting/Robertsdale area.



St John Lions

Each year the St. John Lions Club provides free dictionaries to all children in the third grade at Kolling Elementary School. On Dec. 12, the St. John Lions Club members Debbie Walker, Sue Golec, Pete Ladowski and Al Konieczka passed out more than 100 dictionaries to third grade students.

The Lions Club Dictionary Project was started in 1995. Since then, more than 18 million children have received dictionaries across the United States. The program has been adopted and refined by individuals, businesses, and civic organizations all over the country including Lions Clubs International. The dictionaries are purchased by the sponsoring organization and given as a gift for the children to keep.

The goal of this program is to assist all students in becoming good writers, active readers, creative thinkers, and resourceful learners by providing them with their own personal dictionary.

The dictionaries are a gift to each third grade student to use at school and at home for years to come. Educators see third grade as the pivotal year when students really begin their reading and writing development.

Lions Clubs International has been implementing the project since 2002-2003, with at least 340 clubs participating in the project and Lions have donated to more than 1,100 schools nationwide!



Indiana Lions Foundation

Construction of the Brick Plaza at the Indiana Lions State Office Building in Progress.

To date the main Plaza has been built. Engraved Bricks that have already been purchased will be included in the early spring. Final landscaping, benches and stone Lions will also be added. The Plaza is scheduled to be completed and dedicated next June.

It is not too late to purchase a Brick. Over 200 clubs have already been represented. Additionally, over 50 past officers and individual Lions have made purchases. The cost per Engraved Brick is \$100.00; a double brick is \$250.00. Each Club Brick will be placed within the district the Club resides. Additional Engraved Bricks are available to individual Lions, past Lion Officers and Lion organizations. Brick applications are available at the Indiana Lions Foundation website, www.harroldconsulting.com/foundation.

Additionally, Benches (2) are available for purchase by a club or individual for \$1,000.00 each. Stone Lions (2) are available for purchase by a Club or individual for \$750.00 each. The purchaser of either a bench or a stone Lion will be memorialized at the Plaza with an engraved Brick.

Please consider supporting the Indiana Lions State Office Building by purchasing an Engraved Brick for this very worthwhile showcase of Indiana Lions. Bricks may be purchased for your Lions Club, a Lions organization or an individual Lion. Any Brick purchased this spring will be included prior to the Plaza dedication in June.

Contact any one the Indiana Lions Foundation Trustees with any questions.



ENGRAVED BRICK APPLICATION



Lions Plaza at the Indiana Lions State Office Building Offered through the Indiana Lions Foundation

Brick Options

Option 1: Standard 4 X 8 Brick

COST: \$100.00 per Brick, 3 lines Maximum
13 characters Per Line (Including Spaces)

Option 2: Large 8 X 8 Brick

COST: \$250.00 per Brick
6 lines Maximum (or 4 lines & Lions Logo)
13 characters Per Line (Including Spaces)



YOUR INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Club/District _____

Phone #: _____

Brick Fee Due with Application

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

Line 4 (Option 2 Only) _____

Line 5 (Option 2 Only) _____

Line 6 (Option 2 Only) _____

EXAMPLE BRICK ENGRAVING:

Dyer Lions
Estab. 1943
We Serve

Lines 5 &
6
or
Logo



Send Application and Fee to: Indiana Lions Foundation, 8780 Purdue Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268
(Questions? Call 219-659-1658)

We reserve the right to refuse any application. | Bricks will be installed in groups of 10. | Indiana Lions Foundation is not responsible for bricks lost or damaged AFTER installation

Four Steps to Successful Club Growth

There are many ways to successfully recruit new members. You can invite people to service projects, club meetings or special club events. Your club can conduct an “open house” or a “business after hours” event to promote your club. Growing your club is important because of the difference each new member can make in your club and community. Being visible in the community is one of the keys to recruiting new members.

Although the concept is simple – just ask – it’s essential that your club prepare an effective outreach plan so you are successful when you’re ready to ask. The process has four easy steps:

- 1. Prepare your club** This phase is about understanding what your club wants to accomplish and what your recruiting and service goals are. Deciding what kind of new members your club wants to recruit is a key activity. CEP, specifically the How Are Your Ratings? survey, can help you identify any issues before inviting new members.
- 2. Creating your club’s growth plan** This includes the basic planning steps of who, what, when, where and how. The Just Ask! New Member Recruiting Guide is designed to guide your club through the process of recruiting new members and effectively managing club growth.
- 3. Implementing your club’s growth plan** In this step, you will reach out to target members and host an informational meeting for them. Inviting members is as easy as asking, but follow up is the key to success.
- 4. Welcoming your new members** Once you’ve added new members, you’ll want to properly welcome them into your club and involve them in club activities. Be sure to offer orientation and mentoring to build a foundation for success. The Lions New Member Orientation Training Guide helps new Lions understand your club, our association and their opportunities as a Lion. When new members are properly welcomed and involved in club life, they are more likely to remain in Lions for years.

Some Do’s when asking someone to join.

Do train your current members how to recruit. A quick training session can prepare your members to share an ‘elevator speech’ or a quick overview of what impact your club is having and how it benefits them personally and the community.

Do get to know someone first. Invite them to join your team where their personal passion will benefit your club.

Do prepare for rejection. Not everyone will want to join. Asking does not cost a thing. Stay positive every time you ask.

Do consider recruiting to be everyone's responsibility. We all know someone who would be an asset to our organization.

How do I ask? What do I say? Three Simple Things Will Get You Started.

Example: Hi Karen, we are inviting wonderful people, like yourself to join our local Lions club. Lions are 1.3 million men & women in 208 countries and the largest service organization in the world.

1. We are dedicated to serving those in need in our communities
2. Our global mission is to assist those with visual impairment
3. We provide leadership training and opportunities for Lions members.



Would you like to join or be interested in attending our next meeting? I can pick you, if you like.

- Use the key messages above as written or in your own words. If time allows, you can expand on each message with your own personal experience.
- Practice this at a club meeting or special meeting. Partner up and role play.
- Reduce the fear. Have each member come to the podium and repeat your key messages. You are among friends!
- Print it on the back of a business card with your membership chair or your information on the front and practice saying it from time to time.

Welcome New Members!

Dyer Lions

Member: Lion Laura Chavez
Sponsor: Not Reported

Member: Lion Vickie Morris
Sponsor: Not Reported

Member: Lion Connie Kann
Sponsor: IPDG Richard Silveira

Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions

Member: Lion Christopher Derisi
Sponsor: Lion Chuck De Las Casas

Member: Lion Kourtnee Skidmore
Sponsor: Lion Kenneth Walter

Member: Lion Leticia Walter
Sponsor: Lion Patrick Walter

Member: Lion Joshua Skidmore
Sponsor: Lion Kenneth Water

Member: Lion Anthony Tsikouris
Sponsor: Lion Chuck De Las Casas

Michiana L C

Member: Lion Randall DeWeese
Sponsor: Lion James Cross

Member: Lion Alan Wozniak
Sponsor: Lion Gene Bancroft

Munster Lions

Member: Lion Dan Kennedy
Sponsor: Lion Charles Hulsey

11 New Members in December!



We Remember...

*Lion Andrew Attar
Merrillville Lions*

"The angels are always near to those who are grieving, to whisper to them that their loved ones are safe in the hand of God. "
- Eileen Elias Freeman -



30 year member, Lion Steve Burton

Kentland Lions

On Tuesday, November 12th the Kentland Lions club held their annual District Governor's Night at the Downtown Lounge. There were only three members in attendance with their spouses but the District Governor, Connie Roe, was happy to attend and present the club with some ideas for future programs and her insights for the year.

She was also happy to present Kentland Lion member, Steve Burton, with his 30 year member chevron.

The Kentland Lions meet at 7:00pm, the second Tuesday of each month at the Kentland Firehouse and new members are always welcome.

Although the membership is small, they are able to hold at least two fund raisers each year. The members along with members from the Morocco Lions provide BINGO at the Newton County Fair each year. The past couple of years this activity has been held in the church building or the old Pop Warner building.

They also provide the Kentland area residents with a very tasty Bar-B Q chicken cook out every Spring; grilling 250 chicken halves on the courthouse lawn. The monies from these endeavors help provide eyeglasses for area students or adults that are unable to afford them on their own. They have also donated to the past Wonderland of Lights and the Steve Ryan Community Center as well as other community functions.

Lowell Lions

Lions community service reflected in Lowell projects

For 75 years, the Lowell Lions Club has been quietly doing good works to benefit the community. Recently, though, Lions members roared a bit to acknowledge the 75 years of accomplishments that have helped to guide the direction of the greater Lowell area.

Lowell Lion John Piper said he's proud to belong to a growing organization that has given more than \$2 million back to the community over its 75 years. He joined five years ago after moving to Lowell. "It is deeply woven into the fabric of this community. ... Plus, it's a great time. It's camaraderie, excitement, electricity," Piper said.



Lion Paul Palmer

Piper said building membership is an ongoing project. Lions Clubs International took a pro-active stance toward maintaining membership that has helped, said Mel Goldman, Lowell Lions Club treasurer. "Knowing there was a decline in Lions all over the country, Lions International has allowed us to openly solicit members. That was an international policy change. ... We know there's attrition," Goldman said. "People are asked to join after a member has offered them up to the club," board member Paul Palmer said. When he was president several years ago, he took steps to increase membership, one reason he was recently honored with the Melvin Jones Award, the highest bestowed by the Lions Club International Foundation.

The history of the Lowell Lions is intertwined with that of the community. Ron Wietbrock, a 43-year member, hearkened back to the group's early days when the Lions borrowed \$15,000 to establish the town's first ambulance. He recalled, too, when the Lions paid for the high school football field. Many decisions to give have moved the community forward, he said.

Goldman, who has been known to don the Lowell Lion costume for the Lowell Labor Day Parade, said hundreds of thousands of eyeglasses have been collected locally and sent to Indiana University for reuse and Lowell Public Library patrons in need have benefited from the large print machine purchased by the Lions. The large-print book collection is added to annually, he said. School children are given free eye exams through the Lowell Lions and a partnership has been developed with Moses Eye Care to provide eyeglasses to needy children, Goldman said. The Lowell High School band has received uniforms, a trailer and more over the years, Wietbrock said.

Alice Dahl, the Cedar Creek Township trustee, said the Lions have done countless good works and can always be counted on to help. "They're always real accommodating," she said. She recently asked if they could build a ramp for an older woman in need who had come to the trustee's office. They did. "Every year, they give Christmas trees for our (poor relief) clients. ... You couldn't ask for a greater bunch of guys. ... They're mellow, and they get the job done," she said.

Club member receives top honor

Paul Palmer, past president and current board member of the Lowell Lions Club, was honored with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award during the club's recent 75th anniversary celebration.

The highest award given by the Lions Club International Foundation is awarded to only one-third of 1 percent of Lions Club International members. It recognizes dedication to the humanitarian service that is a hallmark of Lions internationally.

Specifically, Palmer, a 28-year member who has held every office and chaired every project in the club, was honored for his unselfish devotion to the club through mentoring, service and community awareness efforts.

For many years, Lions Clubs International's motto was We serve. Now, Palmer said, the organization has expanded on that. "Now, it is: We care. We serve. We accomplish. I like that," he said.



Winamac Lions Fish Fry



January 24th, 2014

4:00 to 7:00 pm Eastern

VFW Post 1728

1066 US Hwy 35, Winamac, In 46996

All You Can Eat Perch with Fries, Cole Slaw, Baked
Beans, Bread and drinks.

Carry Out or Drive Thru Available

Hebron Lions
New Meeting Location
Country Kitchen Restaurant
120 N Main St., Hebron
1st & 3rd Thursdays



Your Club Brochures Wanted

We would love to have a display of all the different club brochures at the upcoming district convention in March.

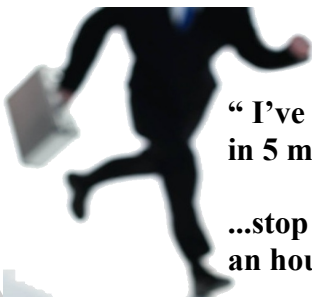
Please plan to bring some of your brochures so that other clubs can see what you are doing and exchange information on service projects you have done. We will have a display table provided.

Thank You in Advance for Helping us Promote and Share the Vision of Lions!



I wonder where
those Bird Brains
are going?

To the great
25A District
Convention!



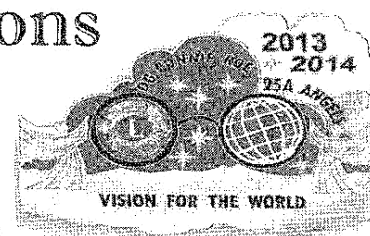
"I've told you I'd be there
in 5 minutes..."

...stop calling me every half
an hour!"





District 25-A Lions
please join
Governor Connie Roe
for her District Convention



"VISION FOR THE WORLD"

March 7-8-2014

Best Western Hotel and Conference Center

444 Pine Lake Avenue

La Porte, IN 46350

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

219-362-4585

Reservations are to be made directly with the Hotel

8 A.M. to 10:15 A.M., Conference Registration is FREE

Buffet Breakfast Saturday

Available for \$8.95 /person

Deadline for Convention Registration & Meal Reservations is

(free if you stay at the
hotel)

February 9 , 2014

			Total
Saturday, March 8, 2014	Deli Lunch	\$15.00 per person x _____	\$ _____
Saturday, March 8, 2014	Banquet	\$27.00 per person x _____	\$ _____
entertainment by the band "Night Shift"			

Display table for our club _____ need eletric _____

\$10 charge for clubs doing fundraisers State and District Projects are FREE

Club _____

Name/Title _____

Name/Title _____

Name/Title _____

Name/Title _____

Mail to: CS Angie Schmeltz 14726 Bryan St., Cedar Lake, IN 46303

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



*The Winamac Lions Invites you and your spouse to attend
A Reception Dinner to Welcome
International Director Lion Stephen Glass
 At the Best Western LaPorte Hotel & Conference Center
 On Friday, March 7, 2014*

Cocktails 6:00 pm and Dinner 6:30 pm central time

Dinner is \$20 per person ** Cash Bar

Meal Choices are: Fried Perch or Chicken Alfredo

Dress is Business Casual

Hospitality Room open 4-5 pm and 9-11 pm central time

Reservations and payment must be received by February 9, 2014

Send to: CS Angie Schmeltz, 14726 Bryan Street, Cedar Lake IN 46303

Checks are payable to: District 25A Convention

Club Name _____

Name/Title /dinner choice/payment

Use Back of page, for additional names if needed.

Join us at the
25A Convention Banquet-A Celebration of Vision!

This year our guest speaker, International Director Stephen Glass, will be speaking to us in the afternoon business session. Our Saturday night banquet will be filled with awards and prizes, fun and celebration and a quick recap from ID Steve!

Saturday's banquet will include a live band, Night Shift .All but one of their members belongs to the Monterey Lions Club! Please plan to come, bring your friends, bring a guest and support our fellow Lions. Let's Celebrate our accomplishments!



2014-2015 LIONS YEAR-AVAILABLE ELECTED OFFICES

25A - 2nd Vice District Governor (no nominations at this time) Term 2014-2015

For the office of 1st Vice District Governor or 2nd Vice District Governor, a written nomination of any active member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in District 25A, provided the nominee has secured the endorsement of his/her club or the majority of the clubs in the district. The written nomination and endorsement must be received by the nominating committee not later than thirty (30) days prior the district convention, this year being held on March 8, 2014.

A candidate for the office of second vice district governor shall: (1) Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district. (2) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or sub-district. (3) Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as second vice district governor (a) As president of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years; and (b) As zone chairperson or region chairperson or cabinet secretary and/or treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof. © With one of the above being accomplished concurrently.

MD - International Convention Committee-1 candidate-3 year term

We have received one endorsed candidate-PDG Robert Morgan

State Foundation—Representing 25A - 1 candidate each - 3 year term 2014-2017

Cancer Control

Eye & Tissue Bank

Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Indiana Lions Foundation

Speech and Hearing

25A District Project - Ed Paine Care & Helping Hands - 3 year term - 2014-2017

One candidate from Region 3

One candidate from Region 4

To place your name in nomination, please contact:

Lion Gary Shaffer 387 Raritan Dr., Valparaiso, IN 46385 219-762-9577 email: gishj87@netzero.net

25A District Convention Schedule 2014

Friday Night, March 7th-Dinner with International Director Stephen Glass and his wife, Cindy

Registration is Saturday March 8th from 8:00 to 10:00 am central time.

Seminars are:

9:00 to 10:00 am New Member Orientation—play Jeopardy!

9:00 to 10:00 am Workshop on Membership and Retention. Co-presenter ID Stephen Glass

10:30 am to Noon—1st business session

Noon to 1:15 pm Lunch

1:15 pm Banner Line Up

1:30 pm 2nd business session-ID Stephen Glass will speak

Voting immediately after business session

Hospitality Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 pm and 9:00 to 11:00 pm

Saturday awards Banquet begins at 6:00pm

Night Shift Band providing entertainment and
Announcement of Prizes





2014 25A District Convention Booklet Advertising Application

- Promote an upcoming event for your club or business
- Honor your club's Melvin Jones, W.P Woods Fellow or Past District Governors
- Thank your District Governor for a great year
- Honor a family member or loved one with a special message

Pricing is as follows:

1/4 page	\$25
1/2 page	\$50
Whole page	\$100
Inside Cover	\$150
Back Cover	\$200

Please send your ad by **February 9th, 2014** to

Lion Karlene Roe. witchywillow@hotmail.com

Ads can be sent in any of these formats:

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DG Connie Roe, 701 S Huddleston Rd, Winamac In 46996



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Mail this application with check payable to:

District 25A Convention

CS Angie Schmeltz * 14726 Bryan Street, Cedar Lake, IN 46303

Amount Enclosed: _____

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District 25-A Lions

please join
Govenor Connie Roe
for her 3rd Cabinet Meeting

Hosted by the Union Mills Lions Club
Sunday, January 19, 2014
Union Mills Conservation Clubhouse
at the Mill Pond
Union Mills, Indiana 46382

Pot luck meal
Meal cost \$ 12.00
1:00 P.M. Central
2PM - Eastern
1PM Central

**Ugly Shirt or
Sweater Day!**

**First Ever White Elephant
Silent Auction**

**Bring Your unwanted Christmas
gifts or any other item laying
around you no longer need to the
cabinet meeting!**

Please turn in all reports for District Convention at this meeting. These reports will be included in the Convention Book. You will be allowed to add any additional information only if you already turned in your report.

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Club _____
Name/Title _____

Number attending _____ x \$ 12.00 Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please RSVP by Jan. 7, 2014

Mail to: CS Angie Schmeltz
14726 Bryan St., Cedar Lake, IN 46303

Any questions call 219-374-9714

*Please Make Checks Payable to District 25-A Lions

**RSVP date extended to
Jan. 11th**



January 2014

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Mission Mtg	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Crown Point-OV	17	18
19 Cabinet Mtg Union Mills	20	21 Cedar Lake-OV	22	23	24 Winamac Fish Fry VFW	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

**See an open date? Contact DG Connie to schedule your clubs official visit:
H: 574-946-4701 C: 219-863-0761 or kroegwen@embarkmail.com**

Indiana Lions Calendar of Events

January 3: Friday Night MWC Dinner
January 4: Mid Winter Conference
January 4: Council Meeting
January 4: Foundation Executive meeting-if called
January 18: District 25G Cabinet Meeting
January 19: District 25A Cabinet Meeting
January 25: District D Cabinet Meeting
January 29: District F Cabinet Meeting

February 1: District B Cabinet Meeting
February 8-9: 1st VDG Training-Baymont-Plainfield
February 8: Foundation Meeting
February 9: Cancer Control Indiana Cancer Pavilion
9:45am eastern Sunday Service, 10:30
meeting room RT101, 535 Barnhill Dr.

LCI Calendar of Events

Membership Focus: Target Market
Relieving the Hunger Global Service Action Campaign
Glaucoma Awareness Month

January 1: Beginning of Period 3 for the Dream Achiever Awards
January 12-18: LCIF Week
January 13: Melvin Jones' birthday
January 14-18: FOLAC Forum (Cali, Colombia)
January 15: Peace Poster Kits go on sale from Club Supplies
January 15: Deadline for districts to submit a single Lions Environmental Photo Contest entry to multiple district
January 20-24: Executive Committee Week Meeting (Oak Brook, Illinois, USA)





January 2014
DG Connie Roe
701 S Huddleston RD
Winamac, IN 46996

