

# District 25A Seasons Greetings

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January

2016

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### January Newsletter

We want to wish every Lion a Happy New Year. We hope you had a very Merry Christmas. Many families in need had a better Christmas thanks to all that Lions do to help the needy during the holidays. The Lions of District 25A do a wonderful community service during this time. Lions really step up to the plate during the holidays.

Our District received a congratulations letter from International President Dr. Yamada for having a positive membership in the first half of the year. We want to thank all the Lions who sponsored a new member and we want to welcome all of our new Lions members. We had the pleasure of inducting a lot of these new Lions and look forward to installing many more. Keep up the great work. We must continue to bring in new members and we need to work on better Retention in our clubs. It's very important to keep our current members active in Lions. Sponsors, invite your new members to our District Convention, we have a New Member Orientation Seminar planned just for them. New members can learn all about Lions and what they do at the convention.

This mild winter is great so far, we hope this weather keeps up. The last two winters many of our clubs have had to cancel meetings and events. We want this weather to continue so it doesn't interfere with our clubs events. We can get off to great start for 2016 and have an awesome Lion's year.

Each club early this month will receive their District Convention package. It will have registration, meal prices, raffle tickets, and ad book information. Please go over the convention information at your next club meeting. We want to get the information to you as early as possible so you can plan ahead. Most of the information is also in this newsletter. Also being mailed this month will be your club dues statement for January through June.

**DG Randy Greer**

## 25A LIONS FOR ALL SEASONS

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## 25A LIONS FOR ALL SEASONS

### *Message from VDG Patty Cooke*

Merry Christmas!

It's that busy time of the year where all Lions make time to help others amongst their own tree trimming and cookie baking. Lions are out there making sure that those in need don't go without at Christmas – whether it is toys, clothing or food. We are buying hams, putting together food baskets, giving to food banks, cooking for warming shelters-- making sure no family goes hungry this holiday season.

When we think of hunger, we often see the faces of children in third world countries, but it is here in our communities. More than one billion people live on a dollar a day, and nearly 800 million people around the world go to bed hungry every night. This January, make a difference by joining Lions around the world for a special Lions Worldwide Week of Service ( January 10 to 16 ) dedicated to eliminating hunger and poverty.

Show your commitment to service, and also help us reach the Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people, by planning a project impacting hunger and poverty in your community. Many of our clubs are already focused on this need in District 25A.

No matter how you choose to serve, be sure to join us for this Centennial There is more information about planning, promoting and reporting your project on the LCI website:

<http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/programs/centennial-service-challenge/worldwide-week-of-service-hunger.php>

The New Year is a good time to recharge your clubs – to review what's working and what is not. How successful were your fundraising efforts, what could you have been done differently? Could you have giving out more food baskets during the Holidays? Are there other needs in your community?

Once a year, your club should assess the programs and services you provide to your local community. Through a simple assessment, you will be able to understand:

- What kinds of volunteer services your community needs.
- Which projects and programs are important to the people in your area.
- Whether your clubs' current service projects are still needed by the community.
- If other organizations in your area are providing similar services.

I would like to wish all of you the Happiest of Holidays and Happiest of New Years!

Lion VDG Patty Cooke

Schererville Lions Club





## Lions 25A 3<sup>rd</sup> District Meeting

*"Lions For All The Seasons!"*

**Join District Governor Randy Greer**

Sunday, January 31, 2016

1:00PM CST

South Haven American Legion Post 502

429 West 750 North

Valparaiso (South Haven)

219-759-2121

*Lunch will be served-Cost \$12.00*

*All Lions, Club Secretaries, Club Presidents,*

*Zone Chairs, Region Chairs, PDG's*

*Are Invited to Attend*

*Please submit your District Reports to CS Judy Shaffer*

**Please RSVP to CS Judy Shaffer by January 25, 2016**

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Amount enclosed\_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

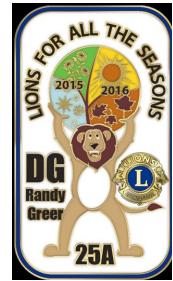
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**Please RSVP Directly to Cabinet Secretary Judy Shaffer**

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*"Lions For All The Seasons!"*

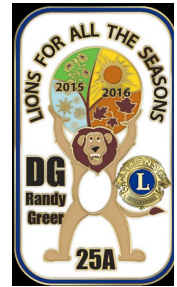
**Please Join**

**District Governor Randy Greer**

**at Our**

**District 25A Convention**

**March 11-12, 2016**



**Best Western Hotel and Conference Center**

**444 Pine Lake Avenue**

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

**LaPorte, IN 46350**

Reservations are to be made directly to the Hotel

**219-362-4585**

**Deadline** for Hotel is **February 11, 2016**

**Buffet Breakfast Saturday**

**Deadline for** Meals is **February 24, 2016**

**(free if you stay at hotel)**

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

Seminars will be at 9AM & 10AM - 1<sup>st</sup> Business Session begins at 11AM

Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>    "Hawaiian Casual"    Meet the ID    5:30PM Social    6:00PM Dinner  
\$20.00 per person X \_\_\_\_ = \$\_\_\_\_

Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>    Deli Lunch    Noon    \$15.00 per person X \_\_\_\_ = \$\_\_\_\_

Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>    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: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

	Ad is attached or emailed to Lion Pat Greer <a href="mailto:randy.greer@frontier.com">randy.greer@frontier.com</a>
	Please design an Ad with the attached information

**Mail to:** Lion Pat Greer    744 Acadia Rd.    Valparaiso, IN 46385

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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/>



# INDIANA LIONS 2016 STATE CONVENTION

“In the Heart of Amish Country”  
Shipshewana, Indiana

April 29—May 1, 2016

## Convention Booklet Advertising Application

- Promote an upcoming event for your Club, District or Business
- Honor your club's Melvin Jones or W.P. Woods Fellows or your Past District Governors
- Thank your District Governor for a great 2015-16 Lions Year

5.25 in. 8.5 in.	Full Page—\$200 5 in. x 8 in.	1/2 page—\$100. 5 in. x 4 in. <hr/> 1/4 page—\$50. 5 in. x 2 in. <hr/> 1/4 page—\$50. 5 in. x 2 in.	<table> <tr> <td>Full Page</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Half Page</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quarter Page</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Name on Sponsor Page</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 25.00</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Copy may be in color or black &amp; white (same price for either)</p>	Full Page	\$200.00	Half Page	\$100.00	Quarter Page	\$ 50.00	Name on Sponsor Page	\$ 25.00
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Please send your camera ready ad by March 15th to AHaffner@kconline.com  
 Please send this application with check made payable to Indiana Lions State Convention to  
 PDG Ann Haffner, 11268 N. St. Rd. 13, Syracuse, IN 46567



Detach and Return with Payment

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

Check one: Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Project \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate ad size: Full page \_\_\_\_\_ Half page \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter page \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor name \_\_\_\_\_



## 25A LIONS FOR ALL SEASONS

### *Lions Recover Medical Equipment from Merrillville Town Center*

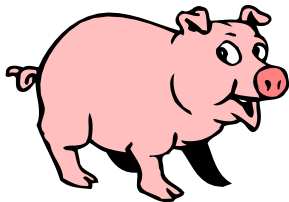
Christmas Angels Lion Deb Hepinstall of the Merrillville Lions Club and Darlene Herrera, both of Town Center, enabled the Lions Clubs of District 25A with medical closets, to go 'picking'. A section of the Town Center Facility is undergoing a renovation, to convert a wing to a Memory Care Facility. Under a very short window of time, the existing facility was to be emptied so Construction crews can begin. Lions Clarence and Sally Davis, and Doug and Angie Schmeltz, did a preliminary walk thru to inspect the equipment, and get a scope of the task. On Dec 18th and 20th, 13 Lions from 7 Clubs 'picked' the facility. Medical closets were upgraded and expanded at NO COST. Wheel chairs, Walkers, Canes, Hospital Beds, Mattresses, Hoyer lifts, file cabinets, storage cabinets, blankets, mattress pads, hospital bed tables all were loaded out. Clubs involved in the pick were Schererville, Hobart, Cedar Lake, Westville, Hebron, South Haven, and IHEC. Some took a chair, most took truck and trailer loads. THANK YOU TOWNE CENTER!!!! THANK YOU LIONS!!!



**We Serve**

**Hobart Lions Club**

## **PORK CHOP DINNER**



DATE: January 31      TIME: 3 PM - 6 PM

LOCATION: TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

891 LINDA ST. HOBART

COST: \$10 one chop; \$12 two chops

For tickets call Clarence at 942-4433

or Joe at 781-9604

**Governor Randy & Lion Pat at home**

**Wishing All Lions a Happy New Year.**



### *Michiana Lions Club Donates Backpacks*



Lion Jamie Miller (Back left) and  
Kristen Patterson accepting  
backpacks along with Grace Learning  
Center Volunteers.

Michiana Lions had 50 backpacks donated to them by the BigR Store and Lion Johnie Skeen. Photo shows 25 of the backpacks being donated to the Grace Learning Center in Michigan City. Kristen Patterson, Executive Director of the Center was thrilled to receive the backpacks for students. Big R also filled each backpack with school supplies. The other 25 backpacks are going to the Pine Township School.

Michiana Lions members Johnie Skeen and Jamie Miller were instrumental in making this donation happen.

### *Valparaiso Lions Club*



Lion Dr. Richard Ireland received a W.P. Woods  
Fellowship Award from his Valparaiso Lions Club.  
Award being presented by District Governor Randy  
Greer.

# Happy New Year



We welcome these new Lions:

Hamlet Lions Club	Larry Jernas	Sponsor Tiffany Nagai
LaPorte Lions Club	Kate Pangborn	Sponsor Rita Mrozinski
LaPorte Lions Club	Barbara Smeltzer	Sponsor Charles Schnable
LOFS Lions Club	Thomas Magurany	Sponsor Thomas Snowden
Michiana Lions Club	Alexander Vartia	Sponsor Vernon Hixon
Star City Lions Club	John Gould	Sponsor Ken Schultz
Star City Lions Club	Kyle Zeller	Sponsor Tom Roth

## January Zone Meetings

Region 2 Zones A & B, Tuesday January 5<sup>th</sup> , 6:30PM

Casa Del Roma, Valparaiso

Region 1 Zone B, Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM BullPen, Schererville

Region 3 Zones A & B, Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>,

6:30PM Scarby's Pub, Michigan City

District Meeting, Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 1:00PM, Lunch \$12.00

South Haven American Legion Post 502 (South Haven)

## The Mission of LCIF

Presented by PDG Gary Ochs  
Indiana LCIF Multiple District Coordinator

Every day, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) works to fulfill our mission: **"To support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants."**

Since our founding in 1968 we have strived to sustain Lions' humanitarian service goals throughout the world, awarding over 12,000 grants totaling more than US\$900 million, in the four key areas of **sight, youth, disaster relief and other humanitarian efforts.**

**We give sight.** LCIF is providing vision for those in need all over the world by combating eye diseases, creating infrastructure to improve eye care delivery, increasing the number of trained eye care professionals and making vision care more equitable and sustainable.

**We support youth.** All young people deserve to have an education, feel cared for and experience healthy development so they can have the chance to achieve their dreams. Through our **positive youth development program**, Lions Quest, LCIF is helping children learn to work together, make positive decisions and serve their communities. The Foundation also supports youth through constructing schools, youth centers and vocational training centers.

**We provide disaster relief.** Lions are often some of the first to arrive at a disaster to provide relief, and Foundation support is right there with them. We help devastated communities survive after disasters and bring hope by assisting in long-term efforts of rebuilding of homes and lives.

**We address humanitarian needs.** From working to combat global health issues such as measles and diabetes to empowering those with disabilities to lead more independent and fulfilling lives, LCIF is dedicated to a range of humanitarian service projects. The Foundation continues to develop and expand programs that meet emerging needs worldwide.

***Make sure you and your Lions Club supports your foundation LCIF. Please contact either LCIF Coordinator PDG Glenn Swanson 219-324-7149 or PDG Dennis Brown 219-766-3770 for a club presentation.***




# 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

## January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Convention Meeting	5 Zone Meeting Valpo LaCrosse OV	6	7 Crown Point OV	8 Council Meeting	9
10 Council Meeting	11 Zone 18 Meeting Schererville	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Griffith OV	20 Zone Mtg 3A & B Michigan City	21	22	23
24 31 3rd District Mtg SH	25	26	27	28	29	30

## February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Rolling Prairie OV	3	4 St. John OV	5	6
7	8	9 Dyer OV	10	11	12	13
14 	15 Mill Creek OV	16 Cedar Lake OV	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 SH Chili Dinner	26	27 District C Convention
28	29					