# The Lions Heartbeat

Issue 7, January, 2018

# District 25A News



#### **Featured News**

Cabinet Meeting

District 25A Conv. - 4-5

Club News - 8, 10-13

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#### **District Governor's Message**

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a most enjoyable holiday spending time making memories and relaxing. This is the time of the year that most of us will reflect on the past 12 months and make resolutions for the new year. It seems the new year offers a new beginning – a fresh start. With this in mind, please take a few moments to reflect on the past 6 months as a Lion and then, think about the next 6 months. Did you accomplish all you wanted? What are your resolutions as a Lion for this new year? I don't think most of us reflect and resolve our Lion life, but perhaps we should. I have often said the 2017-2018 Lions year is like a new beginning ~ the new century. As I travel the district, I feel pride hearing about the great deeds our awesome Lions are doing. I am happy to say our clubs are improving on their reporting tasks and letting others know about their activities, and many clubs are embracing new members. Resolution #1 – report membership and activities every month.

We are in the midst of planning a great convention you won't want to miss. Please look for the information inside this newsletter and get registered. Annually, we have open positions for trustees and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. These positions are elected during our convention. Are you ready to step into one of these leadership roles? In order for our district to continue the momentum, we need every Lion ready, willing, and doing their part to strengthen their club and/or to be a part of the district team. Resolution #2 – participate fully in my club AND/OR step into a district role.

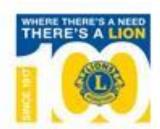
We are half way through our first year of a new century in the world's largest service organization. Now is the perfect time to make positive changes in our operations and service. District A is doing a fantastic job at making a difference. You are embracing new ideas and new energy and inducting new members. But are we communicating enough? Are you ensuring your members know what is happening in your community? Are you letting your community know you are there to serve? Are you sharing your fundraisers with other clubs, so they can support you? Lack of club/zone information for our newsletter tells me communication is a problem. Now is not the time to be shy or too humble. Shout it out Lions! Tell EVERYONE who you are and what you are doing. Resolution #3 – communicate more – to everyone.

Turn the page for more exciting news from the district. But before you leave this page, reflect on this –

District A Lions have Heart and have Boarded the 'A' Train. We have recognized There's a Lion in all of us, All we need to do is ask. While Aiming for Better Tomorrows, we are Going Forward. Families serving Together and Planting for the Future, Thank You! Dream it, Believe it, Do it with a Vision for the World, you are Angels of Service. 25A Sets the Pace with Lions for all the Seasons proving Where there is a need, there is a Lion. You are Touching Lives through Service. This is the legacy of District 25A, and YOU are part of the awesomeness! Until next time....

Yours in Friendship and Service ~~

Lion Robin, District Governor



#### Message from 2nd VDG Mitch Semans:

#### **Dear Fellow Lions:**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I hope everyone had a great holiday season. This time of year is such a great time for charitable giving and for helping out people which goes right in line with what we do as Lions. It always amazes me that people are so generous during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season but not the rest of the year.

This makes me even more proud to be a Lion since we Lions donate and help out causes ALL YEAR LONG!!! So my challenge to everyone is when you are talking to someone and they mention that they rang the bell or contributed to a worthy cause over the holiday and you say that is great. Follow up with "How would you like to do that ALL YEAR LONG Let me tell you about the Lions."

The opportunity that the Lions have for someone to be charitable is amazing. There really is something for everyone. Whether it is raising money for vision or cancer, doing a project to help someone in need, or just plain donating time or money, the Lions can accommodate anyone who wants to give a helping hand. It all starts with the local clubs doing things to help improve the District, then the Districts improve the State, and the States improve the Country and the Country improves the World. We as LIONS can make a difference. God Bless.

#### Mitchell Semans. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG

#### Hoosier Lion Newspaper Survey

The Hoosier Lion newspaper has been Indiana's (MD25) method for communicating with its members for more than 30 years. As the change to more digital formats is occurring, the Governors of MD -25 have determined that it is important to survey the Lions of Indiana to determine if changes in the newspaper should be done. Please take a few moments and let us know what you think. The link to access the survey is https://surveyhero.com/c/5165Ofc.

#### **District 25A Officer Nominations**

The following positions will be up for election at our District Convention on March 17, 2018:

District Governor

First Vice District Governor

Second Vice District Governor - A letter of intention as well as a letter of endorsement from his/her club must be submitted before February 16, 2018 to Nominations/Elections Chair Bo Zimmerman.

Trustee positions open (these are for a three year term)

**Indiana Lions Cancer Control** 

Visionfirst- Indiana Lion Eye Bank

Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing

Indiana School for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Indiana Lions for Leader Dog

**Indiana Lions Trust Foundation** 

Ed Paine Care and Helping Hand at Large (2 positions)

If you would like your name on the Ballot, please contact Lion Bo before Feb 16, 2018.

lionbo@frontier.com or call (219)767-2848 or (219)575-1637



## 2017-2018 District Governor Robin Smith District 25A

# 3rd Cabinet Meeting

Spensored by the Michigan Leans Clab

Sunday, January 21, 2018 - 1:00 PM CST

Auxiliary VFW Post 1130 181 Mc Clung Road, La Porte, IN 46350

219-324-9355 CS Barb's Cell 219-798-5950





# 3<sup>rd</sup> 25A Cabinet Meeting

Name	Club	Lc
Name_	Club	LC
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Number attending X \$ 15.00 = \$

Make checks to: Michiana Lions Club

Mail to:

CS Barbara Toosley 13700 Lantern Drive St John, IN 46373

LionBarb@comcast.net - 219-798-5950



### District Governor Robin Smith District 25A District Convention March 16 & 17, 2018



#### Best Western Plus Conference Center 444 Pine Lake Ave. La Porte. IN 46350 219-362-4585

Our Special Weekend Guest ID N. Alan Lundgren & Lion Terry Pressel

ROOMS RATE is \$90 + Tax per night – until February 17, 2018
Rate includes FREE breakfast buffet

ROOM RESERVATIONS ARE TO BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL
Call 219-362-4585 and asking for **District Lions Convention** 

# FRIDAY NIGHT ID WELCOME DINNER SATURDAY LUNCH - SATURDAY BANQUET\* (see prices below)

\*Pre-seating chart available Saturday Morning - Registration & Meal Reservation Deadline: March 2, 2018

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### District 25A - 2018 Convention Ad Book

#### Advertise in the:

2018 District 25A Ad Book District Convention March 16-17, 2018

Your Clubs Ad ....

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Upcoming Club Fundraisers
Honor your Melvin Jones Members
Foundations: Thank the Lions for their Donations
Live a Welcome to our Special J.D Luest

CONGRATULATE THE DG & VDG

Place an AD for your Business – Lions Support Lions

All BUSINESS ADS ½ page or larger will also be posted in the Registration Area

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Color Back Page	\$ 200.00	7 X 9	
Color Back Inside Cover	\$ 150.00	7 X 9	
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1/2 Page	\$ 60.00	7 X 4 ½	
1/4 Page	\$ 40.00	3 ½ X 4 ½	

Check Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: District 25A District Convention

I have attached an Ad or emailed an Ad

Please design an Ad with the attached information

Return with Ad or Send check and email your AD to: LionBarb@comcast.net

ALL ADS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 26, 2018

Name

Club or Business

Email

Mail to: CS Barbara Toosley 13700 Lantern Drive, St. John, IN 46373

## **Convention Silent Auction**

We ask each Lions Club to donate a "BASKET" worth \$35.00 (or more) to the raffle.

Not talented, no time? Just send us the \$35.00 and we will make one with your club's name on it.



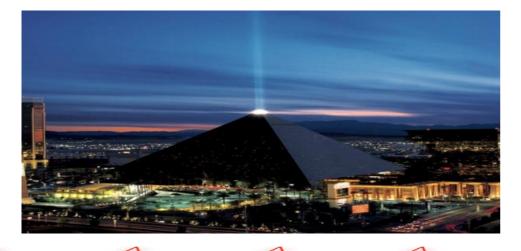
Make check to: Lions District 25A, note "Convention Auction"

Mail to: CS Barbara Toosley, 13700 Lantern Drive, St John, IN 46373

# Bulletin No. 5 "Las Vegas here we come"

By PDG Gary Ochs, Chairperson

Early registration is <u>BEFORE</u> January 12, 2018; Regular registration is January 13 through March 31, 2018; and Late registration is April 1 to May 1, 2018. <u>Plan early!</u> All convention venues are located at the MGM Grand on the Las Vegas Strip. The Indiana Lions attending will stay at the Luxor "Egyptian Pyramid" hotel within walking distance of the MGM Convention Center. Visit online at www.lionsclubs.org for update.



# The Value of One...

Let us start with something fun for the word ... 'One'. How many well known phrases can you recall that include the word; One. Here are a few to get your memory flowing:

One in a million! As busy as a one-armed paper hanger. Back to square one! An Army of one. As one door closes another one opens. And so on....Hey! Why not make it a game at one or your meetings. See how many 'One' phrases you can come up with.

Okay, I digress. So now that we got One thing going, what is the one thing that might be of value to you and your members? Don't know? Now is the time to find out what your members value as a Lions member. It would be interesting at one of your meeting to go around the table and have your members tell them what they value about Lions.

Do you see any value in having a leader? Of course you do!

Leadership is One Value you cannot put a price tag on. Being a leader is a choice and anyone can learn how to do it. There are many resources for formal training. There is no mystery behind being a good leader, just be strong in your convictions and your passions and you will influence those around you. Lead by positive example and you will turn yourself into a leader. Being a leader not only helps your personal growth but can also help shape the life of others. We need leaders to see us through the next One Hundred Years!

Most lives are not distinguished by great achievements. They are measured by an infinite number of small ones. Each time you do a kindness for someone or bring a smile to his or her face, it gives your life meaning. Never doubt your value. The world is a better place with your service in it.

I am going to ask One favor of all of you. Can you identify someone whom would like to be or you think would be a good or great leader in your club? For your Zone? For our District? Is it you? Are you the One? Let anyone of our current District leaders know that you or someone would make a great leader! Do it today!

One Hundred Years! You...the Value of One!

#### All for one and one for All!

Yours in Lionism, PDG Connie Roe, 25A Leadership Chair



#### Message from IPDG Patty Cooke:







**ENVIRONMENT** 



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It is that time of the year where everyone is filled with the spirit of giving – especially Lions. In addition to their own families and friends, they are giving to their communities. A few of our clubs have captured their service activities in their Monthly reports – a combined 23 activities for 9 clubs.

The **Rolling Prairie Lion**s also picked up 150 hams and bags of potatoes from a local market and delivered them to two food pantries. Some food was packed and delivered to twelve families in need.

Mill Creek helped Rolling Prairie sort and deliver boxes of nonperishable items for families in their community.

The **St. John Lions** picked 3 families off the community board and donated \$100 gift cards for the local grocery store for each family for the Christmas holiday, and \$50 gift cards for Target for gifts for the family.

Wheatfield Lions delivered 80 turkeys to multiple families in the area.

The **Monterey Lions** in conjunction with other clubs and businesses and individuals in our local community donated \$200 to go for clothing and toys for disadvantaged children for Christmas. This is an annual event and helps about 20 children in our local school district.

The **Michiana Lions** worked on Saturday collecting donations for the Salvation Army at the Karwick Park and Shop. Seven Lions had a lot of fun helping with this worthwhile cause.

The **Chesterton Lions Club** donated \$1159 for the upcoming eyeglass mission and also did a vision screening. In addition, money was donated to the Boys and Girls Club and the Chesterton High School Choir, which performed at their Christmas dinner meeting..

**Westville Lions** worked a candy day and with the proceeds, took eight kids Christmas shopping and donated money to the medical supply closet.

The **Valparaiso Lions** checked on their eyeglass collection boxes to make sure the eyeglasses moved on to the Wanatah recycling center.

I am willing to bet that the other 41 clubs in the district have all done very similar projects this month, but they have not been entered into MyLCI. This only takes a few minutes a month. But wait – there is till time! You can still login and enter activities your club has done since July 1, 2017. Make the time to do this important job – this information is a key metric in the LCI goal of improving the lives of at least 200 million people per year.

"You are never too old to set another Goal or to dream a new Dream" Aristotle

Happy New Year!

IPDG Patty Cooke



#### **WHY NOT**

Congratulations and thank you to all who worked so hard to bring in new people and keep the people we have. Your effort kept us to our starting level of 1288 people helping people. Good Job, but more needs to be done. We need to reach 1305 people in District 25A by the end of January 2018. You can do it, we can do it, let's do it.

The New Year brings new challenges as we work together to keep our District independent. I am reminded of the words of Robert Kennedy:

Some people see things as they are and ask Why, I see things as they should be and ask Why Not?

What does this have to do with Lions? Everything. Each year it seems that District 25A loses more people than it brings in. We ask **why**? More than 40% of the people who leave Lions do so because they feel they are not valued and they are no longer making a difference. The first six months of this Lions' year we added 83 people and dropped 83. You did a great job of getting new people to become Lions. Our challenge is to keep them and the people we have. As it is now, we seem to wait until December or June to evaluate the people who are not paying dues and/or not attending meetings and events. Why not change this culture and start a conversation with Lions much sooner, before it is too late to keep them from leaving. Why not have these conversations at every meeting every month? Why not visit these Lions and talk with them face to face to find out what is going on and how we can get them back into the den. This, after all, is the way it should be - *Lions caring for Lions*. This tale related by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Dennis is an example of the way things should be and the result of Lions caring for Lions:

On a winter night a Lion decided to visit another Lion who was not coming to meetings or attending club events. The visiting Lion was invited in and the two sat by the fire exchanging very few words. As the fire continued and became smaller, the visiting Lion took a fallen ember and pushed it back into the fire and the fire became stronger. They looked at each other, and the Lion said "I will be at the next meeting".

This is how it should be - why not. It should be all about Lions caring for Lions with the same heart, soul and mind we use to care for others.

Some will say why not just set a goal of reducing drops by 25 or 30 %? Because that is a number with real people behind it, who need to know they are valued and are making a difference. Our goal is to take care of each other. That we talk to each other, that we find ways to overcome issues that make Lions leave.

After all that's the way it should be and we need to ask ourselves Why Not. Have happy, healthy, safe, and prosperous Happy New Year.

GMT Dick Silveira, PDG

#### Valparaiso Lions Club



The Valparaiso Lions Club recently presented care bags to the VNA Hospice Center to be given to their patients and the patients' families. These care bags contain items to make the patient and their family more comfortable in a very difficult situation. Among other things, the bags have a stuffed animal, lip balm, hand sanitizer, skin lotion, game books, pencils, hard candies, Kleenex, tea, and coffee. This has become a twice yearly event for the club. This year the club gave 25 stuffed teddy bears to the Valparaiso University Basketball coaches wives for new foster children in the area.

#### POSTER CONTEST, "THE FUTURE OF PEACE"

While it was a very difficult decision, this year the District winner is sponsored by the LaPorte Maple City Lions Club. He is 13 year old **Erik Garcia** who attends Kesling Middle School. Receiving Honor Mention is **Sophia Bormann**, 12 years old attending Willowcreek Middle School. She was sponsored by the Portage Lions Club. Congratulations to both for jobs well done.

I want to thank the following clubs who participated in this year contest, showing their support of our District Governor, Lion Robin Smith: LaPorte Maple City Lions, Portage Lions Club, Door Village Lions Club, South Haven Lions Club, Schererville Lions Club, Rolling Prairie Lions Club, and Rensselaer Lions Club.



Lion Carolyn Laviolette, Chairperson for the Peace Poster Contest

#### IH - East Chicago Lions Club



Members of IH-East Chicago Lions Club serve Pancakes, eggs, & sausages at a fundraiser for the club on December 10th. In photo are Lions Naomi, Patty, Angie, Becks, and Marisa.

#### South Haven Lions Club



The South Haven Lions Governor's Night was also their annual potluck supper and Christmas Project. They purchased presents for needy children whose names are obtained from local schools. They also pack boxes of food collected for these families and include a gift certificate to Aldi's. These are then delivered to each of the families by a Lion or volunteer. Photo shows District Governor Robin , Lions, and friends packing food boxes for distribution.

#### St. John Lions Club



At their November meeting, the St. John Lions Club inducted four new members into the club. Pictured in photo are Lion sponsor Denise Konieczka, new Lions George Gardner and Wanda Gardner, Lion sponsor Al Konieczka, new Lions Rhonda Basham and Jeff Dicks.



Each year the St. John Lions Club delivers dictionaries to third grade students at Kolling Elementary School. The children love getting the dictionaries and the school is very happy to participate with the club. The smiles on the children's faces are priceless. For Dictionary Project information, visit their website at https://dictionaryproject.org.

#### Mill Creek Community Lions



Mill Creek Lions Marolyn Klockow (green shirt) and Gail Hodges sort and pack food for the Christmas Food Baskets at the Lambs Chapel Church in LaPorte. The food had been collected at the New Prairie School system and delivered by the Rolling Prairie Lions Club. Lions David Hodges, Paul Tuszynski, and Carolyn Hunt, members of the Mill Creek Community Lions also helped.



#### **Highland Lions Club**





Highland Lions Club members showed up in full force to package food baskets for needy in their area.

#### Cedar Lake Lions Save Lion's Life.

The Cedar Lake Lions Club reacted as a unit to save the life of one of their members, at a Club Meeting on Dec. 5.

The Lions performed CPR on Lion Doug Schmeltz, after he collapsed, just prior to the start of the meeting. Lions Angie Schmeltz, Dan Kouder, and Jeff Sawaska teamed up performing CPR. Other members called 911. Others directed the first responders to my location. Lion Dan Kouder shared his oxygen supply. All did what they could, and I am glad to say 'Thank You!!!!!!!!!!!!!!' to the Cedar Lake Lions Club for saving my life. I will be forever indebted to them.

After 4 days in the ICU and Cardiac wards, and after receiving state of the art hardware implantations during 2 Cath Lab procedures, I returned to work in 9 days. The recovery is ongoing, but the key word is recovery. Is your Club ready to save a life?

I sure am glad ours was!!!

THANK YOU CEDAR LAKE LIONS!!! And to all Lions who have sent their prayers and well wishes!

Lion Doug Schmeltz - Region 1 Chair

#### Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger

Nearly 800 million people go to bed hungry every night. This January, join Lions around the world for a special Worldwide Week of Service dedicated to eliminating hunger in your community. This event is a great opportunity to support our new global service framework and our goal of serving 200 million people per year by 2021. Host a project to fight hunger in your community during January 8—14. Help stock a local food pantry, bag school lunches, or distribute food to those who need it most. No matter how you choose to serve, be sure to join us for this Centennial service event.

#### Welcome New Members

Janet Brown - Bass Lake Sponsor: Helen Heise

Stephanie Sheipline—Michigan City Sponsor: Melinda Nagle

# Those Who Have Completed Their Service

Hanna—Norman Carpenter

Schererville Central—Paul R. Freeland, PDG

Westville—Stanley Rudziewicz



# MD25 State Convention Information Websites

**Convention Info:** http://www.indianalionsconvention.org/

### Registration Forms:

Www.indianalionsconvention.org/ Index.php/registration-forms/on-lineregistration-form/

# District Zone Beats & Club Activities

Rensselaer Lions: Sold 1300 -2 lb blocks of cheese, either cheddar or baby swiss, for their biggest fundraiser at end of October. They replaced two old, weathered large circular Lions signs at entry spots into town. Dictionaries were handed out to third graders at local school. Club added two new members and will induct two more in January.

**Zone 4A Meeting** will be in Morocco on January 9th at 7:00 PM.

**Zone 4B Meeting** will be held in LaCrosse on February 7th at the Methodist Church at 6:30 PM. Lion Tom Strain, Zone Chairman

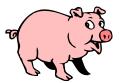
**Zone 2 A&B Meeting** will be Monday, January 22nd at The SPA in Porter, by Ogden Dunes Lions Club

**Chesterton Lions Club** will be holding their "Sweetheart Swirl" Daddy-Daughter Dance on February 3 at the Chesterton High School.



**Hobart Lions Club** 

### PORK CHOP DINNER



DATE: Sunday January 28, 2018 TIME: 3 PM - 6 PM

LOCATION: TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

891 LINDA ST. HOBART

COST: \$10 one chop; \$13 two chops

For tickets call

Clarence at 942-4433 or Joe at 781-9604

Profit supports:

Pack Away Hunger and Hobart Food Pantry

Feb 24

# **25A The Lions Heartbeat**

#### **Upcoming State Events**

### **Upcoming LCI Events**

Jan 13	3 <sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting - Muncie	Jan 1	Relieving the Hunger Service Challenge continues
Jan 20	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor training– State Office	Jan 1	Lions Children's Symposium funding opens
Jan 21	District A Cabinet Meeting	Jan7 – 13	LCIF Week
Jan 27	District G Cabinet meeting	Jan 8 - 14	Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger
Jan 28	District B Cabinet meeting	Jan 13	Melvin Jones' birthday
Feb 3	District F Winter Cabinet meeting	Jan 13	Deadline for early discount on convention registration
Feb 10	Foundation meeting – State office	Jan 15	Leo Club Program Advisory Panel nominations due
Feb 10	Leader Dog Trustee meeting – Go-To-Meeting	Jan 15	2018-2019 Peace Poster kits go on sale
Feb 11	Speech and Hearing Trustee meeting	Jan 17 – 20	FOLAC Forum
Feb 11	Cancer Control Board meeting	Jan 26-31	Faculty Development Institutes
Feb 17 - 18	1st Vice District Governor Training		

# DG BEATS-JANUARY 2018

District C Convention



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	Home club board mtg	3	4 OV Crown Point	5 Family Birthday dinner	6
7	8 Convention mtg	9 OV Cedar Lake	10	11	12 Enroute to Muncie	Council mtgs Melvin Jones
14 Home from Muncie	15	16 OV Star City	17 OV Munster	18	19	20
21 District Cabinet Advisory mtg	Zone 2 A&B mtg	23 Home club mtg	24	25	26	27
28 Mexico Mission mtg.	29	30	31			