

District 25A News

Grow With Me — The Best is Yet to Be



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Lions of 25A

Well half the year is gone! Has your club accomplished it's goals? In visiting many clubs most have and then some have not. If one of your goals was to get a new member, there's always time for that. We have lost too many Lions due to passing away. These are Lions that have many years under their belt and are hard to replace. That's why it's important for ALL of us to think "Who is going to replace me?" Don't let it be up to someone else. It is your job! Just remember to ask someone and be ready to put Lions in a positive light.

Service activities need to be reported! PDG Patty Cooke is our district chair person. If you need help, ask her. She will be sending out a spreadsheet that may make it easier. If you don't receive it, contact her. There is no reason we shouldn't be at 100%. Remember there is help if you need it.

During my club visits, I ask how many people have read the governor's newsletter. Very few do. Others say that they don't get it. It is sent out to every club president and secretary. Please pass it along to all club members. There is nothing secret in in there so please either email it to other club members or take a printed copy to your next meeting.

Now is the time to be planning on attending the District Convention on March 16, 2019. We need a minimum of 150 to 200 in attendance to keep our ability to get an International Director each year. I personally like hearing what they have to say. If there's something coming down the international pipeline, we get to hear it from the horses mouth per se. If we have questions they are there to answer them to the best of their ability. I would hate to lose that. All we are asking for is 150 to 200 Lions to attend — that shouldn't be a problem. We have about 1300 members in the district. You do the math.

Our cabinet meeting is January 27 in Laporte at 1:00 PM. See the flyer in this newsletter. Please plan on attending. This is a way to learn what's going on in the District. Come and share your successes with other attendees. We would all like to hear them. I know I might steal one of them. If it works for you, why not at my club. So remember sharing is caring! Keep up all the good work district 25A is doing.

Yours in Lionism,

District Governor Dennis Brown

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL 25A LIONS !

Each new year brings a feeling of rejuvenation, evaluation, and unbound optimism. The future looks bright for all of us at the beginning of a new year.

The future IS bright for all 25A Lions Clubs!

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And it is in this way of thinking that I ask all club presidents, secretaries, and officers to examine your individual clubs during the first meeting in January!

Get together and discuss your club's present, as well as it's future. Are you doing all that you can, or is there more you could be doing — maybe more community service projects, and in the process, creating more community awareness of your club's presence and activities.

While engaging in this process of club self evaluation, write down all the positive aspects of YOUR club. And then enter the information into myLCI on the Lions Web Page. This is the same place you enter your membership information every month.

And Lions Clubs International has now created a new position – **Club Administrator** --- to help you in this task. Club-Secretaries can name an assistant to help get the reports entered into MYLCI. Yea! See instructions on how to do this below.

Please make the extra effort to enter your activities. List everything you are doing, from your club meetings to your activities — selling apples or popcorn, reading to preschoolers, building a ramp or handrail, etc.

This monthly report means a lot to your district! Not for the district to get involved with YOUR club events, but so that we know what you are doing. We may attend some of your events......if we know what is happening —and when! I recently had a 25A Lion inquire about my club's "RENT-A-SANTA" program, and show a strong interest in that fund-raiser.

Help your district 25A flourish, and continue to grow. Write those monthly activity reports, whether they are 2 lines, or 30 lines......just let us know what YOUR club is doing.

Thanks, and again, HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Lion Allen Mushett 2ndVDG of 25A

Zone 1C Meeting

When: January 29, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Where: American Legion Post 485

7485 Burr St.

Schererville, IN 46375

Cost: \$10:00

Who: Lion Dick Silveira — Membership

Lion Patty Cooke — LCIF Campaign 100

If you plan to attend, please contact ZC Margaret Verkuilen at 219-923-0776



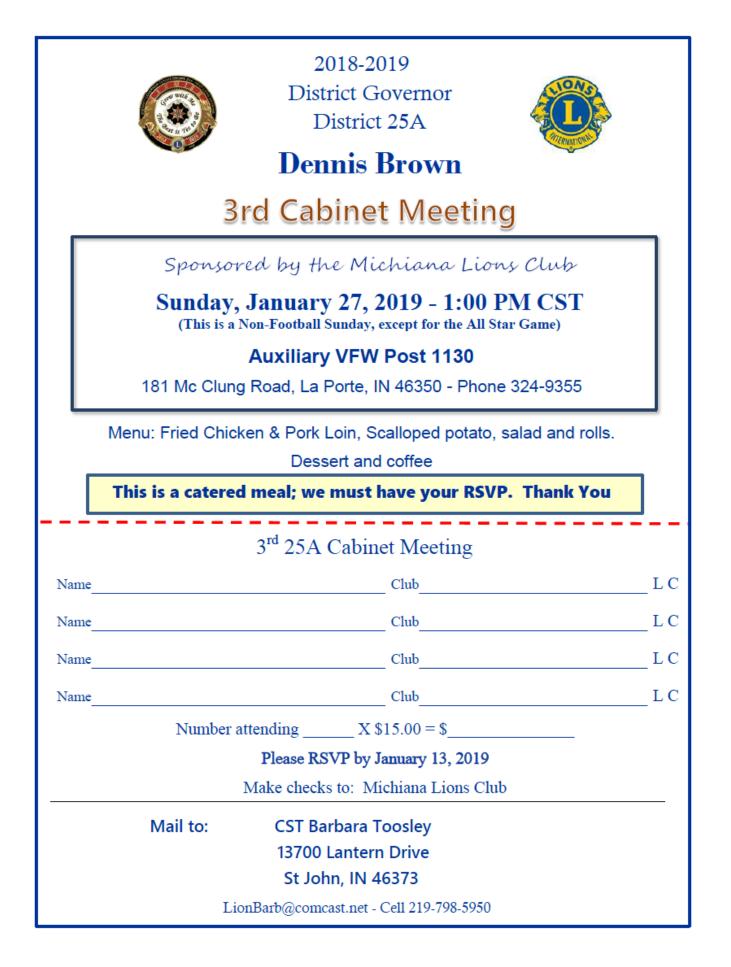
To find the position go to MYLCI and click on Club Officers.

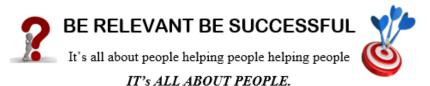
Select the person from the club members listed to fill the position.

Then they can go to MYLCI and obtain a password that will allow them to enter MMRs and Activity Reports as well as the Secretary & President.

If you have any questions, please contact

GST Patty Cooke <u>patty.cooke@gmail.com</u>





Once again, we find our District is losing more members than we bring in. We are again approaching the Lion Club International member of 1250 that will force us to lose our independence as a District and may require us to join with another District. As of December 31, we added 42 members but dropped 68 for a net loss of 26. We should all ask ourselves "Is my club relevant to the community and meeting the needs of its people? Is my club relevant to members and do they feel valued and proud to be members? "Are we preparing our club for the future or will it go out of business leaving people in need out in the cold?" "Will some blind and deaf child who needs help hear the awful words – "Sorry! there is no one here to help you – there was a Lions club here, but it went out of business!

Successful businesses stress the need to be relevant to both their customers and their people. They review and make changes to projects and programs based on assessments of customer needs. Successful businesses review their operations and survey their people to be sure they are proud to be part of the organization and ask for suggestions on how to improve operations. They ask their people to help develop goals and new ways to meet the needs of their customers.

Lions clubs need to do the same as businesses do. Clubs must be relevant to both its customers and its people. Our "customers" are the people WE SERVE. But how do we know our club and its programs are relevant to the community and the people? When asked that question many reply, "because people support the club fundraisers and, therefore, the club and its programs must be relevant to the community's needs". However, many clubs continue to do the same projects year after year without surveying their "customers" to see if programs are really meeting the community needs. Conducting a community needs assessment is one way to find out if a club's programs are relevant. An assessment can be as simple as visiting various community leaders – such as Fire and police chiefs, community leaders, and park department directorsexplaining the club's programs and asking how a Lions Club might help meet their needs. Once the assessment is completed, clubs can look at the results, evaluate their projects, and make any necessary changes. A more formal Community Needs Assessment is available from LCI. Completing a community needs assessment will go a long way in getting new people interested in joining a Lions club as well as keeping members they have.

A club, and how it operates, must also be relevant to all its members. Successful business organizations know the importance of being relevant to their people. When people feel good about an organization and its programs, it tends to grow and become stronger. The same is true about Lions Clubs. When members feel valued, they feel proud to be Lions and work on projects and events. However, if the club operates in a manner that excludes their input, and the same people do the same thing <u>over again</u>, members begin to lose interest and feel they are no longer valued and are not making difference. Nearly 45% of Lions surveyed said the main reason they left was because they were not included in the group and felt they were not making a difference. Lions clubs need to review their operation and survey their members to be sure the club is relevant to its members. All clubs should conduct LCI's "How are Your Ratings" to get feedback from its members.

We need to care for each other with the same passion that we care for those we serve. All Lions need to be recognized by the peers for the work they do, no matter what that might be. We need to shake hands, and even hug each other so all lions know they are valued and part of the greatest service organization in the world. GMT Dick Silveira

All attending the Convention NEED TO REGISTER

District 25A District Convention



Come grow with me.....



District Governor Dennis Brown March 15 & 16, 2019

Our Special Weekend Guest ID Ardie Klemish & PDG Ken

<u>Make reservation directly with the Hotel</u> Best Western Plus Conference Center 444 Pine Lake Ave, La Porte, IN 46350 - 219-362-4585

ROOMS RATE: \$106.39 including taxes - per night - until February 24, 2019 - FREE breakfast buffet

Call 219-362-4585 and asking for "District Lions Convention"

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

Registration & Meal Reservation Deadline: Payment <u>received</u> by <u>March 8, 2019</u> <u>No Pre-reservations will be accepted after March 8th – Registration available at the Convention</u> Limited number of meals will be available for Friday & Saturday–No phone calls will be accepted

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY]	Please note Title or Lion, or guest			
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Lions Club:			Regio	Region: Zone: District: 25A or		rict: <u>25A</u> or	
Address:			Email:				
City, State & Zip:			Phone:				
Friday ID Welcome Dinner - Meatloaf & Fried Perch Buffet \$		\$ 26.	00 X	No. N	Aeals	_ =	\$
Saturday Lunch _ Soup, Chili & Salad Buffet		\$ 12.:	50 X No. Meals = \$		\$		
Saturday Banq	uet – <i>Roasted Turkey & Roasted Honey Ham</i> <i>Buffet</i>	\$ 29.0	00 X	No. N	leals	_ =	\$
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Make check payable: District 25A District Convention				Tota	Enclosed	1	\$
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Please V Registration Only - FREE (no meals) All attending the Convention NEED TO REGISTER							
Please ✓ □ Sales table – Club, Foundation, or Committees: Contact person/phone:							
Mail to:	Mail to: CST BARBARA TOOSLEY, 13700 LANTERN DRIVE, ST JOHN 46373				46373		

District 25A - 2019 Convention Ad Book

2019 District 25A District Convention March 15-16, 2019

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 t	Actual Ad Size Width x Height	\checkmark	
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 \$

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
Update my 2018 District Ad Book AD

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

Name _____

Club or Business ______ Email

_____Phone ____

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

2019 INDIANA LIONS STATE CONVENTION

Hosted by District 25B April 26 – 28, 2019 120 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, Indiana Special Guests **International President Gudrun & PID Jon**

Host Hotel – Hilton (attached to the Convention Center)

Name and Title

1020 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, Indiana Room Rate: \$115.00 plus tax Call 260-420-1100 or 1-800-445-8667 for reservations mention Lions of Indiana - Group Code LOI **Registration Form (one per person) Registration Deadline: April 10, 2019**



Please print name as desired on Badge

Address	Phone
City/State/Zip	
DistrictChub	Email
Friday Evening Dinner	\$20.00 = \$
Saturday Lunch	\$20.00 = \$
Saturday All State Banquet FiletSalmon Chicken	\$35.00 = \$
Sunday Brunch	\$20.00 = \$
2019 Convention Pin Additional pin	(free to 1* 400) <u>\$ 4 00</u> = \$
2019 Convention Shirt (polo) <u>S</u> MLXL2X Total 2	\$35.00 = \$ Enclosed \$

SPECIAL MENU: Diabetic () Gluten Free ()

SEMINARS :		SESSION 1	SESSION 2	
1.	Fort Wayne Botanical Gardens	()	()	
2.	Allen County Library Genealogy Department	()	()	
3A	GAT Leadership – PID Gene Spiess (offered 1st session only)	()	()	
3B	VisionEirst	()	()	
4.	Diabetes Education, Screenings and Lions	()	()	

Send registration and check payable to: 2019 IN Lions State Convention Lion Kevin McDermit 2227 O'Day Rd. Ft. Wayne, IN 46818

Or Email to: <u>krmcdermit@comcast.net</u>

2019 INDIANA LIONS STATE CONVENTION INFORMATION

MENUS

FRIDAY DINNER - Parkview Field

Grilled Hamburgers, BBQ Pulled Pork, Macaroni & Cheese Maple Baked Beans with Smoked Bacon, Garden Salad with trio of dressing Fresh Fruit, Apple Crisp Dessert, Iced Tea & Water

SATURDAY LUNCH

Caesar Salad Includes Romaine Lettuce, Parmesan Cheese & Croutons, Served with Caesar Dressing & Golden Italian Dressing ¹/₂ Turkey Sandwich on Pretzel Roll with Swiss Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato ¹/₂ Ham Sandwich on Pretzel Roll with Cheddar Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato Kettle Chips, Chocolate Brownies & Assorted Cookies Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaf Starbucks® Coffee, Iced Tea & Iced Water

ALL STATE BANQUET

*Choice 1 - Filet Mignon with Port Wine Sauce
Fresh Asparagus with Red Peppers, Garlic Smashed Potatoes
*Choice 2 - Salmon Fillet with Mango Salsa
Fresh Asparagus with Red Peppers, Wild Rice
*Choice 3 - Breast of Chicken with Roma Tomatoes, Basil, Garlic & Balsamic Vinaigrette, Topped with Provolone Cheese
Fresh Asparagus with Red Peppers, Garlic Smashed Potatoes
All entrees served with Hilton Signature Salad, Rolls and Butter
Alternating Desserts – Vanilla Cheesecake & Ultimate Chocolate Cake
Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaf Starbucks® Coffee, Iced Tea & Iced Water

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Deluxe Scrambled Eggs - Scrambled Eggs, Onion, Bell Pepper, Mushroom, Pico de Gallo and Cheddar Cheese, Cheesy Hash Brown <u>Potatoes, Honey</u> Glazed Ham Carving Station with Chef Attendant, Assorted Sweet Breads, Assorted Muffins Seasonal Sliced Fruit Display

Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaf Starbucks® Coffee, Assorted Hot Tazo Teas & Orange Juice

FRIDAY GOLF OUTING: The golf outing will be at Colonial Oaks Golf Course on Friday, April 26 at 10:00 a.m. 8218 <u>Huguenard</u> Road, Fort Wayne. The phone number <u>260-489-5121</u>. The golf fee will be paid at the course. Food and beverages available at the course. Register with PDG Don Cooper at dkcoooper81@msn.com

FRIDAY NIGHT EUCHRE TOURNAMENT <u>— Please</u> email PDG Peg VanNevel at pitchinpeg@yahoo.com and provide your name, email and phone number. You don't have to play euchre to be part of the fun and great food...potluck fare, please bring a snack or dessert to share. Volunteers also needed for scorekeeping and organizing the food.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON TOURS - Local tours will be available during the same time as the seminars. The tours that are on the list to date are: History Center, The Embassy, Fire Fighters Museum, Lincoln Museum



It's Not Too Late!!

THE LIONS OF INDIANA 30[™] ANNUAL CONFERENCE SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019 ALL NEW LOCATION **CROWNE PLAZA - AIRPORT** 2501 South High School Road Indianapolis, Indiana 46241 ALL NEW CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Registration & Continental Breakfast	7:00 A.M.	Vendors & Silent Auction 7:00 A.M 12:30 P.		
Welcome and Opening Remarks	8:00 A.M.	1	10.00 0.01	
First Session	8:30 A.M.	Lunch	12:30 P.M.	
Second Session	9:30 A.M.	 Keynote Presentation Awards and Closing Remarks 		
Third Session	10:30 A.M.	Adjourn	2:45 P.M.	
Forth Session	11:30 A.M.	Adjourn	2.45 F.M.	

Official Conference Hotel **Crowne Plaza - Airport** The hotel will be the Crowne Plaza Airport

ON-SITE REGISTRATION \$ 45.00 2501 South High School Road Indianapolis, Indiana 46241 Telephone: 317-244-6861

The Midwinter Conference is a terrific opportunity to learn more about Lionism and all we do. You also meet other Lions from clubs from other Districts throughout the state. Sharing ideas about activities and fund raisers is another learning experience in itself. Get some of your club members together and make the drive to Indianapolis.

Visual Acuity Dates for 2019

***Edison High School 3304 Parkside Ave., Lake Station, IN 46405- January 22, 2019. 8th Grade only. Contact person: Nurse Paris- 219-962-8531, Ext. 2008. Start time: ***1:30 p.m.-2:50 p.m.

Hamilton Elementary School 2900 Lake St., Lake Station, IN., 46405. January 25, 2019. K- 50 students, 3rd-46 students, 5th-59.

Start time: 8:00 a.m. Contact person: Nurse Paris- 219-962-8531, Ext. 2008

Bailey Elementary School 2100 Union St., Lake Station, IN. 46405. January 29, 2018. K- students, 3rd students, 5th students.

Start time: 8:00 a.m. Contact person: Nurse Paris- 219-962-8531, Ext. 2008

Why Service Reporting Matters—Discover what can happen when you share you impact

Captivate and connect.

From a single pair of eyeglasses to a brand-new hospital for a large city, reporting shines a light on how—and where—local clubs are making a difference across the world. Clear, relevant service data ensures people in need know exactly where to go for help.

Increase global awareness.

Service data helps people understand the needs of communities around the world. Global-minded Lions identify opportunities and lead their local communities into action.

Uncover the next big idea.

Because service activities are scalable, one small service project can become the next signature initiative of the organization: but only if it is reported and promoted by Lions!

Increase our membership.

People want to participate in real, visible change. Service reporting allows Lions clubs to continually engage their communities, tell their story more effectively, and ultimately grow their member base.

These are just a few of the ways Service Reporting Matters and why we need to be reporting all our Service Activities. One of my goals as your GST is to help you, Lions of 25A, to report more of all the great ways you give back to your communities. So you will be getting reminder emails on the 20th of each month and a reminder phone call from 2VDG Allen before the end of the month.

It is easy—and now LCI has made it easier by creating a new club position—Club Administrator. Give one of your Lions the opportunity to help your club reporting for LCI Instructions on adding them are on the Page 2 of the newsletter, or contact either your District Administrator, PDG Barbara Toosley, or GST, PDG Patty Cooke.

To enter your activities, you just need to know a few key facts : type of activity and how , Lion involved, people served, money raised, etc. Please see Page 11 for some pictures of the myLCI webpage.

I will be sending out a spreadsheet that you can use at you your meetings to gather information about your projects. Then you can just use that information to enter your activities.



As challenges facing our world expand, so must our capacity to combat them. To build a future promising even greater service impact, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) – your foundation – proudly introduces **Campaign 100:** LCIF Empowering Service.

The most ambitious fundraising effort in LCIF's history, Campaign 100 will span three years and seek to raise US\$300 million by June 30, 2021. Campaign 100 will empower Lions to serve 200+ million people a year by: Increasing service

impact, Fighting diabetes, Expanding global causes.

These are not things that any one Lion, club or district can do alone. But together, we can. Together, our work and personal financial gifts to our foundation will ensure a brighter future for the next 100 years – and beyond.

Reaching *Campaign 100's* capital goal of US\$300 million by June 30, 2021, will require participation from *all* Lions and clubs worldwide. Exciting individual and club recognition programs are in place to reward those who heed the call.

Please contact 25A LCIF Chair, PDG Patty Cooke, about more information on how a Lion can make an individual pledge or your club can increase it's gifts to make this happen.

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The Cedar Lake Lions spent their \$900 earnings from the fall Pancake Breakfast on personal care products and distributed them to 3 different food pantries in the community. The club also purchased \$1000 in gift cards to be distributed by the Hanover trustee office. Earlier cash donations of \$1250 to local food pantries for purchases of food items for the holidays. Pictures show the personal care product purchasing and distribution. Happy Holidays to all!!!!



The Fish Lake Conservation Club along with the Lincoln Township Love Club, Mill Creek Community Lions Club, Southtown Beach Association and private donations have combined to provide over 250 toys for the LaPorte County U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. Looking on are Muriel Peterson of the Love Club and Susan Grillo of the Southtown Beach Association.

Welcome New Lions!

Westville—Debbie R. Husek Sponsor: Lisa Crizer

Westville— Julia R. Kretlow Sponsor: Rhonda Weston

South Haven Lions

Below: Annual Christmas Party/Project with DG Dennis Brown. This night we celebrated the season with food, fun and our annual Christmas Project by stuffing and delivering boxes of food and paper goods to those in need. We helped 13 families, totaling 40 kids between both local elementary schools in



Above: Santa Workshop: **South Haven Lions** Club serving the community Hot Cocoa and Cookies at the local Park Event. The event was child focused. Christmas caroling, crafts, and a visit from Santa Claus.

Lions Who Have Completed Their Service

Kenneth L. Baker—Door Village

Larry E. Dalton—Michiana

Frank R. Nowak—Michiana

Warren Jones-Michigan City

Howard J. Tobias—Michigan City

Russell Altherr-Munster

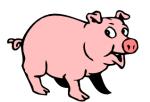
Jean Benson—Portage

Louis F. Stanko—South Haven



Hobart Lions Club

PORK CHOP DINNER



DATE: Sunday January 27, 2019 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



MD25	LCI
Jan 11 Midwinter Conference Dinner	Jan 6—12 LCIF Week
Jan 12 Midwinter Conference	Jan 11 Last Day for Early Registration on LCICON in Milan
Jan 12 Long Range Planning Committee Meeting	Jan 12 Melvin Jones' Birthday
Jan 13 3rd Council Meeting	Jan 15 Peace Poster Kits go on sale
Feb 02 1st VDG Training	February 15 International Childhood Cancer Day
Feb 02 Audit Committee Meeting	
Feb 09 Indiana Lions for Leader Dog	
Feb 09 Indiana Lions Foundation	
Feb 10 Speech and Hearing Trustees Meeting	
Feb 10 Cancer Control Fund of Indiana Meeting	



January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3 St. John OV	4	5
6	7	8 Lacrosse OV	9	10 Conven- tion Planning Meeting	11	12 MidWinter Conference
13 MD25 Council Mtg.	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Lowell OV	23	24	25	26
27 25A Cabinet Meeting	28	29	30	31	1	2 We Serve