



District 25A News

The Force Is Strong In 25A Lions

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Happy New Year District 25A Lions

As we start the new year and the second half of the Lions year, I hope we continue our momentum. I only have a few more visits to set and I would like to thank all the clubs for their hospitality and generosity. I want to encourage everyone to participate in the upcoming events — the next few months are going to be busy.

Zone chairs have started the next round of zone meetings. Please, if you can't make your zone meeting, try and find one you can. Zone meetings are for everyone and the focus is on the clubs and a great way to generate new ideas.

The District Cabinet meeting is Saturday morning on the 18th and again is open for everyone. This gathering is focused on the District — how and what we are doing to serve our communities. We'll also be handing out the 2019 Club Excellence awards. If your Club submitted an application for this award, please make sure you are represented!

Then there is the 25A Convention on March 13-14, 2020. We have a new location this year and have planned other changes. This is the best time to interact with 25A Lions, meet a few other Indiana Lions and visit with International Director Mark Lyon and his wife Lion Lynn. Please see checkout the flyer on Page 5 and plan your trip to Hammond. From there you are only a few miles away from the Mascot Hall of Fame in Whiting!

Following that is the MD25 State Convention in Bloomington on April 24—26, 2020. I know this seems like a little drive, but southern Indiana and Bloomington are great places to explore. Plus you get to interact with lots of Lions from throughout our great state. I know what a tremendous job we do serving our district, but realizing that Lions serve all Hoosiers makes me feel very proud of who we are.

Let's have a great second half! All of our Clubs do amazing things! Keep up the great work, Lions! thank you for all you do.

May the Lions be with you and God Bless.

District Governor Mitchell Semans





Message from: Global Service Team

D25A Lions

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We are officially through half of this awesome LIONS year.

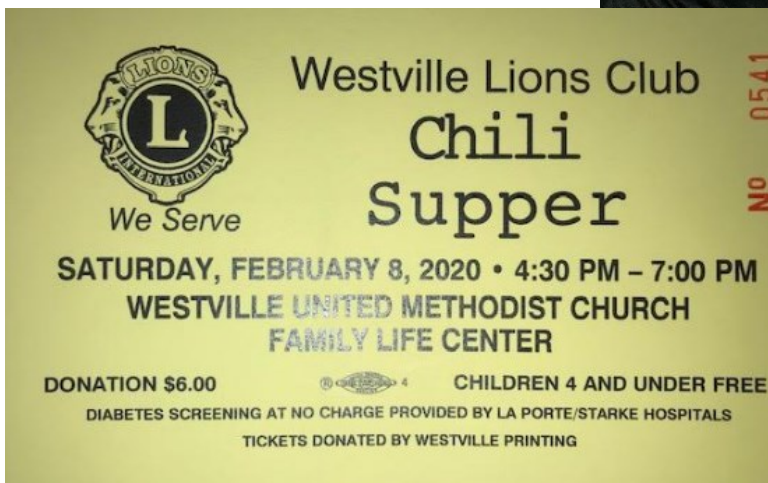
Having been able to visit a few of the clubs in the district makes me proud to be a leader for D25A. I will be visiting more of clubs before our district convention and I encourage all clubs to keep the positive momentum moving forward. **YOU** are the unsung hero of Lions Club International. **YOU** are passionate and willing to volunteer when needed to help anyone at any time. As we near the district convention 1st VDG Will and my-self are looking and will be asking for **YOU** to step into leadership roles of this awesome district. There are a lot of **GREAT** talents in our district and we hope we can encourage **YOU** to help us lead for many years to come. If **YOU** are interested in becoming a leader in your own club and/or the district, please get with 1VDG Will or 2VDG Dave to review the many options available. The encouragement you will receive from the current cabinet and the resources and support we have from the past district governors are truly amazing. Take a moment in the coming month(s) to reflect on what **YOU** might think **YOU** can do to keep our district moving forward years to come. Have a great second half of the LIONS year and remember where there is a NEED, there is a LION.

2VDG Dave Dickinson D25A

See flyer below for the **Westville Lions Chili Supper** on Saturday , February 8th

Top: The Westville Leo club will have a bake sale at the Chili Supper.

Bottom: At the Westville Lions December meeting we collected paper good items for the Westville Food Pantry. The club also bought some items to donate. We were able to fill the back of Lion Al's suburban with the donated items.





D25-A Zone Meeting Invite
Dual zone meeting 3A & 3B
HAPPY NEW YEAR

When: Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Christo's Family Dining Restaurant
1462 W State Road 2 – LaPorte, IN 46350

Cost: Order off menu

Please plan to attend this meeting as we are encouraged to listen and learn from other clubs. **CLUB REPORTS** will be given by all clubs in attendance. Please list and speak about the amazing things your clubs have accomplished from Oct 2019 going into spring 2020. As we are half-way through this LIONS year, let's make sure our club rosters are current, any dues or charges from Lions Clubs International are paid up to date. The district convention is fast approaching and we would like to see representation from all clubs in the district.

Encourage a Lion member from your club to join us for the evening to see and hear what all the roaring in our region and district is about. I look forward to seeing all of you.

Please RSVP to ZC Don Parker,
Cell #219-801-5275
or email parkerdbass@live.com



December 1, 2019

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ONE AND ALL!

Dear Lions:

We have scheduled our next Zone meeting of 2019-2020 for *Wednesday, January 22, 2020*. Our host for the evening will be the *Hobart Lions Club*. Social hour will begin at *6:00PM*, followed at *6:30PM* by our dinner. The cost will be \$12.00 per person and will be held at *Gelsosomo's Pizzeria, 2053 US Hwy 6 in Portage*.

Our speaker will be *Lion Sally Davis, Trustee, Indiana Lions Eye & Tissue Bank*. *PDG Lion Dennis Brown* has requested a few minutes at the end of our meeting to say a few words on *LCIF*.

Both Nick and I look forward to working together with all of you. Be sure to join us and pass along your ideas. Again, just as a *reminder* to each of our clubs, *please* have a **written report** of your club's recent activities ready to be turned in at this meeting. This will give you the full three minutes allotted to each club to focus on the events you may have planned for the future months.

Please pass this information on to your club members, remembering that these meetings are **not** just for the officers but for **all** our Lions who wish to attend. Encourage them to come and bring with them a guest to learn more about Lionism.

Please RSVP by *Thursday, January 16th* with your final count of your Club's attendance.

Yours in Lionism,
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Mill Creek Community Lions inducted five new members at their October meeting. Left to right is Lion President Tom Sharp. New Members: Lions Greg Trevillian, Kathy Trevillian, Barb Berby, sponsor Emily Howard, new members Haley Whicker, Keeley Higley, sponsor Ann Higley and District Governor Mitch Semans. Lions Greg and Kathy's sponsor, Lion Carolyn Hunt, is not pictured.

Support a world in need.
Visit Lcif.org/donate and give to
LCIF's Empowering Service Fund today.



Lions District 25-A

Cabinet Breakfast Meeting

Hosted by the Michigan City Lions Club

Where: Michigan City Elks Lodge #432
416 E. U.S. Highway 20

When: Saturday, January 18, 2020

Time: 8:30 a.m., CST (Breakfast
served @ 9:00 a.m., CST)

Cost is **\$14.00** per person payable to M.C. Lions
Club @ P.O. Box 9614, Mich. City, IN 46361

RSVP: CS Steve Helmken 219-879-2529 or
lionstephenjh@gmail.com by **Jan. 8, 2020**



Happy
New Year



Left: At **Speech & Hearing Luncheon** on December 8th, DG Mitchell is shown with student from Valparaiso, IN who attends Indiana University and received a \$1500 scholarship. Below: 25A Trustees: L Trustee Kathy Grott, Lion Wendy Semans, DG Mitchell Semans, Dr. Miyamoto, Trustee & CS Steve Helmken, Lion Alice Helmken, Trustee Pat Hansen.



All attending the Convention NEED TO REGISTER

25A DISTRICT CONVENTION

District Governor Mitchell Semans

March 13 & 14, 2020



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



MAY THE LIONS BE WITH YOU

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY NIGHT ID WELCOME DINNER

SATURDAY LUNCH - SATURDAY BANQUET* (see prices below)

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

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

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

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

District 25A – 2020 Convention Ad Book

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

ADVERTISE YOUR.....

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

Do you own a BUSINESS?

Place an AD – Support Lions

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

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

Check Amount \$

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	I have attached an Ad or emailed an Ad
<input type="checkbox"/>	Please design an Ad with the attached information DUE BY FEBRUARY 17 TH

Return with Ad or Send check and email your AD to: randy.greer@frontier.com

ALL ADS ARE DUE by February 24, 2019 Ads will not be accepted after the 24th

Name _____

Club or Business _____

Email _____ Phone _____

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



2020 Indiana Lions State Convention

Hosted by District 25C

April 24, 25, 26, 2020



Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center
302 South College Ave., Bloomington, Indiana

Special Guests: Past International President Bob Corlew and Lion Dianne

Marriott Convention Hotel (attached to Convention Center)

310 South College Ave., Bloomington, IN 47401 (Free Parking available at Convention Center)

Room Rate: \$139.00 per night, plus tax, until March 23, 2020

Call 1-800-321-2211 or 1-812-335-8000 for Reservations (Mention "Indiana Lions Convention")

NOTE: There are many other hotels in Bloomington, but this is Little 500 Weekend at IU, so be sure to book early!

Alternate Hotels in Bloomington are:

Hyatt Hotel, 1 ½ Blks. North of Convention Ctr., \$119 per night (812-339-5950), 217 S. Kirkwood Ave.

(The Hyatt Hotel charges \$10/day for parking, but serves free breakfast daily)

Fairfield Inn, 2.5 mi. from Conv. Ctr., \$103 per night, Breakfast included; (812-331-1122), 120 S. Fairfield Dr.;

Quality Inn, 2.2 mi. from Conv. Ctr., Breakfast included, 1100 W. Rappel Ave., \$70-80 per night (812-558-2289)

Registration Form (one form per person)

Deadline: All Registrations must be postmarked by April 10, 2020

Please print name/Lion Title as desired on name badge:

Name and Lion Title: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

District: _____ Club: _____ E-mail: _____

Friday Evening BBQ Dinner \$15.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Lunch: Choose 1 below: \$10.00 = \$ _____

Garden Salad _____ or Club Sandwich _____

(Both include chips, fruit salad, cookie & drink)

Saturday Night Banquet: Choose 1 below \$25.00 = \$ _____

Chicken Piccata _____ or Citrus Glazed Pork Chop _____

(Please mark as needed: Gluten free _____ Vegetarian/Vegan _____)

Sunday Brunch \$15.00 = \$ _____

Friday Golf Outing (Pay at golf course \$40.00)

Strides Walk T Shirt Size (S to 2XL) _____ \$10.00 = \$ _____

2020 Indiana Convention Pin \$ 4.00 = \$ _____

Total Registration Paid \$ _____



Mail This Registration Form and your Check, payable to

Indiana Lions State Convention 2020, to:

PDG Jim Query, 2408 Shepard Patrick Rd., Spencer, IN 47460

(Contact info: 1-812-829-4496 or jequery@bluemarble.net)

You may also Register Online and pay with PayPal: www.indianalionsconvention.org



Pictured L and R:
Speech & Hearing
Trustee, Stephen J.
Helmken presents the
Miyamoto Fellowship
Award to Lions Tim
Fizer and Verne Hixon
This is the first time
anyone in the **Michia-
na Lions Club** has
been presented this
award.



Below: New Lion John "Jerry" Barry is in-
ducted and his sponsor, Lion Jim Cross.

Door Village Lions Honor Door Village Seniors

Door Village Lion members recently served an estimated 65 seniors a complete Christmas Dinner including home made pie and deserts; and ended the combined December membership meeting and Senior Christmas Dinner with familiar Christmas songs and hymns and a fun group sing along. Door Village Lions have honored area Seniors on the first Saturday in December for over 30 years for their contribution in making Door Village the warm and welcoming community that it is today.

The December club meeting was an abbreviated one that consisted of presenting awards to deserving members. Members present and recognized for 100% attendance in the 2018-19 are pictured on page 8. The Lion of the Year Award presented to Lion Joe Pahs, and the coveted Melvin Jones Fellow Award (the highest honor awarded to an individual by Lions International) was presented by last year recipient Lion Gene Flickinger to Lion Dennis Fischer.

Lion Dennis has been the lead club member for our ongoing KidSight Project for the past several years, has worked on most club projects every year, and served as Second Vice President, First Vice President and is currently Club President. Lion Joe Pahs has served in nearly every club officer position, is a Charter member of our club, is a Melvin Jones Fellow recipient, a 15 year Mexico Eyeglass Mission veteran, works most club projects, especially the club's Food Wagon.

Lion Catherine Veach arranged for the entertainment, inviting her cousin who brought her piano and played lots of Christmas songs and old favorites during the dinner and ended the entertainment with a Christmas sing along with Lion Catherine and her son Sam leading. It was a full and pleasant occasion by any measure that concluded with a drawing for door prizes by Lion Bonnie Olson, co chair with Lion Cindy Fischer, who together cooked the dinner and organized the project this year.



Above: Seniors attending the Dinner

Below: Lion Joe Pahs - Lion of the Year and Lion Dennis





In December, the **South Haven Lions** packaged food, books and paper goods for 16 families heading into the holiday season. Pictured: DG Mitch Semans, Lion Wendy Semans and Boss Lion Jason Kegebein.



The **Dyer Lions** held a pantry drive and donated over \$500 worth of food and cleaning supplies to the St. John Township pantry in December. A portion of the collection is shown in the picture. In November, we donated \$400 worth of gift cards to families in need in Dyer for Thanksgiving and Christmas.



South Haven Lions

We held our 1st Pancake Breakfast with Santa at the Portage Applebee's. We handed out books for the RAP (Reading Action Program) and raised funds to go towards our Christmas Service Project.

We hosted our annual Club Christmas Party and Christmas Service Project with DG Mitch and Wendy Semans. We sponsored sixteen families with food, gift cards, paper products and gifts, totaling 48 children in South Haven.

Lastly, we served our community by providing Sloppy Joes, Chips, Cookies and Hot Coca at the Parks Department "Top Secret Christmas Party". We served over 200 people.



Door Village Lions recognized for 100% attendance 18-19: Lions Patty Steel, George Morley, Joe Pahs, Carol Pahs, Gene Flickinger, Bonnie Olson, Donna Denney, Bob Denney, Cindy Fischer and Dennis Fischer.



Right: The **Lake Station** Lions recently held their annual Senior Christmas dinner. Left is Lion Bill Eaton as Santa with one of the attendees. Above. Lake Station Lions at the our tree lighting ceremony at city Hall. Sponsored by us Lions and the

Dear Lion,

As bush fires reach historic levels of destruction in **Australia**, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is there during this time of need.

Since November 2019, LCIF has awarded US\$143,000 in grant funds.

This funding purchased water tanks in District 201-N2 and provided immediate assistance to those affected in Districts 201-N1, 201-N2, 201-V3, and 201-V6. Additional LCIF grants are expected to be awarded in the coming weeks.

To date, the bush fires claimed the lives of 25 people and burned more than 12 million acres of land. This destruction will have a devastating environmental impact for years to come. LCIF is working closely with **Australian** Lions to provide continued relief and support.

[You can join LCIF and support your fellow Lions](#)

Your generous donation to LCIF will help us respond to **Australia** and wherever we are needed around the world.





Lions Who Have Completed their Service	
Marilyn D. Renz	Door Village
James Schmidt	Munster
Susan Burns	Westville

Welcome New Lions!	
Indiana Harbor East Chicago	— Maria E Callas
Sponsor:	Argelio Trevino
Indiana Harbor East Chicago	— Jesse Machuca
Sponsor:	Argelio Trevino
Kouts	— Gregory P Breitzke Jr.
Sponsor:	Dennis Brown
Kouts	— Jenene R. Breitzke
Sponsor:	Dennis Brown
Munster	— Vivian Carballo-Brown.
Sponsor:	Tom Brown
Munster	— Nanci L Cieslak.
Sponsor:	Christopher Nantus
Munster	— Joshua Papreck
Sponsor:	Tom Brown
Union Mills	— Susan J Bukowski
Sponsor:	Jean Smith
West Ville	— Debra L. Daugherty
Sponsor:	Debi Ingram
West Ville	— Daniel A Drake
Sponsor:	Rhonda Weston
West Ville	— Angela M Drake
Sponsor:	Rhonda Weston
West Ville	— Mary Beth Slont
Sponsor:	Alvin Slont



Cedar Lake Lions donated money and personal care products and paper products to the 4 food pantries in Cedar Lake. They service over 300 families in need. Pictured are Lion President Angie Schmeltz, Janie Van Hoose (head of the Project Love Food Pantry) and Renee Hladek, the Lions Project Chair.



“I will go anywhere as long as it’s forward.” ~ David Livingston

January 2020 Calendar—Hunger Awareness Month

Jan	2	Crown Point OV
Jan	8	Lake Station OV
Jan	9	Francesville OV
Jan	10-11	Midwinter Conference in Indianapolis
Jan	12	MD25 Council Meeting
Jan	13	Melvin Jones' Birthday
Jan	13-17	LCIF Week
Jan	14	Dyer OV
Jan	15	Munster OV
Jan	19	Cabinet Meeting—Michigan City Elks — see flyer page 3
Jan	20	Martin Luther King Day
Jan	21	Hanna OV
Jan	23	Michiana OV
Jan	28	Remington OV
Jan	30	Merrillville OV
Feb	8	Westville Pancake Breakfast—see flyer page 2

