



# 25A Pace Setter

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## Lions! Who are we anyway?

Have you ever been working a fundraiser and have someone ask you, "What do lions do"? Or who are lions anyway? This is something that makes me crazy. I just want to scream out all the things that lions do around the world to serve. Sometimes, we tell people that we change lives or that we save lives. My dream is that at some time in the near future people will just know what we are doing and who we are.

When returning from an amazing Lions International Convention in Toronto, my motor is running with excitement, embarking on a twelve month journey leading our great District 25A. It is my goal to serve you as Governor with pride, dedication and enthusiasm. We have assembled a team of incredible lions who will all be pulling in the same direction as we continue to "Set the Pace". While seeing all the Lions in Toronto, it occurred to me that we come in all shapes, sizes, races and ethnicity. We're just good people who love to serve and have a tremendous compassion to help those who are less fortunate. When Lions come together in most any situation, all barriers are put aside and our only concern is how to improve the world in which we live. Entering a room you see little pockets of Lions laughing or exchanging ideas with the enthusiasm of kids on a playground. We just can't wait to get a new idea or share something that has happened in our little corner of the world.

Our District 25A is on a great path of growth and improvement. We are coming off of a great year and just want to continue. We are starting the year by inviting the Lions of 25A to our first District Meeting on August 24 in Gary at a RailCats game. Gates open at 12:30 and we will have our meeting as soon as we get organized. Lunch will be served at 1:15 and the game starts at 2:10. Bring someone from your club who has never been to a cabinet meeting. Our goal is to get more Lions to the District Meetings and not just the same "old guard".

The GMT & DG Buzz Melton from Illinois is going to put on a seminar at our District Membership Outing in Kouts on September 7th. Buss is a retired Fire Chief from Baltimore, Maryland. He has tremendous enthusiasm for Lionism and offers some unique views for improvement. This is a great opportunity to bring a team of Lions from your club to gather information and meet and greet fellow Lions from other clubs in our district. We need to get all of our members involved and excited about our development. Lunch will be provided for this function and all materials are FREE!

Banner Night is coming in September on the 27th basketball game at the Civic Auditorium. The banner will be changing hands from Winamac to LaPorte at halftime and we want all 53 clubs in Mighty 25A to bring their banner for a parade. Purdue North Central's Men will play against the Alumni dressed in uniforms from the 1950's. Our goal is to make this an informational outing having the state projects represented and handing out information on Lionism. There will be a buffet after the game for Lions & Leo's to gather. More information will be coming on this event in future newsletters.

Yours,

District Governor Lion Glenn Swanson

District 25 A – SETS THE PACE!

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First of all, let's thank Governor Connie Roe for a great year of service and leadership in our District. She's been an inspiration to all of us and never seems to run out of energy and enthusiasm for Lions.



Fishing for Life is a program that only happens in District 25A. This started out as a weekend for the blind and visually impaired students and adults to give them the opportunity to do things they normally don't get a chance to do. After, spending a Saturday with the Fishing for Life group, I can remember one of the reasons for joining Lions. It's to make a difference in somebody's life. Watching a visually impaired person bait their own hook, cast their fishing pole, reel a fish in, and the excitement on their faces and the people around them is priceless. Talking to some of the students' parents they were extremely grateful to the Lions for having this program. One of the parent's said his son wanted to join the local Lions club where they live and that he would join too.

Our Lions built a permanent shelter on Lions Butch and Rhonda Weston property this Spring. They now have a bathroom, shower, a sink and two refrigerators to make things easier during the event. There was also, horseback riding, a paddleboat, a miniature train and Lion Butch hooked a trailer to the tractor and gave people a hay ride. There were over 40 Lions, 12 Leos, and 16 clubs represented, either they helped build the shelter, or helped out during the weekend.

After observing, and listening to the students, I understand when our Lions say they learn more from them then they do from us. What a remarkable experience, and thanks again to Lions Butch and Rhonda for the use of their property.

VG Randy Greer

What do you know about LIONS?

Who is our new President?

What is his message?

From what state does he hail?

How many Lion's clubs are there in the world?

How many Lions are there throughout the world?

In what year and city did Lions start?



**Please send information pictures, articles, etc for the newsletter to Lion Patty Cooke  
by the 20th of the Month**

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**1st District Meeting  
Sunday, August 24**



**A Day at the Ballpark**

**A Lions Meeting & Ball Game**

**RailCats Stadium  
One Stadium Plaza, Gary IN**

**Gates open at 12:30  
Meeting at 12:45  
Lunch at 1:15  
Game Starts at 2:10**

**Fee: \$20.00**

**Includes Grand Slam lunch, Ticket for Game, Parking  
"GRAND SLAM"**

**HOT DOGS & HAMBURGERS & BBQ CHICKEN SANDWICHES**

**Served with hot dog & hamburger buns, ketchup, mustard, onions, relish, lettuce, tomato, and cheese**

**COLE SLAW \* BAKED BEANS \* POTATO CHIPS \* SOFT DRINKS & WATER**

**Send registration  
BY August 8th TO**

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Name	Number	Cost	Total
		\$20	
		\$20	
		\$20	
		\$20	

## 25A Pace Setter

### District Leadership / Membership

#### Planning Meeting

What: Review goals for the upcoming year

When: Wednesday, July 23rd at 6:00 pm  
CST

Where: Wanatah

Who: Zone Chairs, Region Chairs, GLT, GMT,

If you have anything you would like to discuss,  
please let DG Glenn know so we can put it on  
the agenda.



### Highland Lions Fundraising Event



Tuesday—July 22nd

**Wendy's**

**9703 Kennedy Avenue  
Between 5 & 8 pm**

Wendy's will donate 15% of receipts  
received between these hours to  
the Highland Lions Club

*Proceeds received will benefit efforts to help a  
Highland resident with MS receive a Service Dog.*



### Lions of Indiana \* 25-A District GMT Seminar

**Sunday, September 7, 2014  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. CT**

*Being Offered at:*

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
507 Rose Street  
Kouts, IN 46347**

**No Charge  
Free Meal**

Click Link Below  
Need Directions? [St Paul's Church](#)

**We are *Hunting* for Lions Who Are Interested in  
Learning the Most Effective Membership, Retention,  
And Extension Strategies for the World's Largest  
Humanitarian Service Club ... Your Lions Clubs!!!**

**Designed for District Governor's Leadership Teams, Region  
& Zone Chairpersons, Club Presidents, Officers, Club  
Membership Chairs and Lions All.  
Certificates of Training Will Be Issued.**

**Complimentary** Snacks and Drinks  
**Complimentary** Sloppy Joes, several sides and Dessert \* 4:00 p.m.  
**Essential** Global Membership Team Strategies \* 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Three 55-minute Sessions: Membership \* Retention \* Extension

**Training will be Facilitated by:**

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***Do Something!***

### Banner Night

What: Throw back basketball game —

Winamac vs La Porte

Purdue North Central will provide players

When: Saturday, September 27, 2014

Where: Civic Auditorium in La Porte

Banner parade at halftime of the game with the Banner exchange taking place at that time. Hope to have all state projects represented and lots of information on "What Lions do", and who we are! Leo Clubs will be invited to participate in different ways—concessions, admission ect. Prices will be comperable to what they were in the 1950's. Banquet to follow game in the basement of the Civic for Lions, Leo's and guests by invitation of a Lion or Leo member.



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## Membership

The Mill Creek Community Lion Club added five new members to their club last year! For them, membership growth is a process:

- Need involved membership chair
- Have members generate names at the beginning of the fiscal year
- Review names to come up with a primary list
- Assign names to club members who become responsible for taking necessary steps to make contact
- Since techniques for selling Lionism vary, the Membership chair is responsible for managing the process
- Include Membership Chairman report on meeting agenda and include comments on meeting minutes
- Sponsor has task of mentoring the new members
- Assign new members to fundraising activities
- Meet with new members outside the club in a relaxed atmosphere (i.e. Coffee with the President on a Saturday



The Highland Lions served some terrific Italian beef sandwiches at the towns 5 day 4th of July Festival.

## Welcome New Members



Newly inducted Door Village Lions left to right: Lion Greg Perra, Lion Carolyn Perra, Lion Nathan Combs, Lion Alicia Combs, Lion Bonnie Olson, Lion Don Olson, Lion Renee Ritchie-Gazarkiewicz



Newly inducted Schererville Lions with PDG Patrick Rodriguez. Left to right: Lion Sue Beach, Lion PDG Patrick, Lion Susan Newman

## Mill Creek Lions are nuts about Walnuts



"My back hurts" was heard at the Mill Creek Indiana Community Lions Club October 2013 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. There are 47 club members. This club was chartered in October 2004. We have been collecting walnuts for four years.

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### LOFS Lions Club Installation Picnic

The LOFS Lions Clubs held their Installation of new officers on June 25, 2014 at Sandy Beach. There were 40 people in attendance at the Steak Fry Picnic.

After dinner DGE Lion Glenn Swanson installed 2 new members, bringing LOFS total number of new members to 21 for DG Lion Connie's year.

Representing District 25A Leader Dog Committee, Lion Chuck De Las Casas presented a "Leader Dog Founder Award" to Bill Delgado. While Bill was thanking the LIONS for the award, he announced that he was donating \$10,000 to the Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions Club. He said he knew how Lions worked and wanted to help our organization. Bill has in the past made several donations to both the LOFS LIONS Club and 25A Leader Dog Committee.

We are so fortunate to have Bill as part of our community. He was a LOFS LION at one time. His job keeps him traveling between Mexico and several cities in the United States. He does work with a LIONS



Lion 2nd VP Chris Derisi, PDG Lion Keith Hall, Bill Delgado and Lion Chuck De Las Casas



Chartered 1929

**25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STEAK FRY**  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2014**  
**4-7PM**



Donation: \$15

At Hobart Community Center  
Located at 111 Old Ridge Road

### Hobart Lions Club Celebrate 85 Years Strong

The Hobart Lions Club recently celebrated their 85th Anniversary. The club was chartered in 1929. It was the first club that was authorized by Lions International to hold evening meetings. Some of their other early accomplishments included helping to build the first post office in town, and one of their biggest undertakings in 1932 was to construct a road leading south from Hobart to the Lincoln Highway.



In the photo, District Governor Connie Roe is inducting four new (blindfolded) Lions into the club. She is seen with Lion Joe Larson who sponsored Pastor Gary Nagy, Jim Burns, Mayor Brian Snedecor, and Joseph Stan.

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### HeadStart and KidSight

I have been in touch with Headstart for Lake and Porter counties. They need the Lions help to test their students' eyes and hearing for the coming year.

HeadStart has scheduled mandatory Health Fairs and enrollment times for all students participating in Headstart. See the schedule below.

I will try to get two machines for hearing testing. We will need Lions in the areas listed on the schedule and anyone else who wants to help. Please contact me so that I can schedule you're your time on the days you are available. Nurses are needed to assist with the testing. So if your club has a member who is a Nurse, please ask them if they can help. We hope to get enough help to divide the workers into a couple of shifts.

This is a great way for us to help children in need so please get this information out to your clubs. This is a lot of children we can test in one week!

I want to thank all of the Lions for their help in this project. Kidsight is an important step in helping children in our communities with preventing blindness. If we all work together, we will show our communities we serve them and perhaps we will not be the best kept secret.

Yours in Service,

Lion Angie Schmeltz

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### Health Fair Schedule

Date	Time	Place	Est. nbr. of kids
Aug. 25, 2014	9 am To 3 pm	Roxana 900 Shell East Chicago, IN	136
Aug. 26, 2014	9 am To 3 pm	St. Mark's 3880 Jackson St. Gary, IN	170
Aug. 27, 2014	9 am To 3 pm	Geminus Bldg. 8400 Louisiana St. Merrillville, IN	193
Aug. 27, 2014	9 am To 3 pm	St. Paul's 352 W. Chicago St. Valparaiso, IN	204
Aug. 28, 2014	1 pm To 6 pm	Geminus Bldg. 8400 Louisiana St. Merrillville, IN	193
Aug. 29, 2014	1 pm to 6 pm	Geminus Bldg. 8400 Louisiana St. Merrillville, IN	193

**Have you asked a friend or neighbor to join us at a meeting**



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## Club Visitation Schedule

Bass Lake	Wednesday	August 6, 2014
Burns Harbor	Thursday	November 20, 2014
Cedar Lake	Tuesday	October 7, 2014
Chesterton	Tuesday	March 10, 2014
Crown Point	Thursday	September 1, 2014
Door Village	Monday	December 8, 2014
Dyer	Saturday	October 18, 2014
East Chicago Evening	Wednesday	September 1, 2014
Francesville	Tuesday	October 14, 2014
Goodland	Wednesday	August 13, 2014
Griffith	Tuesday	November 4, 2014
Hamlet	Monday	January 5, 2015
Hammond	Monday	October 13, 2014
Hanna	Tuesday	January 20, 2015
Hebron	Thursday	August 21, 2014
Highland	Tuesday	November 11, 2014
Hobart	Wednesday	December 3, 2014
Indiana Harbor East Chicago	Saturday	October 25, 2014
Kentland	Tuesday	August 12, 2014
Koontz Lake	Tuesday	March 3, 2015
Kouts	Thursday	August 7, 2014
La Crosse	Tuesday	August 5, 2014
La Porte	Monday	October 6, 2014
Lake Station	Monday	February 2, 2014
Lakes of the Four Seasons	Wednesday	October 8, 2015
Laporte Maple City	Wednesday	December 10, 2014
Medaryville	Thursday	January 15, 2015
Merrillville	Thursday	December 18, 2014
Michiana L C	Thursday	July 10, 2014
Michigan City	Wednesday	November 19, 2014
Mill Creek	Monday	December 1, 2014
Monterey	Wednesday	November 12, 2014
Morocco	Tuesday	August 26, 2014
Munster	Wednesday	October 15, 2014
Ogden Dunes	Monday	March 2, 2015
Portage	Tuesday	January 6, 2015
Remington	Tuesday	September 23, 2014
Rensselaer	Tuesday	September 9, 2014
Rolling Prairie	Tuesday	February 3, 2015
Schererville	Tuesday	November 25, 2014
Schererville Central	Tuesday	October 21, 2014
Shelby	Thursday	September 18, 2014
South Haven L C	Thursday	December 11, 2014
St. John	Thursday	November 6, 2014
Star City	Tuesday	August 19, 2014
Union Mills	Tuesday	January 27, 2014
Valparaiso	Tuesday	December 2, 2014
Wanatah	Monday	October 20, 2014
Westville	Thursday	January 5, 2015
Wheatfield	Monday	September 15, 2014
Whiting	Thursday	October 16, 2014
Winimac	Tuesday	September 16, 2014

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## District Calendar

July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	Jul 1	2	3	4	5
		International Convention				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
International Convention				Michiana Lions OV		Lions Foundation f
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
District 25D Banne		Highland Lions - W	GMT / GLT Meeting	Council Trip to LCI	Council Meeting	
27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1	2
					District 25C Banne	

## August 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1	2
					District 25C Banne	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Cedar Lake Golf		Lacrosse OV	Bass Lake OV	Kouts OV	LOFS Golf	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Kentland OV	Goodland OV		Hobart Steak Fry	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Star City OV	GMT / GLT Meeting	Hebron OV		District 25F Banne
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
District 25A Meetin		Morocco OV				
31	Sep 1	2	3	4	5	6
	Labor Day					