

July

District 25A Seasons Greetings

District Governor Randy Greer

744 Acadia Rd.
Valparaiso, IN 46385
Home Phone: 219-759-2865
Cell Phone: 219-728-8432
email: lionrandy@yahoo.com



2015

1st VDG Patty Cooke
8110 Austin Ave.
Schererville, IN 46375
Cell: 219-671-4668
Work 219-801-4626
Patty.Cooke@gmail.com

2nd VDG Robin Smith
2305 Alan Drive
Valparaiso, IN 46383
Home: 219-462-8285
Cell: 219-916-4549
mswolfen@aol.com

Cabinet Secretary Judy Shaffer
387 Raritan Dr.
Valparaiso, IN 46385
Home: 219-759-1473
Cell: 219-508-5112
gjshj@comcast.net

Cabinet Treasurer Gary Shaffer
387 Raritan Dr.
Valparaiso, IN 46385
Home: 219-759-1473
gjshj@comcast.net

Newsletter Editor
Lion Bill Ellis
PO Box 752
Chesterton, IN 46304
Cell: 219-241-8139
ELLISBILLD@YAHOO.COM

District Governor's Message

Thoughts from DG Lion Randy Greer

JULY 2015

First of all, thanks to Governor Glenn and Lion Karen Swanson for all the hard work, time and dedication they have put in all year spreading the Lions message throughout the District.

"Job well done".

We are truly honored to assume this Leadership Position in our District. Lion Pat and I are looking forward to spending time with you, sharing ideas, and learning more about Lions together. We are very proud to be part of District 25A and enjoy meeting our fellow lions.

We travel around our District going to Zone Meetings, Lions programs, and Fund Raisers. It's truly amazing all the things Lions do to help out in their communities. All the time, effort and money you raised to help out the less fortunate, youth programs and vision care is mind boggling. Remember, all these things wouldn't happen without Lions, so we need to keep spreading the word, growing our membership and working on retention in our clubs.

We want to offer more opportunities for Lions to learn. We will have another officer training in August, for those who didn't get a chance to participate or would like to know more about their officer position. Not sure of the date yet, it will be in the next Newsletter. An e-mail will be sent to all the Secretaries. We will have a Vision Screening Training on Sunday, August 23, in Merrillville. This will be a Hands On Training in which we will have all the different kinds of cameras and equipment our District uses to Vision Screen. There is a full page article about this training in this newsletter.

Lions give so much back to their communities, yet very few people know what Lions do. We need to improve our PR, take pictures at events, and have articles and pictures in the local newspaper. Having one of your Lions keeping a scrapbook of all your events is an excellent idea. Lions are truly, **"Loving Individuals Offering Needy Services"**.

Hope to see all of you when we return from Hawaii!

25A LIONS FOR ALL SEASONS

DIRECTORY—REGION & ZONE CHAIRMEN AND GLT & GMT CHAIRS

GLT

PDG Connie Roe
701 S Huddleston Rd., Winamac, IN 46996
H: 574-946-4701 C: 219-863-0761
kroegwen@embarqmail.com

GMT

Doug Schmeltz
14726 Bryan St., Cedar Lake, IN 46303
H: 219-374-9714 C: 219-696-2800
d_schmeltz@hotmail.com

Region 1

Region Chair Allen Konieczka (St. John Lions)
12548 W 101st Place, St. John, IN 46373
H: 219-365-1091 C: 219-201-9103 al@alkoncgi.com

Zone 1A

Arcides Santiago (East Chicago Evening)
4318 Olcott, East Chicago, IN 46312
H: 219-398-1151 C: 219-746-4889
CDSAUTO1@AOL.COM

*E. Chicago Evening-Hammond-Indiana Harbor East
Chicago-Whiting*

Zone 1B

Jeanne DeLasCasas
(Lake of the Four Seasons Lions)
3714 Cherry Hill Dr., Crown Point, IN 46307
219-663-9325 tylersgrandma@comcast.net
*Cedar Lake-Crown Point-Lake of the Four Seasons-
Lowell**Schererville Central-St. John*

Zone 1C

Thomas Talaga (Schererville Lions)
1702 Susan, Schererville, IN 46375
219-322-2513
Dyer-Griffith-Highland-Munster-Schererville

Region 2

Region Chair PDG Tom Hansen (Hobart Lions)
134 Beverly Blvd. Hobart, IN 46342
219-592-4891 thansen1644@yahoo.com

Zone 2A

Patricia Kalina (South Haven Lions)
778 Baltimore Rd., Valparaiso, IN 46385
H: 219-759-3240 C: 219-707-3540
*Burns Harbor-Chesterton-Ogden Dunes-South
Haven-Valparaiso*

Zone 2B

Clarence Davis (Hobart Lions)
4767 E 61st Ave., Hobart, IN 46342
219-942-4433 csdavis61@comcast.net
Hobart-Lake Station-Merrillville-Portage

Region 3

Region Chair Butch (Myrtle) Weston
(Westville Lions)
2222 S 900 W, LaPorte, IN 46350
219-785-4296 rhonda_weston@yahoo.com

Zone 3A

Oscar Ryl-Kuchar
PO Box 336 LaPorte, IN 46350
708-932-7678 ozpack@comcast.net
*LaPorte-LaPorte Maple City-Michiana L C-
Michigan City**Mill Creek Community-Rolling
Prairie*

Zone 3B

Dave Dickinson
509 Virginia St. Walkerton, IN 46574
574-780-0713
*Door Village-Hamlet-Hanna-Koontz Lake L C-
Union Mills *Wanatah-Westville*

Region 4

Region Chair Dennis Brown (Kouts Lions)
PO Box 436, Kouts, IN 46347
219-766-3770 liondennisbrown@yahoo.com

Zone 4A

Robert Souza
108 S Melville St., Rensselaer, IN 47978
219-866-5594 nbsouza@aol.com
*Goodland-Kentland-Morocco-Remington-
Rensselaer*

Zone 4B

Thomas Strain
2164 W 1400 N, Wheatfield, IN 46392
219-956-3988 tomstrain6@gmail.com
Hebron-Kouts-La Crosse-Shelby-Wheatfield

Zone 4C

Rex Hively
14695 W. St. Rd 14, Medaryville, IN 47957
219-843-3663
Bass Lake-Francesville-Medaryville Community
Monterey-Star City-Winamac

25A LIONS FOR ALL SEASONS

Message from VDG Patty Cooke

A New Year

Lions of 25A, we are entering the time of District Governor Randy Greer. From all his past efforts in our district, I know he will do a terrific job as Governor. I look forward to working with both him and our new 2nd VDG, Robin Smith.

I just wonder “Where is summer?” Every day I expect it to be warm – TO BE SUMMER! I have been taunted and teased, but then it is 60 degrees again, the sun is nowhere to be found and it is raining! But I am optimistic! I will be hopeful that all those clubs who are working the 4th of July will have great success. All the parades will be dry! All the festivals will draw great crowds! And by the end of the weekend, you will be out of hot dogs for the buns, beef for the sandwiches, sodas, and whatever else you are serving. In other words, that you will make money to support all those efforts to serve the people in your communities! You do a terrific job – you are LIONS!

I look forward to seeing many of you at district meeting on July 19th and the Banner Night, on July 25th. Check the newsletter for more information.

Lion Patty Cooke
1st VDG
Schererville Lions



25A LIONS FOR ALL SEASONS



Lions 25A 1st District Meeting

"Lions For All The Seasons!"

Join District Governor Randy Greer

Sunday, July 19, 2015

1:00PM CST

Hosted by the Kouts Lions Club

St. Paul Lutheran Church

507 Rose Ave. Kouts, IN 46347

A Luncheon will be provided:

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



Club/District _____

Names & Title _____

Names & Title _____

Number Attending _____ X \$12.00 = Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please RSVP by July 13, 2015

Mail to: CS Judy Shaffer

387 Raritan Dr.

Valparaiso, IN 46385

219-759-1473 gshj@comcast.net

Please make checks payable to District 25A Lions



We Serve

25A LIONS FOR ALL SEASONS



District 25A Lions

Please Join

Governor Randy Greer



For his Banner Night

"Serving together through the Seasons"

Guest Speaker ID Linda Tinchler

Saturday, July 25, 2015

Elk's Hobart Lodge

3580 West 61st Avenue, Hobart, IN 46342

Social 5:00pm Dinner 6:00pm

Dinner will be Family Style/A Cash Bar will be Available

\$22.00 per person

Business Casual Attire

Club/District _____

Names & Title _____

Names & Title _____

Number Attending _____ X \$22.00 = Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please RSVP by July 13, 2015

Mail to: CS Judy Shaffer

387 Ravitan Dr.

Valparaiso, IN 46385

219-759-1473 gishji@comcast.net

Vision Screening Training

What will be covered Kidsight Camera?

How to put it together? How to use it? What to do with Results?

Vision Screening Equipment, how to use the OPTEC Machine?

Acuity Chart Testing, How to give Acuity Tests?

Hands on Training for all of the above.

All forms needed to be filled out will be there and explained

How to fill out and where to send them?

There will be a booklet with Directions and Forms provided

to everyone who attends the Training

Date: Sunday August 23, from 2PM-4PM

Location: Towne Center Retirement Community Center

7250 Arthur St. Merrillville, IN 46410

Just East of Taft Street, right off 73rd Ave. (Old Lincoln Highway)

Contact and REGISTER with Lion Angie Schmeltz (219) 374-9714 or

(Cell) 219-405-0286. You can email her at 14726bryan@comcast.net

We need a count so they can set up enough Tables and Chairs

Refreshments provided by District. We hope to see you there.

25A LIONS FOR ALL SEASONS

Centennial Corner

Lions will be turning 100 years old in 2017, they have already started several new programs for this celebration. One of them is Centennial Celebration Challenge goal is to serve 100 million people in the four areas of service: Hunger, Vision, Youth and Environment. Were over 32 million in the first ten months. All a club has to do is do a service project in one of these four areas. List it on your activity reports under Centennial Challenge Your club will earn a patch. Every club in our District does at least one of these. Just received in the mail the new member Centennial Celebration Kits. Order them now. There is a sharp new Lions Pin with the word Centennial on it. The sponsor, also receives a sponsor Centennial pin. It would be great to have lots of Lions with these sponsor Pins and a bunch of new Lions with the Centennial Pin.

Official Visits

We already have 10 scheduled for this year. If your club has a certain day they would want their visit. E-mail or call me by August 20th so I put it on the calendar. My phone number and e-mail address is on the first page of the newsletter.

District Governor

Randy Greer

25A LIONS FOR ALL SEASONS

Activities Chairperson

Our new Activities Chairperson is Lion Jody Greer, who also, does the District Facebook page. Send her your club activities, photos and items that can be shared on Facebook. Also, send her your club's calendar so we can put Pancake Breakfasts, Pork chop Dinners, Chili Suppers, and items like this on the District Calendar. We will advertise your Fund Raisers in the Newsletter and on Facebook for you. Lion Jody's contact information is:

jlgreer5@yahoo.com

or call her at (219) 759-2865.

Lion Jody Greer

744 Acadia Rd.

Valparaiso In. 46385

Welcome New Members !

Club	Member	Sponsor
Door Village	Debra J. Wease	Carolyn Perra
East Chicago Evening	Britteny Santiago	Arcides Santiago
Munster	Joekeur Cho	James Schmidt
Munster	Thomas Fagan	Lorin Brown
Munster	Greg Kaplan	Lorin Brown

Remember those who have completed their service to Lions.

Wanatah—James Czerwonke

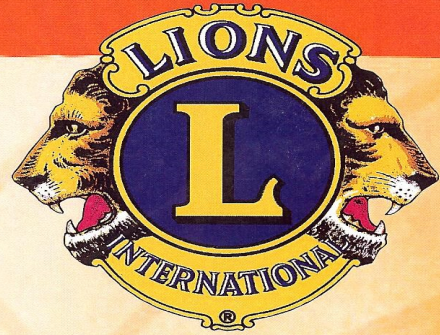
25A LIONS FOR ALL SEASONS

South Haven Lions Club Fundraiser on July 7th.

Copy flyer and bring to the restaurant.

☆☆ JOIN US IN SUPPORTING THE LIONS CLUB ☆☆

Lions have a dynamic history. Founded in 1917, they are best known for fighting blindness – it's part of their history as well as their work today. But we also perform volunteer work for many different kinds of community projects –including caring for the environment, feeding the hungry and aiding seniors and the disabled.



Texas Corral will donate 15% of sales with this flier presented on Lions Club Day to this great organization. Let us do the cooking and help raise funds for a wonderful cause!



**Lions Club Day is:
Tuesday, July 7th
from 11am-10pm**

5880 U.S. Rt. 6
Portage, IN 46368
www.texascorral.net



www.texascorral.net

DON'T FORGET TO BRING THIS FLYER WITH YOU!

25A LIONS FOR ALL SEASONS

Photos from Lions International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii



DG Randy & Lion Pat Greer



ID Linda Tincher & PDG Vern at Parade



South Haven Lions Gary & Judy Schafer, Jody Greer, & PDG Sam Reisinger



PCC Mike Gutyan at Pin Traders



Indiana Lion Parade participants



Aloha from Hawaii !



New Indiana District Governors with CC Jeff Schafer

25-D DG Betty Weist, PDG Jack Weist
with DG Randy & Lion Pat

25A LIONS FOR ALL SEASONS



Mill Creek Community Lions Club

PADDLEFEST

Saturday July 11 2015

(Rain Date: July 18)

FISH LAKE

Walkerton, IN 46574



Fish Lake, Upper and Lower connected by a channel on East Hwy 4, is 273 acres of no-wake lake

Registration 9:00-10:30
Canoe Races 11:00
Kayak & Stand-Up Paddleboard Races 12:30

Entry Donation: \$20 per racer
Type I, II, III or V Personal flotation device required

Rentals are available through pre-registration,
and day of the event on a first come, first served basis

Questions? Email lionemilyhoward@gmail.com



CHESTERTON LIONS CLUB



SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2015

9 AM - 3 PM

**SAWGRASS ON CALUMET RD.
CHESTERTON, INDIANA**

\$2400.00 in Cash Prizes

Tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10

*Tickets from any Chesterton Lions Club Member,
Byron's Barber Shop & Centier Bank*

**COME FOR A FAMILY DAY INCLUDING
FOOD & THE COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

For more Information Call:

(219) 926-1657 or (219) 926-3268

Held in conjunction with the Sawgrass Market on Calumet Road

Rolling Prairie Lions Club

The 10th Annual Harvest Bicycle Century Tour sponsored by Rolling Prairie Lions is scheduled for Sunday, September 20, 2015. Registration cost is \$15 per person, \$30 per family prior to Sept. 13. Day-of-Registration is \$20. Routes of 15, 25, 40, 62, & 100 miles leaving from Rolling Prairie Elementary School. Several SAGs with food and rest room facilities. Check our website:

www.rollingprairielions.org for more information.

Contact Lion Ron King at 219-778-4568 or

kingron1537@comcast.net for further info.

25A LIONS FOR ALL SEASONS

More Club Activities

Hebron Lions Club

The Hebron Lions Club will be selling Nelson's Port-A-Pit Chicken at the Hebron Community Center on Saturday, August 1st in conjunction with the Hebron Town Wide Garage Sale. Pre-Sale tickets at \$5 each are available from C & A Auto, LLC, Russ' Print Shop, or "The Advertiser" or any Hebron Lions member. On day of sale, the price is \$6 each. For info, call 219-996-4493.

Whiting Lions Club

On June 12th, the Whiting Lions Club gave away **free smoke alarms** to the families that came to Safety Day. The local Fire Department, along with the Police Department, had this event to help the children understand safety and fires. They had the fire engine and ambulances outside the station for a show and tell. The department also gave hot dogs, chips, pop, water, snow cones, popcorn, and cotton candy to all in attendance. Lions Ed, Olga, Dennis, and Sue manned the table, spoke to the parents, and gave away the smoke alarms. The **Whiting Lions** truly believe in giving back to the Community and it shows in their dedication to the local events in Whiting.



Whiting Lions Club members

June 17th was the first cruise night held in Whiting (May 20th, was cancelled due to rain storms). The Whiting Lions host cruise nights in downtown Whiting along 119th Street (the third Wednesdays from May to October). We only had 57 antique cars show up instead of our normal over 100 but fun was had by all who participated. The rain clouds stayed away so the residents enjoyed a great evening. The local kindergarten class also participated in the June Cruise Night by decorating their Box Cars and taking a "cruise down the street". The children took pride in their boxcars and enjoyed an ice cream cone courtesy of Cool Creations after their cruise. The Whiting Lions Club would like to invite you to the Big July Hollywood Car Cruise Night on July 15th. Don't forget the 4th of July parade, the Lions will be walking in, along Indianapolis Blvd, parade starts at 10 am. The Lions will be collecting money and donating all proceeds to the local food pantry. Hope to see you then.

25A LIONS FOR ALL SEASONS

Rensselaer Lions Club

Rensselaer, Indiana was hit hard with flooding from the Iroquois River after the torrential rains in mid-June. There are still many homes in the area that are still under water. The Rensselaer Lions Club has received a grant from the Indiana Lions District 25A Disaster Relief Fund. Lions Ed Feicht and Bob Souza spent the afternoon of June 24th touring the various "high water" areas in the Rensselaer area offering \$100 gift cards to victims who were going to need a boost in order to buy extra cleaning supplies or items for their home. While the waters have receded, the clean-up begins. This is one of the ways the Rensselaer Lions Club is able to "give back" to our community.



Rensselaer Lion Ed Feicht is giving a gift card to Arlene Howard to help defray the cost of clean up of her basement.



Picture: L-R, Lion Angela Clapp, Vice-President, Lion Allen Mushett, President and Membership, Lion Miriam Steinkamp, Lion Tamer, PDG Kevin Roe, Lion Ed Feicht, Past President and Tail Twister and Lion Bob Souza, Secretary.

The Rensselaer Lions held their 2015-2016 installation of officers on Tuesday, June 23.

After dinner and fellowship, PDG Lion Kevin Roe initiated the officers.

Cedar Lake Lions Golf Outing

Cedar Lake Lions will hold a Golf Outing on Sunday, August 2nd at Oak Knoll Golf Course in Crown Point. There will be a Shotgun Start at 12 Noon. The cost is \$65 per golfer—both men and women are Welcome! The outing includes a goodie bag to start, 18 holes of golf with cart, Lunch at the course, golf prizes, door prizes, and Dinner at the Cedar Lake Legion afterwards. Hole Sponsors are wanted. To sign up for Golf, contact:

Lion Dick Kutcek (219)374-6479 or

Lion Doug Schmeltz (219)374-9714

25A LIONS FOR ALL SEASONS

INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING

The website for the Indiana Lions Foundation is active and we have now moved into the 21st century. Our website has been completely revamped and customized so we can display our information, and users can easily navigate around the website.

Our new website domain name is: indianalionsfoundationmd25.org

We realize it's a lot of letters to try and get into correct order, but we had no other choice but to use this name. If you would like to avoid having to type it every time into your computer's search engine, we suggest you "Bookmark" the page. That way, all you will have to do is go the bookmark and click and the website will appear.

When you look over the website, you may find a very few areas that aren't 100% completely finished. However, we have placed sections into what we think make sense when you want to find something. You will notice a photograph of our Indiana State Office Building with a photo of Helen Keller and a quote from her. You will also notice the Mission statement of our Foundation along with a "Call to Action" banner. This banner will change periodically as the Lions year goes on. In the spring and summer, our call to attention is the State Fair Workers Sign Up. Later in the year, we will focus on our Brick Paver Project, W. P. Woods Fellowship, and our Indiana Lions Distinguished Lion of the Year. The Trustees of the Foundation are very excited and proud to have such a modern website. Some changes that have been made are:

1. You can **sign up to work the State Fair ONLINE**. Each day of the Fair, along with each gate the Lions are responsible for can now be signed up immediately. Jobs of sellers and scanners are also marked, and all you have to do is provide what date, shift, gate, and job you would like to work. You can also see who else is scheduled to work that day as well. You will be able to see the number of workers required for the job and if the gate is already filled. This should eliminate the "too many workers for one gate" problem. A reminder letter will be sent to your email address a few days before you are scheduled to work explaining directions, times to work, dress code, etc.

2. **Who We Are Category**: This section has the names of each Trustee and their district they represent. We haven't listed their email addresses or personal information. That information will be found in our "Contact Us" section. Also, we have incorporated our History of the Lions Foundation.

3. **"What We Do" Category**: Very simply, this is our Project area. This section will have our **W.P Woods Fellowship applications** (you can complete the application and pay for it online, even using your credits for working at the Fair, cash, or any combination). The WP Woods section will also have every recipient of the Fellowship. You can even sort as to District, Name, Club, or year received.

Indiana Distinguished Lions of the Year Application is also online and you can fill in the information and hit send and it will go immediately to the correct person within a few seconds.

Brick Paver Project: You may order and pay for a Brick Paver online. As you fill in the information to go on the brick, you will see how the wording will be placed on the brick you order. This section will also accept credit cards.

State Fair Workers: You have your choice of either using the home page "call to action" banner or using the State Fair Ticket Sales category. They work together, so whenever you sign up for one, the other category is also signed.

You will also find our **Foundation Grant and Dedicated Grant applications**. You can now complete them online.

Lions License Plates category: We plan to add more information in this category. Right now, once you decide to purchase a Lions license plate, just click the link and it will take you immediately to the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles so you can buy a plate.

Trustee Center: This area is for Foundation Trustees. It requires a username and password to enter the site. It will be where trustees can upload and download information, reports, etc. for the required work needed to be a trustee.

Contact Us: There, you will find a map where the Indiana Lions State Office Building is located, and you can even get driving direction to get there. Also, there is a section whereby you can contact the

25A LIONS FOR ALL SEASONS

Indiana Lions Foundation—cont'd:

Foundation if you have questions, comments, or suggestions. Leave us a message and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Please go online to our website and see what your Foundation is doing. We definitely did not plan to have our website down for over a year and we're very sorry that it has taken so long, but we feel the wait will be well worth it. This is YOUR Indiana Lions Foundation.

Remember: indianalionsfoundationmd25.org

PDG Steve Marsh, President

Indiana Lions Foundation

Operation Kidsight in Zone 3-A







PDG Glenn Swanson, VDG Robin Smith, with Door Village, Maple City, and LaPorte Lions Clubs doing Operation Kidsight eye screening for children 6 months up to 6 years. This is a quick and easy vision screening, digital picture of the eyes. It can detect most problems which cause poor vision in young children. The screenings are going on at no cost throughout the LaPorte area. The Lions even have support from the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Kroger Markets in LaPorte to offer space for public screenings in July. From ZC Oscar Ryl-Kuchar

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

July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  International Convention	2	3	4  4th of July
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Family Event	13	14	15 Planning Meeting & Zone Training 6:30 Wanatah	16	17	18
19 1st District Meeting Kouts 1:00 pm	20 TCCD	21	22	23 Porter County Fair Begins SH Lions	24 Council Meeting Porter County Fair	25 25 A Banner Night 
26	27	28	29	30	31 DG Birthday 	
Porter County Fair						

August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 B Banner Night Last Day PCF
2 C Banner Night	3	4	5	6 Kouts OV	7	8
9	10 Ogden Dunes	11	12	13 Lions State Fair	14 LOFS Golf Outing	15
16	17 TCCD	18	19 Whiting Car Show	20	21	22 F & G Banner Night
23 Vision Screening Training @ Merrillville	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 SH Bass Pro	31					

25A LIONS FOR ALL SEASONS

District Gov. Randy Greer, 25-A

744 Acadia Road

Valparaiso, IN 46385