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Message from Governor Patty Cooke

Hello Lions of 25A

As I write this article, I am in Fukuoka, Japan. I am attending my final training class before becoming your Governor. But I know that I am learning more by interacting with other DGE's from around the US and the world than I am from my group leader. I truly know that "Lions Serve" throughout the world.

The theme from Chancellor Bob Corlew's 2016-2016 year as International President is "New Mountains to Climb".

"Climbing a mountain is used as a metaphor for many daily situations people confront. It represents something that is difficult and arduous; that makes a maximum effort to scale. But it is only by climbing those mountains that we ever excel to our fullest. Each mountain represents a new challenge --- a new opportunity".

"As we celebrate 100 years of Lions service we honor our past and embrace our present. But is it our future for which we must plan. If we are to ascend our next mountain, we must lay out a trail in front of us, marking our trail for the future generations of "Lions who follow and preserving our tradition of service.

Before I leave here next week, I will become your next District Governor and I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with you my fellow Lions. I will be climbing my mountain.

July will be a busy month! We have our first organization meeting and Zone Chair training scheduled for July 20th in Wanatah. I will send out more information when I return next week. Then the Council of Governors visit Schererville on **July 22nd**. We will be visiting the Oakbrook headquarters of Lions Club International. Then there is my banner night on **Saturday, July 23rd**. Please check the flyer in this Newsletter. The first district meeting is set for **Sunday July 31** in Griffith. Again, please check the flyer.

And a big thank you to Lion Randy Greer for his terrific job as our District Governor. Working with him this past year, I was continually amazed by his knowledge and enthusiasm for Lionism and every Club and every Lion in our district. He has set the District Governor bar very high!

I am eager to take that first step and to start my journey as your Governor!

Yours in Lionism

Lions Patty Cooke



DG Patty, her daughter Abby, and Lion Katherine Holtzleiter in Japan.

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Message from 1st VDG Robin Smith:

By the time you read this, we will have a new District Governor and will have officially entered the new Lion year. And what a year it will be...our Centennial year! A year of celebration! How will you be celebrating? Perhaps you will be engaging in a new service activity, or maybe, you will be honoring our legacy by planning a Centennial Legacy Project and leaving your mark on your communities. Whatever way you choose to celebrate, this is the time to raise your visibility to your communities and let them know "Where there is a need, there is a Lion". Please check LCI's website for ideas or contact a member of your leadership team. We are here to serve you.



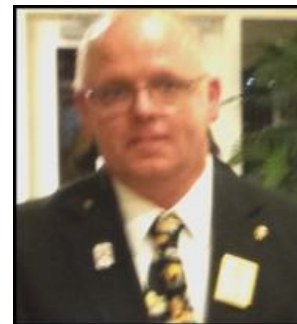
While we look back on the past year and thank PDG Randy Greer for his outstanding leadership, let us build on his ideas and those of his predecessors. Each Lion year gives us the opportunities to refresh these ideas and create additional momentum under new leadership and fresh energy. Our new Governor, Lion Patty Cooke, will be leading us through this centennial year with that new energy. I feel honored and privileged to be serving with her and our leadership team during this historical time. Additionally, I am excited to be serving with each Lion of this great district. I am confident District A is ready for new energy, ready to make a difference and ready for the "New Mountains to Climb".

Yours in Lionism and Service,

Lion Robin Smith, 1st VDG

Message from 2nd VDG Dennis Brown:

Now is the time to thank PDG Randy for a great job he did. Let's show the same support to DG Patty. First, attend her Banner Night on July 23rd. Second, if you agree to take a position in her Cabinet, do the job to the best of your ability. We will have a great year. Go Patty!



Lion Dennis Brown, PDG, 2VDG

Official Visits to Clubs

Clubs need to schedule dates for my official visits. 1st VDG Lion Robin Smith and 2nd VDG Lion Dennis Brown will be sharing some of these duties. I really would like to visit as many clubs, but is important that our VDG's also start learning about the great Lions in 25A. If you really would like me to visit, just let me know. Please provide at least two dates in your call or email.

DG Patty Cooke , patty.cooke@gmail.com ,

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District 25A Lions

Please Join



Governor Patty Cooke

For her Banner Night

Saturday July 23, 2016

American Legion Post 485
7485 Burr St. Schererville, IN 46375

Gather at 5:00 pm Dinner at 6:00 pm

Steak or Chicken Fry, CASH bar — and a Band!!!
\$25.00 per person

Business Casual Attire

Club / District _____

Name & Title _____

Name & Title _____

Number Attending _____ X 25.00 = Amount Enclosed _____

Number Chicken: _____ Number Steak: _____

Please RSVP by July 13, 2016
Mail to: CS Angie Schmeltz
14726 Bryan St., Cedar Lake, IN 46303
219-374-9714 emschmeltz@yahoo.com

Please make checks payable to District 25A



Lions District 25A Cabinet Meeting

District Governor Patty Cooke
1st Vice District Governor Robin Smith
2nd Vice District Governor Dennis Brown
Cabinet Sec. Angie Schmeltz
Cabinet Treas. Chuck De Las Casas



DISTRICT 25A LIONS YOU ARE INVITED TO DISTRICT GOVERNOR PATTY COOKE'S FIRST CABINET MEETING HOSTED BY THE GRIFFITH LIONS CLUB

Date: July 31, 2016

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Location: Griffith Senior Center, 349 N. Indiana St., Griffith, IN 46319
 (corner of Miller and Indiana Streets by the Railroad Tracks).

Cost: \$ 15.00

Please fill out the RSVP by July 20, 2016.

And enclose a check made out to District 25A Lions along with the bottom portion of the form to:
 District Secretary Angie Schmeltz, 14726 Bryan Street, Cedar Lake, IN 46303.

Any questions call Angie at 219-374-9714.

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Name _____ Officer title _____

Club _____

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Club _____

Number of reservations _____ Total enclosed \$ _____





We welcome these new members:

<u>Club Name</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Door Village	Patrick Steele	Patty Steele
I.H. –East Chicago	Gus Flores	Ralph Flores
I.H.- East Chicago	Alvina Rodriguez	Paul Rodriguez
LaCrosse	Reggie Lockett	Daron Bruder
Westville	Harold Barr	Myrle Weston
Westville	Susan Barr	Myrle Weston
Westville	Debi Ingram	Rhonda Weston
Whiting	Abby Bondi	Abigail Dybel
Whiting	Joel Daguio	Michele Rohrman
Whiting	Kim Duha	Michele Rohrman
Whiting	Dale Foster	Andrew Dybel
Whiting	Richard Kasprzak Jr.	Andrew Dybel
Whiting	Karen Massoele	Carol Duhon
Whiting	Amy Procissi	Michele Rohrman
Whiting	Stephanie Strabavy	Andrew Dybel

There are no deceased Lions to report this month.

Lions Help Needed for Kidsight Eye Screening

I have been contacted by Head Start again to provide the Kidsight Program for the Lake and Porter County Head Start school registration. There will be different sites at different days for testing. Please e-mail me at emschmeltz@yahoo.com or call me at 219-374-9714 for the days and times you would be available to work at the various locations. All dates have a 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. time every day. I need people to pass out the forms, make sure forms are filled out and signed, and man the equipment. Any time you can help will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You for all you do with Lions,

Lion Angie Schmeltz, 25A Cabinet Secretary

Kidsight Eye Screening with Head Start

Dates and Locations as follows:

Tuesday, July 26, 2016

Early Learning Academy

1401 E. 144th St.

East Chicago, IN

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

St. Mark's Head Start School

880 Jackson St.

Gary, IN

Thursday, July 28, 2016

St. Mary's

6070 Miller Avenue

Gary, IN

Friday, July 29, 2016

Geminus Center

8400 Louisiana St.

Merrillville, IN

Saturday, July 30, 2016

Geminus Center

8400 Louisiana St.

Merrillville, IN



Coming Soon ~ Save the Date

November 5th 2016

28th Annual Indiana Lions Conference

(formerly Known as Mid Winter Conference)

Same Great Place-Plainfield High School

Same Great Learning Experiences

New District Governors for Indiana MD 25

For 2016—2017



**New District Governors for Indiana MD 25, from left
DG Alan Arnold, 25B, DG Peg VanNevel, 25G, DG
Wayne Karanavich, 25F, DG Steve Holtzleiter 25D,
DG Patty Cooke, 25A, and DG Ross Drapalik, 25C.**



**Indiana District Governors in Lions
International Parade in Japan.**

Michiana Lions Club — Centennial Service Challenge



Michiana Lions and Krueger School officials at the school gazebo.



Michiana Lions Jim Cross, Tim Fizer, Verne Hixon, Al Kepler, Brian Pagels, Lew Timberlake, and Alex Vartia, Not shown is Centennial Challenge Chairperson Jamie Miller, taking the photo.

Michiana Lions doing their Centennial Service Challenge—"Protecting Our Environment" on May 9th. They donated and planted 110 trees of 11 different species at Krueger Middle School in Michigan City to help start their Arboretum. Eighth grade Krueger students and visiting third graders from Lake Hills Elementary School assisted in planting the trees.

Mill Creek Community Lions Club



Three new members of the Mill Creek Community Lions Club were installed by PDG Glenn Swanson. Pictured above are new Lion Muriel Peterson, Lion Sponsor Tom Sharp, new Lion Janet Ebsch, new Lion Joette Barnett, Lion sponsor David Hawn, and PDG Glenn.

Westville Lions Induct New Leos



New Leo's were inducted at a Lions Dinner meeting by DGE Patty Cooke. Their families were also invited to see what Lionism is about. This induction was done at the Westville Fishin for Life Picnic Shelter. The Leo's helped build the shelter and are very proud of it. The Westville Leo Club meets during the school hour of "Service to your community" where the school lets clubs that do service meet. They have between 15—30 at their meetings. The Leo's help direct traffic at the fair, do Candy Day, play bingo with the County Home, take needy children shopping for Christmas, dig ditches for Reins of Life, and on and on. Advisors Rhonda Weston and Cheryl Tuholski are very proud of the amazing hard work they do.

Hamlet Lions Club

The Hamlet Lions Club will be holding their Pancake, Egg, and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, July 10th from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM. This event is the normal kick off for the Starke County 4-H Fair at the Fairgrounds. All are welcome.

Whiting Lions Club



WHITING LIONS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The 2016 winner of the 4th annual Whiting Lions Community Service Scholarship is Whiting High School Senior Alexandra Danielides. The \$500.00 scholarship is awarded to a senior from the high school (Whiting or Hammond Clark) that won the prior fall's Battle of 119th Street football game. The Scholarship is presented to a senior who has shown superior academic achievement and a dedication towards serving their community.

The Scholarship was presented to Alexandra at graduation by Whiting Lion Abby Bondi. Alexandra will be attending Indiana University Bloomington and studying Speech and Hearing Sciences.

Cedar Lake Lions Club (Chartered April 28, 1947)

Will be holding its

Annual Golf Outing on Sunday, August 7, 2016

Oak Knoll Golf Course—\$70 Per Person

4 PERSON BEST BALL SCRAMBLE

Food—Beverages—Golf and Door Prizes— Contests

Side Bet Skins Game—

Contact 219-374-6479 or 219-374-9714 for information

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Chesterton Lions Club

Chesterton Lions Club will be having a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast from 7—11 AM on July 4th. This will be at Hawthorne Park on Waverly Road in Porter, as part of the Family 4th Fest in Porter. At 11:00 AM, Lions will be holding the 77th Annual Turtle Derby in the park for kids up to 16 years of age. Trophies and prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers. Then, at 1:00 PM, the eighteenth Annual Duck Race will also be held in Hawthorne Park. Come out and join us.

**Have a Happy and Safe
July 4th Holiday**



INDIANA
STATE FAIR
2016

**SUPPORT THE INDIANA LIONS
FOUNDATION BY SELLING TICKETS AT
THE 2016 INDIANA STATE FAIR –
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

**DATES: AUGUST 5 – 21
MORNING AND AFTERNOON SHIFTS AVAILABLE
EARN W. P. WOODS FELLOWSHIP CREDITS FOR
YOU OR YOUR CLUB**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP VISIT:
indianalionsfoundationmd25.org**

OR CONTACT A DISTRICT 25A ILF TRUSTEE

**PDG Kevin Roe - 219-963-0761
Lion Paul Marsh - 219-851-2281
Lion Andy Dybel - 219-629-1273**



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As you can see there are many dates open for Official Visits. Please contact the DG Patty to set a date for your club.

Information will be going out next week to the District Leadership group – Zone Chairs, Region Chairs, CT, CS, VDGs, etc – about the meeting on June 20th

Calendar

July 4		Chesterton Lion's Festivities – See Newsletter
July 22	7:30 – 3:30	MD25 District Governor visit Lions International
		Oakbrook IL
July 10	7:00a – 11:00a	Hamlet Lions Pancake, Egg and Sausage Breakfast
July 14		Michiana Lions Ladies Night
July 20	6:00p – 8:00p	25A Leadership Meeting
		Wanatah Lions Club House
		School Drive Wanatah
July 23	7:30 – 3:30	MD25 Council Meeting
		Schererville, IN
July 23	6:00 pm	25A Banner Night -- see Flyer
July 31	1:00 pm	1 st District Meeting – see Flyer
August 4		Kouts OV
August 7		Cedar Lake Lions Golf Outing – see Newsletter
August 5 -21		Indiana State Fair
		Indianapolis, IN
August 9		Winamac OV