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District 25A News

Grow With Me — The Best is Yet to Be



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District Governor's message

Well I've planned for my year as your District Governor for over two years. With all the training that has taken place, you would think I'd be qualified for any position in Lions. Having gone through District Governor training three times, I've seen many changes. This training was the most intense; the amount of computer work is astronomical for a computer novice. However, with the help of a couple dedicated Lions, people may think I know what I am doing.

Grow or die! (wife's suggestion)

That's what must be done in order to continue helping people in our own communities and around the world. So let's think about it. Our district must minimize members lost (except for death). It is crucial to add new members. So let's be prepared if we have a chance to get a new member. Do you have your 30 Second elevator speech ready? Do you have a membership application on you? In one of our district's clubs, all members have envelopes in their car. With a flyer about their club and a membership application in it. On the outside is the members telephone number. Talk about being ready. Are you?

Finally I'm back from the International Convention in Las Vegas and ready to go. There was a lot of training to help me be better prepared. I got to meet Lions from all around the world. Talking to them and exchanging ideas and problems is just like talking to the Lions of Indiana. See, we are not that different after all.

We got to hear inspirational speeches from Nadia Comaneci, former President George W. Bush and of course our International President Gudrun Yngvadottir. One of her goals is equal men and women in clubs in leadership roles. And she wants to grow because the best is yet to be.

How about our first woman International President! It's about time. Look how much our clubs have grown since we let women back into Lions (should have always been there). Hopefully she can inspire all Lions to grow individually as well as clubs.

Last year our district grew in membership — we were +8. That hasn't happened in quite a few years. That's a fantastic accomplishment. Let's keep growing! I know we can do it if we work together. Nothing is impossible.

One way we can keep growing is to retain the members we have lost. Last year we lost 145 valuable people. What if we reached out to these members before they left and saved half of them. That would add 73 to our rollcall. Better yet, how much experience did we just save. I think it can be done if we try. Remember — grow or die!

Remember to register for banner night. We have an exciting speaker lined up! It's time to schedule your Governor's official visit — before another club takes the date you want.

Yours in Lionism,
DG Dennis Brown

Dear Fellow Lions

This has been an exciting year being 2nd VDG and I'm looking forward to the opportunities as your 1st VDG for the Lion Year 2018-2019! District 25A did an AWESOME job not only bringing in new people but getting the new members involved. Membership and service go hand in hand, you need the service projects to help the people and you need the members to do the service projects. So my advice for this year, instead of asking people to join, ask them what type of community service or projects they want to do or get involved with. I am so proud of my home club of Hamlet, we have come a long ways. Just 5 years ago we had about 15 members and were basically a check writing club and now we have 27 members. We do vision screening at the Oregon-Davis Schools, a 2 mile road clean up twice a year, participate in the dictionary project, sponsor a Leo's club, and now we want to do additional fund raising to get a Lions water fountain and we are saving plastic caps for a bench or two. All because our new members want to do something, help someone, and be visible out in the community and our veteran members are saying "GO FOR IT!!"

Being at the International Convention in Vegas was a great opportunity to hear what other clubs from around the world are doing with membership and service projects and its all tied to getting out there and having fun. One of the presenters, Daniel, that I was fortunate to listen to was an employee of the community activity association that his town has. A Lion approached him and said you guys do all these wonderful programs for the community and provide all these community services. That is the same thing we do as Lions. Why don't you join the Lions and get more support for what you want to do for the community. So not only did Daniel join, but he got all the employees and the director and assistant director to join and has been a member for 18 months and has sponsored 55 new members. That's just one of many examples and I am so excited to work with all the great clubs in District 25A and share ideas and hope that you "GO FOR IT"

Lets keep the momentum going for our DG Dennis Brown and start the year growing with him and God Bless.

1st VDG Mitchell Semans

Head Start Screening Schedule 2018

July 13, 2018 - Friday 8:30 AM to 2 PM	Stark Clinic with Regional Health Systems 3903 Indianapolis Blvd. East Chicago, IN
July 14, 2018 – Saturday 8:30 AM to 2 PM	Stark Clinic with Regional Health Systems 3903 Indianapolis Blvd. East Chicago, IN
July 20, 2018 – Friday 8:30 AM to 2 PM	<u>Strawhun</u> Center at Regional Health Systems 8555 Taft Street Merrillville, IN
July 21, 2018 – Saturday 8:30 AM to 2 PM	<u>Strawhun</u> Center at Regional Health Systems 8555 Taft Street Merrillville, IN

A number of Lions have already volunteered, but we could use help for all 4 stations at least. I will be at every screening. If you can help, PLEASE call or email me.

Lion Angie Schmeltz

emschmeltz@gmail.com

Hm. Phone 219-374-9714 or cell 219-405-0286



District 25-A Banner Night

Honoring

District Governor Dennis Brown

Saturday, July 21, 2018



Chesterton Moose Lodge

602 Broadway, Chesterton, IN (219) 926-6100

6:00 pm Social

Cash Bar

7:00 pm Dinner

Guest Speaker—GMT Area Leader, PCC Steve Anton

\$25 per Adult \$15 per Child (12 and under)

Italian Beef/Sausage, Baked Mostaccioli,
Roasted Vegetables, Salad, Beverage and Dessert

Business Casual Attire

Silent Auction 6:00 to 9:00 pm

RSVP by July 13, 2018 to IPDG Robin Smith

1707 Peachtree Drive, Valparaiso, IN 46383

(219) 462-8258 mswolfen@aol.com

District 25A Banner Night 2018

Club/District _____

Names & Titles _____

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Adults _____ **X \$25.00 + Child** _____ **X \$15.00 = Total \$** _____

Make Checks payable to District 25A Lion Banner Night



**SUPPORT THE
INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION
BY SELLING TICKETS AT THE
2018 INDIANA STATE FAIR
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

**DATES: AUGUST 3 – 19
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
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2018-2019
District Governor
District 25A
Dennis Brown



1st Cabinet Meeting

Sponsored by the Schererville Central Lions Club

Sunday, July 29, 2018 - 1:00 PM CDT

St. John Township Community Center

1515 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30, Just West of RT 41), Schererville, IN 46375
219 - 865-2705

**Come meet the 2018-19 Cabinet,
Region Chairs, Zone Chairs, and Committee Chairs.**

1st 25A Cabinet Meeting

Name _____ Club _____ L C

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Number attending _____ X \$13.00 = \$ _____

Make checks to: Schererville Central Lions Club

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

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Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service

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.

Bookmark LCIF.org/BE100 to stay up-to-date on our new initiative.



Congratulations Lions! Four years ago we were challenged to serve 100,000,000 people during our Centennial. We greatly exceeded that—the final number is listed above. And we in District 25A contributed to that number. **To complete the final year of the challenge and obtain that last patch for your club, you have until July 15th to submit your activities in myLCI.**

Hello Lions of 25A Lions! I will be the Newsletter Editor this year and look forward to the challenge. Lion Bill Ellis has set the bar pretty during his time as Editor. One thing that is changing is the timing. I plan to issue the Newsletter on the 10th of the month. Please have your Club's articles, pictures or flyers to me by the 5th day of the month.

You can email me at patty.cooke@gmail.com or send me a text at 219-671-4668

PDG Patty Cooke

JOE DONNELLY
INDIANA



UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

June 11, 2018

Indiana Lions Vision Services Committee
18 Spring Valley Lane
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Dear Friends,

It is my honor to offer my sincere congratulations on the significant milestone of providing over 1 million vision screenings for Hoosier children. Since establishing the project in 2007, the Lions of Indiana have changed the lives of children and their families across the state and left a positive impact on the community.

This milestone provides the special opportunity to reflect on the work that has been done and the people who have been served by this organization. Volunteers have given their time, energy, and resources putting service over self to make our communities here in the state of Indiana a better place, and for that you have my sincere gratitude. Winston Churchill once said, "*We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.*" Year after year, the Lions of Indiana have modeled these words, assisting their communities without reservation or hesitation, their reward being the witness they bear to the progress of those children they have helped along the way.

Again, congratulations to the Lions of Indiana and its volunteers as you celebrate providing 1 million vision screenings. I offer my best wishes for ongoing success as you continue to change the lives of Hoosier children for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Donnelly".

Joe Donnelly
United States Senator



DIABETES SYMPOSIUM: LIVING WELL WITH DIABETES MPlan to attend this informational session on Thursday morning to learn more about Diabetes and how Lions can make a difference.



September 20—22 in Columbus, OH.

A short drive from here.
See you there!

Congratulations to LCI's 1st female President Gudrun Yngvadottir! Register today to see her at the Forum.

Michele Ray takes on the vital topic of Attracting & Keeping Great Lions during her special seminar.

The Forum provides a great opportunity to meet & be inspired by other great Lions from around the US & Canada



BRING A CHILDREN'S BOOK & LEARN HOW TO ADD IT TO A LOCAL CHILDREN'S CANCER PROJECT - Check out the seminar list by category & start planning which seminars you want to attend. <https://lionsforum.org/for-attendees/schedule/seminars/>

<https://lionsforum.org/>



Rensselaer Lions Club
is celebrating their
75th
ANNIVERSARY

Please celebrate with us!

Saturday, October 20, 2018

Knights of Columbus
Rensselaer, Indiana

Cocktails (Cash Bar) 6:00 P.M.

Dinner 7:00 P.M.

\$20.00 per person

For more information, please call (219) 866-5594



WE SERVE



2018 CEDAR LAKE LIONS CLUB
Annual Golf Outing
Sunday, August 5th, 2018
 Rain date: August 12, 2018
OAK KNOLL GOLF COURSE

9 HOLE SHOT GUN START AT NOON

BEST BALL FOURSOME LOW GROSS

1ST PLACE-\$140 2ND PLACE-\$100 3RD PLACE-\$60

\$70 DONATION PER PERSON Skins-\$20 per team

INCLUDES GOLF, CART, FOOD, BEVERAGES, AND PRIZES



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CEDAR LAKE LIONS CLUB
P.O. BOX 111
CEDAR LAKE , IN 46303
CALL: Dick at 374-6479

PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS!!!

**CONGRADUIONS TO THE AWESOME PEOPLE OF 25A
WE HAVE MORE PEOPLE ON JUNE 30, 2018 THAN ON JULY 1, 2017**



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Above:

The Indiana Lions march in the International Parade. The tricky part was getting back to the hotel :)

Right:

District Governor Dennis Brown with his wife Laurie.



Above:

Right: It is Official—Lion Dennis Brown is our new District Governor. Here IPDG Robin pulls the symbolic ribbon.



At IPDG Robin's last Cabinet Meeting,

Left: IPDG Robin awards DG Dennis as the Lion of the Year

Right: Our new DG with his new VDG, Lion Mitch Semans.



Chesterton Lions Club President Doug Leicht (center with scissors) prepares to cut the ribbon to officially open the new Lion water fountain at Porter's Hawthorne Park on July 4th. Others in picture are Porter Town Councilman Ross LeBleu, Lions Gil Stevens, Tom Lee, Jerry Ruge, Mel Bigger, Mike Baranko, Bill Ellis, and Laura Layman, Porter Park director Brian Bugajski, and Porter Councilman Greg Stinson.



The Mill Creek Community Lions Club presented a check to the LaPorte Lions Club to purchase and upgrade their Lions Medical Alert units which are used by LaPorte County citizens in case of emergency. Over 130 units are now being used. Mill Creek Community Lions President Eva Marie Olson is shown making the check presentation to Lion Paul Marsh of the LaPorte Lions Club.





Left: Michiana Lions present check to Leader Dog

Below: PDG Patty takes the blind fold tour at Leader Dog.

Thank you, Cedar Lake Lions, for such a great trip. Everyone had a wonderful time.



Above: Lion Richard Lambert receives a WP Woods. Lion President Dave Dickinson and Lion Butch Weston are to the Left and ID Bruce to the right



Above: Lions Dave Dickinson, Rhonda and Butch Weston and ID Bruce Beck congratulate Leo Cassie Janas, who received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation



Left: Lion Lew Cass - a Westville Lion for 50 years— receives a Melvin Jones Fellowship. and our 50 year club member. Next to Lion Lew is his daughter Jennifer Schott.

Welcome New Lions!

Cedar Lake—Paulette Young
Sponsor: Jim Braner

Crown Point—Annette L. Pruett
Sponsor: Paul Pruett

Door Village—Jim R. Hoffman
Sponsor: Carol Pahs

Door Village—Carolyn Perra
Sponsor: Carol Pahs

East Chicago Evening—Isacc Gordils
Sponsor: Gezia Gordils

East Chicago Evening—Leticia Rivera
Sponsor: Frank Rivera

Griffith—Collin L. Meadows
Sponsor: Margaret Verkuilen

Hamlet—Carol Haug
Sponsor: Wendy Semans

Hanna—Renee L. Tomlinson
Sponsor: Jerry Tomlinson

Hobart—Shaher A. Aboor
Sponsor: Cherly Azcona

Hobart—Anthony S. Azcona
Sponsor: Joseph Larson

Hobart—Craig David Brooks
Sponsor: Joseph Larson

Indiana Harbor East Chicago—Ramon Mendoza
Sponsor: Patrick Rodriguez

Indiana Harbor East Chicago—Joseph Ochoa
Sponsor: Patrick Rodriguez

La Porte—Jessica J. Aguilar
Sponsor: Christine Rosenbaum

La Porte—Jeff Mandeville
Sponsor: Suzanne Tobey

Lake Station-Violet Corona
Sponsor: Mike Poweska

Lake Station—Dina Cortez
Sponsor: Pamela Shaffner

LOFS—Nancy Barsic
Sponsor: Larry Dennison

Welcome New Lions!

LOFS—Christine Falls
Sponsor: Ken Gibbon

LOFS—Juan Hernandez
Sponsor: Charles De Las Casas

LOFS—Lyn K. Keneson
Sponsor: Larry Dennison

Michiana—Alice Helmken
Sponsor: Stephen Helmken

Schererville Central—Alamar E. Hoke
Sponsor: Joanne Freeland

Schererville Central—Jodi Kobak
Sponsor: William Jarvis

South Haven—Juan - Jay J Lopez Jr.
Sponsor: Nancy Mendez-Lopez

Union Mills—Amanda Morrison
Sponsor: Lucille Heironimus

Union Mills—Guy Elliot Vandenburg
Sponsor: Mary Deering

Union Mills—Curt Morrison
Sponsor: Wesley Heironimus

Union Mills—Marcus Walker
Sponsor: Mary Deering

Union Mills—Curt Young-Brust
Sponsor: Mary Deering

Valparaiso—Yviette E. Frame
Sponsor: Susan Gourley

Westville—Kayla Meyers

Westville—Kenneth Young
Sponsor: Phyllis Rudziewicz

Westville—Lorette Young
Sponsor: Phyllis Rudziewicz

Wheatfield—Justin Cicenas
Sponsor: Robert Tilema

Wheatfield—Charles E. Conley
Sponsor: Gregory Oliver

Wheatfield—Rachel Michelle Meyers
Sponsor: Thomas Strain

Winamac—Angela L. Jennings
Sponsor: Gordon Dibbern

Winamac—Cody KM Jennings
Sponsor: Gordon Dibbern

Those Who Have Completed their Service

Rolling Prairie—Donald Grimm

Valparaiso—Dean Stolpe

**Hanna Lions**

Famous BBQ Chicken at HannaFest

Saturday August 11, 2018

10:00 am until it is Gone!

Hanna Lions Park

South of US 30 between US 421 and IN 39

MD25

July 14 Indiana Lions Foundation and Holding Corp.
Meeting — Speedway

July 15 Mid Winter Conference Meeting

July 15 Long Range Planning Committee Meeting

July 20 Governors trip to LCI

July 21 2018-2019 1st Council Meeting—Portage, IN

July 21 DG Dennis Banner Night — Chesterton, IN

July 28 District E Banner Night

Aug 4 LCIF District Coordinators Meeting

Aug 12 Speech and Hearing Trustees Meeting

LCI

July 15 Last day to enter Centennial Service Challenge and
Legacy Projects in myLCI

July 15 Lions Club Activity Report Due

Aug 12 International Youth Day

Aug 15 Leo Club Excellence Award applications due

Aug 31 Deadline for the Club and District Team Excellence
Awards

Aug 31 Deadline for Presidential Zone and Region Chairper-
son Awards

July 2018

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