



## District 25A News

# The Force is Strong in 25A Lions

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Dear Fellow Lions,

I am so excited and honored to represent District 25A as your District Governor. July will be a very busy month starting with the International Convention in Milan, Italy. Yes, the **opportunity** to travel is just one of the many perks of being a District Governor and Italy is just the beginning. I really look forward to visiting each club. Don't get me wrong, going overseas is great; but being able to travel around my home district is better. Each and every club has something unique to offer our district. But being able to build relationships, make connections and provide valuable information so that your clubs can help your communities be a better place is a tremendous **opportunity**.

Next, I have the MD25 Council meeting starting July 26<sup>th</sup> where I have the **opportunity** to show off our very own Wanatah Lions Eyeglass Recycling program and take the tour with my fellow DGs of the Westville Correctional Facility recycling program. We all should be very proud of what that effort has accomplished over the years and if you don't know about the program, I'm sure PDG Kevin Roe would like to talk to you. Our meeting continues on the 27<sup>th</sup> at the Center of Donaldson on the Ancilla College Campus, where once again I have the **opportunity** to represent 25A and learn about all the cool things Lions of are doing.

Last but not least, following the Council Meeting, the Hamlet Lions Club presents Banner Night. What a great way to kick off the year and a great **opportunity** to have some fun. I would like to thank the Hamlet Lions for hosting this event and all the hard work planning and putting up with me, to make this night a success. I would also like to thank the Monterey Lions for helping me provide the entertainment for the night — the Night Shift Band, featuring Monterey Lions Doug and Kelli Denton. They put on a great show, but don't take my word for it, check it out for yourself. Banner Night also gives us the **opportunity** to reflect on the past as the District Governor passes on the 25A banner to the next district governor to lead us into the future. And you will be able to meet the MD25 District Governors— past and current, plus PIDs and, who knows, maybe a PIP who happens to be a fellow Manchester Alumni, might be there.

Let's not forget about our clubs in our District that are doing 4<sup>th</sup> of July events, like the Chesterton Lions fabulous event at Hawthorne Park in Porter. It starts off with a pancake breakfast at 7am followed by a duck race and the awesome Turtle Derby at 11:00am. If you know of any other events, please share the information.

August 4<sup>th</sup> will be the first Cabinet and District Meeting. YES, these meetings are for everyone not just the Cabinet (VDGs, CS, CT, GMT, GLT, GST and Zone chairs) and District Governor Advisory Committee (Club Presidents and Club Secretaries) — they're for anyone who is interested in anything Lions. These meetings are a great **opportunity** to get ideas for fund raising and service projects and learn about leadership positions and district committees and how YOUR clubs and YOUR communities can benefit. The opportunities are endless.

God Bless and May The Lions Be With You.

DG Mitchell Semans

## District 25A Cabinet / District Meeting

Sunday August 4 at 1 pm  
Hamlet Union Methodist Church  
200 S Main St.  
Hamlet IN 46532



Come meet with  
2019-2020 District Governor Mitch Semans  
And his Leadership Team

**Cost of Dinner: \$12.00**

RSVP and send Payment to  
CS Tiffany Nagai  
PO Box 306  
Hamlet, IN 46532  
219-716-3844  
[tiffanypressel@hotmail.com](mailto:tiffanypressel@hotmail.com)

**Make checks payable to Hamlet Lions Club**

## Welcome New Lions!

**Hobart** — SHERYL SCHEERINGA

Sponsor: DAVID SCHEERINGA

**Schererville** — GLADYS D'MELLO

Sponsor: WILLIAM HARDING

**Wanatah** — SHANNON C. CHAVIS

Sponsor: DARRELL MARKS

## Lions Who Have Completed their Service

Cheryl A. Azcona	Hobart
Patricia A. Seese	Koontz Lake
D. Bruce Gilbert	Michiana L C



**SUPPORT THE  
INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION  
BY SELLING TICKETS AT THE  
2019 INDIANA STATE FAIR  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

**DATES: AUGUST 2 – 18  
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](http://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org)**

**Or Contact an Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee**



**New for 2019: This Collector Pin will be presented to  
all Lions volunteering at the Indiana State Fair**





## **BANNER NIGHT FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR MITCHELL SEMANS**

**SATURDAY JULY 27, 2019**

**6:00–10:00 ET / 5:00–9:00 CT**

**at The Center at Donaldson**

**9601 Union Rd. Plymouth, IN (just 7 miles west of Plymouth)**

**\$25 per person**

**Italian Beef/ Fried Chicken & Sides    Catered by *Downtown Depot* of Knox**

**Music by *Night Shift*    Silent Auction    50/50 Raffle**

**Business Casual Attire**

**RSVP: Karen Pinkham at [kpinkham69@gmail.com](mailto:kpinkham69@gmail.com)    574-276-2409**

**by July 13.**

**Send checks payable to Hamlet Lions Club**

**PO Box 306**

**Hamlet, IN 46532**

**Name #1:\_\_\_\_\_ Name #2:\_\_\_\_\_**

**Home Club:\_\_\_\_\_**

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**BRIAN'S TRIKE RACE and DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT****September 15, 2019**

Please help the children at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired by participating in Brian's Trike Race. Relay race your team of four against in a single-elimination race for fun and fundraising! This year also sees the addition of a new event: Disc Golf! More information is available at [www.inlionsforisbvi.org](http://www.inlionsforisbvi.org). Students will receive 4 hours service credit. *Each Trike team member will receive a race t-shirt; Additional shirts and Disc Golf discs available to purchase.*

**BRIAN'S TRIKE RACE & DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT  
Trike Race Team Application**

September 15, 2019; Entry Deadline August 16  
Doors Open at 11AM

Registration & Practice = 12:00 noon  
Races start at 1PM (rain or shine)\* at the  
Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired  
7725 North College Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana

Students must  
be 14 years old  
by race day.

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_ Organization/School \_\_\_\_\_

Captain's Name, Phone #, & Email \_\_\_\_\_

Team category that best describes 4 team members: (circle) Students Adults Mixed Ages

List (print):	Name	Phone #	Lion/Leo? T-Shirt Size Y/N (if Trike team)
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____

Alternate: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$100 entry fee per team** includes \$10 for each additional t-shirt or disc (please specify) beyond those included.

\* For safety purposes, participants must wear closed-toe shoes

Please send a check, payable to **Indiana Lions for the ISBVI**, along with this form to  
Pat Henninger, 8447 Stones Ferry Road, Indianapolis IN 46278.

Questions? Contact Pat at 317-908-8884 or [iwtlions@gmail.com](mailto:iwtlions@gmail.com); **text or e-mail form for timely entry**

Hosted by the Indiana Lions for the ISBVI and the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

**Brian's Trike Race and  
Disc Golf Tournament****September 15, 2019**

To benefit children served by the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ISBVI) at the school and in your community via outreach services.

**Silver Sponsorship**

\$150.00 by August 16, 2019\*

**What You Receive:**

- Your organization's name displayed at Brian's Trike Race

\$300.00 by August 16, 2019\*

**Gold Sponsorship****What You Receive:**

All perks of a Silver Sponsorship PLUS:  
- Your organization's name and/or logo on each of the 250+ T-shirts worn throughout Indiana  
- A one-year listing on our webpage.  
- Certificate of Appreciation from the Indiana Lions for the ISBVI

Exclusive opportunity starting at \$500\*

**Platinum Sponsorship****What You Receive:**

- Priority name/logo placement based on donation!  
- All benefits of Silver and Gold  
- Prominent placement on event t-shirts and web page (1-year)  
- By-request exhibit space at the event

Additional sponsorship options available by consultation.  
On-shirt and on-property sponsorship placement to be determined by the Indiana Lions for the ISBVI committee to best group, prioritize, and support the sponsoring organizations and space available.

Name of Sponsoring Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number and e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level: ☐ Silver ☐ Gold ☐ Platinum ☐ Other

\*Deadline - mail by August 20 to: Pat Henninger, Event Chairman  
8447 Stones Ferry Road, Indianapolis, IN 46278

**To ensure timely entry please e-mail a scan of this form or text to the number below:**  
For more information about sponsorship or fielding a team, e-mail  
Pat Henninger at [iwtlions@gmail.com](mailto:iwtlions@gmail.com) or call 317-908-8884

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Lions Paws for Support  
PADDLEFEST**

**KAYAK, CANOE & STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDS RACES**

All Skill Levels Welcome!!!

USCA POINTS RACE – NOVICE RACE – FUN PADDLE

July 27, 2019

9:00 – 4:00 (CST)

Fish Lake

Conservation Club

7873 E St. Rd. 4

Walkerton, IN 46574

Entry donation:

\$20/paddler

Register online at

[www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com),

search "Lions Paws for

Support Paddlefest".

Registration day of

event opens at 9:00



#paddlevibin

Veterans & Active Duty  
Paddle FREE!!

Festival Fun includes...

LIVE MUSIC – BEER GARDEN – FOOD TRUCK

Local Artisan & Vendor Booths – 50/50 – Raffles – Silent Auction

Lions Paws for Support is a project of the  
Mill Creek Community Lions Club.

**Paddlefest entry donations sponsor the adoption of  
emotional support or service dogs to veterans  
dealing with the effects of PTSD/TBI.**

For more info, please visit our facebook page 'Lions Paws for Support'  
or email [lionemilyhoward@gmail.com](mailto:lionemilyhoward@gmail.com)

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Please help the children at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired by participating in Brian's Trike Race. This year sees the addition of a new event: Disc Golf! Did you know that the ISBVI is home to its own 9-hole Disc Golf Course? It's true! And now you can play on this typically closed course! 4-person teams play as a scramble. Students receive 4 hours service credit. *Each Disc Golf team member receives a commemorative disc. Additional discs and trike shirts available to purchase.*

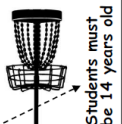
**BRIAN'S TRIKE RACE & DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT  
Disc Golf Team Application**

September 15, 2019; Entry Deadline August 16

Doors Open at 10:30AM

Registration & Team Picture = 11:00

Scramble starts at 11:30 noon (rain or shine)\* at the  
Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired  
7725 North College Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana



Students must  
be 14 years old

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_ Organization/School \_\_\_\_\_

Captain's Name, Phone, & Email \_\_\_\_\_

Team category that best describes 4 team members: (circle) Students Adults Mixed Ages

List (print):	Name	Phone #	Lion/Leo? Y/N
1.	_____	_____	_____
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Alternate: \_\_\_\_\_

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# A Big Thank You from DG Dennis



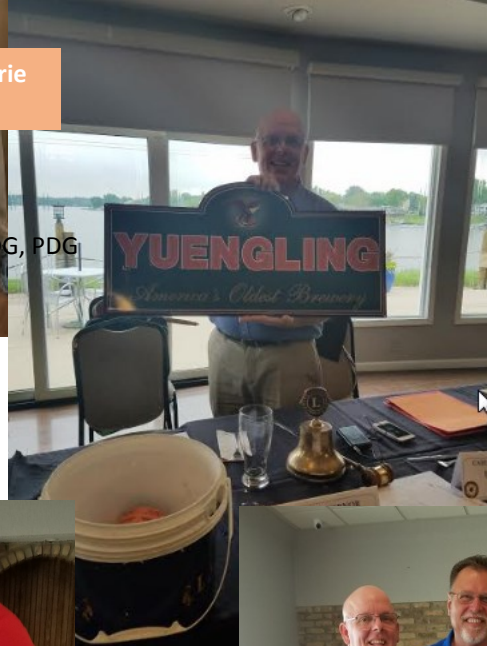
DG Dennis with wife Laurie



DGE Mitch present DG Dennis with new PDG, PDG, PDG jacket

Dennis with new PDG, PDG, PDG Jacket

PDG PDG PDG jacket



PDG Dick receives Melvin Jones pin for Membership success

# Thank You, 3PDG Dennis



Right : Mill Creek Lions. New members were inducted at our May 2019 meeting. Pictured Left to Right are President Tom Sharp, Tam Monesmith-Bernth, Ann Higley, Frank Cigan, Shannon Cigan, PDG Glenn Swanson. Jason Higley and Carrie Campbell became members and were unable to be inducted that evening

Below: PDG Dick presents the award to Lake Station for bringing in the most new members during the April contest.



Left: IPDG Robin and PDG Patty with PID Linda Tincher who presented them with a special award for their success in raising money for LCIF in 2017—2018. They raised 10% over their goal.

Right: Annually, the Michigan City Lions award the Lion of the Year Award and the Cliff Arnold Memorial Award for Public Service. On Wednesday, June 19, Club President Nancy Hawkins presented the awards. Lion Cindy Hall was honored as the Lion of the Year for her long time work and devotion to our Scholarship program, which awards \$5,000 annually to two high school seniors, one from each local high school.

The Cliff Arnold Award for Public Service is awarded to a public official from the community who has shown hard work and dedication to the betterment of our citizens. Johnny Stimley, this year's recipient, is a current Michigan City Councilman and past LaPorte County Recorder. He serves as the president of the Michigan City Zoological Society and is the founder and coordinator of the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Along with all Johnny does for the City, the community and the Zoo, he is also a member of the Michigan City Lions Club!



July	1	First Day of Lions Year 2019—2020
Jun/Jul	30—4	Pulaski County Fair Star City Ball Toss
July	2	Rolling Prairie Family Picnic
July	3	Schererville Fireworks — Schererville Lions sell Hotdogs / soda / nachos
July	4	Munster Lions host 4th of July Parade
	4	Chesterton Lions Pancake Breakfast 7am, Duck Race and the Spectacular Turtle Derby at 11 am
	4	Griffith 4th of July Parade
	4	Lake of the Four Seasons 4th of July Parade, Band and Food
July	5—9	LCICON Millan, Italy
July	8—13	LaPorte County Fair — Several Clubs have activities there
July	14	Hamlet Lions Club Pancake Breakfast 7 am to Noon
July	15-19	Starke County Fair—Hamlet Lions Club Eat Stand open 7am to 10 pm
July	15	Hamlet Lions Club Diabetes Screening 5 pm to 8 pm
July	15-20	Newton County Fair — Morocco Lions do Bingo 6-10 pm
July	17	DG Official Visit East Chicago
July	18—27	Porter County Fair—Kouts and South Haven have Booths
July	26	Schererville Corn Roast — Schererville Central Lions have a Booth
July	26—27	MD25 Council Meeting
July	27	Banner Night — Come celebrate with District Governor Mitch. See flyer in Newsletter
July	27	Mill Creek Community Lions Paddle Fest 9:00 am to 4 pm at Fish Lake
Aug	1	DG Official Visit Kouts
Aug	3	Griffith Lions at Symphony at Central Park 7 pm
Aug	4	District 25A Cabinet and District Meeting—Hamlet United Methodist Church 1 pm
Aug	4	Cedar Lake Golf Outing
Aug	9	Lakes of the Four Seasons Golf Outing