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Past, Present our Future

"Those that look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." John F Kennedy.

The past is behind us so we must celebrate our accomplishments and learn what we can from past endeavors. The future is ahead of us so we must use the past and present to prepare for it with great enthusiasm and wisdom. Is that not what our International Lions symbol represents?

International President Barry Palmer's theme this year was Follow your dream. I know of several clubs in the district are trying to accomplish new and really big projects that they have never done before. A couple of examples are St. John's is working on a handicap accessible playground for their community. Lowell Lions are working towards sponsoring a Circus. Merrillville Lions has created a dream to be once again active and viable in their community with new members, new service projects and renewed enthusiasm. These are huge undertakings and I am certain there are more of you out there that are working on your dreams. Keep your dream alive and go forward with great vision and pride!

Speaking of pride, so far this year we accomplished what no other district in the state has done. We are a net positive in membership growth! Thank you sponsors! Let us keep building on that dream of increased membership. Remember, who is going to carry your banner and service your communities 40 or 50 years from now? We cannot wait until



we are too old or too small of a club to prepare for our future! And speaking of preparing for our future, the district leadership team is excited to announce that on Sunday, September 7th, 2014 we are having a 3-4 hour workshop on how to get new members; member involvement and extension. This seminar is open to ALL Lions. Our guest instructor is Lion Buzz Melton and he is the MD-1 District Coordinator from Illinois. Lion Buzz is highly enthusiastic, motivational, knowledgeable and experienced. He and his team have presented numerous times at the USA/Canada Forum and have more experience than I am old! The only cost to you for this outstanding seminar is your travel to Kouts. A full-meal-deal will be provided free of charge. We will be getting further details out to you in July, so mark your calendars now! All participants will receive a certificate of training.

I want to sincerely thank all of you for your wonderful support and enthusiasm in Lionism this past year. It has been an outstanding meeting all of you and hearing about all your accomplishments. You should be proud of everything you have done and most importantly all the lives you have changed and your efforts in making this a better world. I cannot thank you enough or find enough words to thank you for your dedication to service.

As we drive towards our future, I know you will give our incoming Governor Glenn Swanson; 1st VDG Randy Greer; 2nd VDG Patty Cooke and their team the same enthusiastic support. And my future...I will be the district GLT (Global Leadership Chair) and Lion Doug Schmeltz from Cedar Lake Lions will be our GMT (Global Membership Chair). We are changing lanes into the future and utilizing the roadmap and strength from our past.

Which lane will you be in this coming year? Go Lions! I can't Drive 55!

DG Connie

Words From 2nd VDG Randy Greer

We've attended some Lion's Clubs anniversaries recently, Hobart's 85th and Rolling Prairie's 75th. Both of these clubs have made such a difference in their communities. Listening to their club's histories and all the things they have done to make their community a better place was amazing. Congratulations, to both of these clubs for outstanding service to their community for so many years.

Both clubs were established before World War II, we have many veterans in Lions clubs throughout the United States. Chances are you have several veterans in your own club. Lions International has a program that any Veteran joining a lion's club since 7/1/13 to 6/30/15 will have a waiver on initiation dues. The Merrillville Lions just had a few veterans join their club. If you want more info on this go to Lions International website or call me at 759-2865.

Summer is almost here, except in Northwest Indiana where we had temperatures in the 30's last week. Lion's will be in full swing working to make their communities better. We should be proud that we can make difference in our community.

"Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world."

Joel A. Barker



You are Invited!



The Indiana Lions Foundation Dedication of the Lions Brick Plaza

Place: The Lions State Office
8780 Purdue Road, Indianapolis

Date: Saturday, June 21st, 2014

Time: 2:30 – 4:30pm

Light Refreshments will be served

Ceremony begins at 2:30pm

Speakers include

Past International President Wayne Madden



TOP 10 MOST WANTED NEW LIONS LIST

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Monthly MD-1 GMT Tip for June 2014

DOING SOMETHING MAKES GMT PROGRESS

Annual Net Loss of Lions in MD-1 as of:

May 2, 2012 = 280 (≈161 lost due to Death)

May 2, 2013 = 319 (183 lost due to Death)

May 2, 2014 = 145 (193 lost due to Death)

By the Way, Are We Treating All Lions Fairly and Equally?

Do Something!



Winamac Lions newest member inducted in June is Tammy Garbison pictured with sponsor ZC Judy Heater. Congratulations and Welcome!

25 A Membership as of June 17, 2014

	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	1,468	1,424
Added Members	4	161
Dropped Members	7	120
Closing Balance	1,465	1,465
Net Gain/Loss	-3	41

FISHING FOR LIFE



PDG Kevin, DGE Glenn Swanson, & Region Chair Butch Weston try to decide how the new picnic tables are put together for Fishing for Life

Westville Leos helped build 5 picnic tables while the Lions helped getting the building ready for the roof.

Westville Leos gather to elect new officers and prepare to help build picnic tables for the new Fishing for Life shelter being built.

The new shelter will include a handicap accessible shower, bathroom, and small kitchen. This has truly been a great project for the district with many Lions and clubs involved.



SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF...

Last Lions year from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

we screened 16,266 and referred 1,102 (6.77%)



So far this Lions year July 1, 2013 to present we have screened 16,617 and referred 1,130 (6.8%)

District 25A held a total of 106 eye screening sessions and saw 2789 children and referred 151 of those.



2013-2014 Peace Poster Winner from District 25A. Portage Lions sponsored. Took 2nd place in state of Indiana Lions



Cabinet Secretary
Lion Angie Schmeltz was trying on hair at Party City. Just in case she didn't like her hair that grows back after her chemo treatments! Or something like that.....



Lions Clubs International

INVOLVE A U.S. VETERAN PROGRAM

Involve a veteran today and build a better world for people in need.

U.S. veterans have made so many great contributions and sacrificed so much to serve our country. With many service members being honorably discharged from the military, this is a good time to provide them with an opportunity to get involved in their communities. The Involve a U.S. Veteran Program provides qualifying veterans the opportunity to continue serving in a different way as Lions.

Benefits of Involving Veterans

Many veterans want to find a way to give back, and they have a lot to offer your Lions club, including:

- The ability to turn plans into action and get the job done
- Practical skills and leadership skills
- Innovative ideas
- Dedication, loyalty and commitment
- Understanding the importance of teamwork

How Serving with Lions Benefits Veterans

By providing opportunities for veterans, Lions can help get them involved in their communities. Consider adopting new projects in your community that appeal to veterans:

- Making and sending care packages overseas
- Organizing a book drive for military children with the USO
- Reading to patients at a local VA Hospital
- Donating backpacks and school supplies to military families
- Fundraising for wounded warriors

Involve a U.S. Veteran Program Qualifications

Ask now! The program is available to the first 5,000 certified U.S. veterans and runs from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015.

Qualifying veterans receive an entrance or charter fee waiver when joining a Lions club. Qualifying veterans include retired U.S. military personnel (i.e. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard Services, Marines, National Guard, Navy or Reserves) or those honorably-discharged from these services. Eligible persons may still be enlisted in the National Guard or Reserves.

Veterans can be certified by completion of the Involve a U.S. Veteran Program Certification Form.

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Camping event helps visually impaired students

Posted: Sunday, June 15, 2014 5:33 pm by MATT FRITZ Staff writer

Check out the full article at: www.heraldargus.com

25A Fishin' for Life

WESTVILLE—For New Delhi native Ajit Singh, a man who has been blind his entire life, one of the biggest differences between America and India is the number of programs to support the visually impaired. In India, he said, most blind students who are successful get there on their own motivation or even their families sometimes. Experiences are limited.

But since the 18-year-old came to Indianapolis as part of an exchange program in August 2013, he has gone kayaking, rifle shooting and even learned how to take off in a real airplane. On Saturday, he was in Westville for the Lions Club's 3rd annual Fishin' for Life camping event.

There, during the morning hours he went horseback riding around the property of Butch and Rhonda Weston, got to feel what it was like to command one of the animals owned by John Boyd, and later tried his hand at fishing.

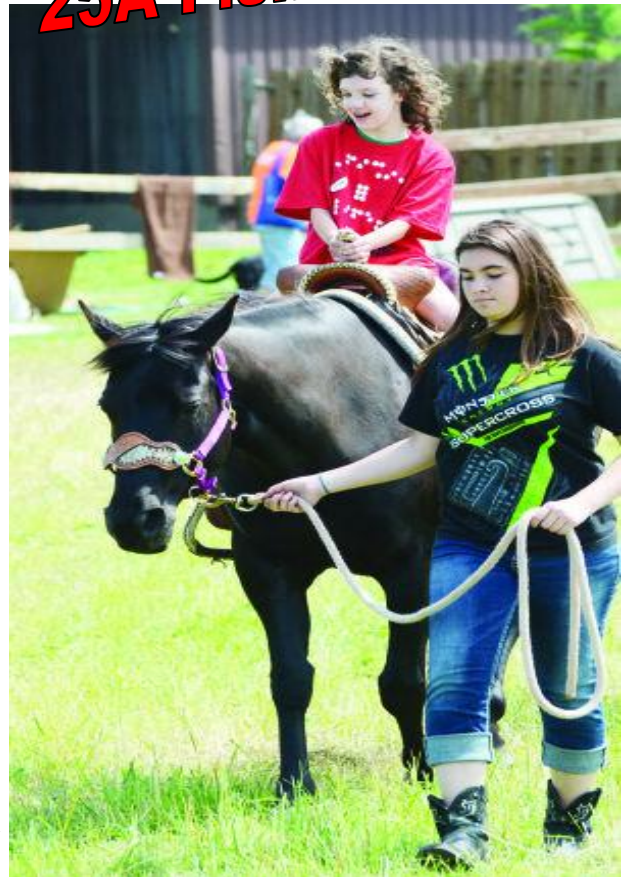
"Here students get a lot of support from their families, school staff, and the government," he said. "But in India, they often come from uneducated families, who aren't aware of the programs that can teach them life skills."

Many other blind and visually impaired students from across the state attended the event which was a collaboration between the Lions Club and the Indiana School for the Blind in Indianapolis. Among them was 14-year-old Mikaela Smith from Valparaiso, who will be competing in the Braille Challenge Final in Los Angeles next weekend. A Lions Club essay competition winner who's made presentations in South Korea and at the United Nations headquarters in New York City, she said this camp was a great opportunity for bonding. But it also provided enjoyable activities. Although she had ridden horses before, she said she always looks forward to being with them. "Riding on a horse is really relaxing," she said. "I can let my mind wander. I like being on top of moving objects."

Westville Lions Club member Butch Weston said 15 to 20 Lions Clubs across the state contributed to this event, allowing organizers to put it on for free. His wife Rhonda said she and her husband donate their 15-acre property and pond for use every year because of their club's commitment to helping the blind and visually impaired. She said a donation from the Chesterton and LaPorte Lions Clubs allowed organizers to recently build a shelter for campers.

Those campers possessed a wide-range of skills. Getting off his horse, 15-year-old Noah Mondor said he's actually a trumpet player for his high school's band in Auburn. Pointing out that he can't read the musical notation, he said he learns songs by hearing his band mates play first, and then following along. He said it is a lot of work, but he enjoyed the recognition he got from being a musician.

Singh said hard work was important for the visually impaired. He explained that the limited help in India wasn't necessarily a bad thing, because it forced them to learn. Too much help and protection can be detrimental. "If you don't go outside and fall on the road," he said, "you won't realize you have to be careful. You won't learn from your mistakes."





Achieve Club Excellence

The Club Excellence Process (CEP) is a fun, interactive process that brings members together to look at what your club is today and what it will be tomorrow. It gives you the tools to strengthen your service, improve club effectiveness and enhance your membership experience. CEP is the perfect resource for any club that wants to achieve excellence!

To learn more, read the [CEP Overview](#).

We've made it even easier for your club to participate by offering **two versions of CEP** to choose from, **CEP Pro** and **CEP Lite**:



[Register Now](#)



Have a trained Lion Facilitator come to your club and guide members through the workshop

Have a member of your club teach the workshop

Club officers need to register their club for CEP. After registering, materials may be downloaded for **FREE** or printed materials may be ordered for a small fee.

District officers or zone chairs can register their clubs for CEP by completing the

[District/Zone CEP Pro Registration Form](#).

For More Information

Contact the [Membership and New Club Development Department](#) with questions about CEP. Questions regarding facilitators should be directed to the district governor team or GLT coordinator.

Already Completed CEP?

Please provide your feedback, and be sure to submit your final report and [request your banner patch](#).

[CEP Pro Facilitator Evaluation](#)

[CEP Lite Coordinator Evaluation](#)



WHITING



The Whiting Lions Club had their first cruise night for 2014 on Wednesday May 21st.

The lines were long for registration so the club President Efren started registration early at 5 pm. There were 113



cars that signed up and lined 119th street for the first cruise night. Registration is free so please remember to sign up so the Lions Club can have your car information and a chance to win one of six \$25.00 BP gas cards given away every cruise night. The Lion members also sell 50/50 tickets during this event and all proceeds go



back into the community. Our next cruise night will be June 18th and the club hired "THE RELICS" to play from 6-9 pm on Oliver street. Please come join us for a night of family fun and come see all the cars that come into Whiting for our cruise nights. See you next month.

I didn't get a picture but the President from the Lowell's Lions club showed up to observe us in action too!

**Your Club Photo
and Story Here**

**New Newsletter Editor for
2014-2015 Lions Year!**

All new news please send to
Lion Patty Cooke
Patty.cooke@gmail.com

Articles due by 20th of month



Welcome New Members

Griffith Lions

Member: Aletha Drees
Sponsor: Paul Drees

Hamlet Lions

Member: Brian Earnest
Sponsor: Mitch Semans

Member: Jeff Jones
Sponsor: Rex Miller

Member: Austin Fletcher
Sponsor: Mitch Semans

Member: Tiffany Nagai
Sponsor: Mitch Semans

Hobart Lions

Member: James Burns
Sponsor: Joe Larson

Member: Brian Snedecor
Sponsor: Joe Larson

Member: Gary Nagy
Sponsor: Joe Larson

Member: Joseph Stan
Sponsor: Joe Larson

LaPorte Lions

Member: Larry Hamann
Sponsor: Noble Graham

Monterey Lions

Member: Tonya Keller
Sponsor: Kelli Denton

Ogden Dunes Lions

Member: David Newton



We Remember...

Lee Edwin Miller, Chesterton Lions

James Hardesty, Hamlet Lions

Laverne Meinert, Hobart Lions

John Gorski, LaCrosse Lions

William Burkhardt, LaPorte Lions

Fred Homan, Ogden Dunes Lions

Marvin Luers, Rensselaer Lions

*"The angels are always near to those who are
grieving, to whisper to them that their loved
ones are safe in the hand of God. "*

- Eileen Elias Freeman -



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MILL CREEK COMM.



Lion John Klibinski conducting eye screening.

The Mill Creek Community Lions held their first Easter Egg Hunt April 19 on the Fish Lake Library grounds. It was a good time enjoyed by kids and parents alike. Refreshments were served and Operation Kidsight was available. Many thanks to DG Connie and PDG Kevin Roe for their invaluable assistance with the eye testing.



Our IU Health LaPorte Hospital Mobile Unit team.



On May 17 the Mill Creek Community Lions Club partnered with the Fish Lake Library and IU Health LaPorte Hospital to provide screenings for Diabetes, Bone Density and Blood Pressure by IU Health and Eye Screening and Glaucoma screening by the Mill Creek Community Lions. A total of 113 screenings were performed on 26 adults.



10th annual Roadside Cleanup. Lions and community non-lions walked approximately 12 miles of roadway with 62 bags of litter collected.

I wanted to share my June message to club leaders with you...

Please work with your local clubs to help them avoid losing members in June. It's imperative that we keep the momentum we have achieved this year.

I want to thank each of you for making my year as international president such a success. It was a year of achievements, and your contributions as a Lion and a leader helped take our clubs to new levels of success. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your international president!

Lion Barry J. Palmer
Your International President



Dear Lion Leader,

A year ago, I was a new international president sharing my dreams with Lions around the world. Now, it's my turn to offer my gratitude to each of you for making those dreams come true. It's been an incredible year thanks to you.

Throughout the year, Lions did a fantastic job of inviting new members into our clubs. We reached out to family and friends during Family and Friends Month. We put an emphasis on inviting men *and* women, and we're stronger for it. We used tools like social media to connect with new members and promote our clubs.

As we near the end of the Lion year, it is so important to keep our new members serving into the next year. Keep the momentum going and finish the year strong!

Day in and day out, Lions perform countless acts of service that strengthen their communities and touch the lives of millions. It has been an honor to lead hard-working, dedicated men and women like you, who bring help and hope to those who need us most. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your 2013-14 international president.

Earn Rewards!

Your club can still earn special rewards for adding new members through July in the **Together We Can Grow Contest**. One club in each district can win a choice of **US\$250** in credit toward club supplies from the Lions Clubs Supplies Store or a **US\$250** donation to the LCI Foundation

toward the club's next Melvin Jones Fellow. Learn more about Together We Can Grow today!



Serve Your Community

As you continue to serve, keep in mind that new members allow you to provide even more service to your community. Men and women become Lions to serve, so make sure new and seasoned members have opportunities to work on projects that are important to them. And remember that

communities and clubs change, so make sure your service projects continue to reflect the needs of your community *and* your members.

Thank you for making your community, and our world, a better place to live!

June DG Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Fishing for Life Project help	2	3 Valpo ov	4 Munster OV	5 Westville OV	6	7
8 Mtg. Indy	9	10	11 League	12	13 Fishing for Life	14 Fishing for Life
15 Fishing for Life	16 Mill Creek OV	17 Club Meeting	18 League	19 Budget Meeting	20	21 Indy-Brick Cere- mony
22 25A Cabinet	23	24 LaCrosse-Install Officers	25 S Haven-Install Officers	26	27	28
29	30 Club Project Winamac					

See an open date? Contact DG Connie to schedule your clubs official visit:
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Indiana Lions Calendar of Events June 2014

Website Down!

FISHING FOR LIFE

Check out the Article in the Herald Argo
Www.heraldargos.com

http://www.heraldargus.com/news/local/camping-event-helps-visually-impaired-students/article_cdb10f3c-f4dd-11e3-9079-0019bb2963f4.html

International Calendar of Events

June 2014	
June 1:	Helen Keller Day
June 5:	World Environment Day
June 15:	Deadline for submission of pre-certified delegate forms for voting at International Convention
June 20:	Deadline for 2013-2014 Charter Applications
June 20:	Application deadline for Lions Quest grants to be reviewed at the August 2014 LAC meeting
June 29- July 3:	International Board of Directors Meeting (Toronto, Canada)
June 30:	Close of Period 4 for the Dream Achiever Awards



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