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District 25A Seasons Greetings

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District Governor's Message:

It is hard to believe, I am writing my final newsletter as your District Governor. The most enjoyable part of this job has been going to official visits and meeting all the great Lions throughout this District. The 25A Lions believe "Where there's a need there's a Lion".

The State Convention in Shipshewana was well attended. Special thanks to International President Dr. Yamada for coming to our State Convention and sharing Dignity, Harmony, and Humanity with us. Congratulations to Lion Rhonda Weston and PDG Kevin Roe for receiving the Presidential Medals at the Convention, well deserved. We also, want to congratulate Lion Chuck DeLaCasas and Lion Harold Haman for receiving the Distinguished Lions Certificates; these are awards for many years of dedicated service to Lions. Many thanks to all the Lions who worked the hospitality room at the State Convention. The wide open hospitality room was really great, a little crowded at times, but everybody enjoyed themselves. The food, seminars, and the great camaraderie was fantastic. Thanks to District G for hosting the convention. We look forward to celebrating 100 years in Evansville next year!

Officer's training has taken place, special thanks to our instructors, GLT Connie Roe, PDG Mike Gutyan, GMT Doug Schmeltz, ZC David Dickinson, and Lion Pat Greer for all the time they put into this program. If your club was not able to attend one of the trainings please let DGE Patty Cooke know. Don't forget to put your new officers in on the LCI website. As of May 26th there were still 19 clubs that had not entered them. Please let Lion Pat Greer know if you need help with this.

Governor Elect Patty Cooke, brings a new look to Lions with that great big smile and lots of enthusiasm. She will do a great job! She will have 1st Vice District Governor Elect Robin Smith who has a lot of knowledge and experience and PDG Dennis Brown who has been there twice before helping her.

Special thanks to Lion Bill Ellis who did a great job as our Newsletter editor. He needs a round of applause. There are so many Lions to thank so; we will say **Thank-You** to everyone! Lion Pat and I are looking forward to some down time, but we will always be just a phone call away, as the Lions of District 25A will always have a special place in our hearts.

Remember to Ask 1 so we can continue to Serve!

District Governor Randy Greer

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Message from 1st VDGE Robin Smith:

It is hard to believe this is the last month of this Lion year. Our Lions have been so busy this past year making a difference in their communities, state and worldwide, it is no wonder that time flies by so quickly. We are now at the time of year when our clubs begin preparing for the new Lions year. A key step in these preparations is the election of new officers. By this time, all elections should have taken place and the Club Officer Report submitted to Lions Clubs International. DGE Patty Cooke reminded us in our May newsletter, however, 39% of our clubs still need to submit their reports. Please take the time to complete this important task as the information is used by LCI and the District to communicate with each club successfully. If you need help, please contact your leadership team and one of us will be more than happy to assist. Another important part of the new year preparation is setting a new budget. Our district is full of very generous clubs giving so much in time and money. While you review your budgets for next year, please contemplate including each of your district and state projects among your donations. Without your support, these projects would not be able to provide much needed services.



While our clubs are preparing for next Lions year, it is essential to remember, we have one more month to go in this Lion year. DG Randy's team is still in the process of working on new clubs in Demotte and Roselawn. We are almost there, but need a few more hands to complete this process. Please consider giving a few hours of your time to bring Lionism to these communities. Contact DGE Patty Cooke or myself for more information.

Speaking of closing one Lion year and preparing for the next, now is a great time to say thank you to those who make a difference. Thank you DG Randy and DGE Patty for your dedication and leadership to our organization and myself. It's been a great year! And lastly, thank you Lions all for another year of dedicated service to your communities, district, state and world. Thank you for service!

Yours in friendship and service,

Lion Robin Smith, 1st VDGE



We welcome these new members:

Crown Point	Cindy Beckman	Diane Klien
Crown Point	Joseph Beckman	Diane Klien
Crown Point	Stephen Krause	Jack Zenere
Michigan City	Susan Bietry	Arnold Bass
Ogden Dunes	George Grimmell	John Wilhelm
St. John	Stephen Hastings	Michelle Haluska

We honor those Lions who served:

PCC Norm Witt	Francesville (Retired to Florida)
Ronald "Ronnie" Good	Lake Station
Everett E Knebel	Star City



CENTENNIAL SERVICE CHALLENGE BY THE NUMBERS

- 85,441,769 people served
- 28,984,642 people benefited through Engaging our Youth
- 14,100,338 people benefited through Sharing the Vision
- 18,561,977 people benefited through Relieving the Hunger
- 23,794,812 people benefited through Protecting our Environment
- 58% of clubs are engaged in the Centennial Service Challenge
- 108,715 Sharing the Vision projects completed
- 2,343,795 trees planted through the Protecting our Environment campaign
- 50% of clubs have implemented an Engaging Our Youth project
- 18,363 communities positively impacted through Relieving the Hunger projects

Save the Date:

This August 8 – 16, join Lions around the globe for the Worldwide Week of Service for Youth! Start planning a service event for your club now!

Mill Creek Community Lions Club



The Mill Creek Community Lions Club, along with some local volunteers, did a roadside cleanup on April 23rd. Many miles were covered in the Mill Creek and Fish Lake area helping to maintain the beauty of our country roads used by many for walking, running, and biking.

State Convention Highlights from Shipshewana, IN—April 29—May 1, 2016



Cabinet Sec'y Judy Shaffer, DG Randy, Lion Pat Greer, and Cabinet Treasurer Gary Shaffer in Lobby of Blue Gate Garden Inn—Convention Headquarters.



Michiana Lions Club members Steve, Johnie, and Brian Pagels, Club President, assist at the Hospitality Room on Saturday night.



Lions Rhonda Weston and PDG Kevin Roe were presented with Presidential Medals by Lions International President Dr. J. Yamada at the Banquet Saturday



Distinguished Lions Awards for many years of dedicated service to our District were presented to Lions Chuck DeLasCasas and Harold Haman by Lion Andy Dybel (on left), Trustee of the Indiana Lions Foundation.



At Banquet— Lions Doug & Angie Schmeltz, Tom Watkins, PDGs Kevin & Connie Roe and Lion Karlene Roe.



DGE Patty Cooke, Lion Pat Greer, and VDGE Robin Smith all dressed up for the Banquet.



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
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Please make checks payable to District 25A

Club Excellence Award

As your club finishes out the year, it is time to check out the application for the Club Excellence Award. Many clubs are eligible as you can see from the list of requirements below. Often it is the Membership or LCIF donation that trips up the effort. So if you have increased membership, but have not have sent in a donation to LCIF, there is still time. Any amount will be ok – the amount will build over time.

You do have until **August 31, 2016** to send in the application. You can find it at:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/da1-2015-16.pdf>

- ☐ **SERVICE** – The club has conducted at least three service projects. Briefly describe the service activities that were conducted:

Date: _____	Activity: _____	
Date: _____	Activity: _____	
Date: _____	Activity: _____	

- ☐ **CONTRIBUTION** — The club has made a contribution to LCIF.

- ☐ **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** - The club achieved a net growth in membership (including branch club members when applicable) or sponsored a new club. New members attended an orientation and were properly inducted into the club.

☐ Net Growth in Members: _____ ☐ Name of sponsored club or Branch: _____

- ☐ **COMMUNICATION** – The club has publicized the club’s service activities to the public through local media and effectively communicated activities to club members.

Please explain briefly how the club service activities were publicized.

- ☐ **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** – All officer positions were filled in accordance with the constitution and bylaws by qualified Lions, the club was represented at zone meetings and a majority of the club officers participated in a leadership training program. The training program could include training offered at the zone, district, multiple district or International level. Online courses from the Lions Learning Center, participation in a Club Excellence Process (CEP) Workshop or completion of the Certified Guiding Lion course also count toward the award.
- ☐ **CLUB ACTIVITY** – The club has hosted regular and meaningful club events and reported Membership, Service Activities, and the New Club Officers in a timely manner.
- ☐ **CLUB IN GOOD STANDING** – the club is not in status quo and International dues and new member entrance fees have been paid in full. No more than US\$50 in any other expense due to LCI is outstanding beyond ninety (90) days.

Region 2 Joint Fundraiser at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore



Lions from clubs in Region 2 brave cold weather to sell Pancakes & Sausage at Maple Sugar Time in March at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

As of today Region 2 this year has raised over \$3,000.00 for equipment and supplies for the Blind/ Low Vision Students of Porter County housed in the Morgan Township School. Last year the Chesterton club asked the rest of the Clubs in the Region to help with the Pancake Breakfast at Chellberg Farms, the first two weekends in March. It was decided that the profit would go to these students. This year it was decided to do the project again. In the past two years the Region has raised over \$10,000.00 (between donations and grants) to go towards Ms. Karen Ennis & her students. I would like to thank PDG Glenn for asking the Zones to do a joint project last year.

Lion PDG Tom Hansen, Region 2 Chairman

Chesterton Lions Club Leader Dog Founders Awards




Chesterton Lions Club presented "Leader Dogs Founders Tribute" Awards to 10 members after making a \$5000 donation to Leader Dogs For the Blind. This donation qualifies Chesterton as a "Top Dog" donator to Leader Dogs. Receiving the awards are Lions Laura Layman, Ed Hutson, VDG Robin Smith, Vince Kisala, Dawn Ruge, Brad Hinken, Byron McKinney, Jim Hudgins, and Bill Ellis. Absent from photo is Lion Tom Lee. District Governor Randy Greer installed the club officers at this evening's banquet.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Crown Point Installation	3	4 District Meeting Canceled
5	6	7 Union Mills Installation	8	9	10	11
12	13 Ogden Dunes Installation	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
					International Convention	
26	27	28 Rensselaer Installation	29	30		
International Convention—Fukuoka, Japan						

July 2016 District 25A

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Planning Meeting Wanatah	21	22	23 25A Banner Night
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30