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## Message from DG Patty Cooke:



Hello Lions of 25A

It is hard to believe that I am writing my final newsletter as your District Governor!

The best part of my year has been visiting all the clubs and meeting the great Lions throughout this District. To hear about what each of you do for your communities continually energized me. In addition, you raised funds and helped with the State Projects and donated to LCI! The 25A Lions truly believe "Where there's a need there's a Lion".

The Centennial Convention in Evansville was well fantastic! We celebrated with other MD25 Lions and recognized the impact of Dr. William Perry Woods on the founding of our organization. Meeting with International President Robert Corlew again was impactful – sharing the vision of New Mountains to Climb and where Lions will be in another 100 Years! I think there will be club on Mars. ☺ Congratulations to Lion Angie Schmeltz for receiving the Presidential Medal from our International President. It is a well-deserved honor for all that she has done and continues to do for our district.

Next month we will celebrate in Chicago. I hope to see many of your there. DGE Robin Smith will be completing her training and on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July will be installed as your Governor. She has many new ideas that she will bring to our District during her year. She will have help from VDGE/PDG/PDG Dennis Brown. Both Robin and Dennis have been key members of my Leadership Team this year. And welcome to new elected 2VDG Mitch Semans. I know he will do a great job.

Thank you to Lion Bill Ellis who did a great job as our Newsletter editor. Thanks go to Lions Angie Schmeltz and Chuck DeLasCasas, Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer respectively, for keeping me on the right path.

Thank you all, Lions of 25A, for a terrific year!

**Lion Patty Cooke, District Governor, 25A**

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Message from DGE Robin Smith



It is hard to believe this is the last month of this Lion year. Time flies by so quickly when we are busy and having fun. While our clubs are preparing for the next Lion year, it is essential to remember, we have one more month in this Lion year. So let's finish this year strong by completing the necessary paperwork. All elections for club officers should have taken place and the Club Officer Report (PU-101) submitted to Lions Clubs International. Last month we were reminded of our May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, however, 40% 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. Additionally, I need these reports so the district directory will be accurate for the new year. Don't forget to keep submitting your MMR's and SAR's. While we are not quite making our goal, we are moving in the right direction. If you need help, please contact your leadership team and one of us will be more than happy to assist.

This has been a great year! I have been fortunate to get reacquainted with many old friends, meet many new ones, and learn more about our great district. A huge thank you to DG Patty for her leadership and infectious laughter. Thank you District 25A Lions for another year of dedicated service to your communities, district, state and the world. I am excited to be a part of Lions during this historical time. I stand ready to serve you as your Governor, and have a very talented team of Lions ready to help lead our district into the first year of a new century.

Yours in friendship and service,

**Lion Robin Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG/DGE**

We Welcome New Lions Members

Club	New Member	Sponsor
Lowell	Kyle M. Pattee	Ron Wietbrock

Those Who Have Completed Their Service

Lowell	Leon Morrow
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## Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

### LCIF Reaches \$1 Billion in Grant Funding

In January, LCIF crossed a historic milestone by **surpassing US\$1 billion in grants** funded! This incredible accomplishment was made possible by the generosity of Lions. But it's only the beginning. In order to support our goal of serving 200 million individuals annually, LCIF is preparing for an increase in Lions-led projects by committing to raise US\$50 million annually by its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018.

Your club can support Lions humanitarian efforts around the world by [making a donation](#) to LCIF today!

### **Reminder—USA/Canada Leadership Forum**

**September 21, 8:00 AM —23, 10:00 PM in Portland, Oregon**

**Early Registration \$285, Expires on July 9th**



## Start Planning Your Final Centennial Year Today



We're celebrating Lions Clubs' Centennial through June 30, 2018, so your club has one more year to serve in honor of this historic milestone. Make a difference by planning now to participate in all of the [Centennial Service Challenge](#) Campaigns and by implementing a [Legacy Project](#) that will make your club visible in your community for years to come. The best part is that you get to decide when to serve and which projects are right for your club and your community. Get started today!

## June Is the Perfect Month to Host a Party!



In celebration of the very first meeting that led to the founding of Lions Clubs International on June 7, 1917, why not plan a birthday bash in June? If you need ideas, the [Ways to Celebrate webpage](#) and [flyer](#) are great resources for planning fun and meaningful celebrations. We even produced a special Lions' [Happy Birthday video](#) to help your club celebrate. Social media is one of the best ways to share your celebrations, club photos and videos with the world. Make sure to post your news to your social media networks using the [#LIONS100](#) hashtag!

### ***Lions Assist with Food at Disaster Drill at Radisson***



Several teams from three states organized a mock disaster drill on May 8th & 9th at the Radisson Hotel, which is being torn down. Teams from the IN National Guard, US Marine Corps Incident Response Team, and Merrillville Police and Fire Departments, among others participated in the drill. Ogden Dune Lion Gerry Scheff, a Director with the United Way, recruited a Lions team from Chesterton Lions and Ogden Dunes Lions to prepare free pancakes breakfasts for the hundreds of drill team members at the site. Chesterton Lions mobilized their bright yellow food wagon along with gas grills and cooking equipment to cook and serve pancakes on Tuesday morning from 4:30 AM until 9:00 AM. Photos show Lions and friends who participated in this event.

## **Indiana Lions State Convention—April 29, 2017**

***In Evansville, IN***



Cabinet Secretary Angie Schmeltz received a Presidential Medal from IP Bob Corlew with PIP Wayne Madden joining them.



25A DG Elect Robin Smith and daughter Mikaela at the Saturday banquet.

Region 3 Chairman Dave Dickinson, 2nd VDG-Elect Mitch Semans, and Zone 3A Chair Brian Pagels working the Hospitality Room.



International President Bob Corlew with DG Patty Cooke at the Saturday evening banquet.



Past ID Gene Rice and his wife Kathryn from Wanatah at the Saturday banquet.





## *Schererville Lions Club*



Zone Chairman Tom Talaga presents the Schererville Police Department with two checks of \$2,000 each. One was money raised at a recent pancake breakfast. The other was money donated by the family of Lion Helmut Korthauer, who passed away this year. Lion Helmut was a member of the Schererville Lions for many years. The money is going to help train two new police dogs.

## *Chesterton Lions Club*



The Chesterton Lions Club presented several awards at its Annual Banquet on May 16th. Lion President Laura Layman presented Lion Mike Baranko, at left, with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. She also presented Lion Barbara Wilson, center, a Past President, a W.P. Woods Fellow Award and Lion Robin Smith DGE, right, a W.P. Woods Fellow Award. Lion Jerry Ruge received the Lion of the Year Award and Lion Russ Hardsock received the Miyamoto Award.



## *South Haven Lions Club*



South Haven Lions member Bill Spicer, shown here with wife Nancy, was honored at the dedication ceremony of the South Haven Fire Station. The Station was named for him, having served as the first Fire Chief of the South Haven Fire Department.

## *Michiana Lions Club Garden Project*



The Michiana Lions Club partnered with Keys To Hope and other local organizations to clear and plant a vacant lot in Michigan City with seeds and other plants that were donated by "Big R" of Michigan City. The Garden Project is to help the homeless learn how to grow fruits and vegetables so they can help themselves. It will also be a learning experience for the children of the Boys and Girls Clubs, plus the Summer playground groups, to come and learn about plants and how they can use different planting media. Lion Jamie Miller (center photo) went above and beyond in putting this together. She and Lion Danny Konshak were part of the planning committee. The building of the planting beds took place on May 8th. The workers in the right photo were Michiana Lions with people from Keys To Hope and a couple of Church groups.



## *Lions International Convention and 100th Anniversary Celebration*



**JUNE UPDATE:** Lions Clubs International Convention and 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**LAST CALL! LAST CALL FOR LCICON! Don't let the sun set on this opportunity.**

It's not too late to attend, but some things have changed regarding registration. You can no longer register online. You can only register when you arrive. **Onsite registration is available at the Onsite Registration Booth located at McCormick Place South, Room S 102 starting Friday, June 30th at 09:00 AM CT.**

The International Parade is on Saturday, July 1. If you plan to march with Indiana Lions in the parade, you must be registered for the convention and wear the official Indiana Lions parade uniform (parade shirt, parade hat (if wearing a hat), black pants (trousers, skirts, or capris) and black shoes. We are a juried entry and must look cohesive to have any chance of an award.

To follow events while at the LCIcon or from home, on Facebook look for INDIANA LIONS LCICON. Updates will be posted there.

For information and to register go to <http://lcicon.lionsclubs.org>.

PDG Dan Wilcox, ICC Chairman – [danwpu@comcast.net](mailto:danwpu@comcast.net)



**SATURDAY**  
**JULY 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
District Governor-Elect  
Lion Robin Smith  
**BANNER NIGHT**

Chesterton Moose Lodge #1623 – 602 Broadway  
6 pm Social Hour ~ 7 pm Dinner

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## New Bus Schedule for the LIONS INTERNATIONAL PARADE

I had so many Lions that just want to see the parade and come home. So, that's what the bus will do for our Lions of 25A. Please call me if you want to ride the bus to the parade on State Street. We will be dropped off at State Street at approximately 7:30 AM, CST. The Parade starts at 9 AM, CST. We will be picked up after the parade is over and go back to the pick-up point in Merrillville. It will probably be the Wal-Mart parking lot in Hobart/Merrillville at 6:00 AM, CST. The cost is \$35 per person and covers the driver's tip. It will be an over the road coach. I need 30 people to make it a go. Email or call me if you are going. Email is [emschmeltz56@att.net](mailto:emschmeltz56@att.net) or home phone 219-374-9714. I will have room for up to 50 people. If it fills up, there will not be another bus. Closing date to register for the bus is June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Please fill out the form and mail it in with payment, as soon as, you know the bus is a go. **CS Lion Angie Schmeltz**

## Signing up for the Bus to Chicago for the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION PARADE

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_



## Special Notice

### 2017 Officer

### Training Date Set

## Saturday-July 8, 2017

St Paul Luthern Church-Kouts In

9 am to 2 pm CT

**Please Note...This time & location is for all Clubs!**


Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Zone & Region  
Chairs, Membership Chairs and any interested Lion

This Year We are Looking Forward to a Special Training that  
will include not only training for offices, but a variety of  
topics, fun and team building.

Additional details will be sent out to all clubs  
when they are finalized.

## Mill Creek Community Lions Club

Mill Creek  
Community Lions Club



**PAWS FOR SUPPORT**

Proceeds from our Paddlefest will cover adoption fees of shelter animals to provide emotional support to veterans within LaPorte County dealing with the effects of PTSD.

*If you or someone you know could benefit from this project, please email  
lionemilyhoward@gmail.com*

**Saturday, July 29, 2017**  
Fish Lake Conservation Club  
Registration 9:00-10:00 am CST  
**3rd Annual PADDLEFEST**  
**Kayak-Canoe-SUP Boards-**  
**Paddleboats**

**All Skill Levels Welcome!**

Events will include:

- Novice Race
- Expert Race
- Fun Paddle

**~ After Party ~**  
**Live Music & Refreshments**



Like us on Facebook  
**@LIONSPADDLEFEST**  
for event updates

**Pre-register (through July 1<sup>st</sup>) \$15/paddler**  
July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> \$20/paddler

Register online at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com), search "Lions Paws for Support Paddlefest"

Or Send registration form and check payable to:

Mill Creek Community Lions Club

P.O. Box 851

LaPorte, IN 46352-0851

**Questions? Call/Text Emily**  
**at 219-608-7531**

**\*\*Veterans and Active Duty Paddle for Free!\*\***

This is the first year the club will not be running in conjunction with a local festival. This is a Mill Creek Festival with their canoe, kayak, and stand-up paddleboard races, as well as food vendors and local artisan booths. They are inviting any club from the district or beyond to have a booth to highlight projects their club is working on or as a place to sell tickets, etc. for their fundraising events. They are really making this a "LIONS" festival this year and want to help people in our community understand all that we do as Lions.

They are charging \$15 for a 15 ft x 15 ft booth space for food and artisan booths. The same size booth is free to any interested Lions Club. For more information, contact Lion Emily Howard at [lionemilyhoward@gmail.com](mailto:lionemilyhoward@gmail.com) or 219-608-7531.

Dear Lions of 25A,

This is the schedule for the KidSight Vision Screenings for Headstart of Lake and Porter Counties. This is for their summer sign-up and health fair for enrollment into the program. They have asked us to participate again in this week long testing. I need as many Lions to help us out with this project. We test about 500 children in the week. Please pass this request on to your members of your clubs that would like to do a KidSight Screening. Please email me the days and times you can help. I will set-up a schedule once I hear from Lions. My email is [emschmeltz56@att.net](mailto:emschmeltz56@att.net) and phone is 219-374-9714.

For all you do as Lions,

Lion Angie Schmeltz, Vision Services

\*\*\*\*The times are 9 AM to 5PM every day.

Monday, July 24, 2017

1401 E. 144<sup>th</sup> Street

East Chicago, IN

Thursday, July 27, 2017

8400 Louisiana St.

Merrillville, IN

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

1611 W. Ridge Road

Gary, IN

Friday, July 28, 2017

8400 Louisiana St.

Merrillville, IN

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

6070 Miller Avenue

Gary, IN



## Club Excellence Award

May is here and there are only a few months left of this Lions year. It is time to finalize the requirements for your club to receive a Club Excellence Award:

1. Complete three service projects
2. Donate to LCIF
3. Have a net increase of membership
4. Communicate with you club and the public via a website or brochure
5. Develop leaders with proper elections, participate in officer training and attend a Zone Meeting
6. Meet regularly and submit membership, activity, and new club officer reports
7. Maintain a good standing by paying dues on time

Most clubs complete these requirements without thinking about it – it is part of their normal club function. The one thing that is often overlooked, however, is the LCIF donation. This does not have to be a huge amount – donate what you can. Donating \$100 a year is a good start, then increase it over time. But make that donation now!

Here is a link to the LCI website that describes the Award in more detail:

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/awards/excellence-awards/club-excellence.php>

At the bottom of the website, you will find a link to the 2016-2017 Club Excellence Award Application. A copy of the application is included in the Newsletter. The deadline to submit the form is 8/31/2017, but the requirements must be met before 6/30/2017.

Please let me know if you have any questions. You can also talk to your Zone and Region chairs and the VDGS. Take the time to review this with your club – this is a great way to get recognition for all that you do as a Lions Club. You Serve!

DG Patty  
25A

### **LCIF REMINDER TO ALL CLUBS**

**Please make sure to send your LCIF annual donations in *before the end of the fiscal year, June 30th.* This ensures it will be counted toward your Club Excellence award and the District and Multiple District total .**