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District 25A News

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District Governor's Message

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. I know we will finish this year strong. We are making strides in membership and retention. There are several new member inductions scheduled for this month. Will your club be one of them? We are installing and appointing new leadership to our clubs and district. We have made outstanding contributions to LCIF, exceeding last year's donations by \$10,000. 96% of our clubs have submitted their 2018-2019 officers to LCI, and our MMR & SAR reporting has improved tremendously. Our Lions have clocked more than 13,000 services hours this year! With your dedication to our organization, we are reaching our goals. Thank you!

Speaking of new leadership, have you appointed and reported to LCI the Lion who will fill the roles of Club LCIF Coordinator, Club Service Chairperson, and Club Marketing Communications Chairperson? If not, please report someone. LCI provides a wealth of information to these individuals via email for distribution at the club level. These tools will strengthen your clubs and provide many new ideas for service and recognition. Remember to give a pat-on-the-back to your members for the tremendous service they provide. Take advantage of the many awards available from LCI or be creative and create your own. Recognizing the achievements of your members in a meaningful way will encourage the prosperity of your club and motivate them to move into the future. Do not forget the Club Excellence Award. Complete the application attached to this newsletter and forward to me for my signature. I want you to get the recognition you have earned.

This is my last article as your Governor. It has been a privilege serving this Awesome District. I have been fortunate to get reacquainted with many old friends, meet many new ones, and learn more about our great district. There was never a visit or event where I was not impressed with the dedication of our Lions. Many thanks to our Region Chairs, Zone Chairs, and District/State Project Chairs and Trustees – you represented us well. Our Global Action Team, IPDG Patty Cooke, PDG Connie Roe, and PDG Dick Silveira – you inspired many to get us where we are today. CT Chuck DeLasCasas, CS PDG Barbara Toosely, 1st VDGE Mitch Semans, and DGE Dennis Brown – thank you for your endless hours of service and for keeping me on the right path. There is not enough room in one article to say thank you to each individual who has impacted this great association, our communities, our district, and our state. So, I will say this.....Thank you Lions of District 25A for everything you do to make a difference.

Soon we are off to Las Vegas, where DGE Dennis will take his official oath. I am confident our new Governor and our new leaders will bring more amazement to this District. Third time is a charm, and I know everyone will give DGE Dennis the quality of dedication and respect as you gave me. I stand ready to serve him and you in the new year. This past year has been an amazing journey! Thank you District 25A for giving me the honor of serving you!

Until next time....Keep Touching Lives through Service!

Yours in friendship and service,

Lion Robin Smith, District Governor

Touching Lives Through Service

Message from DGE Dennis Brown:

Hi Lions:

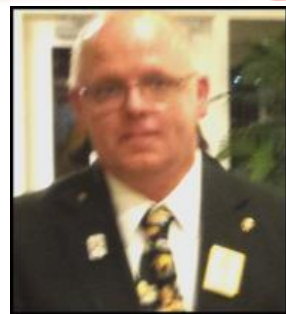
We may think the Lions' year is coming to an end with the exit of District Governor Robin, but it is not. Each July 1st is a new cycle filled with new officers, new service projects, and, of course, new or improved fundraisers.

How exciting it is to help other people and at the same time create a sense of satisfaction within ourselves. Let's not forget to help our own Lions too. We've lost 127 Lions this year. How many could we have saved if we had only taken the time to help our own? Why are our members leaving? Do we really know? Maybe they were having money troubles. Would you not help a fellow Lion out? Perhaps there was a clique in their club that needed to be addressed. Whatever the reason, we need to take a look at these issues. We need all the members we can get, so we can continue our service in our communities and around the world.

Yes, this is the end of the Lions calendar year, so let's all thank District Governor Robin for the great year and her dedication to our district. Just for the record, she has not been put out to pasture. She will be helping me and VDG Mitch with her expertise. This will be a new chapter in her Lions club life. Thank You District Governor Robin Smith for your service.

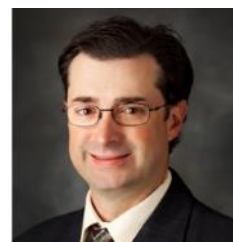
Looking forward to my year as district governor. Please contact me if there is a particular date your club would like to schedule an official visit.

Sincerely yours, **District Governor Elect Dennis Brown**

*Message from 1st VDG Mitch Semans*

Dear Fellow Lions

As we wind down this Lion year I want to thank everyone for their hard work, commitment and volunteerism to Lions. I spent last Friday and Sunday down in Indy for the 500 and I am amazed with the number of people behind the scenes volunteering to pull that event off. Are there mistakes? Did someone somewhere have to improvise? Probably, but as a fan enjoying the festivities I was none the wiser. Which got me thinking about Lions in 25A, we have close to 1300 members in our district all working to help someone all year long, We don't just get together for one weekend we as Lions are always looking for ways to better our Community, our District, our State, our Nation and the World. Everything we do has an impact on someone. Does that person who is the benefactor of the services the Lions provide know all the behind the scenes things that are done? Not always, but that's ok we are here to Serve. So it is very important to report all the behind the scenes things we do as Lions so that your Club, our District, and this great organization known as Lions Clubs International can run just as smoothly as the Indianapolis 500 year after year. Lets finish strong and keep the momentum going. Again, THANK YOU for all you do and God Bless



Mitchell D. Semans, 1st VDG 25A



2017-2018 District 25A
District Governor Robin Smith

4th Cabinet Meeting

Sponsored by the
Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions Club

At: Four Seasons Country Club - Seasonal Lakehouse
1048 N Lakeshore Drive, Crown Point, IN 46307
CS Barb's Cell 219-798-5950



Sunday, June 10, 2018 - 1:00 PM CDT



"Cook your own Steak" Dinner

Pre-reservation Required for Steak dinner

4th 25A Cabinet Meeting

Name _____ Club _____ LC

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Cash Bar for soda & alcoholic items

Number attending _____ X \$ 16.00 = \$ _____

Please RSVP by May 27, 2018

Make checks to: **Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions Club**

Mail to:

CS Barbara Toosley
13700 Lantern Drive
St John, IN 46373

LionBarb@comcast.net - 219-798-5950



Special Notice Last Chance for 2018 Club Officer Training

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

6pm Central Time

St Paul Lutheran Church Annex

507 Rose Ave-Kouts In 46347

Secretaries & Presidents only

RSVP by June 15th

to PDG Connie Roe, GLT

Email: lionroeable@gmail.com

Cell: 219-863-0761 / Email, call or text!

Entrance Fees waived June 7—30

To close out our incredible Centennial Celebration in style, we're waiving entrance fees for new members who join between June 7 and June 30! For more than 100 years, we've delivered hope and change to the world. Now, as we prepare for an innovative second century of service, there has never been a more exciting time to become a Lion, and we want to make it as easy as possible for new members to join us.

So how does it work?

- Invite family and friends to join your club between June 7 and June 30.
- Report your new member to Lions International by 11:59 p.m. CDT on Saturday, June 30.
- Save money when your club billing automatically reflects this special promotion.
- Earn a Centennial Sponsor Pin for inviting a new member and wear it with pride.

This is a limited offer that does not apply to new members added prior to June 7 or after June 30, 2018. No exceptions will be approved. Charter and transfer charter fees do not qualify for this special waiver. If you have any questions, please contact membershipdev@lionsclubs.org.

Invite your family and friends to join the greatest service organization in the world as we write the history of our second century together.

Sincerely, **Dr. Naresh Aggarwal**

Your International President

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 & Dessert

RSVP by July 13, 2018 - Business Casual attire

Silent Auction 6:00 - 9:00 pm



District 25-A Banner Night 2018

Club/District _____

Names & Title _____

Names & Title _____

Names & Title _____

Make Checks payable to: District 25A Lions Banner Night

Adults _____ X \$25.00 + Child _____ X \$15.00 = Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Mail to: IPDG Robin Smith, 1707 Peachtree Drive, Valparaiso, IN 46383
(219) 462-8258 ~ mswolfen@aol.com



AND HERE WE ARE
GOING STRONG
IT'S ALL ABOUT
PEOPLE



A SHOUT OUT TO ALL WHO WOKED SO HARD TO KEEP OUR DISRICT IN THE PLUS SO FAR THIS YEAR.

We started with a lofty goal to try and reach more than 1300 Lions by June 30, 2018. That goal is still in sight. We need to keep asking people to join, keep the people we have, and continue to help people and our community. Our independence as a District remains in a delicate state. We all, I hope, want District 25A to be around for a long time.

On his seventy-fifth birthday a photographer said to Winston Churchill: 'I hope, sir, that I will shoot your picture on your hundredth birthday.' Churchill answered: 'I don't see why not, young man. You look reasonably fit and healthy.'" William Manchester

We must work to make District 25A reasonably fit and healthy so people can celebrate the great accomplishments we make for another 65, 75 or 100 years.

WE CAN DO IT

We are not at the end or even close to the finish line. We are at the beginning of the beginning - Reversing a trend that has held us back or years. You Lions have accomplished an amazing feat. Lets keep driving forward making every day a new beginning for us to ask people to join, to keep the people we have, and to continue serve those less fortunate, our communities, and humanity. Be willing to be a beginner every single day.

Remember all Lions who sponsor a member before June 30, 2018 will be entered into a drawing to win \$50. Also, all clubs ending up on June 30, 2018 with more members than on July 1, 2017 will have a chance to win \$100 for their administrative fund.

Thank you Lions all for your support. Thanks to District Governor Robin, District Governor Elect Dennis, and Vice District Governor Mitch for taking the time to care about people. To the Zone Chairs and clubs who invited to their meetings, thank you.

And now let us welcome the New Year, full of things that never were but will be because we care and it's all about **you**:

PEOPLE

GMT Dick Silveira, PDG

Spoken Like A True Leader

Leadership has been around for a long time, that's right, clear back to the tribes of early man. Anyone remember the 1981 movie, *Caveman*, starring Ringo Starr? Okay, back on topic...leadership was extremely important, even back then, for early man's survival. And, here we are centuries later, and that need for leadership and guidance has not changed much. *But, what is leadership? Why is it important? Are you a Leader?*

Let's look at the first question-What is Leadership?

One definition of leadership comes from R.J.House (2004); "the ability of an individual to influence, motivate, and enable others to contribute toward the effectiveness and success of organization of which they are members."

The words that jump off the page to me, in the above statement is; "motivate and enable others". What speaks to you?

2nd question-Why is it important?

In our own Lions district we have over 1,200 members! Believe it or not, everyone has their own ideas, beliefs, values, thoughts, skills and needs. Leadership ensures that we are all informed, that we work together effectively to achieve a common purpose. If not for leaders, we would have lots of individuals doing their own thing for their own ends, and getting nowhere. That statement reminds me of something my mother used to say (quite often I might add), "Quit running around like a chicken with it's head cut off!"

Leadership guides members to work together effectively and efficiently to reach a common goal. And, hopefully, you won't lose your head!



3rd question; last but not least-Are you a Leader?

Look in the mirror; what do you see?

- Are you innovative?
- Do you ask what and why?
- Do you focus on people?
- Do you do the right things?
- Do you want to inspire and develop others?
- Do you have an eye on the horizon?
- Are you your own person?

If you didn't see if before, can you now see yourself as a leader? Do yourself a favor and become involved in leadership! Contact a leader in your club, zone or district today and let them know you are interested in a leadership role.

Ask any leader; there are many opportunities to help guide you into a leadership position. Training is available on a state level and there are several self-guided training and learning modules on the LCI website. And, speak with the present and past leaders in our very own district!

Don't be a chicken, keep your head, and step up to be a district leader! You have an entire support team in our great organization! In the words splashed across the LCI website; 'We're Making a World of Difference'.

AND

Thank you all who stepped up to be officers; one of the many leaders in our District. Officer training was a great success again this year and the district team sends out a huge thank you to all that were able to attend.

AND

Keep up the good work!

Yours in Lionism,
PDG Connie Roe, Global Leadership Team

**Service with Pride,
Inspire to Impact Others**

USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM September 20-22, 2018 Columbus, OH

ForumNews

lionsforum.org



May 2018

Early Bird Registration Deadline MAY 31st!

Build Your Leadership Skills Year Round With Lions University

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Strong Teams Make For Strong Clubs

Sponsorship & Exhibitor Packages

USA/Canada LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM



2017-2018 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

Club must be chartered prior to January 1 of the fiscal year to qualify.

Application Date _____

Club Number _____

Club Name _____

Member Number _____

2017-2018 Club President's Name _____

2017-2018 Club President's Email Address _____

<p>1. MEMBERSHIP</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Maintained Club Membership Strength or had a Net Growth of: _____ *</p> <p>OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chartered new Lions club, Leo club or Club Branch:</p> <p>Name of club or branch: _____</p> <p><i>*Based on June 30 cumulative membership report</i></p>	<p>2. SERVICE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed three Service Activities as noted below:</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p>AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contributed to LCIF</p>
<p>3. ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Club is in Good Standing: Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with LCI greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.</p> <p>AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Officers participate in one or more of the following leadership training events:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple District</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International <input type="checkbox"/> Webinars</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lions Learning Center <input type="checkbox"/> Club Quality Initiative</p> <p>AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Improved club operations</p> <p>Improvements Include: _____</p>	<p>4. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media as noted below:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The club utilized social media to promote club activities as noted below:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

Date _____

2017-2018 District Governor's Signature* _____

District _____

Member Number _____

Due by: August 31, 2018

Send to: clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org or fax to (630) 706-9245

Awards Mailed to: 2018-2019 District Governors

*District governor's registered email qualifies as signature on applications submitted electronically.

Disqualified clubs have 12 months from original due date to request a review.

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Head Start Health Fair Schedule 2018

I am putting out the call to all Lions who want to help with this year's Geminus Health Fair. Every year we test over 500 pre-school children. This year they are doing it a little different. They are working with Regional Health Systems at their sites. We will be setting up and tearing down every time we do a screening in those 2 weekends. I could use all the help I can get. All of the dates, times, and sites are listed below. My contact information is at the bottom. Please let me know if you can help and which days. I appreciate any help you can give me.

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	Strawhun Center at Regional Health Systems 8555 Taft Street Merrillville, IN
July 20, 2018 – Friday 8:30 AM to 2 PM	Regional Health Systems Center 4016 Holman Ave. Hammond, IN
July 21, 2018 – Saturday 8:30 AM to 2 PM	Strawhun Center at Regional Health Systems 8555 Taft Street Merrillville, IN

Please contact Lion Angie Schmeltz if you can help.
Home # 219-374-9714
Cell 219-405-0286
Email : emschmeltz@gmail.com (best way)



Save the Date

January 12, 2019

30th Annual Mid Winter Conference

That's Right! Going back to the original name and month!

Once known as Mid Winter Conference
Formerly known as Indiana Lions Conference
Now known AGAIN as Mid Winter Conference!

Find Us On Facebook for Updates
Indiana Lions Mid Winter Conference



**ISBVI FUNDRAISERS – TRIKE RACE AND DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT
APRIL 22 EVENT RESCHEDULED TO
SEPTEMBER 16, 2018**

Due to an unseasonably long spring, your ISBVI Trustees are rescheduling our annual fundraiser from this spring to mid-fall --- for better weather and to give you more time to practice!

We have received feedback from several prior participating schools that they would like to participate, but that a Fall date would better suit their current school schedules. Moving the event to the fall will also provide a more suitable date for students from the ISBVI to participate.

We have capacity for approximately 25 Trike teams and 25 Disc Golf teams so we hope your clubs will continue to promote these valuable events to support the mission of your State Project and the ISBVI's statewide outreach services to our blind and visually impaired students in all your districts.

If your club has already sent in registration forms for the trike race/disc golf originally scheduled for April 22, we would invite you to carry your sponsorships and team registrations forward to the fall event date. We will be contacting you for confirmation of carry-forward to the fall event.

If you have any questions in the meantime, contact Chair Pat Short (lionpatshort@aol.com) or Event Coordinator Lion Pat Henninger (iwtlions@gmail.com).

Thank you for your continued support of the ISBVI Lions State Project.





Law Camp for Youths

2018 Camp Dates Announced!

Law Camps:, boys and girls entering 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades

\$150 Wednesday afternoon - Saturday afternoon

June 20th - 23rd Vincennes University Law Camp,

June 27th -30th Anderson University Law Camp,

Career Camps:, \$250 week long

July 8th -13th Trine University Career Camp,

July 8th-13th Vincennes University Career Camp,

July 15th -20th University of Indianapolis Career Camp,

More info at www.Trooper.org

Lions Law Camp applications for printing are available by clicking on printable forms on the Indiana Lions MD25 web site. All applications should be received 2 weeks prior to Camp.

This is a great Camp for all age groups. Be sure to attend the seminar at Lions State Convention April 28, 2018 or call if you have any questions. A separate email will be sent with a copy of the Law Camp Brochure, Application and additional information on the camps

For Questions, Contact:

PDG Betty Weist Phone: 765-623-3353 or PCC Linda Tincher Phone: 812-240-0545

Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing Use Hearing Aid Collection.



The ILSH has designed and produced a new sticker to be placed on eyeglass recycling boxes encouraging the donation of used hearing aids. This stickers are available from any of your district trustees. Please contact them and let them know how many you will need. ***The used hearing aids are vital to the continued success of the Hearing Aid Loaner Bank, since inception over 6300 hearing aids have been loaned.***

Westville Lions Club

Westville Lions Club

75th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, June 9, 2018

Social: 5:00 pm; Buffet Dinner: 6:00 pm

\$20 per person

St. Mary's Parish Hall, Otis, IN

Guest Speaker: ID Bruce Beck, from Minnesota

Call (574) 780-0713 or e-mail for Reservations

Daiddickinson20@yahoo.com or

Rhonda_weston@yahoo.com



Westville Lion Lisa Crizer with a Lions mask waves to passersby to promote their recent Port-A-Pit fundraiser. The event was very successful.

Chesterton Lions Club



At the Chesterton Lions club's Annual banquet and Installation of Officers on May 15th, Lion Jerry Ruge was presented a Leader Dogs Award by Lion President Laura Layman.



Lion Russ Hardsock was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award at the Chesterton Lions Banquet by President Laura Layman. Lion Russ has been the club's chair for the Maple Sugar Fest Pancake & Sausage fundraiser the past few years.

VALPARAISO LIONS CLUB TO RAISE "AVENUE OF FLAGS"

Memorial Day weekend the Valparaíso Lions Club will once again raise American flags downtown and around the square in their AVENUE OF FLAGS. One hundred American flags will fly from Memorial Day weekend until after September 11. Businesses and individuals sponsor the flags by paying a fee of \$75 per year for each flag. Revenues from this project help the Lions pay for eye exams and glasses for the needy, low vision devices for the visually impaired, scholarships and community projects. All profits go back to the community. To become a sponsor please contact Richard Ireland at 241 3496, or email lionrireland@hotmail.com.



Koontz Lake Lions Club



Koontz Lake Lion President Van Janovic selling tickets at their club Pancake Breakfast.

Schererville and Merrillville Lions

"Feed The Flock" - Both the Schererville and Merrillville Lions fed about 130 people at the weekly event at the Merrillville Presbyterian Church. The Church provides the facilities and various service organizations cook a free meal for up to 170 people. In the picture are SAchererville Lions IPDG Patty Cooke, Erika Eckiss, Sharon Pyyzbylinski, and Merrillville Lion Ellen Hennessy-Herstad.



Valparaíso Lions will again be selling Port-A-Pit chicken dinners on June 2nd at the Valpo Ace Hardware Store parking lot.





Schererville Central Lions Club

President Carolyn Toosley and Secretary Barbara Toosley presented a check for \$100.00 to the Schererville Police for their "Cop on the Roof" campaign to raise funds for Indiana Special Olympics.



Schererville Central Lions Club

INDUCTS A NEW LION

At their May 15, 2018 meeting PDG Barbara Toosley inducted new Lion ALAMAR HOKE who was sponsored by Lion Joanne Freeland.

We have a new Member!

DGE Dennis Brown inducted a new member into the Hamlet Lions Club. New member Lion Diann Henry was sponsored by Lion Wendy Semans.



Ogden Dunes Lions Club

Ogden Dunes Lions sponsors an Annual Memorial Day Celebration. In photo are Veteran Jim Paicz, President Bill Cunningham, and President-Elect Jeff Paunicka.



Welcome New Members

East Chicago Eve—Angel Gilarski
Sponsor: Arcides Santiago

Dyer—Helen Cameron
Sponsor: Vicki Morris

Hamlet—Bryan Cecrle
Sponsor: Mitch Semans

Hamlet—Diann Henry
Sponsor: Wendy Semans

Hammond—Sylvia Pratt
Sponsor: Oscar Sanchez

Kouts—Mandy Hinkle
Sponsor: Paul Kuehl

Kouts—Scott Hinkle
Sponsor: Paul Kuehl

Michiana - Donna Siuda
Sponsor : James Cross

Those Who Have Completed Their Service

Hebron—Rick Steinhilber

Munster—Tim Sweeney



Hoosier Lion Newspaper Survey

The Hoosier Lion newspaper has been Indiana's (MD25) method for communicating with its members for more than 30 years. As the change to more digital formats is occurring, the Governors of MD - 25 have determined that it is important to survey the Lions of Indiana to determine if changes in the newspaper should be done. Please take a few moments and let us know what you think. The link to access the survey is :

<https://surveyhero.com/c/5165Ofc>.

FREE GAS GRILLS

Chesterton Lions Club has 3 heavy duty, gas griddles for making pancakes, hot dogs, sausages, etc. to offer at no charge to a Lions Club. You will be required to pick them up at our storage shed. For more info, call Lion Bill at (219)241-8139. or Lion Jerry at (219)787-8475. See photo below.



Upcoming State Events		Upcoming LCI Events	
Jun 2	Pre-Council Meeting—State Office	Jun 1	Helen Keller Day
Jun 9	Foundation meeting Long Range Planning meeting	Jun 5	World Environment Day
Jun 10	Speech & Hearing meeting; Vision First ,meeting; Cancer Control meeting	Jun 7	Lions Clubs International Birthday
Jun 16	Budget and Finance Committee meeting	Jun 15	Deadline for submission of pre-certified delegate forms for voting at International Convention
		June 29- July 3	International Convention
		June 30	Close of the 4-year Centennial Celebration

DG BEATS-JUNE 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5 OV Union Mills	6 East Chicago Officer install	7	8	9 Westville 75th Celebration
10 4th Cabinet Mtg CELEBRATE!!	11	12	13	14 	15	16
HAPPY FATHER'S Day!	18	19	20 Officer Training	21	22 Fishin' for Life	23 Fishin' for Life
24 Fishin' for Life	28	26	27	28 Depart for Vegas	29 Int'l Convention	30 Int'l Convention