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District 25A News

Grow With Me — The Best is Yet to Be



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Lions of 25A

What have we accomplished this year? For each Club, that would be different, as well as for each individual Lion. Lions participated in many fundraisers and service projects — too many to name. On Memorial Day, I was at the Ogden Dunes Lions Club annual parade and picnic. What a moving experience! To see the people of the town come out and show their support for the Club's efforts was amazing. Keep up the great work, Lions!

I hope that I have instilled in you that every Lion is important! If we want to grow and stay relevant in our communities, we need to retain all Lions we have and recruit new Lions. New members mean new ideas and perspectives in our clubs.

In April, District 25A won the state-wide membership contest. We brought in 48 new Lions! At the end of April we were at a +21 in membership. How great! As of May 27, we are at a +15. No one can remember when our District was positive two years in a row. Let's keep it up. Do not drop our members. Let's do what we can to keep every member we have — they are precious.

We are looking for a First Vice District Governor candidate. Lion Allen Mushett had to resign due to health reasons. Let's keep him in our prayers. If you're interested in this position, contact District Governor Elect Mitchell Semans for more information.

Who do I need to thank for my year? There are too many people to list because, let's face it, I needed a lot of help! Thank You to the District Leadership team: DGE Mitch Semans, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer PDG Barbara Toosley, the Global Action Team — for Leadership, PDG Connie Roe, for Service, PDG Patty Cooke and for Membership, PDG Richard Silvera — the Zone Chairs and IPDG Robin Smith. And a big Thank You to all the 25A Lions for making this such a terrific year. All and all, it has been fun!!

Now is the time to be looking at our rosters and our club meetings to see who's not there and make every effort to bring them back into the fold. Why aren't they at the meeting or other club functions? Why haven't they paid their dues? Don't just send them a text or an email. For this situation we need to personally get in touch and let them know we care. We help so many people why can't we help our own members!

Yours in Lionism,

District Governor Dennis Brown



Dear Fellow Lions,

Thank you Lions of 25A for a great year! It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve and represent District 25A as your 1st Vice District Governor. There has been so many wonderful experiences and opportunities that I would not have gotten if it weren't for being in this position. So, I just wanted to recap a couple of the very cool things I got to do.

Back in August, all the First Vices were summoned to Rochester Michigan by Leader Dog, put up for the night and the red carpet was rolled out at the Leader Dog Campus. After a very detailed tour of the facility we had lunch and listened to a very appreciative and motivating keynote speaker who went blind in his twenties and how he dealt with his life turning upside down and depression. All that changed with his leader dog and he has been featured on national news as the blind pilot. Yes, he is a pilot and still flies with some obvious assistance, but nonetheless absolutely an amazing story.

There has been a lot of training, a few trips to Indy and a very awesome week in St. Charles for DG School where all the incoming DGs from the whole world came in for training. It's just an amazing opportunity to connect and learn about different cultures and in some instances, how we are the same.

Just recently an opportunity presented itself at the State Convention in Fort Wayne. I was supposed to go golfing but that was cancelled due to rain. So instead Wendy and I took advantage of a tour that was taking place that morning. We had no idea what it entailed other than the Paralympics was involved. So, we follow the crowd to Turnstone facility which is one of 17 official training sites for the Paralympics and home of the 2016 Men's Silver medal Goalball team and Women's Bronze Goalball team. After a short tour of the facility we were treated to a demonstration of goalball by some of the Paralympic medalists. The athletes then talked about their experiences and all of them said it couldn't have been possible without the help of the Lions. These athletes come from all over to train in Fort Wayne at this facility. This is the only facility to have housing where they can stay and train and connect with one another for months at a time instead of just a weekend here and there.

I am so proud of our organization, we touch so many lives even without knowing it. By being in a leadership role you get exposed to these wonderful, motivating and amazing experiences and opportunities. I am so looking forward to representing District 25A and what the next year will bring. But, we still have one more month for DG Dennis's year and what a year we are having. We ARE the leaders of MD 25 so let's keep the momentum going. District 25A won the membership challenge in April and now LCI has extended the \$35 service grant for each new member that signs up until June 30th. Plus MD 25 has a \$175 award to go along with that.

I would also like to thank Allen Mushett for stepping up into the 2nd Vice DG role last year but, unfortunately, due to some medical issue Allen has to step down. He will still be active as a zone chair and in the Rensselaer club. Allen, you are very much appreciated for all you do in the name of Lionism. Thank you, my friend.

God Bless,

DGE Mitchell Semans

Save the Dates

Officer Training for 2019-2020 is scheduled for Saturday June 29th.

Time and Place will be announced soon. Please plan to attend and help DGE Mitch start his year.

DGE Mitch's **Banner night** is scheduled for July 27th. Official passing of the banner and a band—Nightshift.

Please check email and July newsletter for more information.





Above

A memorial tree honoring those Lions who completed their service was planted in Lions Park in Fort Wayne following the State Convention. Pictured with the Locust tree are Convention Chair, PDG Kaylene Souers and International President Gudrun Yngvadottir. A special thank you to Plant Center for donating the tree.

2019 Indiana Lions State Convention

The 98th annual Indiana Lions State Convention is now history. With the help of our great committee, the 2019 State Convention ran smoothly and received accolades throughout the weekend.

From the informative program by Dr. Chaplin, the LCI update from ID Nick, the wonderful challenge from IP Gudran to the concluding keynote from Lion Jim Platzer, 404 Indiana Lions went back to their clubs with new ideas and inspiration for even more service.

Thank you for attending and making the 2019 Indiana Lions State Convention one to remember. See you next year in Bloomington.



Dr. Kay Nottingham Chaplin presented a wonderful talk Friday evening, April 26, during the Indiana Lions State Convention. Her powerpoint presentation had many links to research and websites supporting the need for Vision Screening along with the positive results of screening. Dr. Chaplin has shared the link to the presentation. Please share this with your clubs as we strive to reach even more families with Vision Screening.

The presentation is under the 2nd bullet here ...

<https://nationalcenter.preventblindness.org/publications-and-presentations>

May 3, 2019

Hello Lions Leadership,

It was a great weekend at the Lions State Convention!

If you attended the Sunday brunch, you most likely heard my keynote. It was an honor to present while standing next to International President Gudrun and her husband PID Dr. Jon.

One of the topics I mentioned in my keynote was that Janice and I founded the first local chapter of Foundation Fighting Blindness (FFB) in the state of Indiana 13 years ago.

Foundation Fighting Blindness is the largest non-governmental organization that funds research for retinal degenerative diseases like macular degeneration (which many Lions have), retinitis pigmentosa (what I have), and many other blinding diseases.

For those who are not blind or visually impaired, take my personal challenge. Put on a blindfold for 30 minutes and go about your daily activities. Please have someone with you to keep you safe. It's a life changing experience.

There are two sides of the blindness coin for me. One, is functioning daily with vision loss; that's why Leader Dogs for the Blind is so critical. Two, and equally critical is funding research to provide treatments, preventions and vision restoration for these blinding diseases through Foundation Fighting Blindness. For more information about the amazing research that is being done, visit www.fightblindness.org.

I'm asking you to please contact your clubs and ask them to **support my fight to save sight by donating \$50 or more per club**. The winning district that raises the most money by June 30th will be featured in the Hoosier Lions Newsletter and will receive a certificate recognition as the **Foundation Fighting Blindness Lions Visionary District of the Year**.

This information is going to all District Governors, 1st District Governors, and 2nd District Governors. Please coordinate your efforts. I'll be contacting you over the next couple weeks to follow up.

Thank you for your support so that we can all see "Beyond the Horizon".

Warm Regards,

Jim Platzer



Lion Jim Platzer and Leader Dog Mica

Make checks payable to:
Foundation Fighting Blindness

In the memo portion of the check write:
Lions of IN - FW VW

Mail to:
Foundation Fighting Blindness
977 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 140,
Vernon Hills, IL 60061

Thank you!

MD25 needs a little HELP from **YOU**

We need 80, maybe a few more, new Lions in June to achieve a plus in our Multiple District

Here is an incentive to encourage LIONS to ask, one lucky Lion will win \$175.00*

There will be a drawing for all June sponsor's at the First 2019-2020 Council Meeting

Why:

- People helping People helping People, this is why.
- Sustain service to your community.

What to say when asked what do Lions do?

- We put food upon tables that would otherwise be empty.
- We provide a leader dog to visually impair person, who can get on a bus, go to work, and live a full life.
- We support cancer and speech and hearing programs.
- We build a handicapped ramp, a playground, or fix up the house of an elderly person.
- Any service activity your Club supports.

Planting the seeds of growth, see how your Garden grows.



Caring for our members:

- Can we give up an hour to meet with a person who may be leaving the den and find out why and what can be done to keep them?

Savings:

- LCI Grants to reimburse your Club for the \$35.00 entry fee for Lions reported in April, May and June 2019.

All you need to do is...

Just Ask...



* Based on all 8 Districts participating – the amount may be less





2018-2019 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

2018-2019 Club President's Name

2018-2019 Club President's Email Address

1. MEMBERSHIP	2. SERVICE
<input type="checkbox"/> Achieved a Net Growth of: _____ * <u>OR</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Chartered new Lions club or Club Branch: Name of club or branch: _____ <u>AND</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Supported member retention by increasing member satisfaction Outline strategy: _____ _____ <i>*Based on June 30 cumulative membership report</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Started a new service project. Consider one of our Global Causes! 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ <u>OR</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Organized a new Leo Club <u>AND</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Contributed to LCIF
3. ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE <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. <u>AND</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Key Officers participate in one or more of the following leadership training events: <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple District <input type="checkbox"/> International <input type="checkbox"/> Webinars <input type="checkbox"/> Lions Learning Center <input type="checkbox"/> Club Quality Initiative <u>AND</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Improved club operations Improvements Include: _____ _____ _____	4. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION <input type="checkbox"/> The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media as noted below: _____ _____ _____ <u>OR</u> <input type="checkbox"/> The club utilized social media to promote club activities and reported to Lions Clubs International as noted below: _____ _____ _____

Date

2018-2019 District Governor's Signature*

District

Member Number

Due by: August 31, 2019

Send to: clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org or fax to (630) 468-6919

Awards Mailed to: 2019-2020 District Governors

*If sent from district governor's registered email, it qualifies as signature on applications submitted electronically.

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

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This form is available on line at www.lionsclubs.org — search Club Excellence 2018—2019 or da1-2018-19-en.pdfHere is the direct download link: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/v2/resource/download/82269681>



Left: Lion Brian was spotted at the La Porte county fair-grounds helping with Recycle Day



Above: Lion Jamie participated in setting up 2 community gardens for homeless and shelter families and organizing a clean up of our little free library & property on 10th Street with the inter-faith Alliance of Michigan

Right: Lions Jamie Miller and Brian Jenke were spotted cleaning up, gardening, and recycling for the Michiana Lions Club



Left to Right: Jessica Young Brust, Mary Deering, Bo Zimmerman, Penny Battista, Jenel Zepik, the library, Annette Van Schoyck our incoming president, Eric Hunsley, Roy Vanderwater and Kurt Young Brust.

A Little Library was presented to Union Mills Lions Club by Janel Zepik a member of the Michiana Lions Club. We are in the process of painting it along with adding a Lions Club emblem. Such a great gift for the community.

SAVE THE DATE



January 10-11, 2020



Indiana State Police Summer Camps

2019 Dates:



PIONEER CAMPS ARE BY RECOMMENDATION ONLY: AGES 11-14

Lincoln Pioneer Camp: June 24-27, 2019

Mounds Park Camp: June 9-14, 2019

Potato Creek Camp: June 17-21, 2019

LAW CAMPS: 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH GRADE

Vincennes Law Camp (Vincennes Indiana): June 12-15, 2019

Anderson Law Camp (Anderson Indiana): June 26-29, 2019

CAREER CAMPS: HIGH SCHOOL AGE

Vincennes Career Camp (Vincennes Indiana): June 23-28, 2019

Trine Career Camp (Angola Indiana): July 7-12, 2019

Indianapolis Career Camp (Indianapolis Indiana): July 14-19, 2019

Check out our website:

[HTTP://TROOPER.ORG](http://TROOPER.ORG)

GET INVOLVED AND FIND OUT HOW TO BE PART
OF THE CAMPS AS A SPONSOR OR CAMPER!

Contact Us Today:

Email: ityinfo@trooper.org

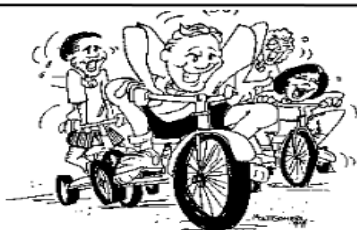
Phone: 1-317-450-8720 or 1-317-895-5138

Indiana Troopers Youth Services, Inc.

8660 East 21st Street
Indianapolis, IN 46219



SAVE THE DATE!



Brian's Trike Race **September 15, 2019**

Race on adult-sized tricycles to
benefit the ISBVI. Why not send a
team, get some exercise and have
FUN!



Disc Golf Tournament **September 15, 2019**

on the school's own private course.
Bring a four-some from your club.

MORE FUN!

Please encourage your club to send a team. If your club is not sending a race team, see if it would sponsor a local Leo Club, school or Boy Scout troop that would like to have a fun afternoon racing around the Letterman Track on adult trikes or playing disc golf. **All are welcome!**

Look for further details at later newsletters or contact

Lion Pat Henninger – Event Chair at iwtlions@gmail.com or 317-908-8884



Westville Lions

Left: Lion Connie Sobieski was awarded a centennial membership pin for bringing in a new member to our club.

Right: Lions Dick Fagg and Elmo Elliott stand next to the Westville Banner for their award recognition. Lion Dick Fagg was recognized for 35 years as a member, and Lion Elmo Elliott was presented a centennial membership pin.

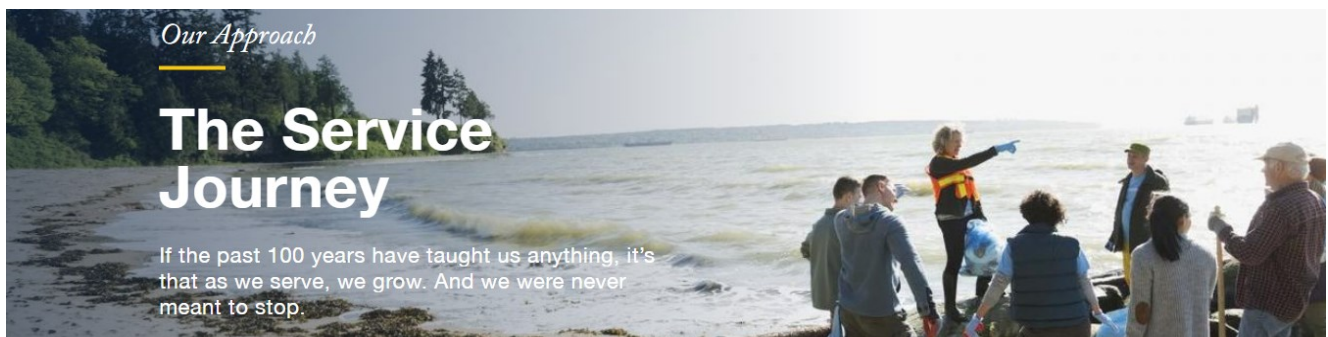


LaPorte Lions



Left: La Porte Boss Lion presents Lion Paul Marsh and Indiana Distinguished Lion Award from the Indiana State Lions Convention.

Right: La Porte Boss Lion welcomes new member Don Hunter to the club at its May meeting.



Welcome New Lions!

Griffith —DOUG A PORTER

Sponsor: DARLENE BEESE

Hobart —COOLEY W. PRIESTLY

Sponsor: JOSEPH LARSON

Hobart —DAVID L SCHEERINGA

Sponsor: JOSEPH LARSON

Kouts — KATIE M PAYNE

LaPorte Maple City—RYAN G SEABURG

Sponsor: ROBERT STRIETER

Morocco — HENRY COX

Morocco — ROLAND HERTZ

Morocco — TERRY SHARKEY

Morocco — HAROLD W. WILLIAMS

Morocco — MARY K. EMMRICH

Morocco — MICHAEL R. SWIADER SR.

Welcome New Lions!

Portage — MARIA L KENNY

Sponsor: KENNETH ANDERSON

Schererville — REN ARVANITIS

Sponsor: ROBIN ARVANITIS

Schererville — KRISTI NANCE-HMUROVICH

Sponsor: ROBIN ARVANITIS

Schererville — MICHAEL HMUROVICH

Sponsor: KAREN ALDRICH

Schererville — KIMBERLY STEWART

Sponsor: ROBIN ARVANITIS

Schererville — KIM YELICH

Sponsor: PHYLLIS VARGO

Valparaiso — SHARON W. KINSEY

Sponsor: JOHN KINSEY

I would like to thank you all for sending me pictures and articles for the Newsletter. Keep it up—I will be doing DGE Mitch's newsletter next year. However, I will be giving up my titles of LCIF Chair and GST. But I would like to give you once last reminder about entering your Service activities before I turn my turn over my to duties. .

Enjoy your summer — and all your parades, cooking at festivals, working at the fairs, cleaning up the roads and everything else.

Thank you for all that you do as Lions—you do make a difference.

Lion Patty Cooke



5th 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

#paddlevibin



Entry donation:

\$20/paddler

Register online at

www.eventbrite.com,

search "Lions Paws for

Support Paddlefest".

Registration day of

event opens at 9:00

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



Left: The Lake of the Four Seasons Lions recently chartered a LEO Club. Pictured are DG Dennis with LEOS Bella Trpeski, Alex Trpeski, Natalie Tul, Nicole Tul, Gianna Mueno, , Holly Williams, Trent Kroner and their LOFS sponsor. Leos Sophia Trpeski, Ava Trpeski were unable to attend



Right: The Schererville Lions inducted four new members at their last meeting. Pictured are new Lions Kristi Nance-Hmurovich and Michael Hmurovich with Lion Jim Nance, Club President Phil Aldrich, new Lions Ren Arvanitis and Kim Yelich with Club Secretary Phyllis Vargo.



Thanks to your hard work at the 2018 Indiana State Fair, the Indiana Lions Foundation received more than \$40,000 to support local Lions Clubs throughout the state of Indiana.

We're still dealing with winter weather, but it's time to start thinking about - and signing up for - the 2019 Indiana State Fair.

A few of you have already signed up, but there are still plenty of open positions. Sign up now to ensure that you get the job you want at the gate you want on the dates you want.

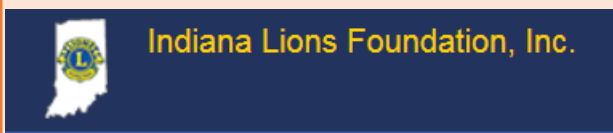
Sign up at <https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/>.

If you have any questions, send me a message or give me a call and I will be happy to try to answer them for you.

Lion Rose Russell, Trustee
Indiana Lions Foundation
Lakeville, Indiana, USA

Home: 574-784-9094

Cell: 574-250-0125



MD25	LCI
June 1 2019-2020 Council Preorganization Meeting	June 1 Helen Keller Day
June 8 Indiana Lions Foundation Meeting	June 5 World Environmental Day
June 9 Cancer Control Board Meeting	June 7 Lions Clubs International Birthday
June 9 Speech and Hearing Trustees Meeting	July 5 —July 9 102nd International Convention (Milan, Italy)
July 20 25E Banner Night	
July 27 1st Council Meeting	
July 27 25A Banner Night	

No Lions Completed Their Service
This past Month



JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 4th Cabinet Meeting	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 District Training