



District 25A News

The Force is Strong in 25A Lions

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Dear Lions of 25A

Thank **YOU** so much for everything. It really has been a pleasure and an honor to represent District 25A as District Governor. We truly are the best District in the State and that is all because of **YOU**! Being District Governor has truly been an experience of a lifetime. I have had so much exposure to all the good things Lions do and to all the good people -- the friendships and connections are priceless. **YOU** all made my official visits fun and enjoyable and thank you for your generosity and hospitality. I have also enjoyed all the fundraising and projects **YOU** do. **YOU** really make a difference.

Everyone should have the opportunity to be a DG. I want to encourage every Lion to take advantage of the leadership roles that Lions have to offer. I can honestly say that the leadership programs that the Lions offer are top notch. Whether it's Indiana Leadership in the spring, ALLI and ELLI, Mid-Winter Conference, Conventions or USA Canada Forums, you will get the best training and opportunity to learn. **YOU** can also apply the training and what you have learned to your everyday life. **YOU** can make a difference and **YOU** are making a difference in your communities and in Lions.

Despite everything thats going on, Lions Clubs are still working hard and coming up with new ideas to continue to serve. Monterey Lions helped with a drive by mobile food pantry and Koontz Lake Lions did a drive thru Nelson Chicken fund raiser. It can be done; **YOU** can do it!!!

We have one month to go to close out this crazy Lions year and I want to encourage all the Clubs to add members and not remove members. District 25A has two years in a row with a positive membership growth, lets make it three and keep the momentum going for our next District Governor, Lion Will Farrellbegg. Our communities are in a time of need and what better way to fill that need than with volunteers. People have shown they want to help, people want to donate, people want to do what's right and people want to improve their communities. Let's get them into our clubs because with more hands, we can do so much more. **YOU** have the power! **YOU** are the reason the Lions Club are great --because **YOU** serve. So lets turn **YOU** SERVE into WE SERVE. Thank **YOU** again for a great Year.

God Bless and May the Lions be With **YOU**!!!

DG Mitchell Semans



Lions

I thank you all for the support during my year as your 1st VDG. It has been an interesting year for me, from having that call from DG Mitchel Semans last June to ask if I would consider being 1st VDG. I was honored and humbled to be asked. After talking with Martha, and a while thinking about what it would mean and if I had the ability to be a District Governor, I accepted gladly and have had many Lions who have given me support and guidance through the year.

I have attended training weekends in Indy where I worked with the other 1st VDG's from MD25. We learned a lot and bonded as a great team. The weeks training in St. Charles, IL was an awesome experience where we gathered with over 700 other 1st VDG's from around the world. It was a great experience to meet with so many and talk about their culture and different situations in Lionism and working as teams to solve different problems and situations. One thing I learned — we all need to work as a team to progress and solve situations.

I would ask for continued Prayers for our 1st VDGE Dave Dickinson and his family as he is recovering in hospital. The district is looking for someone who would be willing to step up to serve as our 2nd VDG. Someone with a passion for our district and willing to join our team and continue the great work done by passed DG's.

As Covid19 restrictions are starting to be lifted I hope Clubs can get back to having regular meetings, it is part of what we are — being together as a team and working on projects to raise funds and to help our communities.

I am looking forward to my year as DG and visiting all the clubs. Please reach out to me on when you would like to arrange your club visit.

Serving Trough Kindness.

DGE Will Farrellbegg



Cancelled

The Indiana Power from the Past in Winamac was cancelled this year due to virus, so Winamac Lions will not be serving Ham & Beans, their biggest fundraiser of the year.

“Hope is important because it can make the present moment less difficult to bear. If we believe that tomorrow will be better, we can bear a hardship today.” – **Thich Nhat Hanh**

Wear a mask!

Keep your distance!

Wash your hands!

And Don't Touch your FACE!



4th Cabinet Meeting

Followed by
Club Officer Training for 2020-2021

When: **Saturday, June 20th at 9:00 am**

Where: The Safety Village

1350 Eagle Ridge Dr.

Schererville, IN 46375

Coffee and Donuts

25-A Cabinet Meeting

Come help DG Mitchell Semans and his Leadership Team celebrate their year

Meet our New 25-A Lions

Followed by a FREE Lunch

Welcome DGE Will Farrellbegg and his new Leadership Team

Club Officer Training to Follow

If you plan to Attend—Please RSVP to:

(By June 16, 2020)

CS Lion Stephen J. Helmken

Home: (219) 879-2529

Cell: (219) 561-3561

Email: lionstephenjh@gmail.com

Prayers are needed for 1VDGE Lion Dave Dickinson.

On Mother's Day, Dave's wife Tina found him not acting quite right and took him straight to the ER. Once there, it was found that he had undiagnosed diabetes, a stroke and a pulmonary embolism. Dave is only 47 years old and still has so much life left to live. There have been several complications since then and it is looking like he will need extensive rehab. To this day, he is still in an unresponsive state in the ICU.

Lion David needs the prayers of all the 25A Lions .

There is a Go Fund Me Fundraiser that has been established to help the family during this time of need.

David Dickinson Fundraiser

If you would like to help the family, please feel free to participate. Use the above link to donate.

Tina has given her okay for us to send Dave get-well cards to his home:

**Dave Dickinson
821 Olive Ct.
Walkerton, IN 46574.**



**Lions Clubs
International**



Lions Clubs International



AUBURN — Past International President, Lion Wayne A. Madden, 73, of Auburn died Saturday May 30, 2020, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

In 1984 Lion Wayne joined the Auburn Lions Club and held many offices within the association including Club President, District Governor, State Council Chairperson, and International Director in 1999-2001. In 2010 he became an executive officer of Lions Club International (LCI) serving as President in 2012–2013 and as Chairperson of LCIF in 2013-2014.

As executive officer, he and his wife, Linda, traveled over 300 days in one year to 94 countries with the task of furthering the mission of Lions around the world.

During his Presidential year, Wayne and Linda introduced a literacy initiative called the Reading Action Program (RAP) of which he was very proud. In recognition of his service to the association, Past President Madden has received many awards, including the 100% Club President Award, four Extension Awards, an International President's Leadership Medal, nine International President's Medals and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He was a Charter W.P. Woods Fellow, a Helen Keller Fellow and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In 2008, he was recognized for his humanitarian service by the governor of Indiana as a Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest honor the governor can bestow.

He enjoyed and was very proud of his work with the Lions Club and also enjoyed playing golf, IU Basketball, the Indy 500 which he attended from 1960 to the 100th running in 2016 ((missing only a few years while he was traveling with the Lions Club), driving his Corvette and spending time with his family.

A private family service will be held and a Celebration of Life service is being planned for a later date. Memorials may be made to the 'Madden Reading Action Fund' to continue the fight against illiteracy in Indiana.

Please keep Lion Linda and her family in your prayers.

Dear Fellow Lion Members and Friends:

It is with sadness that I must advise the death of Charter Member Lion Shirley Doms at 10:30 P.M. on June 2nd, at Miller's Merry Manor, New Carlisle IN, at the age of 83. Lion Shirley has been a resident there since July 2019. A celebration of life will be conducted at a later date at the Haverstock Funeral Home, LaPorte IN. She was a Charter Member of the Club and held the office of treasurer. Her cooking skills will be remembered by all those who knew her. Her only daughter passed away 15 years ago. Please remember her family in your prayers during this time of sadness.

Lion Marolyn Klockow, Secretary, Mill Creek Community Lions



Lowell Lions Club. New member induction from left to right DGE Will Farrellbegg, sponsor Lion Manny Frausto , new member Lion Jim Cullen and Club President Lion Mel Goldmen



Left: The **Schererville Lions** have been busy putting flags on military graves at local cemeteries for Memorial Day, donating to NWI food bank, helping to shop and cook for neighbors and Lion Cindy Vaught, is busy sewing masks..

Right: The **Monterey Lions** at their recent drive-by mobile food pantry.





Above and Below: **Koontz Lake Lions** at their recent Drive Thru Nelson Chicken event



During the month of May two meals were provided to the LaPorte Hospital Staff. The **Door Village, Maple City, Mill Creek Community, Wanatah, and Westville Lions Clubs** came together for a service project. They provided a total of five meals to local healthcare offices throughout their service project.

In April they provided a meal to the Franciscan Cancer Center in Michigan City. They also provided a meal to the Franciscan COVID-19 Testing Facility. They provided a meal for the entire staff at the LaPorte Hospital. All of those meals were catered from Sweet Lou's in Westville! The meals were for the entire staff at the facility and included salad, mostaccioli, Italian beefs, and chips and salsa. In May an additional two meals were provided to the staff working on the weekend at LaPorte Hospital. Those meals were catered by Al's and included fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, dinner roll, and fresh vegetables. It was an appreciation meal to show our support to the local medical offices.

These five clubs wanted to give back to the front-line medical heroes in the community! It was a wonderful service project and a great way to unite local clubs in the area! It's just another way that Lions serve and give back to those that help to keep us safe.

Submitted by Lion Whitney Martin.



Thank You, DG Mitch

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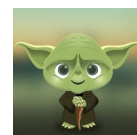


Thank you District Governor Mitchell Semans !

The Westville Lions would like to thank DG Mitchell Semans for a wonderful year in Lionism. You did a fantastic job as District Governor. You promoted community, service, working together, and building relationships. You supported your clubs by being present at their fundraisers and events! The Lions year did not end the way we had anticipated, however with your guidance we still remained active!

There were so many clubs that came together to help their community by making masks, donating food, and giving back to those that need it. Thank you for supporting the clubs in District 25-A and for helping us to become a stronger district. As Lions "We Serve" and our District served many people this year!

May the Lions be With You!





2019-2020 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 _____

2019-2020 Club President's Name _____

2019-2020 Club President's Email Address _____

<p>1. MEMBERSHIP</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Achieved a Net Growth of: _____ *</p> <p>OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chartered new Lions club, Leo Club or Club Branch: Name of club, or branch: _____</p> <p>AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Supported member retention by increasing member satisfaction</p> <p>Outline strategy: _____</p> <p><small>*Based on June 30 cumulative membership report</small></p>	<p>2. SERVICE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Started a new service project. <i>Consider one of our Global Causes!</i></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"/> Key Officers participate in one or more of the following leadership training events:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> District</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Multiple District</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> International</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Webinars</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Lions Learning Center</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Improved club operations. Use the Club Quality Initiative to identify opportunities for improving your club.</p> <p>Improvements Include: _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple District	<input type="checkbox"/> International	<input type="checkbox"/> Webinars	<input type="checkbox"/> Lions Learning Center		<p>4. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media</p> <p>Choose all that apply:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Facebook</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Local Paper</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Instagram</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Radio</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Twitter</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Club Website</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Billboards</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Posted or Distributed Flyers</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Presentations to Groups</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Paper	<input type="checkbox"/> Instagram	<input type="checkbox"/> Radio	<input type="checkbox"/> Twitter	<input type="checkbox"/> Club Website	<input type="checkbox"/> Billboards	<input type="checkbox"/> Posted or Distributed Flyers	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentations to Groups		<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
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Date _____

2019-2020 District Governor's Signature* _____

District _____

Member Number _____

Due by: August 31, 2020

Send to: clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org or fax to (630) 468-6828

Awards Mailed to: 2020-2021 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 2019—2020 or DA-CEA1_en.pdf

Here is the direct download link: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/96848453>



Lion Mel Fath passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 20th. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Lion Mel served many different roles in the Westville Lions Club, including Club President and Past District Governor. He was a Lion for 50 years. He also did a lot for the community. He will be missed greatly by any who knew him.

There will be a celebration of life announced at a later date. If you would like to send a card, please mail them to the address below and the family will make sure they are given to Lion Mel's wife, Thelma.

[1 New Durham Mall Ave
Westville, IN 46391](mailto:1 New Durham Mall Ave Westville, IN 46391)

Our condolences and prayers are with the Fath Family.

Lions Who Have Completed their Service

James R. Hudgins, Sr.	Chesterton
Shirley Doms	Mill Creek Comm.
PDG Melvin Fath	Westville

Welcome New Lions!

Hebron — George A. Vargas

Sponsor: John Spinks

St. John — Gerald F. Norieko

Sponsor: Allen Konieczka

Whiting — Delia M. Malone

Sponsor: Timothy Gard



June 8th	Door Village Annual Auction — Open to anyone. DG Mitch will be there
June 6th	MD25 Council Meeting and Pre-Council Meeting
June 20th	Cabinet and District Meeting
June 20th	New Officer and New Lions Training
June 21st	Happy Father's Day

Since this is my last newsletter, I want to thank all of you for your contributions each month! You all do amazing things to serve your communities! It has been a pleasure to spread the word to the rest of the district — and the state.

Your 2020-2021 Newsletter Editor will be Lion Whitney Martin of the Westville Lions.

You can send all your future articles to her at: wls.whitney@gmail.com

Take care! Thank you for all you do. Lion Patty Cooke, PDG.