June District 25-A Newsletter







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#### District Governor, Will Farrellbegg

**District 25A Lions** 

As my year as District Governor comes to a close, I feel honored and humbled to have served as your Governor for the past year. It has been a different and difficult year for us all due to COVID. I have enjoyed visiting clubs whether it was in person or via Zoom. Clubs have been inspirational on how they have adapted to the restriction that we have had to deal with this year and continued to serve their communities.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Multi District Convention held in Indianapolis was a great success with a great turnout. It was also great to reconnect with ID Justin Faber who stepped up to be guest speaker after PIP Bob Corlew was unable to attend due to health issues. ID Justin Faber was very inspirational and passionate about adding new members as a few of the speakers found out by becoming Lions during the weekend.

Congratulations to PDG Dennis Brown and CC Mitch Semans on receiving the Presidential Leadership Medal. They have both done a lot and have been great leaders in our district.

Again, this year's International Convention will be a virtual Convention. I am disappointed for DGE Mitch that he will not be able to attend in person and must do all his training online as well as not being able to meet other DGE in person. You can all attend the Virtual Convention by registering LCICon 2021 (lionsclubs.org).

We have a great leadership team for our next Lions year, I wish CC/DGE/PDG Mitch Semans, 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Nick Gonzales and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Stephen Helmken all the best as they get ready for the year ahead. Let us support them and have another wonderful year.

I would like to say a special thank you to Lion Stephen Helmken Cabinet Secretary, Lion Tiffany Nagai Cabinet Treasurer, and Lion Whitney Martin Newsletter edito r. They have worked hard during our year and have helped to make my year a success.

I thank you all for your support and understanding for a great year!!!

District Governor 25A Will Farrellbegg



# Thank You!

District 25-A Lions want to congratulate DG Will Farrellbegg on a great vear!

#### **CC Mitchell Semans DGE**

#### Greetings 25A Lions,

I submitted a letter to the Hoosier Lion and I thought it would be appropriate on a district level as well. It has been a pleasure and honor to serve this past year as Council Chair. I would like to thank everyone for their Lionism as we did the best we could to get thru this challenging year. The 100<sup>th</sup> State Convention was a great success as everyone worked together to get things done. That's what Lions do, we get things done. Whenever someone needs glasses, hearing aids or whatever the need, they know the Lions will come thru and get it done. WE SERVE has never meant so much as this past year when people really needed assistance and the Lions were there to help. Several districts got grants, several clubs increased their support of the local food pantries across the state and countless Lions were on zoom meetings and coming up with unique and different ways to help their communities. Yes, there was difficulties, yes, we had to change how we do things, but none the less, Lions persevered. I am so proud of this organization and the people that I know as my Lions family. Thank you for all you do. I can not express enough what it means to be in a leadership position and the opportunities you have because of such. I want to encourage EVERY LION to be Club President, EVERY LION to be a zone or region chair, EVERY LION to be District Governor. The people that you are exposed to and all the ways that Lions can help your community is priceless. If you really want to help your club and your community then get involved in some sort of leadership position, learn what others are doing and expand your horizons. Get involved in your District, just get involved. I joined the Hamlet Lions Club in 1998, we were basically a check writing club with 12-15 members that did one fundraiser one time a year. In 2014 we got down to 9 members, I became President for the second time, but this time I started going to the District meetings, and it wasn't long that I became Zone Chair and got more involved with what other clubs are doing. The Hamlet Lions Club now has 30 members, we do vision screening, dictionary project, roadside cleanup, medical closet and countless other services as well as more fundraising events. Hamlet knows who the Lions are and what we can get done and it's all because a few of our members got involved in Leadership roles, come back to the club and said, "other clubs are doing this, why can't we do it". And we got it done. Leadership leads to people promoting service, and people seeing how the Lions serve leads to membership. It works, believe and achieve. If you are afraid of stepping up, don't be. Lions have some of the best leadership classes on all levels, get involved and find out for yourself, the support you get is unbelievable and believe me, you'll have friends for life and you will expand your family.

I look forward to serving District 25A again as District Governor as I work with 1VDG Nick Gonzalez, 2VDG Steve Helmken, CS Carolyn Laviolette, CT Tiffany Nagai and all the Zone and Region Chairs to continue to make 25A strong. I want to thank everyone on a club level that has stepped up into an officer role and remind you of the officer training June 12<sup>th</sup> 9am-Noon at Kouts. Thank you for all you do in the name of Lions. May The Lions Be With You and God Bless.

CC Mitchell D. Semans

#### 1st VDGE Nick Gonzalez

Hello there fellow Lions! We have reached the end of a challenging, yet rewarding Lions year. I hope most clubs have returned somewhat back to normal. Zoom conferences are OK, but I definitely enjoy face-to-face interaction. Please be sure to enter your officers on MyLCI. This will help incoming DG Mitch prepare his directory for the upcoming year.

It has been an honor serving you as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. I have learned quite a lot, but there is still more. I am excited for the upcoming year. I hope to meet a Lion from every club while serving as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor.

Please continue to be safe out there. The weather is warming up and more of the population is getting vaccinated. Now is not the time to let our guard down. Our communities will always need us. Thank you all for the wonderful ways you continue to serve your cities and towns. You are appreciated!

Yours in Lionism, 1VDGE Nick Gonzalez

> District 25A will be holding an Officer Training Day on June 12, 2021, from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. This event will be at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Parish Hall building, 507 S. Rose Ave., Kouts, IN. 46347. The Parish Hall building doesn't seem to have a separate address in Google Maps but is to the right (South) of the main church building. The training will be for current or incoming Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Zone Chairs. Please share this email with all of your members. If someone in your club has shown an interest in being an officer in the future, please invite them to this event. This is an excellent way for members to learn a little more of what's involved in being an officer.



## Save the Date!

DG Mitchell Semans District
25A Banner Night will be
Saturday July 24th. It will
be held at the St John
Township Community
Center in Schererville. More
Information to follow!

The Michiana Lions had the VanGieson Family come to their May meeting to speak on their story. The Michiana Lions club presented the family a \$100 check and \$60 gas card. They were their guests at their Gelsosomos dinner meeting.



How a trip for flowers turned into District 25-being able to donate \$2000 to a food pantry supporting those with Diabetes!

Lion Alice Helmken had bought some flowers and vegetables to plant at her and CS Stephen's house from a member of Eastern Star Chapter out of La Porte. They had to pick the flowers up Saturday May 22nd at the Christian Church in Rolling Prairie. When they picked up their flowers and vegetables they found out that the church was doing a fundraiser to support the Food Pantry. CS Stephen talked with a lady about the food pantry who happened to be Sue Hartwick. While talking to Sue CS Stephen found out the Food Pantry supports their diabetic clients by making up special bags or boxes for them. Sue mentioned they cannot do this all the time because of a shortage of funds. What do Lions do? We Serve! CS Stephen told Sue he could try and get them some help. He told her, that they (He and Alice) are in the Lions organization and we have a program called Diabetes Awareness. He sent an email to Lion Carolyn Toosley who is the Diabetes Awareness Chairperson. Lion Carolyn okayed his request for the funds after she received the okay from DG Will Farrellbegg. Cs Stephen picked up the check from CT Tiffany Nagai and presented the check to Sue Hartwick at the food pantry. Rolling Prairie's food pantry is located on Highway 20 out of the First United Methodist Church in Rolling Prairie. This happened on Thursday, May 27, 2021. Within a week Lions helped to ensure that the food pantry would have funds for a while to keep their diabetic program going! This is such a fine example of how Lions work. We Serve and we help those around us!



District 25A was able to present them with this check out of the Diabetes Awareness program. In the picture is (from L to R): Lion Ron King (Rolling Prairie Lions Club); Sue Hartwick (volunteer for the food pantry); CS Stephen J. Helmken, ZC; my wife, Lion Alice Helmken (Michiana Lions Club).

CS Stephen presented a check of \$2000.00 to the Community Food Pantry GHKW (which stands for the areas they serve). This is the Rolling Prairie Food Pantry. They support their diabetic clients with healthy foods. Sue Hartwick who is the volunteer in charge makes up small bags or boxes of food for the diabetic clients. She also goes out and buys fresh fruits and vegetables if the pantry doesn't have them. She makes sure the diabetes clients have some in their bags or boxes each week.







The Hamlet Lions had a road cleanup day in May!

Saturday June 19th
the
Hamlet Lions Club will be
serving food 8am to 4pm at
the Hamlet Fairgrounds.
There also will be a goat show
at the Hamlet Fairgrounds
this day.



The Hamlet Lions thanked the American Legion for their generous donation.



Karen Pickem receiving her 10 year member pin! Congratulations on 10 years.





Cruise in, vendors, food, beer, and music are some of the components of the perfect Friday Night. You will not want to miss this night out! Come dressed in your 50's best.

The Westville Lions will have donation jars for the VanGiseon Family at the cruise in. They will be trying to raise money for the family. This event is available for all Lions in Laporte County and surrounding area to work. Let's show the City of Laporte Lions love to have fun and work.



The Westville Lions would like to thank everyone that attended their May Port a pit fundraiser!

#### <u>Friday, June 18, 6-10pm</u>

Go back in time with us for an evening full of music, cars, food and fun!

Kicking off our jam-packed summer is the very first ever Friday Night Live: 50's Cruise In at La Stitch. Between classic cars, live music, artisan goods, amazing food vendors and a beer garden, there's something for the whole family!

Bringing a car to display? Please enter off Lincolnway onto Clay Street. Admittance will begin at 5 p.m. Spots are limited, so don't wait! Free to enter, but donations appreciated – funds will benefit a local family in need. For more information, email <a href="mailto:wls.whitney@gmail.com">wls.whitney@gmail.com</a>.

Interested in becoming a vendor? Learn more and apply at <a href="mailto:livinthelakelife.com/events/50s-cruise-in">livinthelakelife.com/events/50s-cruise-in</a>.



Who says Lions don't have any fun. "NOT" Lion Tamer MaryJane DiMichele! She has made the Lions Meetings quite fun. You can now play "Say the Magic Word". Donate \$.50 to the pot and whoever says the Magic Word first during the meeting wins 1/2 the pot. The last dinner meeting all Lions were required to wear a hat or pay the Lion a \$1.00. Don't' we all look cute!





### **Crown Point Lions**







Our Club has made donations to the following:

\$2000.00 Buddy Bags, Community Health Network.

Our Bingo Bacon and Steak Sale was a great success. We made over \$4000.00 for our club. This enables us to keep supporting our projects.





This was our second try at this fundraiser. Lion Vicky Klein did a great job of organizing. Congratulations!! Lion Vicky for a job well done.

The Mill Creek Community Lions held their initial Bi-annual Technology Roundtable June 3 at the Fish Lake Library. Pictured is Lion Paul Tuszynski in conversation with presenter Ben Marrero of Ivy Tech. The presentation centered around the Cloud Technology.



Save the date for upcoming give back nights at the LaPorte Culver's! Mention Mill Creek Community Lions for them to receive credit.

> June 14th June 30th July 8th July 26th



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SOUTH HAVEN LIONS CLUB

CREEK

# Golf Outing SATURDAY JUNE 26TH 2021

Registration @ 7 am / Shotgun @ 8 am \$70 per person / \$280 per team (\$70 deposit)

DUCK CREEK GOLF COURSE 638 N. COUNTY ROAD 700 W. HOBART, IN 46342



### **Golf Outing Registration Form** Scramble FOUR a Cause!



#### **Benefiting South Haven Lions Club Projects**

**Location: Duck Creek Golf Course** 638 N. 700 W. Hobart, IN. 46342

When: Saturday, June 26th, 2021

Registration @ 7 am / Shotgun @ 8 am

Cost: \$70 per person / \$280 per team / \$70 deposit per team

#### **Contact Information:**

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	Team C	aptair						
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Participation Entry: Individual (\$70)				Foursome (\$280) Deposit (\$70)				
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Submit Payment & Form to: Lion Ken Laviolette 3017 Bender St. Portage, IN. 46368



#### South Haven Lions Club

Since 1965 the South Haven Lions Club has been an active group in our community, helping when & where there was a need. We continue to do so to the best of our ability. We don't just collect eyeglasses & hearing aids (both important projects) but we also provide other valuable services such as loaning durable medical equipment to those with a need, providing eye screening to pre-schoolers (when assessable) and helping those of all ages in need of eyeglasses. In addition, we donate monies to our Boys & Girls Club, Gabriel' Horn Homeless Shelter, Family Promise and Rebuilding Together, just to name a few. We give scholarships to two graduating seniors from Portage High School. We have provided lunches to first responders and donated monies to our local food pantries. We enjoy ringing the bells for the Salvation Army but our favorite still remains our South Haven Lions Club Christmas Project where we provide Christmas presents and food baskets to families less fortunate in our community.

We too have been affected by the ongoing Pandemic, unable to hold our usual fundraisers. This of course has affected our coffers. We now have an opportunity, with your help, to continue on, especially with our Christmas Project!

Saturday, June 26, 2021 at Duck Creek Golf Course the South Haven Lions Club will be hosting a Scramble Golf Outing, open to any and all golfers! Check in time is 7:00 AM with the Shotgun Start at 8AM. (See attached flier)

With your support we will be able to continue reaching out to the youth and others with needs in this community. There are 2 ways that you can contribute to the success of this event:

- A. Sponsor a hole(s) sign(s) for \$50 each
- B. Provide a door prize (i.e. gift certificates, items from your businesses, etc)

Whichever option(s) you choose, you can be sure that your support and that of many other businesses will be helpful in our efforts to serve this community.

For more information, contact **Lion Ken Laviolette** (219-741-4915, KDLCSL89@HOTMAIL.COM) or **PDG Lion Randy Greer** (219-728-8432, lionrandy@yahoo.com).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! THE SOUTH HAVEN LIONS CLUB



# LAKES OF THE FOUR SEASONS LIONS CLUB GOLF OUTING

#### To Whom It May Concern

The Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions Club is planning a golf outing to benefit the projects of our club. This year's goal is to raise money to support Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Indiana Cancer Control Fund, Leader Dogs for the Blind, food certificates for our local food pantries along with all other LOFS Lions projects.

The golf outing will be held at the Lakes of the Four Seasons Country Club on August 13, 2021. It is a shotgun start, four-person scramble. There are many opportunities for you to donate and receive valuable publicity with the golfers and neighboring communities.

We are asking you to sponsor one or more of the following:

Hole in One Sponsor	500.00 SOLD
Golf Ball Sponsor	400.00 SOLD
8 Dinner Sponsors	250.00
Beverage Sponsor	400.00
3 Raffle Sponsors	100.00
Hole Sponsors	100.00
2 Closest to the Pin	100.00 Each
2 Longest Drive	100.00 Each
2 Longest Putts Door Prize for Raffle	100.00 Each
Goody Bag Gifts	100 of the item needed

We have enclosed a Golf Outing flyer.
Thank you very much for your time and consideration.
Sincerely,

2021 Golf Outing Committee

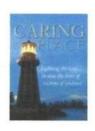
Name:

Item Sponsored:

Amount Enclosed:

#### Please mail or contact one of the Lion members listed.

C/O Chuck De Las Casas 5030 Spinnaker Ln. Unit A. Crown Point, IN. 46307 219-776-3031 cdelas@comcast.net C/O Bruce Brankle 1556 Happy Valley Rd Crown Point, IN 46307 219-678-1171 bbrankle2@comcast.net



#### 2021 LOFS Lions Annual Golf Outing

Date:

August 13, 2021 – Friday (no raindate)

Place:

Lakes of the Four Seasons Country Club

Time:

10:30 am Registration - Noon Shotgun Start

Format:

4 Person Scramble (Limited to first 100 players)

#### Event includes:

Lunch 11:00 – 11:45 Dinner Follows Golf

3 Beer Tickets

Event 6 Drawings for \$50 cash

Hole in One #17 \$25,000

Goody Bag / Door Prizes / 50/50 Raffle

**Driving Range** 

Skins game - optional
\* Possible silent Auction

#### Donation: \$90 per player

LOFS Golf Members \$65

Contact: Lion Bruce Brankle

1556 Happy Valley Rd. Crown Point, In 46307

BruceB@Mark-itSpecialties.com

219-678-1171

Lion Chuck De Las Casas 5030 Spinnaker Ln. Unit A Crown Point, 46307

219-776-3031

cdelas@comcast.net

Name (Please Print)	Phone:	Golf & Dinner	Dinner only \$15	Have cart?
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#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

By now, you have probably seen or heard the news that the great Indiana State Fair will return this year.

Your Indiana Lions Foundation State Fair Committee is currently working with Indiana State Fair management to finalize arrangements for Indiana Lions to work at the State Fair this year. We know there will be several changes, but we are still working out the details.

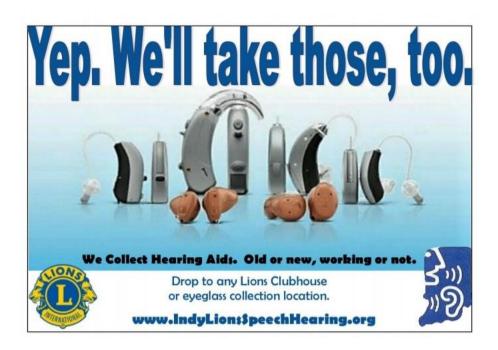
Mark your calendar now for the great Indiana State Fair – July 30 through August 22, 2021. The Fair has added one weekend to the schedule, but will be closed on Monday and Tuesday each week.

We will notify you when the signup web page is ready.

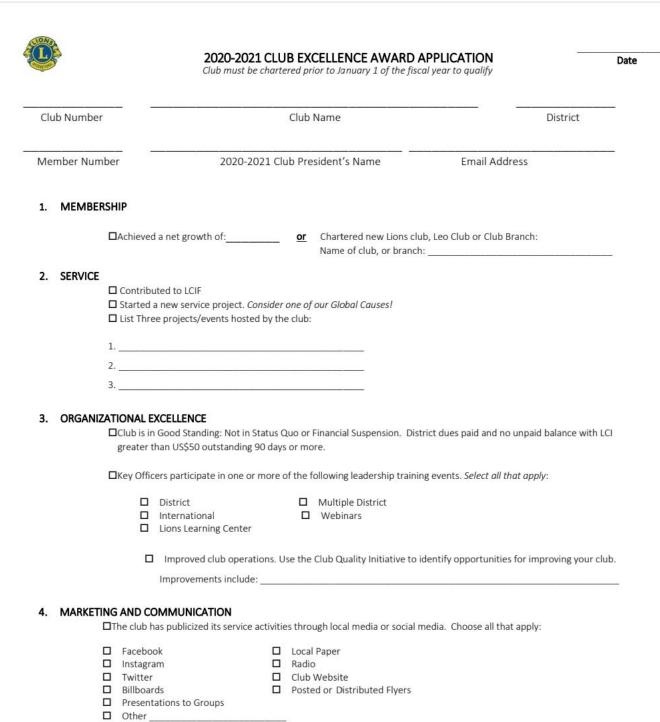
Thank you for your patience while we work out the details.

Your Indiana Lions Foundation State Fair Committee.





**TOGETHER WE SERVE** 



Due by: August 31, 2021

District

Send to: <a href="mailto:clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org">clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org</a> or fax to (630) 468-6828

Awards Mailed to: 2021-2022 District Governors

2020-2021 District Governor Signature\*

Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club will be considered only if received at International Headquarters within 12 months after completion of the fiscal year, provided that the original application form is already filed at LCI.

Member Number

DA-CEA1.EN 2/2020

Date

DISTLICT 52-Y

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



#### "WE ARE ALL CONNECTED"

#### Peace Poster Contest Deadlines

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

- January 15: Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- October 1: Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- November 15: Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.
- December 1: Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.
- December 1: Postmark deadline for a district governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- December 1: Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- December 15: Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- · February 1: International winners notified on or before this date.

#### \$11.95 PLUS TAX, ORDER ONLINE OR PHN 630-571-5466 (PPK1EN)

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, we are currently operating on a reduced shipping schedule. Orders will be delayed but will ship out to you as quickly as possible. We apologize for the inconvenience, but the health and safety of our members, our staff and our communities are our top priority. Visit <u>lionsclubs.org/coronavirus</u> for more information about COVID-19.

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June, 2021

Welcome New Members:

**CROWN POINT LIONS** 

MICHELLE KATSAROS SPONSOR: Donna Worst

EAST CHICAGO EVENING

MONICA GONZALEZ ROBERT GONZALEZ SPONSOR: GINA GOMEZ

**HEBRON LIONS** 

BREANN ROESKE SPONSOR: THOMAS ZACEK

LAKES OF THE FOUR SEASONS

DANIEL MARCOTTE
SPONSOR:MAURA MARCOTTE

**LOWELL LIONS** 

SCOTT REED
SHERI REED
JANA SZOSTEK
JEFF SZOSTEK
SPONSOR: WILL FARRELLBEGG

MILL CREEK COMMUNITY

MARY NELSON SPONSOR: TOM SHARP

SCHERERVILLE CENTRAL AMBER ORR SPONSOR: BARBARA TOOSLEY **SHELBY LIONS:** 

NORK WITTIG SPONSOR: WAYNE HAYDEN

WINAMAC DAVID BROAD SPONSOR: DONALD THOMPSON

Members that have completed their service.

**HAMLET LIONS** 

Rose Woodke

MICHIGAN CITY LIONS

William Root