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As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. John F. Kennedy

This quote could not more accurately describe the team effort that allowed all of us to have the outstanding District Convention we had this past weekend. The convention team certainly worked hard but more importantly did everything that needed to be done with enthusiasm, dedication and heart to ensure all Lions, Leos and guests had a wonderful experience. They lived the vision of a great convention without thought to receiving any gratitude or praise.



All of you, even if you were not able to attend the convention, are to be commended for your dedication and commitment to all the humanitarian service work you do. For without you, our organization and its purpose would not exist. For those of you that were able to attend the convention, I cannot express enough appreciation for taking the time to make this a wonderful and memorable convention. I sincerely hope you took away at least one thing that will enable you to continue forward with new enthusiasm, knowledge and spirit and share this with those in your club that were not able to join us.

Our visiting International Director, Stephen Glass, certainly gave us inspiration in several areas. He gave us an analogy of a farmer that owned a horse that he used to help do things on the farm but due to tough times, had to sell it to a neighboring farmer. But, the horse kept coming back. The farmer tried various things to get the horse to stay at the new owners but still the horse returned. After many days and trying various things to keep the horse at the new owners, he discovered that his horse could jump and jump high! He realized that the horse was jumping over a fence that ran between the two farms even though one day he had an old worn tire chained to him. This was a talent the owner did not know the horse had because he had bought him to do one specific thing and jumping was not it. The farmer then worked with the horse to help him develop his special talent of jumping and the horse went on to win many prestigious medals.

I did not tell the story verbatim but the message was pretty clear. So often we have a preconceived idea of what we think our members would be good at without asking the member what they are good at. Member satisfaction is the key to keeping your members enthused and involved. ID Steve said that he has done away with the word; retention. He would like us all to embrace the words; *member involvement*. When we get our members involved, the way they want to be involved, and utilize and build on their special interests and talents, it can only make your club stronger because your individual member will become stronger. But, we must take the time to ask them what can we do for you? What would you like to do? We have all heard the phrase, *Just Ask*, when it comes to recruiting new members but let us take that one step further once they become a member. All we need to do is *Just Ask*, "What do you want to do or how can we help you become a great Lion?" We Serve. Let us also remember to serve each other and support one another. I can say we certainly did that at the convention!

Thank you all for everything you do and thank you once again for a convention to remember. We will continue to be the greatest service organization in the world! 25A Lions...You Rock! Thank You!

DG Connie



'Amazing Accomplishments'

A Few Words from 1st Vice Glenn Swanson

"IT IS AMAZING WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WHEN NO ONE CARES WHO GETS THE CREDIT"

I do not remember when or where I first heard or read this quote, "It is amazing what can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit". This quote was used very often in coaching circles and since 25 years of my life was spent in coaching basketball, we often shared these words with our teams. It was magical when we had years when the kids had the talent and actually bought in to our philosophy. In those rare occasions, we had great success and those teams were able to reach and exceed their goals. I had a similar feeling this week-end, when attending and participating in our Lions District 25 A Convention.

Attending many conventions over the years, some are just better than others. The Convention Committee, lead by Lion Butch Weston, put many hours into the preparation and everything was well organized and planned. District Governor Connie Roe had a clear vision of what she wanted and the team was able to carry out those plans with very few flaws. The business sessions were filled with enthusiasm and humor, which made them both entertaining and productive. International Director Stephen Glass and his wife, PDG Cindy, from West Virginia, gave us great motivation and seemed to fit in well with us "Hoosier Lions".

Part of the fun of the Convention is seeing old friends and PDG's from years gone by. Many lions that we only see once a year, at the Convention but are able to share a laugh or have a pop at the hospitality room is a way to catch up. This year we also had three Leo Clubs participate in a scavenger hunt and pizza party. They were having a lot of fun mixing with us "old goats". For those of you, who never attend a convention, you are missing out on an opportunity to be part of a successful and fun team. We had many visitors from other district including Council Chair Susan Topf and her husband Lion Jim, as well as International Director Candidate, PCC Linda Tincher and her husband PDG Vern and PDG's Charlie and Pat Short from District C and PID Doug Lozier and VDG Kathy.

The Banquet was nothing short of spectacular. I must say the meals at the Best Western were absolutely terrific. The service was wonderful and the staff bent over backward to make sure we were well waited on at every moment. What struck me at the Banquet was that there were a lot of younger people attending, maybe that is because I'm just getting older. We had a wonderful band, Nightshift, made up of Lions from Monterey.

The presentation of awards was a highlight with Lions Angie Schmeltz, and Rhonda Weston receiving Melvin Jones awards. They were both so surprised and so appreciative that we were all in tears. Lion Ed Marks, Lion Joe Larson and Lion Mary Schmitter all received Presidential Appreciation Awards for their tireless efforts and dedication. The night was topped off at the hospitality room where we were treated to some "apple pie".

We are on track to a record breaking year in membership. Our district is the envy of the Multiple District 25. This is because we have a great team that is all pulling in the same direction. I want to urge all lions in the district to join in the party and let's keep on growing, not only in numbers, but in service. Remember District 25 A "Sets the Pace".

VDGE Lion Glenn Swanson, Maple City Lions



“Protecting Our Environment” April is Global Service Action

Take Action During April, we invite your club to join Lions around the world to protect the environment. Help us raise awareness of the importance of protecting the environment in connection with Earth Day. Or, organize hands-on projects.



Campaign Resources Use the following resources to plan and promote your “Protecting our Environment” Global Service Action Campaign project.

Call to Action Flyer: Get an overview of the “Protecting our Environment” Global Service Action Campaign – and ideas to jumpstart your project.

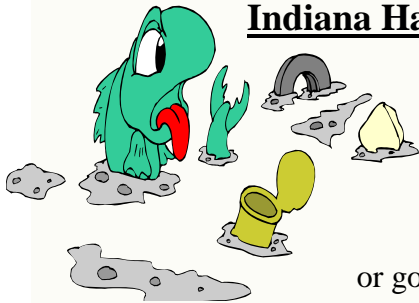
Planning Guide: Use this step-by-step approach to organize your very own “Protecting our Environment” project.

Project Ideas: Review ideas you and your club can use to participate in the campaign. The opportunities are endless.

Press Release: Send a press release to local media to help publicize your “Protecting our Environment” project.

For More Information go to the LCI website: www.lionsclubs.org [Home](#) > [Member Center](#) > [Planning Projects](#) > [Global Service Action Campaigns](#) > [Protecting our Environment](#) Or email: programs@lionsclubs.org

Indiana Harbor East Chicago Lions Participate in Beach Clean Up Day



To see a wonderful video of this project please click on the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HyR2E-zvS38&feature=youtube_gdata_player

or go to *YouTube* and type in: *Jeorse Beach Clean Up in East Chicago*

On Saturday, April 23rd, students from East Chicago Central High School joined together to tackle a major problem on Jeorse Park Beach—litter. In total, 635 lbs of trash were removed from the beach by over 50 dedicated volunteers from the high school. Mayor Anthony Copeland led the charge, thanking each student for devoting their Saturday to picking up litter. Participants then took to the beach, gathering litter for nearly 3 hours.

For the past several years, Jeorse Park Beach has managed to find its way on the Top Ten list of the Nation's Most Polluted Beaches. Often covered with trash and algae, many gulls are drawn to the beach, further impacting water quality. "It has a reputation for being a dirty place," says cleanup partner with Save the Dunes, "But the students are ready to change that image. I guarantee they will think twice about throwing trash on the ground after today."

Students tallied what they found while picking up litter. Some surprising and strange finds included shotgun shells, a plastic sled, and car parts. Student Andrea Rivera exclaims "I didn't know helping our community could be so gratifying and so much fun!" National Honor Society teacher Veronica Garcia was so impressed with her students' enthusiasm that she intends to make this event part of the National Honor Society service requirement.

Ways that you can help keep East Chicago clean is making sure trash is properly thrown away into a garbage can. Secured lids on cans are also strongly encouraged. Volunteering with groups such as the Indiana Harbor-East Chicago Lions Club which regularly monitors Jeorse Park Beach is also another fun way to get involved.

Upcoming Zone Meeting



Region 3 Zone B

Door Village-Hamlet-Hanna-Koontz Lake
Union Mills-Wanatha-Westville

March 17, 2014
6:00pm CT

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Hamlet

Please RSVP to: ZC, Bo Zimmerman
219-767-2848 lionbo@frontier.com



Lions World Lunch Relay on April 4th

The Lions World Lunch Relay kicks off on April 4th at noon, and we'd like you to be a part of this special Family and Friends Month event! The Lions World Lunch Relay is a 24-hour, international event that brings families and friends of Lions together in their local communities with families and friends of Lions around the world. It's a great opportunity to share a meal and celebrate your club's success, the value of service, and the rewards of being a Lion.

Here's how the Lions World Lunch Relay works:

Participating clubs will schedule a lunch for their family and friends on April 4th. The Lunch Relay will begin in New Zealand at noon. As clubs around the world host lunches in different international time zones, the Lunch Relay will move from time zone to time zone as Lions steadily pass the event around the world, forming the Lions World Lunch Relay!

Here's how your club can join the Lions World Lunch Relay:

1. **Plan your lunch event** – Choose a location and menu that's good for you.
2. **Register your lunch event** – Share the time and location for your lunch.
3. **Celebrate your event** – Take photos and share the fun through social media.



The Lions World Lunch Relay is a day of food, fun and fellowship. It's your chance to be part of something big—*really big*—so register your lunch today!

Want to promote your Lunch Relay event in your community? Use the [World Lunch Relay Sample Press Release](#) to get publicity for your club's lunch. The press release can be easily customized for your event.

• Enter the Lions World Lunch Relay contests!

- **Most family and friends** – The lunch with the most non-Lions wins! Make your lunch an opportunity to share your club with the people you'd love to have join you.
- **Biggest food drive** – The lunch that collects the most food items for needy families wins! Make your lunch a moment to share the power of service with your family and friends.
- **Best lunch theme** – The lunch with the best Lions theme wins! Create a fun or meaningful theme for your lunch to show your club pride and spirit.

[Download an entry form](#) and complete guidelines for the Lions World Lunch Relay contests. And learn more about Family and Friends Month in April.

Questions? Email us at lunchrelay@lionsclubs.org.

[Register Now](#)

Be sure to register your club's participation

Active Link



**Hobart Lions Club
85TH Anniversary**



When: Saturday, May 10, 2014

Time: social 6 PM; dinner at 6:30 PM

Where: Elk's Club

3580 W. 61st Ave in Hobart

Cost: \$30

Guest speaker: PID Gene Rice

Entertainment by Wolfgang; cash bar available

Reservations & payment due by May 1

Please return this form with your payment of \$30 for each person attending no later than May 1, 2014. Call Lions Sally or Clarence at 219-942-4433 with questions.

Make checks payable to Hobart Lions Club.

Club _____

Names of those attending:

Number attending _____ x \$30 = \$_____ enclosed

Mail to: Lion Sally Davis
4767 East 61st Ave.
Hobart, IN 46342





Cedar Lake



Lions Club

8 Melvin Jones

7 Life Members

Chartered April 28, 1947
2 WP Woods

Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Palm Sunday- April 13, 2014 7am -Noon

Cedar Lake American Legion Post 261 - 13050 Washington St- Cedar Lake, IN

Annual Golf Outing - Sunday, August 3, 2014

Oak Knoll Golf Course - \$65 / Person



4 Person Best Ball Scramble

Food- Beverages- Golf and Door Prizes- Contests- Side Bet Skins Game

Contact 219-374-9714 for information on these and other Cedar Lake Lions Events- Like Us on Facebook

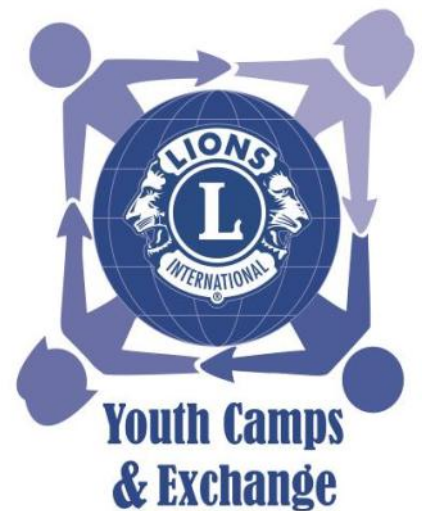
WELCOME Lion ID Stephen Glass!!

Youth Exchange Seeking Host Families now!

The Lions of Indiana have Youth arriving this summer for a three to four week stay from Germany and Finland. The Finnish arrive around July 1, and the German Youth arrive around the first of August. Reimbursement to host families in the amount of \$100 per week is available.

If you are interesting in hosting this summer or have any questions, please contact Lion Jim Graves, MD-25 Youth Exchange Chairman, 317-771-7575

To view more information online about this program, log onto the LCI website and choose these options: > [Member Center](#) > [Planning Projects](#) > [Youth](#) > [Youth Camp and Exchange Program](#)





**South Haven Lions Club
All You Can Eat
CHILI DINNER**



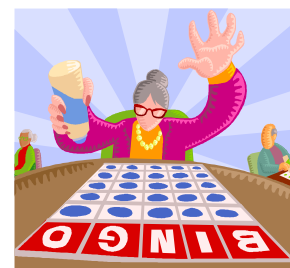
(Hot Dogs Available)
Thursday March 13, 2014
4:00PM to 7:00PM
American Legion Post 502
429 West 750 North
South Haven (Valparaiso)
Adults \$7.00
Family of 4 \$17.00
Children Under 10 \$3.00

Proceeds to: Gabriel's Horn Homeless Shelter & Portage Rebuilding Together

Contact: 763-2034



**Crown Point
Lions
Spring Bingo**



**Thursday,
March 20th
6:30 pm CT**

**Doors Open at 5:00 pm CT
Lake County Fair Grounds 4-H Building**

Donation: \$5.00

No Carry-in Food or Beverages Allowed

BINGO & DOOR PRIZES

**2014 ST. JOHN
LIONS CLUB** 

**CANDLELIGHT
BOWLING
FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY MARCH 22, 2014
7:00 PM - 10:30 PM**

**AT
STARDUST BOWL III**

1330 Sheffield Avenue, Dyer, IN 46311

**\$25 DONATION INCLUDES
3 GAMES OF BOWLING, SHOES AND FOOD**

For information or to purchase tickets, please call Lion Al (219) 365-1091

**Highland Lions Have
Showcase at Local Library**

The Highland Library has a display case in which it allows community groups and organizations to set up an informative display for a month.

Last year, Lion Tim Tintor approached the library on behalf of Highland Lions. He presented the idea to the club and was immediately assigned the project.

The Club decided on March for their display for two reasons. First, their Spring Candy Day weekend is in April and secondly, their pancake breakfast is in May. Both of which can be conveniently advertised as upcoming events.

All the members gathered up Lions items and photos that they collected through the years and it really brought back some good memories to the older members and allowed new members to see some history of the club.

‘We have also tied the display to what we are calling a ‘Meet & Greet’ on March 25th. This is an open invitation to the public to meet us and learn more about Lions’, said President Lion Dennis Simala.

In addition to inviting family, friends and neighbors we are hoping the display will stir up some interest in the community and bring additional potential members to the event. **Visit Their FaceBook Page!**



Bass Lake Lions Annual Smelt Fry

Wednesday ** April 2, 2014
6:00 pm Central Time



All Lions are welcome and best of all, as usual, there is no cost. Come and enjoy all the smelt you can eat and visit with Lions members from other clubs!

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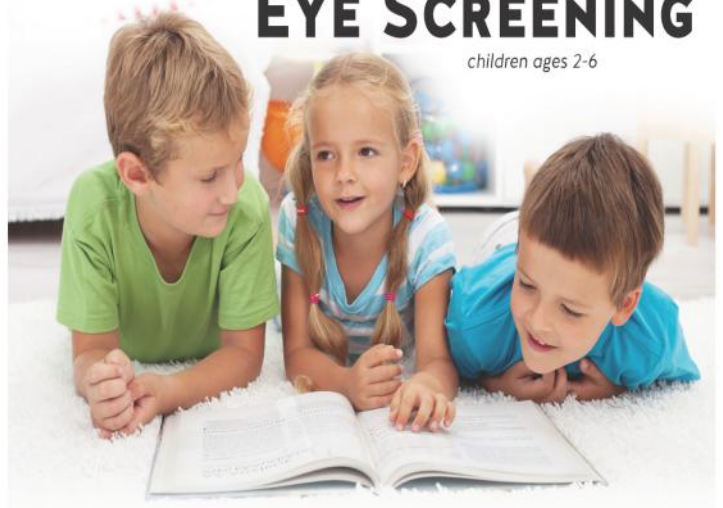
Chicken BBQ
April 5th from 11am to 2pm CT
In front of Napa store on Hwy 35 in
Knox



DYER LIONS CLUBS PRESENTS

FREE CHILDREN'S EYE SCREENING

children ages 2-6



SATURDAY • MARCH 15, 2014
9 AM - 1 PM

ALL OF ME THERAPY, LLC
1160 JOLIET ST., SUITE 102
DYER IN 46311

Bring your 2-6 year-old child for a quick and easy vision screening procedure that can detect most problems that cause poor vision in young children.

The Dyer Lions Club will use a PediaVision screening system to take a digital photo/measurement of the child's eyes from a comfortable distance of three feet. The test is FREE and takes approximately one minute.



Questions? Call
(219) 440-7930

The Dyer Lions are working to brighten the future of Indiana's children through



THERE IS STILL TIME TO GIVE THE "GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE".



The Dictionary Project is offering to DONATE...FREE...dictionaries to any Lions Club willing to assist in distributing the gift of knowledge to students in schools which have not yet been covered. There are currently 50 schools in our district reportedly still not covered this school year.

If your club is willing to participate in this wonderful service, please contact Lion Robin Smith 219-395-8285 for details and instructions. Lion Robin has the complete list of all the Schools in our District that are currently not being served. She will be more than happy to email you that list or tell you if any schools in our club's area are not being serviced with this wonderful project.

Let's be the first district in the state to have 100% coverage with The Dictionary Project.

Lion Robin Smith (Chesterton Lions)
219-395-8285 mswolfen@aol.com



I'm a child, I want to be recognized





Together We Can Grow CONTEST



Want to be rewarded for growing your club?
The Together We Can Grow contest rewards high-performing clubs for exceptional membership growth. Building a strong club takes teamwork and leadership. Your club can do even more when the current and incoming club presidents work together this year to increase club membership. Check out what you can earn for your efforts!

Here's what your club needs to achieve to win:

- Be the top club in your district with the largest net membership gain (by percentage) between January 1 and July 31, 2014.
- Your club must have at least a 10% membership growth and a five (5) member net gain during the contest period.

There's more rewards and opportunities to earn! Visit the LCI website for complete contest details and your chance to earn additional rewards in our innovative recruiting contest!

Learn more about Together We Can Grow today!

Win your choice of...

**\$250 MJF
Donation**



OR



\$250 in Club Supplies

MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT
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Valparaiso Lions Congratulate all Lions on a Wonderful Convention & Lions Year!

VALPARAISO LIONS CLUB, HOME OF:

LIONS VISION CARE, INC, a low vision charity

AVENUE OF FLAGS

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY CHAIN GANG AND BASKETBALL USHERS

POPCORN FESTIVAL BLEACHERS

EYECARE AND GLASSES FOR THE NEEDY

SCHOLARSHIPS

COMMUNITY PROJECTS



**VALPO LIONS PREPARE
GIFT BAGS FOR HOSPICE
FAMILIES**



**VALPO LIONS USHER
VALPARAISO
UNIVERSITY
BASKETBALL GAMES**





Merrillville Lions Roar with Pride



Lion Carol Miano, 1st Vice President of Merrillville Lions is pictured pinning a membership pin on one of 10 new Lions that she sponsored! Last month the club inducted 5 new members and they just inducted 5 more, pictured below.

The club is now well on it's way to getting back to the great service that they have had in the past. They are planning a health fair, a vision screening and a pancake breakfast.

Lions Randy Greer, PDG Patrick Rodriguez, CT Angie Schmeltz, Lion Doug Schmeltz, Zone Chair Clarence Davis, Zone Chair Pat Kalina, DG Connie Roe and PDG Kevin Roe all spent time with the club to help them devise a plan to revitalize their club. Kudos to Merrillville Lions for their commitment to service!



Merrillville's New Members are:

Michael Brown, Ron Matlock, Mary Beth Gregor, Dorinda Gregor, Arthur Ward, William Roth, Donna Roth, Ann Myatouich, Lori Vorkapich and Craig Lamb.

All new members were inducted in a special ceremony where they had no sight for just a time.

Lions Humanitarian Efforts **25A Eyeglass Recycling & Vision Services

The Lions of District 25-A recently completed another successful February 16th to the 21st in Coacalco Mexico. There were (37) mission members total and (28) were from District 25-A. There were (6) that this was their first mission. We had (2) that went with us in 2012, they were from New Mexico but were Lions in this district prior to moving. Also there was (1)) that went with District G on their mission, she lives in Mexico, she is also a Lion.

What was most appreciative of this group (7) were bi-lingual and this helped out greatly in the fitting area. We also were fortunate to have some Mormon Missionaries that helped us as interpreters as well.

We followed District 25-F. They were there in January 2014 in Coacalco ,Mexico. That mission helped 5900 patients, we in turn were able to help with glasses 5213 more patients. For a total of over 11,000 patients that needed help with their vision. What an outstanding mission between the (2) Districts from Indiana.

We ask that all the clubs continue collecting used eye glasses along with readers to support this effort to help those in need be able to see the birds chirping in the trees, read the newspaper or be able to be able to thread a needle to sew again. Also it may help them to provide a better life for their families and in their communities as well.

Thank you for all of your support, with all of us working together we can accomplish many things for those in need.

PDG Kevin Roe, 25A Eyeglass Mission Leader





2014 State Convention Committee

"Celebrate your DREAM in Columbus"

April 25-27, 2014

2014 INDIANA LIONS STATE CONVENTION

Hosted by the Lions of District 25C

With Special Guest

International President Barry Palmer & Lion Anne



CLARION HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

2480 Jonathan Moore Pike | Columbus, IN 47201 | (812) 372-1541

Room Rate: \$89.00 plus tax (includes complimentary breakfast)

For room reservations call (812) 372-1541 and mention

"Lions of Indiana" to receive convention room rate.



Registration Form (one per person or child)

Name & Title

(Lion, DG, PDG, PID, VDG etc.)

Please print name as desired on badge.

Address _____ Phone _____

City, State & Zip Code _____

District _____ Club _____ Email _____

Friday Golf Outing - 9:00 am (lunch included)	\$ 40.00	=	_____
Friday Evening Dinner	15.00	=	_____
Saturday Lunch	12.00	=	_____
Saturday All State Banquet	24.00	=	_____
Please check any dietary needs: Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/>		Gluten-free <input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____
Childcare provided w/ Pizza <i>(ages 12 and under)</i>	5.00	=	_____
Sunday Brunch	15.00	=	_____
2014 Convention Pin/Convention Bag	4.00	=	4.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Send registration form and check payable to **"2014 Indiana Lions State Convention"**
PCC Vernon Provines, 306 W. Market St., Spencer, IN 47460



Register online and pay with **PayPal**

www.2014convention.com

(small convenience fee will be charged)

Email: committee@2014convention.com | www.2014convention.com



They're Always After Our Lucky Charms!



MARCH 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7 25A Convention	8 25A Convention
9	10	11	12	13 Budget Meeting	14	15
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**See an open date? Contact DG Connie to schedule your clubs official visit:
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Indiana Lions Calendar of Events

- March 1-2 Dist E convention-Spring Mill Park cont.
- March 7-8 Dist A convention-Best Western LaPorte
- March 7-9 Dist G convention—Argos
- March 14-16 Dist F convention-Speedway
- March 14-15 Dist B convention-Huntington University
- March 22 1st VDG training-Eye Bank Conf. room
- March 29 Dist D convention

- April 2014
- 5 Rescheduled Leader Dog Mtg.
- 11-13 Leadership Workshop-Baymont-Plainfield
- 12 Foundation Meeting
- 24-27 State Convention-Columbus
- 27 Council Meeting-Columbus

LCI Calendar of Events

- March** **Membership Focus: Women**
- March 8-10 Advanced Lions Leadership Institute.
- March 15-17 Advanced Lions Leadership Institute
- March 20-22 Mediterranean Conference
- March 31 Last day for regular convention registration fees
- March 31 Close Period 3 for Dream Achiever Awards

- April**
- Family and Friends Month**
- Lions Membership Growth Month**
- Leo Club Awareness Month**
- 1 Leo of the Year Award Applications due
- 4 Lions World Lunch Relay**
- 5-13 Family Week



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