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Message from DG Patty Cooke:

Hello Lions of 25A

I have enjoyed our February summer and do not want winter to return!

So is everyone ready for Spring? I have worked hard to get rid of a few extra Holiday pounds, so bring on the flapjacks! But I still have to fit into that new dress I bought for the Convention 😊

Did you read the Centennial Version of the Lion Magazine?? Lions have done so much in their first 100 years The California Lions sending an ambulance north to Alaska. The Ottawa Lions holding a Bingo Game for 20,000 Ladies and raising \$35,000 for a new cancer clinic. The Georgia Lions holding a broom sale to raise money. The Illinois Lions collecting 250,000 bars of soap for soldiers in Vietnam. And on and on and on.

I know that without much effort, we could compile a very long list of just what we have done in District 25A – how many lives we have affected. But this is what we do – We Serve. And did you know that that slogan was the result of an international contest among Lions.

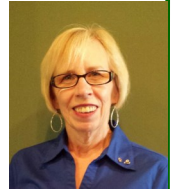
The Convention Team is working hard on this year's event. Please plan to attend and celebrate the Centennial and the Lions of District 25A. International Director Howard Hudson will be our guest for the weekend. Checkout the brief schedule of events in the Newsletter. And don't forget about the silent auction – donate a basket for the raffle!!

Then there is the MD25 Convention in Evansville on April 28 and 29. The new hotel has now officially opened! It is a fantastic venue and I know that the team is planning an excellent event.

See you in LaPorte!

Yours in Lionism

Lion Patty, District Governor



Save the Date—June 4th

**Our last District Meeting for this year will be held on Sunday,
June 4th at the Lakes of the Four Seasons clubhouse.**

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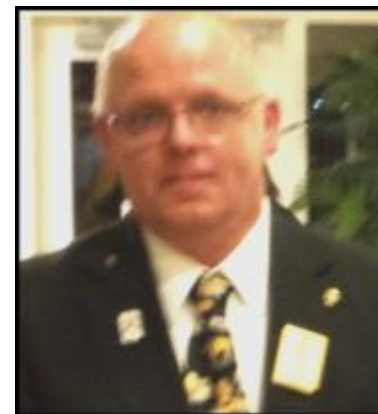
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Message from PDG Dennis Brown, 2nd VDG



Happy birthday Lions

Hello Lions,

It's my turn for the Vice District Governors article. I'm sure the governor is talking about this district convention coming up. Let me add a few things. We will be having four seminars ranging from Speech and Hearing, to forming a Leo's club. Interacting with the Lions friends and meeting new ones. With this many lions together sharing ideas you are sure to learn something new.

We will also get an update on the international Convention in Chicago from PDG Bob Block, the MDI Host Committee Chairman. We will learn what's going on at international headquarters from our guest speaker International Director Howard Hudson. We will get a chance to meet him and ask him any questions we might have.

Also if you were thinking about going to the State Convention, you will need to make your plans as soon as possible. I'm expecting a big crowd. This is our hundredth anniversary. Plus Evansville is the hometown of our first International President WP woods. So let's get out and show our support.

Sincerely,

PDG Dennis Brown 2nd VDG

Lions:

Please find attached the latest edition of the Come Celebrate Chicago 2017. There is some new information in regards to extra activities that have been added to the program by the Host Committee. If you would like, please pass it on to others in your district and state. The Lions of Illinois are looking forward to the Lions of the World coming to Chicago.

I have also attached a flyer talking about sponsoring a street banner in Chicago during the convention. These banners are to be hung throughout the Chicago Loop area. They will especially hang along the Parade Route., McCormick Place, and the airports. After the convention, that banner will be returned to the sponsor as well as a small replica will be available for pickup at the Information Booth during the convention.

If you have any questions, please contact us. Again thank you for your support. I hope to see you soon in Chicago.

PDG Robert C. Block Sr.

2017 MDI Host Committee Chairman , (219)671-0287

See website www.lions2017chicago.org for more convention information, including how to volunteer, voting process, parade info, and extra activities. Street Banner flyer on next page. See additional for "Come Celebrate Chicago 2017 in separate e-mail attachment to this newsletter.



2017 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION STREET BANNER SPONSORSHIP

WELCOME THE LIONS OF THE WORLD TO CHICAGO AND SHOW YOUR PRIDE!

Just imagine the State Street parade route and the streets around the McCormick Place Convention Center, delegate hotels, and Navy Pier lined with Lions Banners welcoming the Lions of the world to Chicago!

About the banners

Two banners will hang together – the “Welcome Lions” banner, shown to the right, will be paired with one sponsored by an individual Lions Club or District. At the end of the Convention, each Club will receive a replica of their banner – a special memento of this historical event!

Place your order

Reserve your Club’s personalized street banner today! Orders must be received by 1 April 2017 to make the installation date.

Club Name: _____ District: _____

Order Contact: _____

Contact Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Quantity	Price	Total Price
	US\$275	
Or order two banners for US\$500 <i>(if order received before 1 April 2017)</i>		

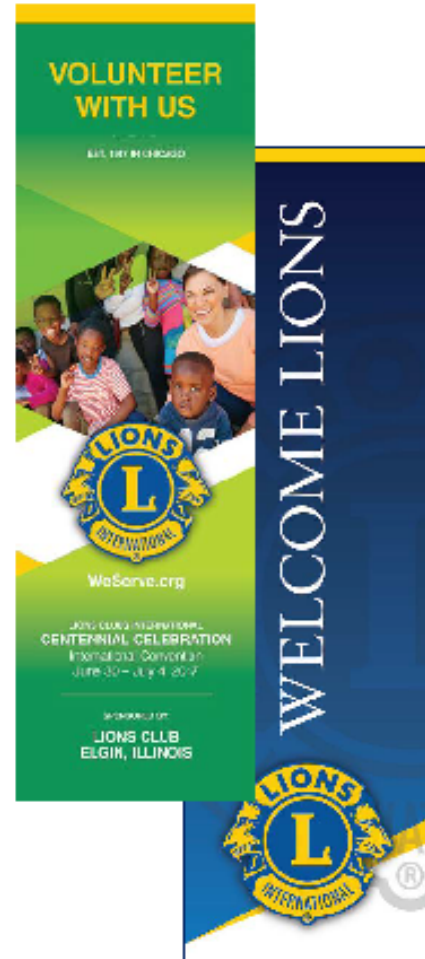
Payment information

Inside the U.S.

Make your check payable to: Lions 2017 Host Committee
Send this order form and check to: Lion Janice Wiggins
1028 Westchester Blvd.
Westchester, IL 60154

Outside the U.S.

Contact Lion Janice Wiggins (LionJaniceWiggins@gmail.com) for payment information.



We appreciate your support and look forward to celebrating with you in Chicago!

Contact Lion Janice Wiggins (LionJaniceWiggins@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



DISTRICT 25-A LIONS

please join

Governor Patty Cooke

for her

District Convention



“Where There’s a Need There’s a Lion”

March 17-18, 2017

Best Western Hotel and Conference Center

Room Rate: \$89.99 per night (plus tax). Ask for Lions Rate

Reservations are to be made directly with the Hotel

8 am to 10:15 am, Conference Registration is FREE

444 Pine Lake Avenue

La Porte, IN 46350

219-362-4585

Buffet Breakfast Saturday

Available for \$8.95/person

(free if you stay at hotel)

Deadline for Convention & Meal Reservations: Feb 17, 2017

			Total
Friday, March 17th	Meet the ID	\$22.00 per person X _____	\$ _____
Saturday, March 18th	Deli Lunch	\$15.00 per person X _____	\$ _____
Saturday, March 18th	Banquet	\$27.00 per person X _____	\$ _____

Display table for our club _____ need electric _____

\$10 charge for clubs doing fundraisers

State & District Projects are **FREE**

Club: _____

Name/Title: _____

Name/Title: _____

Name/Title: _____

Mail to: CS Angie Schmeltz 14726 Bryan St. Cedar Lake, IN 46385

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**** Please Make Checks Payable to District 25-A Lions ****

District 25A Convention

Best Western in La Porte Indiana

Friday March 17

Meet the ID Social 5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 pm

Guest Speaker: ID Howard Hudson

Wear your GREEN – It is St. Patrick's Day!

Saturday March 18

Seminars 9:00 to 9:50 and 10:00 to 10:50

First Business Session 11:00 am

Lunch

Second Business Session 1:30 pm

PDG Meeting with ID Howard Hudson 4:00 pm

Hospitality Room 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Banquet 5:00 to 5:30 pm Dinner 5:45 pm

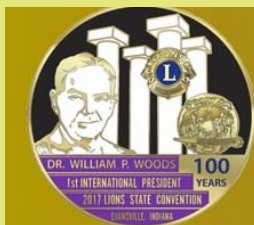
Speaker: ID Howard Hudson

Hospitality Room 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Don't forget to bring an item for the Silent Auction!!

Come meet your fellow 25A Lions!





2017 Indiana Lions State Convention Evansville, Indiana

Please make plans to attend the MD25 Convention in Evansville – April 28 thru April 30. This is an exciting time for all Lions! Just a few months ago, President Corlew was here to reenact the signing of the first Lion Club charter and he is returning in April. We are very privileged in Indiana to have the International President attend our convention. Please come and show the pride you have in Indiana Lions. We want to be 600 Lions strong at All-State banquet!

To check out all the information, please check out the following link. You can register online or print out a copy of the registration form:

<http://www.indianalionsconvention.org/>

SPECIAL NOTICE: RECEIVE YOUR MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP HONORS AT STATE CONVENTION THIS YEAR

Any Indiana Lions Club or person that would like to receive their Melvin Jones Fellowship presented during the Indiana Lions State Convention on Saturday April 29, 2017 in Evansville, IN. should plan for it now. Everyone will have this unique opportunity in that it will be presented by current Lions Clubs International President Chancellor Robert E. Corlew and PIP Wayne Madden. What makes this a unique opportunity is because of three reasons. First, your MJF plaque with pin will be presented by the International President Chancellor Robert E. Corlew; Second, PIP Wayne Madden will be there to assist; and third, this will be a great photo opportunity for you and your Lions Club. Deadline to enter April 21st, 2017.

Even if you do not have the actual MJF plaque during the Indiana Lions State Convention, we will make the presentation using a “sample” MJF plaque and then you will receive your official plaque later.

Please contact PDG Gary Ochs, Indiana LCIF Multiple District 25 Coordinator by Friday April 21st, 2017 at gochsinlions@att.net or 812-275-7241.

Lions International Convention and 100th Anniversary Celebration



MARCH UPDATE: Lions Clubs International Convention and 100th Anniversary Celebration

While going to the 100th Anniversary LICCon is an experience all on its own, the city of Chicago has a lot to offer while you're there. Just a few suggestions are . . . The Wrigley Building, Billy Goat's Tavern, Navy Pier, Millennium Park, Second City Theatre (many SNL alums performed here first), Adler Planetarium, Willis Tower Skydeck (formerly Sears Tower – this tower has retractable glass balconies to walk out on), Lincoln Park Zoo, multiple water/dinner tours including the Chicago river and Lake Michigan. And, there's the Miracle Mile where top drawer shopping abounds. Food? You can get whatever kind you want all over the city.

Make plans now and join your fellow Lions from around the world.

Registration is only \$180 from now through March 31, 2017 after which it will increase to \$200. Go to <http://licon.lionsclubs.org> for more information and to register.

NOTE: More of the official Indiana Delegation Parade shirts (and hats) required for the Parade of Nations on Saturday July 1, are just about ready for you. The first place to get one will be at your District Conventions in March. Please attend your Conventions and secure one of these awesome shirts.

PDG Dan Wilcox, ICC Chairman – danwpu@comcast.net

We Welcome these new members:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Chesterton:	ARTHUR J. CRAIG	BARBARA WILSON
Highland:	SHERRIE J PETERS	DAVID JONES
Koontz Lake:	FRANK GOMEZ RICHARD METZGER	
Merrillville:	CAROL N. ROZELLE	ELLEN HENNESSY-HERSTAD
Union Mills:	MIKE BATTISTA PENNY BATTISTA CHRISTINE O. DITTMAR	WESLEY HEIRONIMUS LUCILLE HEIRONIMUS ANNETTE VAN SCHOYCK
Wheatfield:	RICHARD HOLOBOWSKI DELMAR MOUNTS	THOMAS STRAIN ROBERT TILLEMA

Those who have completed their service:

Schererville:	HELMUT KORTHAUER
Union Mills:	RAYMOND EUGENE GOAD

Mill Creek Community Lions Club



New Lions member Treva Lawson (second from left) was inducted into Mill Creek Lions by Region Chairman Dave Dickinson. Her Sponsor at left Marilyn Lawson and Club Secretary Marolyn Klockow look on.

Chesterton Lions Club

Chesterton Lions held their 10th Annual “Sweetheart Swirl” Daddy-Daughter Dance on Saturday, February 11th at the Chesterton High School. There were 538 dads & girls present—the largest crowd ever. They were entertained by DJ “Entertainment Express” and they dined on a buffet of chicken roast beef, and side dishes, desserts and fruity punch. The affair was a total sell-out.



Griffith Lions Club

“Spaghetti Supper”

Saturday, March 11th, 2017; 4:00 – 7:00 pm

**St. Mary Hildebrandt Hall, 525 N. Broad St.
Griffith, IN 46319: Cost: Donation**

**For Info, Call PDG Margaret Verkuilen
At (219) 923-0776**

Winamac Lions Club Fish Fry

Beer Batter Dipped Pollock– All you can eat

**Winamac VFW Post 1728
1216 S.Monticello St. (US Hwy 35),
Winamac, IN**

March 24, 2017, 4 – 7PM (Eastern time)

Dine In or Carry Out

Zone I-B Activities

Cedar Lake Lions—Pancake Breakfast on April 9th
@ Hanover High School.

Crown Point Lions—Spring Ham Bingo—April 6th@
St. Elija Hall. Doors open@ 5 p.m.; Games begin@
6:30; CP Lions made a \$250 donation to CPHS
“Robodogs” -robotics club . The annual Golf Outing
will be May 20th.

Lakes of the Four Seasons– Preparing for the
“Polar Plunge” on March 4th, 11:00AM at Sandy Beach.
Contact Lion Chuck De Las Casas for info or pledge
sheet at 219-776-3031. Also having a Pork Chop dinner
on April 2nd.

Lowell Lions—Busy with service projects such as
awarding a Scholarship to a High School Senior, build-
ing handicapped ramps, donating to Lowell Parks, do-
nating large print books to the Library, and helping the
Fire Department.

Zone Chair Greg Fabian

Kouts Lions Club

Kouts Lions Pancake Day

**Serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, & biscuits
and gravy on Sunday, March 12, 2017**

7:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

ALL YOU CAN EAT

At KOUTS HIGH SCHOOL

Adults- \$7 in advance, \$7.50 at the door

Children (5-12) \$5.50 in advance, \$6 at door

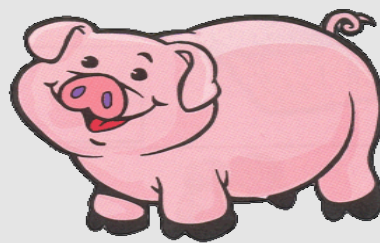
Children under 5 Free



8101 Kennedy Avenue, Highland, IN 46322

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

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



**Lakes Of The Four Seasons Lions Clu
Pork Chop Dinner**

**Lakes of the Four Seasons Clubhouse
Sunday April 2, 2017**

From 4:00 PM til 7:00 PM

Cost: 1 Chop \$10.00 2 Chops \$13.00

For Tickets Call:

Lion Tom Snowden Cell 219-776-6324

We will be selling our "steak fry" steaks. They are 12oz vein in New York strip steaks. They will be individually **wrapped** and frozen, there will be a minimum purchase of a half case which is 8 steaks! We also will have full cases which is 16 steaks. Half case of steaks is \$50 and the full case is \$100. The steaks must be prepaid before we order. Please make checks payable to LOFS Lions Club.

Dead line to order steaks will be April 30, 2017.

If you would like to order, contact any Lions Club member **or you** can also contact Lion Linda Kroner at 219-765-3990 or email lkroner1159@comcast.net. But remember, steaks do need to be prepaid. We will set up pickup in the morning at the clubhouse on May 6th, 2017 from 9am til 11am!

REMEMBER, SUMMER IS COMING SO ORDER ENOUGH STEAKS FOR ALL OF YOUR SUMMER COOKOUTS!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Half case (8 Steaks) \$50.00 – Full case (16 Steaks) \$100

Half case: _____ **Full case:** _____

Cash:\$ _____ **Check#:** _____

Michiana Lions Club



Michiana President Steve Helmken presents Jenel Zepik with a check for \$2000 towards cost of her cochlear implant. Half of the gift was from Ed Paine Care & Helping Hands. She spoke to the club about how her hearing has changed her world. She has now decided to join the club and will be inducted at the March District Convention..



President Steve presents Lion Ed Susnis with a Melvin Jones Fellowship at Ed's home recently, accompanied by Zone Chair Brian Pagels, and Lion Allen Wozniak, Lion Ed is the newsletter editor for the club and does not get out during the Winter months.

Door Village Lions Club



Door Village Lions have been participating in the Lions Kidsight Program for the past two years, and their reach is expanding all of the time. In the immediate community. Shown in photo are Lions Gene Flickinger, Dennis Fischer, and Carrie Perra. Other Lions participating include Bonnie Olson, Renee Gazarkeiwicz, Cindy Fischer, George Morley, and Joe and Carol Pahs.

Door Village Lions were busy again presenting \$200 checks to each of three schools recently Teachers and Principals were generous with "thank you's" and Lions were quick to give them a very warm "you're very welcome" in return. These extra funds serve a need they can really appreciate. We're glad.

Photo shows some of the Lions with teachers and students from the Kingsford Heights Elementary School.





Own a Limited-Edition Lions Clubs Centennial Commemorative Coin

The coin features Lions founder Melvin Jones and the Lions Clubs logo on the front and a family of lions with a globe behind them on the reverse.

This commemorative coin is crafted to be rich in the symbolic history of Lions first century of service. Each coin is packaged in its own presentation case and is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

One Beautifully Engraved Coin—Many Noble Purposes

For a limited time only, you can order this historic Lions Centennial keepsake and support the life-changing work of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). For each coin sold, US\$10 is authorized to be paid to LCIF. This represents a US\$4 million opportunity to improve the lives of people in need through LCIF initiatives around the world.

These collectable coins make great gifts for family and friends and are the perfect way to show appreciation to your club members for outstanding service.

APPLICATION FORM

INDIANA LIONS LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

2017

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 – SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017

LOCATION: BAYMONT INN, PLAINFIELD, INDIANA

Telephone: 317-837-9000

(Participants must make their own reservations with the hotel. Be sure to state that you are with the Indiana lions)

This workshop is designed for those persons who are interested in becoming leaders in their club/district.

The workshop will begin at 10:00am on Saturday, April 8, 2017

There is no cost to the participant, except for dinner on Saturday night

Name & Title _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

District _____

Club _____ Email _____

Send completed registration form to: PCC Richard Halladay, 448 Freeman Ridge Rd, Nashville, Indiana 47448 or email richard@rhalladay.net

Deadline for registration is April 1, 2017