

District 25A Seasons Greetings

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District Governor's Message

Our District Convention is about to take place. There is still time to register and make meal reservations. Meal reservations have been extended to March 7th, so you can still plan to join us. The more Lions we get to come to the convention, the more fun we have. We do need to have counts for meals, goody bags, and Name badges. You can register at the convention but can't be guaranteed a meal reservation.

The District Convention is a time to meet other Lions and find out all about the great things Lions do. There is a copy of the Agenda for the District Convention events in this newsletter and a registration form. You can also turn in your raffle tickets, buy raffle tickets, and turn in ones you didn't use.

We do have a candidate for 2nd Vice-District Governor. PDG Dennis Brown has stepped up to fill this position and has filled out the necessary paperwork. We want to congratulate him on serving our District once again.

If you are going to the State Convention in Shipshewana, you want to register and pay for your meals before April 1st or they go up \$5 per meal. Also, get your hotel reservation in before you have to stay at a different hotel. This is a time to meet Lions from all over the State and to meet our International President. The meals are very inexpensive and the committee worked hard to keep prices down.

We have visited over 80% of our clubs in our District. This has been a wonderful experience and look forward to visiting the rest of the clubs. We hope to see you at the District Convention. This is your chance to see old friends and meet new ones.

Remember to think membership, just ask someone!

Wishing all of you a Blessed and Happy Easter and Spring!

DG Randy Greer

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Message from VDG Patty Cooke



Hello Fellow Lions!

I hope you are all staying warm. We were having such a nice winter, then we get a blizzard! I will be optimistic that spring is just around the corner. I look forward to the crocuses blooming and the Lions flipping flapjacks. I will have to hit the road to find the “best pancakes”.

This past weekend, I was with my fellow VDG’s for more training to be your District Governor. We covered topics from listening to dealing with conflict, leadership to planning for future leaders, motivating to membership. Although at times, this path seems daunting, my enthusiasm to be your Governor has not wavered.

One of the things that keep me passionate about Lionism is our Centennial slogan “Where There’s a NEED, There’s a LION”. How true this is! We make a difference around the world – clean water in Malaysia, a school for women in Morocco, an earthquake in Taiwan, eye screenings in Mexico. In our Communities, the Lions of 25A are serving in hundreds of ways: providing scholarships, donating to food banks, eye screenings, Relay for Life, blood drives, senior luncheons, dictionaries for 3rd graders, and the list goes on and on. Then to finance all these activities, we sell Hoagie sandwiches, organize golf outings, make piles of pancakes, fry up plates of fish, stir of pots of spaghetti sauce, and so much more.

Lions Make a Difference! And we have been doing it for 100 Years.

I am looking forward to the upcoming convention on March 11 and 12 and seeing many of you. I am looking forward to my year as Governor and coming to your clubs and hearing more about what you do in your towns and communities.

Truly we Lions are a powerful group and no more so then here in Indiana. Where There’s a NEED, There’s a LION!

Yours in Lionism

VDG Patty



We welcome these new members:

Chesterton	Tom Watkins	Sponsor Robin Smith
Dyer	Brian Kissinger	Sponsor Bob Block
Hamlet	Rose Frost	Sponsor Karen Pinkham
Hebron	John Nilsen	Sponsor Thomas Zacek
Hobart	Lisa Tonello	Sponsor Clarence Davis
Hobart	Nick Tonello	Sponsor PDG Tom Hansen
Michigan City	Albert Weiss	Sponsor Edward Frank
Mill Creek	Janet Ebsch	Sponsor Tom Sharp
Westville	Beverly Dickinson	Sponsor Dave Dickinson

We honor those Lions who served:

Lion Carlos Godinez	Indiana Harbor East Chicago Lions Club
Lion Larry Clark	Valparaiso Lions Club

Zone Meetings

Zone 1-C Tuesday, March 1st Jedi Restaurant – Griffith 6:30 P.M.

Guest Speaker Lion Dottie Flack Indiana Cancer Control

Zone1-A Monday, April 11th Hammond 6:30

Revised Meal Deadlines

"Lions For All The Seasons!"



Please Join
District Governor Randy Greer
at Our
District 25A Convention



March 11-12, 2016

Best Western Hotel and Conference Center

444 Pine Lake Avenue

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

LaPorte, IN 46350

Reservations are to be made directly to the Hotel

219-362-4585

Deadline for Hotel is February 11, 2016 Extended to the 20th

Buffet Breakfast

Deadline for Meals is Extended to March 7th

Saturday

Conference Registration is free - Saturday from 8AM-10:45AM

Seminars will be at 9AM & 10AM - 1st Business Session begins at 11AM

Friday, March 11th "Hawaiian Casual" Meet the ID 5:30PM Social 6:00PM Dinner
\$20.00 per person X ____ = \$ ____

Saturday, March 12th Deli Lunch Noon \$15.00 per person X ____ = \$ ____

Saturday, March 12th Banquet 5PM Social 5:30PM Dinner
\$25.00 per person X ____ = \$ ____

Total ____

Display table for our Club/State/District Project ____

need electric ____ Contact Lion Doug at d_schmeltz@hotmail.com Displays from 8AM-1PM

Club: ____

Name/Title: ____

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Mail to: CS Lion Judy Shaffer 387 Raritan Drive Valparaiso, IN 46385

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

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District 25A Convention Schedule

Saturday, March 12, 2016

8:00 – 10:45 Registration

8:00 – 1:00 Displays and Table Sales



9:00-9:50	Seminars	10:00 – 10:50
Room A: Eyeglass Mission		Room A:
Room B:	Dance Party for Diabetes Awareness	Acuity with
New Member Orientation	10:00-10:50 Barcelona Room	P. Kay Nottingham Chaplin, EdD

12:00 to 1:00 Lunch

1:15 Banner Line Up

11:00 First Business Session

Call to Order	DG Randy Greer
Sergeant of Arms	Lion Lou Stanko
Posting of Colors	Amvets
Pledge of Allegiance	2 nd VDG Robin Smith
God Bless America	1 st VDG Patty Cooke
Invocation	Chaplain Ed Piontek
Greeting	Lions Chuck & Butch, Co-Chairs
Welcome & Introduction of ID	DG Randy Greer
Resolution	1 st VDG Patty Cooke
Necrology Service	PDG Margaret Verkuilen
Peace Poster &	1 st VDG Patty Cooke
Environmental Photo Winners	1 st VDG Patty Cooke

Lunch

1:30 Second Business Session

<i>Presentation of Club Banners</i>	2 nd VDG Robin Smith
Club Role Call (2 Min.)	CS Judy Shaffer
Reports (Limit 2 minutes)	
<i>(RC, AC, District and State Committees & Projects)</i>	
Induction of New Members	LaPorte Lions
Message to Lions of 25A	ID Roderick P. Wright
Int. Con. Chairmen	PDG Bob Block
State Convention	PDG Paul Russell
Parliamentarian	
Constitution and by-Laws	CT Gary Shaffer
Nominations	RC Butch Weston

(3 minutes demonstrations allowed)

Elections and Voting

4:00 PDG Meeting with ID Roderick P. Wright
 4:00 to 5:00 Hospitality Room 222
 5:00 to 5:30 Social and Cash Bar in Banquet Room
 5:30 Head Table Line Up

5:00 Reception and Banquet Schedule

5:00 to 5:30	Reception-Cash Bar
5:30	Head Table Line Up
5:45	District 25A Banquet
Introduction of Head Table	Lions Chuck & Butch, Co-Chairs
Invocation	Chaplain Ed Piontek
Intro of Dignitaries & Family	Lion Chuck Delascasas
	DG Randy Greer
Dinner	
Speaker	ID Roderick Wright
Awards	ID Roderick P. Wright
	DG Randy Greer
Voting Results	RC Butch Weston
Introduction of DG Elect	DG Randy Greer
Introduction of 1 st VDG Elect	DG Randy Greer
Introduction of 2 nd VDG Elect	DG Randy Greer
Int. Con. Chair	PDG Bob Block
Silent Auction	PDG Margaret Verkuilen
Tail Twisting	Lion Jody Greer
District Raffle	PDG Dennis Brown
Announcements	Lions Chuck & Butch, Co-Chairs
Benediction	Chaplain Ed Piontek

25A Hospitality (Room 222) 9:00-11:00



Serving through the Seasons



Dance Party

At The District 25A Convention

March 12, 2016
10:00 – 10:50 a.m.



Dance Instructor: Al Zahn (Retired Teacher)

Dance and promote the Strides program, which spreads awareness, educates communities and inspires healthy and active lifestyles to prevent or manage diabetes.

Each participant will receive a Strides Certificate!



District 25A Lions Convention

Friday Night Dinner
March 11, 2016

5:30 pm Social & 6:00 pm Dinner

\$20.00 per person – Fill out Registration Form



Guest Speaker: ID Roderick P. Wright

Entertainment: Mikaela Smith

Dress Attire: *"Hawaiian Casual"*

"Hele mei hooihwahua" – Come Celebrate!

25A District Convention Guest Speaker

Addressing the 10:00-10:50AM Acuity Seminar at the District Convention on Saturday, March 12, 2016 will be Guest Speaker P. Kay Nottingham Chaplin, EdD. The following is a short Bio:

P. Kay Nottingham Chaplin, EdD

*****NATIONAL and INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER and CONSULTANT*****

- **Director, Vision and Eye Health Initiatives – School Health Corporation and Good-Lite**

304-906-2204

kay@good-lite.com



BIO:

P. Kay Nottingham Chaplin, EdD, is a:

- Member of the National Expert Advisory Committee and Co-Chair of the Education/Data Subcommittee to the **National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health at Prevent Blindness**, tasked to implement recommendations of the National Expert Panel for a universal preschool vision screening strategy. <http://nationalcenter.preventblindness.org/>
- A partner in the Year of Children's Vision, an initiative with the National Head Start Association, AAPOS, School Health, and the Binocular Vision, Perception & Pediatric Optometry Section of the American Academy of Optometry. <http://nationalcenter.preventblindness.org/year-childrens-vision>
- Co-Leader of the Task Force that revised the Prevent Blindness Position Statement on School-Age Vision Screening and Eye Health Programs.

Dr. Chaplin has worked in the vision and eye health world since February 15, 2001; has provided 178 vision screening workshops; and has lectured, trained, and consulted at 160 international, national, state, and local venues, including national webinars, and annual conferences for the:

- National Association of School Nurses.
- National Head Start Association.
- National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners.
- Society for Physician Assistants in Pediatrics.
- School-Based Health Alliance.



Attention New Members

We would like to invite all new members to the District Convention. There will be a New Member Orientation Seminar from 9:00-9:50 AM and also the LaPorte Lions will be inducting new Lions members in a special candlelight ceremony during the 2nd Business Session beginning at 1:30 PM.



2016 INDIANA LIONS STATE CONVENTION

APRIL 29—MAY 1, 2016

"In the Heart of Amish Country"
Shipshewana, Indiana

Hosted by the Lakeville Lions Club and Lions of District 25-G

With Honored Guest

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DR. JITSUHIRO YAMADA

Register and pay [online](#)

OR Print and mail the [registration form](#) with your payment

Convention Headquarters Hotel **Blue Gate Garden Inn**

800 S. Van Buren St., Shipshewana, IN 46565
(800) 545-4725



Room Rate: \$89.99 plus taxes (complimentary breakfast)

Call for reservations or reserve [online](#)

Choose "Book Now". Choose "Group Code" & type "Lions2016". Choose dates of stay.
Click "Check Availability" & select your room preference.

Advertise in the Convention Book

Full Page (5"x8") \$200.00, Half Page (5"x4") \$100.00, Quarter Page (5"x2") \$50.00, Name on sponsor page \$25.00

Click [here](#) to download the advertising form

Want an Exhibit Table?

Contact John Krzyzanowski at jkrzyzanowski@sbcglobal.net or 574-360-9323

Check out our website: <http://indianalionsconvention.org/>
We're on Facebook too: www.facebook.com/ILSC2016



INDIANA LIONS 2016 STATE CONVENTION

“In the Heart of Amish Country”
Shipshewana, Indiana

April 29—May 1, 2016

Convention Booklet Advertising Application

- Promote an upcoming event for your Club, District or Business
- Honor your club's Melvin Jones or W.P. Woods Fellows or your Past District Governors
- Thank your District Governor for a great 2015-16 Lions Year

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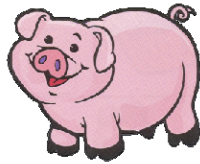
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Please send this application with check made payable to Indiana Lions State Convention to
PDG Ann Haffner, 11268 N. St. Rd. 13, Syracuse, IN 46567



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Lakes Of The Four Seasons Lions Club Pork Chop Dinner

Lakes of the Four Seasons Clubhouse
Sunday April 10th

From 4:00 PM til 7:00 PM

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

For Tickets Call:

Lion Chuck De Las Casas

Home 219-663-9325 Cell 219-776-3031



LAKE OF THE FOUR SEASONS LIONS CLUB STEAK SALE

We will be selling our "steak fry" steaks. They are 12oz vein in New York strip steaks. They will be individually wrapped and frozen for \$6 each. There will be a minimum purchase of 4 steaks. You can also buy by the case which contains 16. The steaks will have to be prepaid before we order. Please make checks payable to LOFS Lion Club.

Dead line to order steaks will be April 12th, 2015.

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 April 16th, 2015 from 9am til 11am!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Number of Steaks: _____ x \$6.00 = \$ _____

Cash: \$ _____ Check #: _____

Rensselaer Lions Complete Operation Kid Sight

The Rensselaer Lions completed their eye testing for the preschool students. They tested 143 students in 7 different preschools in Rensselaer.



Lion Bob Souza tests a student at the Alphabet Soup Preschool.

Merrillville Lions Donate to Local Police




Merrillville Lions President Michael Minogue is presenting a check for \$1000 to the Merrillville Police Department for purchase of a protective vest.

Chesterton Lions Donate to Fire Departments

Chesterton Lions President Laura Layman presented checks for \$500 each to Liberty Township, Chesterton, and Porter Fire Department Chiefs.



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Cedar Lake		Lions Club
10 Melvin Jones	Chartered April 28, 1947	7 Life Members
2 WP Woods		Fishing for Life Tour

Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Palm Sunday- March 20, 2016 7am-Noon

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

Adults - \$6 Kids-\$3 Call 219-374-9714 for more information



Cedar Lake Lion Angie Schmeltz sponsors new Lion member Vickie Rainwater to her club.

Note: Lion Angie's e-mail address has changed to : emschmeltz@yahoo.com

Four Cedar Lake Lions received their service chevrons for years of service. Left to right: Lion Dan Kouder— 30 yrs, Lion Jay Sheehy— 35 yrs, Lion Dick Kutchek—45 yrs; Lion Doug Schmeltz—30 yrs.

Region 2, Zones A & B Fundraiser at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

Lions Pancakes at the National Lakeshore's Maple Sugar Time!



March 5th-6th and 12th-13th 10am – 2pm



The Lions Clubs of Porter and Lake Counties will be serving pancake breakfasts during the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Maple Sugar Time program at Chellberg Farm. Get your pancakes from 10 am – 2 pm on the weekends of March 5th & 6th and 12th & 13th.

The breakfast costs \$6.00 and includes pancakes, sausages and a drink. All proceeds will go to the Department for the Blind/Low Vision of Porter County Education Services.

For more information about the Maple Sugar Time program, go to:

<http://www.dunesnationalpark.org/events>

OR

<https://www.facebook.com/IndianaDunesNL>

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Lakes of the Four Seasons hosts "Polar Plunge"



Lion Jason DeLasCasas is the first one in for the second year in a row. LOFS Firefighters join in the Plunge.

Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions Club held its second "Polar Plunge" on Saturday, February 6th at Sandy Beach on Lake Holiday in LOFS. They made \$2000 which will go to various Lions' projects and to the Lakes of the Four Seasons Fire Force. The Fire Department provided safety backup and participated in the jump.



Griffith Lions 2nd Annual Spaghetti Supper

You are invited to a spaghetti supper on

Saturday March 19th

from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

at St. Mary's Small Hall

525 N. Lafayette St. Griffith



There will be:

Spaghetti with Homemade Sauce

Tossed Salad

Italian Bread

Dessert

Coffee, Lemonade, and Water

A goodwill offering would be greatly appreciated for Lion projects.



Mission To Mexico—Tulancingo

Week 1: Feb. 13 — 20



Many of our volunteers with the local volunteers.....ready for our first day servicing in Tulancingo.






District 25A had 32 Lions participate in a Lions Eye-glass Recycling Mission in Tulancingo, Mexico, about a 2 hour ride from Mexico City. Beginning February 13th. On February 20th, 10 Lions returned home and the remaining 22 Lions went to Apan, Hidalgo Mexico for a second week of service. The first week, 5768 people were provided with eyecare.

Where is the DG?

See an open date? Contact DG Randy to schedule your club official visit:

H: 219-759-2865 C: 219-728-8432 or lionrandy@yahoo.com

March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Zone Meeting Griffith 6:30	2	3	4	5 District E Convention
6 Chellberg Farm	7 Convention Mtg	8 Schererville OV	9	10	11 	12 
13 Chellberg Farm	14	15 Star City OV	16	17 Crown Point Spring Bingo 	18	19 District B Convention Spaghetti Dinner— Griffith
 20 Pancake Day— Cedar Lake, Hebron, Union Mills	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 	28	29	30	31		

April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Whiting Pancake Breakfast	4 Lake Station OV	5 Koontz Lake OV	6 Bass Lake Smelt Fry	7	8	9
10 Kouts Pancake Breakfast	11 Zone Meeting 1A Hammond 6:00	12 Remington OV	13	14	15	16 Lowell Pancake Breakfast
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 South Haven Candy Day
24 Michigan City Pancakes LOFS Pork Chop	25	26	27	28	29	30
					State Convention	