



## District 25A News

# The Force is Strong in 25A Lions

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Dear 25A Lions

Convention time is here!!! I hope you all are getting the email blast and that all the club presidents and secretaries are forwarding or getting the information to the club members. Communication is key and if you don't know who to contact please utilize the district directory. Each club should have at least 3 copies of the directory and it is also available online. Please utilize your resources.

The conventions are a great way to **support** your District and **support** your Clubs. We spend a lot of time **supporting** our communities that sometimes we forget to **support** one another. There are a lot of clubs that are being represented by members that are running for trustee and officer positions. At the District Convention, every club is assigned a number of delegates who can vote and show their **support** for the members who are running for these important, elected positions.

The only position that we do not have filled on the ballot is the 2VDG position. Leadership is key to our District success and a big obstacle is time. We all have the same amount of time, 24 hours a day, and if I can be DG while working full time, coaching girls golf in the fall, coaching boys golf in the spring, staying active in the Hamlet Lions club and chairing committees, taking time for the family and spoiling the grandkids and antiquing with my wife and not to mention playing golf all summer long, it can be done. Yes, it does take time to be DG and there are necessary meetings around the state to attend. But the meetings are spread out and scheduled in advance, so anyone can manage their time and adjust their busy schedule accordingly.

Not to mention the **support** you get from your team and your family. I'm having a great time being District Governor because I have the **support** of my wife, Wendy, and the **support** of a great Cabinet Secretary, Steve Helmken, and a great Cabinet Treasurer, Tiffany Nagai. Plus all the **support** from my home club and all the Lions that have made my official visits fun and enjoyable.

We are a big Lions family and supporting other Lions and Lions Clubs is essential in our success in our ability TO SERVE.

I hope to see you at the District 25A convention to show your support and have a good time. There will be plenty of exciting things going on. Also, the State Convention in Bloomington is in April and the International Convention in Singapore in July. Please show your Support of Lions and May the Lions Be With You!!

God bless,

DG Mitchell D. Semans



**Convention Notes:**

Please bring your club banners to the convention. The ***Parade of Banners*** will be during the second business session at 2:00 PM on Saturday, March 14, 2020.

There will be an award for the club with the most members in attendance. Also, for the club with the highest percentage of members in attendance.

**Early registration** is highly encouraged and you have **till March 6, 2020**, to make **meal reservations**. If you have members that didn't register early, they can do so on the day of the convention. But it really helps the Cabinet Secretary if everyone is pre-registered before the convention.

**Silent auction items**

If you are bringing an item or items to the convention on Saturday morning, March 14th, please let Naomi Rodriguez, Alice Helmken, or Angie Schmeltz know. They will need to make up a bid sheet.

Thank you and *May the LIONS be with you,*

**CS Stephen J. Helmken**

**Lions**

In February I enjoyed attending the 1st VDG training at St Charles. It was an awesome experience to be with so many Lions. In our class we had a mixture from different countries including India, Iceland, Australia, Canada, Zambia and other states including Hawaii, California Kansas and Vermont. We are pictured below.

This mixture of Lions with all the same goal to share Lionism throughout the world in the same manner Kindness. As we go through our different projects within our clubs and commit to help others, we should do this with Kindness to our fellow Lions. Serving through Kindness was very strong through our week in St Charles, so my Motto for my year will be "Serving through Kindness". So as Lions I challenge you to do an act of Kindness every day

Yours in Lionism



## 25A Lions

We are excited for the upcoming D25A district convention. We hope that many Lions will attend and enjoy the event. This is a great time to meet old friends and create new ones. As Lions go through the convention and seminar's we encourage you to take back new ideas to your clubs. D25A's goal is to encourage club members to grow and to also consider the opportunity to help in our district. We have had many great DG's, cabinet secretaries, cabinet treasures, region chairs and zone chairs -- there are always opportunities for you as Lions to be that next great leader. I encourage you to reflect on your successes as a Lion and then reflect into the future and ask yourself "How can I make a difference to my club and the district".

We are all Lions for the same common goal—to serve. Leadership is not for everyone, however, we have all had those Lions that encouraged, guided and expressed how they felt towards a task or position we have each held. If District Governor is not in your plans, please think about a trustee position on a state project, district project, cabinet officer or zone chair in the district. I have seen and heard from many great Lion's throughout this great district and we have the men and women to lead us into the Lions future. Lions is all about volunteering your time and resources for the better of humanitarian efforts and serving our communities. We are all reminded that "Where There is a Need, There is a Lion" and we NEED Lions to step up into district leadership roles to continue are district's successes.

If anyone is excited and ready to step up in the district, please see 1VDG Will or 2VDG Dave during the convention to look at the opportunities there are to grow in this great organization. Have a great 2020 district convention.



2VDG Dave Dickinson

### Women's Membership Symposium

Sunday May 3th, 2020 from 2:00 to 5:00

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Parish Hall

507 Rose Ave Kouts, IN 46347

Light Refreshments \* Raffle \* Items for Sale

### And a Painting Party!

**Speaker to named in next reminder — SAVE THE DATE!**

**Enjoy the Afternoon —Bring a potential new Lion—Have some Fun!**

**Please bring personal care items and paper products to be given to Sojourner Truth Home**

Must make reservation by 4/26 \$10.00 per person

Contact: PDG Patty Cooke 219-801-4626 \*\* [patty.cooke@gmail.com](mailto:patty.cooke@gmail.com)

Or PDG Margaret Verkuilen 219-923-0776

Leave message with Name, Phone Number, Club and number of guests

**All attending the Convention NEED TO REGISTER**

## 25A DISTRICT CONVENTION

District Governor Mitchell Semans

March 13 & 14, 2020



Our Special Weekend Guest is **ID Mark Lyon & Lion Lyn**



**MAY THE LIONS BE WITH YOU**

Make reservations directly with the Hotel *Ramada Hotel & Conference Center*

4141 S. Calumet Ave, Hammond, IN 46320 – (219) 803-1547

**ROOM RATE:** \$87.00 plus taxes - per night – until February 27, 2020 – Breakfast included

Call 219-803-1547 and ask for **“Lions District Convention”**

**FRIDAY NIGHT ID WELCOME DINNER**

**SATURDAY LUNCH - SATURDAY BANQUET\*** (see prices below)

Registration & Meal Reservation **Deadline:** Payment *received* by March 6, 2020

No Pre-reservations will be accepted after March 6<sup>th</sup> – Registration available at the Convention

Limited number of meals will be available for Friday & Saturday – No phone calls will be accepted

<b>PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY – ADD ADDITIONAL NAMES ON BACK</b>		<b>Please note Title or Lion, or guest</b>	
Name:		Title: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Name:		Title: Guest <input type="checkbox"/>	
Lions Club:		Region:	Zone: District: <u>25A</u> or
Address:		Email:	
City, State & Zip:		Phone:	
Friday ID Welcome Dinner - <i>Roast Beef, Cheese Ravioli Buffet</i>	\$ 20.00 X	No. Meals ____ =	\$
Saturday Lunch – <i>Assorted Sandwiches, Potato Salad</i>	\$ 14.00 X	No. Meals ____ =	\$
Saturday Banquet – <i>Grecian Chicken, Perch, Mostaccioli Buffet</i>	\$ 24.00 X	No. Meals ____ =	\$
Friday or Saturday Meals for Child 12 & Under	\$ 10.00 X	No. Meals ____ =	\$
Make check payable: <b>District 25A Convention</b>		Total Enclosed	\$
Please <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian meal requested			
Please <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Registration Only - FREE (no meals) <i>All attending the Convention NEED TO REGISTER</i>			
Please <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sales table – Club, Foundation, or Committees: Contact person/phone: _____			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sales table – Vendor - \$10.00 Fee: Contact person/phone: _____			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity needed (on first reply basis – limited amount)			
Mail to:		<b>CS STEPHEN J. HELMKEN, 6522 W LAURA LN., LA PORTE, IN 46350</b>	





## 2020 Indiana Lions State Convention

Hosted by District 25C

April 24, 25, 26, 2020



Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center  
302 South College Ave., Bloomington, Indiana

**Special Guests: Past International President Bob Corlew and Lion Dianne**

**Marriott Convention Hotel (attached to Convention Center)**

310 South College Ave., Bloomington, IN 47401 (Free Parking available at Convention Center)

Room Rate: \$139.00 per night, plus tax, until March 23, 2020

Call 1-800-321-2211 or 1-812-335-8000 for Reservations (Mention "Indiana Lions Convention")

**NOTE:** There are many other hotels in Bloomington, but this is Little 500 Weekend at IU, so be sure to book early!

### Alternate Hotels in Bloomington are:

Hyatt Hotel, 1 ½ Blks. North of Convention Ctr., \$119 per night (812-339-5950), 217 S. Kirkwood Ave.

(The Hyatt Hotel charges \$10/day for parking, but serves free breakfast daily)

Fairfield Inn, 2.5 mi. from Conv. Ctr., \$103 per night, Breakfast included; (812-331-1122), 120 S. Fairfield Dr.;

Quality Inn, 2.2 mi. from Conv. Ctr., Breakfast included, 1100 W. Rappel Ave., \$70-80 per night (812-558-2289)

### Registration Form (one form per person)

**Deadline:** All Registrations must be postmarked by April 10, 2020

*Please print name/Lion Title as desired on name badge:*

Name and Lion Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Evening BBQ Dinner \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch: Choose 1 below: \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Salad \_\_\_\_\_ or Club Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_

(Both include chips, fruit salad, cookie & drink)

Saturday Night Banquet: Choose 1 below \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Piccata \_\_\_\_\_ or Citrus Glazed Pork Chop \_\_\_\_\_

(Please mark as needed: Gluten free \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian/Vegan \_\_\_\_\_)

Sunday Brunch \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Golf Outing (Pay at golf course \$40.00)

Strides Walk T Shirt Size (S to 2XL) \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2020 Indiana Convention Pin \$ 4.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Registration Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_**



Mail This Registration Form and your Check, payable to

Indiana Lions State Convention 2020, to:

PDG Jim Query, 2408 Shepard Patrick Rd., Spencer, IN 47460

(Contact info: 1-812-829-4496 or [jequery@bluemarble.net](mailto:jequery@bluemarble.net))

You may also Register Online and pay with PayPal: [www.indianalionsconvention.org](http://www.indianalionsconvention.org)

## District Membership

As promised during the last cabinet meeting, contest winners are listed below with a "\*" (along with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places).

Unfortunately for you all, I'm kind of a numbers guy so here goes some information. Of all the Lions in our District, 40 Lions (3.11% of our membership) sponsored a new Lion. 13 of those Lions (32% of the 40 or 1% of our overall membership) accounted for over 52% of the new Lions.

For the rest of the Lion year, we are going to reset from January 1<sup>st</sup> data and go again with the same four categories with the same \$50 prize. We'll tabulate your efforts through the end of June and announce the results at the July cabinet meeting. As a reminder, those with the "\*" below are eligible to win an extra \$50 on me if they are able to repeat their results and win their category.

One other category of note – Transfers. Kouts lost two members during this period, but South Haven was able to capture those two known members for their club. Please, when someone in your club is moving, help me help you get them in contact with the local Lions where they are moving. Michiana Club was also able to capitalize on a new member arriving from another club.

4 contest categories:

Top Recruiter (individual award):

\*Lion Emily Howard of Mill Creek sponsored 4 new Lions.

Lions Daisy King of Rolling Prairie and Larry Dennison of Lake of the Four Seasons both sponsored 3 new Lions.

10 other Lions each sponsored 2 new Lions.

27 other Lions each sponsored 1 new Lion.

Top New Members (Club):

\*Mill Creek - 9 new members (+7 for the year).

Lake of the Four Seasons - 5 new members (+2 for the year).

Rolling Prairie - 4 new members (+1 for the year).

Westville - 4 new members (+2 for the year).

Top % Gain (Club):

\*Merrillville - +60%

Mill Creek - +28%

Michiana - +8.33%

Top Reinstated Lions (Club):

\*Bass Lake - 1

\*Hanna - 1

May the LIONS be with you.

Yours in service,

GMT Bryan K. Cecrle



## Plan ahead for this year's Indiana Lions State Convention in Bloomington

**To receive your Melvin Jones Fellowship Honor at state Convention on Saturday April 25, 2020 ..... Please plan ahead!**

Any Indiana Lions Club or person that would like to receive their Melvin Jones Fellowship Honor presented during the noon luncheon at the Indiana Lions State Convention on Saturday April 25, 2020 in Bloomington, IN. should plan for it now. Everyone will have this unique opportunity in that it will be presented by past Lions Clubs International President Chancellor Bob 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 past International President Chancellor Bob 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Even if you have not received the actual MJF plaque before 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at [gochsinlions@att.net](mailto:gochsinlions@att.net) or call 812-275-7241. Thank you.**



**DON'T MISS THE FUN OF...**

**EuChre!**

**RESERVE YOUR SEAT!!!**

**Join other Euchre Fans on Friday night, April 24 at 7:30pm at the Indiana Lions State Convention! Signs will be posted!**

**No entry fee, but bring a gift card to be used for prizes (gas, grocery, coffee, restaurants)**

Email or call PDG Peg VanNevel to sign up!  
[pitchinpeg@yahoo.com](mailto:pitchinpeg@yahoo.com) / 574-220-2362

### District 25A Convention

## SILENT AUCTION

**Saturday, March 14, 2020**

*Please bring all items early on Saturday morning.*

**The Convention Committee is asking each club to participate by donating a basket, or items, valued at \$25.00 or more, for the auction.**



For more information, please contact either one of the co-chairs:

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or

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**Michigan City Lions Club** First Vice President Irene Rose-year shows the re-stocked food pantry shelves at the Sand Castle Shelter for Homeless Families in Michigan City. Lions members brought in boxes and boxes of non-perishable foods to fill the shelves back up.







**Trivia Night**

**Hosted by:**  
**South Haven Lions Club**

**When:**  
**Saturday, April 18th, 2020**  
**Doors open at 6 pm**  
**Event starts at 7 pm**

**Where:**  
**American Legion Post 502**  
**429 W. 750 N.**  
**Valparaiso, In. 46385**

**Questions:**  
**Contact Lion Jason Kegebein**  
**at 973.6608**

**Cost:**  
\$10 per person  
\$80 per table  
\$15 per person at the door

**Logistic:**  
\* Cash Only Event.  
\* Ages 18 & Up.  
\* Maximum of 8 per table.  
\* Must register & pay by April 11th to reserve table.  
\* 10 categories with 10 questions per round.  
\* Prizes will be awarded to top 3 teams.  
\* 50/50 & Raffles.  
\* Mulligans available for \$1 each (up to 10).  
\* Concessions available for purchase.  
\* No Smoking.  
\* Cash Bar.  
\* 1 free raffle ticker per person.  
\* Have fun!




**Crown Point Lions Club**  
Smoke Free

**SPRING BINGO PARTY**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020**  
St. Elijah Church 8700 Taft Street – 6:30 p.m.

**GIFT CARDS**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 P.M.**  
**FIRST BINGO AT 6:30 P.M.**  
Donation \$6.00

No Carry-in Food or Beverages Allowed. Food & Beverages Available on Premises

**Bingo & Door Prizes**  
Bring used eye glasses and receive extra Bingo cards


**ADULTS ONLY**

**BINGO**

**15 22 35 52**  
**3 17 41 6**

**ALPHABETICALLY**  
**C K P O**

LIC# 001729



**Cedar Lake**  
**Lions Club**

**ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020**  
**7:30 A.M. to Noonish**  
**Hanover Central High School**  
**Cafeteria**  
**10120 W. 133rd Avenue**  
**Cedar Lake, IN 46303**  
**Cafeteria Door E**

**FREE WILL OFFERING**  
**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY**  
**AND OTHER PROJECTS**

**New Voices Symposium**  
**"New Voices Care To Be Aware"**

**March 28 at 9:00am**  
**Zionsville Town Hall, 1100 W. Oak St, Zionsville, IN**

**Guest Speakers:** Dr. Lisa R. Korff – Breast Cancer Awareness  
PID Linda Tincher – Why Stepping up into Leadership Roles are Important and Why it Should be ME  
Michele Isenhower – Style Show by Michele's on Main & Michele's Boutique & Gifts  
PCC Ross Drapalik – Importance of New Lions and How a Community Benefits

Enjoy a delicious lunch: Chicken Salad/Croissant, Salads, Fresh Fruit, Dessert


**Make Checks payable to: District 25C Lions**  
\$10.00 per person - Please include guest names, Lion names, Club name & title

**Mail to: Beth Collins**  
1609 E Co Rd 1100 S  
Galveston, IN 46932

**Bring a Non-Lion Guest or Two With You!**

**Door Prizes!**

**State Project Tables!**





**Crown Point Lions**  
received Club Excellence Award. Right: DG Semans presents the award to 1st Vice Joe Beckman at the Council Meeting.  
Left: Past President Dan and PDG Dennis.



DG Mitch installed new members : Lions Dominick DiMichele, Rose Kendall, and Teri Zenere.

**Upcoming Events:**

Spring Bingo April 2, 2020

Golf Outing May 23, 2020



**Mill Creek inducts new Members:**

Left to Right: Installing officer– 2VDG Lion Dave Dickinson. President of Mill Creek and sponsor- Lion Thomas Sharp. New members: Lion Michele Spence, Lion David Spence, Lion Joe Whicker, Lion Sherry Evenburgh, Lion Mike Berby, and Sponsor Lion Emily Howard. Lion Keith Ludwig was inducted but is not pictured. Three new members that still need to be inducted: Lion Jason Higley, Lion Carrie Campbell, and Lion Ida Ludwig.







**Westville Lions** are busy. Left Above: Clarise Largen from LaPorte Hospitals with Westville Lions President Whitney Martin. Clarise provided the glucose screenings . Above Right: Peace poster contestants Laci Ann Wilke, Maverick Markos, Kailee Culp, and President Whitney Martin. . Below: Many 25A Lions enjoy the Westville Chili Dinner

Below right and left: Members of **Indiana Harbor East Chicago Lions** visited with the Arecibo, Puerto Rico, Lions Club close to the areas devastated by earthquake damage. We were able to make a donation from our club to go directly for earthquake aid. We were also able to visit some tent shelters and made material donations of mosquito repellents to residents who have been displaced from their homes because of unsafe conditions.



Right: **Michigan City Lions Club** 1st VP Irene Rosevear and Lion Bill Rosevear dropped off Valentine treat bags for the LaPorte County Meals on Wheel recipients when they arrived to take their turn with meal deliveries.







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

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

Left: Hebron Lions donate \$500 to the police department.



### Lions Who Have Completed their Service

Quentin L. Dillinger	Chesterton
Lloyd E Donnelly Jr	Lowell
Heidi Zima	Schererville Central
Kenneth Mattox	Westville



### Welcome New Lions!

**Hamlet** — Fiona E McLellan

Sponsor: Catherine Raub

**Hebron** — Frank C Tomashefski

Sponsor: Richard Gideon

**Kouts** — Gregory J Clapp

Sponsor: Gregory Breitzke

**Kouts** — Vicky L Clapp

Sponsor: Jenene Breitzke

**Lowell** — Vicky M Elliot-Cullen

Sponsor:

**Mill Creek Community** — Sherry A Evenburg

Sponsor: Emily Howard

**Mill Creek Community** — Keith J Ludwig

Sponsor: Thomas Sharp

**Mill Creek Community** — Ida Ludwig

Sponsor: Thomas Sharp

**Schererville Central** — Alexander Goman

Sponsor: Joanne Freeland



Westville Lions Club teamed up with the Westville Elementary School to collect eyeglasses, hearing aids and used keys. Top 3 classes will receive awards for most collected. Each class was given a 5 gallon bucket to fill. We will announce the winners in April newsletter.



Support the **South Haven Lions Club**

## WIN "Dinner For A Year"

*Dinner for a year is defined as once a month starting March 2020-February 2021. Dinner & soft drink included, max total value is \$20.*

**Drawing date: March 8th at 6 pm**

**Portage Texas Corral**

5880 US Route 6 Portage, IN 46368

**\$5.00 per ticket - Only 250 being Sold**



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## March 2020 Calendar

Mar	3	La Crosse—Induction of New Member
Mar	5	Kouts—Induction of New Members
Mar	7	42nd Annual Lions Day with the United Nations
Mar	8	South Haven Lions—Win “Dinner for a Year” drawing—see Page 11 for flyer
Mar	10	Highland OV
Mar	11	La Porte OV
Mar	13	Meet the ID Dinner
Mar	14	District 25A Convention—Ramada Inn in Hammond — See Page 4 for flyer
Mar	21	St John Lion Candlelight Bowling — see page 11 for flyer
Mar	24	Schererville OV
Apr	2	Crown Point Lions Bingo — see page 8 for flyer
Apr	5	Cedar Lake Lions Pancake Breakfast — see page 8 for flyer
Apr	18	South Haven Lions Trivia Night — see page 8 for flyer



**Come join us in Singapore!**

**103rd Lions Clubs International Convention**

**June 26 - 30, 2020**

**SANDS EXPO & CONVENTION CENTER**

- Until March 31, 2020, the regular registration fee is US\$225
- April 1, 2020 through onsite registration, the fee is US\$250
- May 1, 2020 is deadline to submit a refund request

**LCI is monitoring the Coronavirus outbreak and its affect on the safety of Lions attending the convention. For now we are moving forward with planning a fantastic event for the Indiana Lions!**

**Upcoming LCICON locations:**

**2021 Montreal, Quebec**

**2022 New Delhi, India**

**2023 Boston, MA**

**2024 Melbourne, Australia**

**2025 Mexico City, Mexico**

**2026 Atlanta, GA**