March District 25-A Newsletter







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District Governor, Will Farrellbegg

Lions,

It is convention time, and our convention team is working hard to bring you a great Convention at the Merrillville Hilton Gardens Inn on Saturday March 20th. Even with some restrictions due to Covid we will bring you an exciting and enjoyable day. Our Guest speaker is ID Justin Faber from Michigan. We will give him a warm and Lion friendly welcome to our district.

There is still time to register for convention. Please mail checks to CS Stephen along with the registration form. The registration form is included in the newsletter. Unfortunately we will not be allowing registration the day of because we need to have an accurate head count. Please make sure to bring a mask as we will be wearing them and social distancing.

Our State Convention will be in Indianapolis the weekend of April 30th through May 2nd. This will be a great learning experience and a fun weekend. You can find the registration form towards the end of this newsletter.

"We Serve "is the Lions Motto and despite the many restrictions we have faced over the past year many of us found a way to continue our service. There were many times that it was difficult to serve within our Communities as a result of the Covid restrictions. Despite the restrictions and the odds not in our favor we found a way.

Many communities are having a decrease in Covid numbers and with this some restrictions are being lifted. With restrictions lifting it will allow us to move forward and continue serving our communities as we have done in the past. Many of our clubs have been inventive in their ways to raise funds and help their communities. Let us take these new ideas and incorporate them with how we have served in the past so we can reach more and help more. "We Serve" proudly and safely in our communities and more people have relied on us than before. It is truly remarkable to see the creativity and outside of the box thinking th at we have used to adapt to these changes.

Membership has been difficult to increase this year. PDG Charlie Short will have a seminar on ideas to increase membership. Let us have a strong finish to our year and let us ask our friends and acquaintances to become members of our great organization. We will have a seminar on the amendment of our Constitution and By-laws to understand our requirement to keep up to date with LCI.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Convention.

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Convention is Limited to 100 people

25A DISTRICT CONVENTION

District Governor Will Farrellbegg Saturday, March 20, 2021, 8:00 AM Registration

Our Special Guest is ID Justin Faber

SERVING THROUGH KINDNESS

Make reservations directly with the Hotel Hilton Garden Inn
7775 Mississippi St., Merrillville, IN 46410 – (219) 769-7100

ROOM RATE: \$115.00 plus taxes - per night – until February 17, 2021 – Breakfast included
Call 219-769-7100 and ask for "Lions District Convention"

Lunch will be on your own

SATURDAY BANQUET* (see menu and price below)

DRESS CODE for the Convention: Business Attire

Registration & Meal Reservation Deadline: Payment <u>received</u> by <u>March 6, 2021</u>
No reservations will be accepted after March 6th – NO Registrations will be taken at the Convention.

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Saturday Banquet -	Italian beef, Fried Chicken, Mostaccioli, potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls & mini dessert pastries.	\$ 25.0	00 X	No. 1	Meals _	-=	s
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Mail to:	CS STEPHEN J. HELMKEN, 6522	W LAU	RAI	.N., L	A PORT	E, IN	46350

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DISTRICT 25-A CONVENTION

Silent Auction Items Needed

Mark your calendars for March 20, 2021 to attend District 25-A Convention. Enjoy the day with your fellow Lions. There will be a **SILENT AUCTION** held during the Convention. The Convention Committee is asking each club to participate by donating a basket or items valued at \$25.00 or more. You can bring your items to the convention (if you are attending) or contact a Lion listed below for drop off at that location.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Drop Off Starts – See below for locations	2	3	4	5	6
7	:8:	9	10	31	32	13
14	15	:16	17	18	19	District 25-A Convention @ 8:00 AM
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

If you have any questions, please contact:

Lion Connie Frausto Phone: 708-254-0938

E-mail: Connief1571@icloud.com

Auction Items Drop Off Locations:

Lion Steve Helmken 6522 W Laura Ln La Porte, IN 46350 Home: 219-879-2529

lionstephenjh@gmail.com

Lion Connie Frausto 6207 Sarah Lane Lowell, IN 46356 Cell: 708-254-0938

or

Connief1571@icloud.com

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District 25A - 2021 Convention Ad Book

2021 District 25A District Convention March 19-20, 2021

ADVERTISE YOUR.....

- Upcoming Club Fundraisers
 - Honor your Melvin Jones Members
 - Foundations: Thank the Lions for their Donations
 - Give a Welcome to our Special ID Guests
 - Congratulate the DG & VDG's

Do you own a BUSINESS?

Place an AD - Support Lions

All BUSINESS ADS ½ page or larger will also be posted in the Registration Area and Placed in 2 Editions of the District Newsletter and

Included in the 2020-2021 Listing of Lions in Business in the Directory & Newsletters

Full Size Page - 8	⁄2 by 11	Actual Ad Size Width x Height	\
Color Front Inside Cover	\$ 150.00	7 X 9	
Color Back Page	\$ 200.00	7 X 9	
Color Back Inside Cover	\$ 150.00	7 X 9	
Regular Page	\$ 100.00	7 X 9	
1/2 Page	\$ 60.00	7 X 4 ½	
1/4 Page	\$ 40.00	3 ½ X 4 ½	İ

Check Amount \$

Make checks payable to:	District 25A	District (Convention
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I have attached an Ad or emailed an Ad	
Please design an Ad with the attached information	DUE BY FEBRUARY 24TH

Return with Ad or Send check and email your AD to: patricia.agreer6@gmail.com

ALL ADS ARE DUE by March 3, 2021 Ads will not be accepted after the 3rd

Name		
Club or Business		
Email	Phone	

Mail to: Patricia Greer, 744 Acadia Rd, Valparaiso, IN 46385 patricia.agreer6@gmail.com 219-759-2865 Please Consider putting an ad in the District Convention Book!

Also, please consider putting a basket together for the silent auction!

These are both wonderful ways for our District to raise money.

Much Appreciated Donation Of School Supplies To Riley, Kingsford Heights and Kingsbury Elementary Schools

Door Village Lions recently made the rounds to Riley, Kingsbury and Kingsford Heights Elementary schools as they have annually for the past several years, and brought with them several boxes of strategically selected school supplies that fit in just right with the needs of the teachers throughout the three schools. Lion Cindy Fischer made sure needed things were included by calling ahead before she made the purchases. The items that Door Village Lions do nate each year are items that would not otherwise be available for special projects teacher plan for during the later part of the school year and because the supplies fill that much needed gap, they are also much appreciated the teachers have often told Lion members.

Funds for the supplies were made available from the Lions Candy Day donations the club collects twice a year at the La Porte Post Office. Door Village Lions have been conducting the Candy Day Project for well over 40 years and are pleased to have been finding deserving parties for the proceeds over that extended period of our club's history. And these three Elementary schools are certainly a good fit for those funds again this year. Lion members delivering supplies were Lions Cindy Fischer, Dennis Fischer, George Morley and Sue Kaiser. Kingsbury. School Principals were Mrs. Doty- Riley, Mrs. Kosier - Kingsford Heights and Mrs. Antos - Kingsbury.





Riley Elementary: Left to right; Lion Cindy Fischer; Lion Dennis Fischer; Lion George Morley; Mrs. Kirsten Doty, School Principal. Photo by Mrs. Carrie Roberts, School Secretary.

Kingsbury Elementary: Left to right; Lion Sue Kaiser; Lion Cindy Fischer; Mrs. Antos, School Principat: Lion Dennis Fischer.

LACROSSE LEO CLUB

DO YOU HAVE A STASH OF PLASTIC BAGS AT YOUR HOUSE? (WALMART, TARGET, OR DOLLAR GENERAL BAGS) IF SO, THE LACROSSE HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP! THEY ARE COLLECTING PLASTIC BAGS TO DONATE TO A SERVICE PROJECT CALLED SLEEP CYCLE, STARTED BY LEXIE BAKER, A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FROM SULLIVAN, INDIANA. THESE PLASTIC BAGS WILL BE CONVERTED INTO MATTRESSES THAT WILL BE DONATED TO HOMELESS SHELTERS AROUND INDIANA ON A MOST-NEEDED BASIS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING, DROP-OFF LOCATIONS ARE LACROSSE HIGH SCHOOL, WANATAH PUBLIC SCHOOL, LACROSSE PUBLIC

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LIBRARY, AND WANATAH PUBLIC LIBRARY. IF THESE
LOCATIONS ARE NOT CONVENIENT FOR YOU PLEASE
REACH OUT TO DARA GUSE AT 219-754-2709 AND
SHE WILL TRY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET
YOU.

EACH MATTRESS WILL TAKE 700 PLASTIC BAGS SO LET'S GET COLLECTING!







Photo Submitted

Richard Kutchek Board of Directors with the Lion's Club delivered a \$500 check to Beverly Bill, the director of Project Love Food Pantry on Wednesday, Nov. 25. The Lion's also help support the Trustee's Office, Lighthouse Baptist Church, and St. Vincent De Paul at Holy Name through donations.



Hamlet Lions Club welcoming new members at their February Meeting.

L-R: Seth Huitt, Mitchell Semans, John Strejc, and Cathy Raub

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Michigan City Lions Club

President, Irene Rosevear, announces the Michigan city Lions Club has adopted a "leader dog in training" by making a donation toward his training program. His name is PAPI and he is a beautiful Labrador retriever.



The leader dog program began in April of 1939 in Rochester Hills, Michigan. Lions Club International, a global leader in serving the needs of the blind or visually impaired, is a valuable partner to the leader dog mission. Their long standing relationship has made a proud and collective impact on thousands of lives!

President Rosevear says the Michigan city Lions Club is happy and grateful for the opportunity to adopt sweet PAPI. In so doing, we are fulfilling our mission, We Serve, which perfectly complements the leader dog mission of empowering people with visual impairments with life long skills for safe and independent living. For information on how you can support PAPI and other leader dogs in training, please contact Lion Irene Rosevear at 219-878-5678.









This is PAPI, a
beautiful Labrador
Retriever, in
training to become
a service dog at the
Leader Dog Training
facility in Roches
Hills, Michigan







Save the Dates





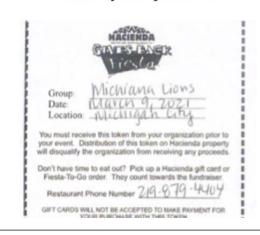


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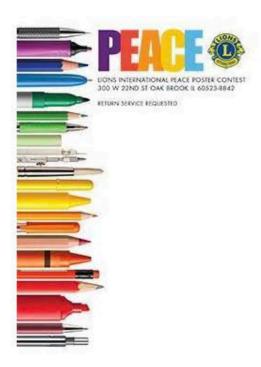


Michiana Lions Club Hacienda Give Back Night

Hacienda in Michigan City.
You must show the coupon before placing your order. Coupon can be printed or you can show it from your phone.



There are some great fundraisers happening in March throughout the district! Let's support fellow clubs at their give back nights! These are also wonderful ideas for your own club fundraiser!



"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 lionsclubs.org/coronavirus for more information about COVID-19.



Our district has donated over \$10,000 to LCIF so far this calendar year. This is awesome since so many clubs aren't meeting face-to-face and are not having fundraisers. Over half the clubs have donated and the lifeline of the donations has been through individual Lions.

If the remaining clubs or individual Lions from those clubs would make a donation, we could reach 100% participation. You don't have to donate a lot to qualify. All donations help those that are in need of our help.

Campaign 100 has given out 350 Covid grants for over 5.2 million dollars. They also gave out many grants to hurricane victims last summer and fall. With the current events in areas that have been hard hit with frozen pipes, no water or heat and electricity; Districts in these areas will be eligible for grants and donations will help those effected by these natural disasters.

Campaign 100 has raised \$191 million dollars out of their goal of \$300 million dollars. This is quite an accomplishment during a world-wide pandemic.

Where there is a need there is a LION.

If you need a Melvin Jones Fellow application, a LCIF pledge card or have any questions or need help, please contact your District Coordinators:

PDG Randy Greer 219-728-8432

lionrandy@yahoo.com

PDG Patty Cooke 219-801-4626

patty.cooke@gmail.com

















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Together we can show the World that Kindness

Matters

How will you help?

Lions Marketplace Does your club have something for sale? Make sure you submit it to Lion Joy and she will have it featured on Lions Marketplace! We also will now have a "Commercial" section. You can advertise goods or services to other Lions. Some examples would include: Pampered Chef, Avon, Car Salesman, Investment, and so forth! Whether you are participating in the commercial or club marketplace it is only \$1 donation to get listed. This money will be used within the District! Happy Shopping and make sure you email Lion Joy with your marketplace info! You can view the marketplace by going

to https://www.e-district.org/sites/25a/

Welcome New Members:

HAMLET: SETH HUITT Sponsor: MITCHELL SEMANS

JOHN STREJC SPONSOR: CATHERINE RAUB

MERRILLVILLE: WHITNEY CURRIN Sponsor: CAROL ROZELLE

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SPONSOR: JAMES FERRELL

WANATAH:
DELORES BAILEY
Sponsor: CAROL BUNTON-BENKIE

Members that have completed their service.

CROWN POINT: RONALD R KERBS SR

MERRILLVILLE: WILLIAM D ROTH



The Information and Technology Committee for the Indiana Lions is composed of a representative from each district. Regularly, the committee will provide information regarding all things technical that will help you remain safe, secure, and knowledgeable about the devices and platforms you use.

The following is the first of three parts on - Domain Names - Get One and Keep It!

Part #1 - What is a Domain Name and Why Does my Club/District Need One?

A domain name is an important component of any modern-day club/district, especially in this new digital age. A domain name is something used by a club/district to identify your website. Even if you have a FREE club/district website through Lions Clubs International, your custom domain name helps to identify your club/district AND (when chosen correctly) will be easy to use in your club/district marketing materials.

In order to obtain a domain name for your club/district, you must purchase your domain name from an authorized Domain Name Registrar. There are many companies out there but we strongly suggest using one of the popular and long-standing registrars: Domain.com (domain.com); GoDaddy (godaddy.com); Network Solutions (networksolutions.com).

Purchasing a domain name is an annual purchase (although many registrars offer a multi-year purchase option). The price of a domain name will vary slightly from registrar to registrar but on average the cost will be between \$7-15 per year. The best type of domain to purchase is always one with a .com extension but in the case of a Lions club/district, a .org extension is also a good selection.

Once your club/district has decided on which registrar to use and has selected a domain name that best fits your local club/district, it's time to set everything up properly. We'll cover these issues in Topic #2 of the series in a future newsletter.

Submitted by Lion Al Konieczka and the Indiana State Lions IT Committee



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Part #2 - Setting up Your Domain Registrar Account

Now that your club or district has selected and purchased a domain name, it's important to set up the domain name and account correctly. When setting up an account with a registrar and registering your domain name, you will need to provide three points of contact: Owner, Admin, and Technical.

You should always list your Lions club/district under the Owner section (this is very important as it identifies with the registrar who actually OWNS that domain name). Never change that or give it to someone else who may manage your website - it is the key to your account and you need control of it.

The Admin point of contact is primarily the contact that the registrar will use to contact you in the event of an outdated credit card or other billing or administrative issue.

The Technical contact is exactly what it sounds like, the person who can be contacted with technical questions. You may choose to put your club or district IT Chairperson as the technical contact for your domain name.

You should also set up your account for automatic renewal so that each year when the domain name is set to renew, it will automatically be charged and renewed with no down time for your website. Make it a part of your annual procedures to log into your account and make sure that all three contacts are accurate and up to date. Someone on that list may have left the organization, changed their email or phone number, etc. and it's important to keep those contact names and information current. In addition, be sure to write down the login information for your registrar account and keep that information in a secure place and known to your club/district officers.

Now it's time to make your domain name work for your club/district. We'll cover that issue in Part #3 of the series in a future newsletter.

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Part #3 - Making my Domain Name Work for My Club or District!

Now that your club or district has purchased and set up an account with a reputable registrar, it's time to put that domain to work. You will need to "point" your domain name to the server that hosts your club or district website. For example, if your club or district has a FREE e-club website provided by Lions Clubs International, you can "point" your domain name to that e-club website. What that means then is when someone types in your domain name, it will re-direct them to your e-club website automatically.

In order to set that up, you need to modify the Domain Name Server (DNS) settings for your domain at the registrar. As this a little more technical procedure, it's best for you to get some assistance from your club or district IT Chairperson. Once this is set up the first time, it will not ever have to be done again.

Be sure to also use your new domain name in the marketing materials used by your club or district. For example, if you have a flyer or brochure that your club or district uses on a regular basis, be sure to feature your website address (domain name) prominently on that document. In addition, as your club or district sends out letters, make sure that your domain name appears in the header or footer section of every letter you send out. These will help others see your domain name and point them to your website to learn more about what activities and events your club/district is involved in.

If your club or district doesn't currently have a website, consider starting a FREE website through Lions Club International. Clubs can sign up at: https://e-clubhouse.org/index.php and Districts can sign up at: http://edistrict.org/index.php. Remember also that your State IT Committee members are here to help with questions or concerns you may have.

Submitted by Lion Al Konieczka and the Indiana State Lions IT Committee

2021 Lions Clubs International Convention moving to virtual event

Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Here are some important details about the 2021 convention we would like to share with you now:

- Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The
 registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently
 scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided
 soon.
- Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.
- Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.
- Convention updates and details will be posted here at lcicon.lionsclubs.org as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service



2021 Indiana Lions State Convention





Wyndam Indianapolis West Hotel, 2544 Executive Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46241 Call: (317) 248-2481 or (855) 214-4563

Call hotel directly for reservations. \$130 for single (1 breakfast), \$140 for double (2 breakfasts). Rooms are held under "Indiana Lions" block. Rooms will be released after March $1^{\rm st}$ and we cannot guarantee meals on reservations received after April 15, 2021

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MEMBERSHIP TYPES AND FEES



What are your communities needs?



Lions Clubs International

Extension and Membership Division Lions Clubs International Lions Clubs International 100 W. 22nd Street Oak Brook, II. 60067-8842 USA Phone: (630) 203-6746 Fax: (630) 571 1691 E-mail: extension@lionsclubs.org Web site: www.lionsclubs.org



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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS Invitation-Application For Membership

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FOR CLUB SECRETARY USE

I confirm that the board of directors has approved this member for membership in this Lions club.

Signature of Club Secretary:

CHECKLIST:

- Keep a copy of the completed application form for the club's files. Do not send it to Lions Clubs
- for the club's files. Do not send it to Lions Clubs International.

 Add the member using the WMMR or include the member's name and address on the monthly membership report.

 When the entrance fees and dues have been collected and the new member has been provided with a membership card, turn money over to the club treasurer.

 Add the new member's name and address to the club roster and malling list.

 See that the new member receives a New Member Kit. The materials within are to be presented at the new member's induction ceremony.



Lion! There are so many perks to being a Lion and here are a few: Part of the Worlds Largest Service Organization, You get to help people, Meet wonderful Lions from around the state, country, and world, You get to make a positive difference in your community! Let's all ask a friend to attend a meeting, fundraiser, or a service project! Even if they do not join they will see the difference we make and I guarantee they'll sponsor you at your next fundraiser.

Let's all ask a friend to be a