

May the Force be with You! The following article is brought to you with limited commercial interruptions...

The Indiana Lions State convention in Columbus was amazing. Good Seminars, Good Times, Good Food and an outstanding message by IP Barry Palmer. International President Barry Palmer's message was passionate and put frankly, part of the message was to asking the Indiana Lions to bring the pride back to Indiana, due to declining membership statewide.

We interrupt this regularly scheduled article to bring you the following announcement: As of April 1st this year, 25A is a net 51! In a meeting with the Council he commended our District on our outstanding membership growth and wanted to know how district A is achieving this. I was quite impressed that he knew the exact number of our net gain, without even asking! I told the group that it is a team effort here in A and that everyone is doing their part in securing the future of our clubs to continue our great service. We are a dream team and he took notice! Lions of 25A-we have pride!

Now back to our regularly scheduled article: Three members were awarded at the Saturday night All State Banquet for their tireless dedication to our district. Lion Doug Schmeltz from Cedar Lake Lions and Lion Jeanne DeLasCasas from Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions were presented with Presidential Leadership Medals. Lion Butch Weston, from Westville Lions, was presented with a Presidential Medal and pictures will be in the next Hoosier Lion. Congratulations to these outstanding Lions! After the Saturday night banquet, everyone in attendance was handed a colored floating sky lantern and they were launched from the hotel parking lot. It was incredible to watch all the colored lanterns rise into the night sky and float high above and away to destinations unknown. I would like to think this was symbolic of Lions everywhere. My thoughts were that the different colors represented the different ideas, different talents, different nationalities and all the diversities that make us the largest service organization in the world. The flame of the lantern representing the humanitarian services of our collective efforts to dispel blindness and darkness. The lanterns floating gently away, possibly around the globe, symbolizing our faith to world understanding and world efforts.

After one of the business sessions, we were inspired and entertained by a fantastic presentation called Dr Love's Traveling Sponsorship Show. PDG Charlie Short from District C was Dr. Love! This was a humorous and effective floor show that approached the issues of membership, retention (membership involvement) and leadership in the guise of an old-time revival tent show with audience participation. The main guise focused on being a good sponsor.

We interrupt this article with the following announcement: Cast members were made up from Lions around the state and from District A Lions Angie & Doug Schmeltz, Robin and Mikala Smith participated. Great show gang!

We now return you to our regularly scheduled article: Be sure to plan on attending one of the upcoming officer training seminars this month. These seminars are open to all Lions, even if you are not an officer. Having someone help you in your office when you are not able to attend or just mentoring someone that can help you out or step into place next year are great considerations. The dates, locations and times are announced later in this newsletter.

We interrupt this article with the following final announcement: Doing nothing is very hard to do, you never know when your finished! Well Lions...we are definitely doing something...May the force be with you and keep up the great days is District A! I now return you to your regularly scheduled Lions Service.



Words from VDGE Glenn Swanson

The Multiple District 25 Indiana State Convention, has come and gone! Realization is setting in that another year is closing, and soon we will be setting goals for 2014-15.

We as District 25 A must be proud of the year we are ending, and congratulate District Governor Connie Roe and her team for wonderful leadership. In a time when most Districts are declining in membership our District has grown consistently throughout the year. My goal will be to continue our increase in membership and to bring more awareness to what our great organization is all about. Just to grow in numbers is good but we need to become more assertive with our message of service and educate new and old members as to what "Lionism" is all about. It frustrates me when someone says "what do lions do"? The simple answer is that we change lives and we save lives.

Let's make it our mission to inform and educate our local clubs and communities about what we do. There is so much information on the International site, Indiana Lions Multiple District site, as well as our district newsletters that there is no excuse for not knowing more about what we do.

We also need to support other clubs in our zone and region by attending and supporting their projects. By planning a zone project we will become stronger as a district. We will be encouraging more attendance from lions at our district meetings rather than just having club officers attend. My hope is that we can organize at least one "fun day" perhaps take a trip to Leader Dog, or attend a Rail Cats game?

I certainly will need a lot of help as your District Governor. My goal is to be as visible and available as possible to assist clubs in any way I can. I will need lots of support from PDG's as well as lions who have more experience and knowledge than I have. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding concerns or questions and my goal will be to get a quick answer that will solve problems. We can accomplish great things working as a team. Remember, District 25 A "Sets The Pace".

DGE Lion Glenn Swanson, Maple City Lions



May 15th is the deadline for PU101 (Officer Reporting to LCI)

If you need help filing your 2014-2015 officers to LCI online, please contact Lion Pat Greer (South Haven Lions) and she can file them for you.

Contact Pat at: 219-759-2865 or randy.greer@frontier.com





Upcoming Zone Meetings





Region 1 Zone B Cedar Lake-Crown Point-LOFS-Lowell-St. John-Schererville Central

May 5, 2014 ** 6:30pm CT

Guest Speakers: LOFS Steve & Georgiann Pangere Information Lions about The Pangere Center for Inherited Retinal Disease at the Chicago Lighthouse & The Pangere Fund for Retinal Research Piazza & Buffet (cost TBA) at: South Side Restaurant 3335 Lincoln Plaza, Cedar Lake, IN 219-374-6400 (Location: North side of Strack & Van Til Parking Lot) **RSVP to: Lion Doug Schmeltz 219-374-9714**

Hosted by the Cedar Lake Lions Club I hope to see you there, Zone Chair Lion Jeanne DeLasCases





Region 1 Zone C Dyer-Griffith-Highland-Munster-Schererville

May 20, 2914 ** 6:30pm CT

Jedi's Garden Restaurant 444 W Ridge Road-Corner of Cline & Ridge (order from the menu)

Guest Speaker will be Lion DottieFlack from the Indiana Lions Cancer Control. Lion Dottie is always very interesting and you will always learn something, even if y ou have heard her speak before!

Thank you Munster Lions for hosting this event. And a big Thank You to PDG Margaret Verkuilen.

Please RSVP to ZC Patty so she know about how many to expect.

ZC Patty Cooke Patty.cooke@gmail.com

The District 25A Cabinet Meeting Date has Been Changed to June 22, 2014 (Sunday)

It will still be held at the Lakes Of the Four Seasons CT Angie will be mailing out details soon This will be a fun meeting and awards will be presented Date has been changed so that Lions may attend the Brick Ceremony at the Lions State Office on Jun 21st.



Lions District 25 a



Friday, May 23

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Sponsoring Clubs: LaPorte Noon Lions Maple City Lions Michiana Lions Mill Creek Community Lions Michigan City Lions Rolling Prairie Lions

How to enter:

Fill out form and and mail in from:1) Download form online at :www.rollingprairielions.org2) Available at Beechwood Golf Course3) See a Lion member for forms

Projects Done by our Clubs:

Campaign First Sight Cancer Research Leader dog for the Blind Indiana School for the Blind Eye and Tissue Bank **Diabetes Awareness** Lions Alert **Eyeglass Assistance Program Reigns of Life** Food Baskets, Food Pantry Deserving Children Shopping Tour Senior Luncheons **Scholarships** Community Cleanups **Bicycle Tour** Easter Egg Hunt Halloween Party

Date: May 23, Friday, 2014 Donation: \$75/golfer, \$300/Team Donation includes golf, cart, dinner, light lunch, team and individual awards 11:00 Registration & Light Lunch 11:30 Chipping & Putting Contest 12:30 Shotgun start ~ scramble format 5:30 Dinner, team awards, cash bar. Deadline for entries: May 9, 2013 Location: Beechwood Golf Course, LaPorte, IN Limited 144 golfers max Golf Format: 4 man scramble, no rain date.

Make payments to: Lions L.P. County Golf Mail to: LaPorte Lions 346 Holton Rd La Porte, In. 46350 E-mail: webmaster@rollingprairielions.org



Ceremony begins at 2:30pm Speakers include Past International President Wayne Madden

Youth Exchange Seeking Host Families!

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 interested in hosting a Lions Youth Exchange student this summer or have any questions, please contact:

> PDG Kevin Roe at 574-946-4701 kroegwen@embarqmail.com

Lions Dennis and Olga Papp of Whiting Lions Club, took a trip to San Antonio, Texas for their annual San Antonio festival. While they were walking the parade route in downtown they met up with three Local Lions Clubs. The clubs were setting up chairs for rent for the 4 hour parade that extends for 2.6 miles. Here is the history of two of the clubs we met.

Highland Hills Lions Club was chartered by Lions International on December 1, 1956. The guiding Lion and father of our club was the late E.A. (Ed) Neuman. Our Lions are committed to community service with a mission to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs. We sponsor eye and ear



exams, provide prescription glasses for the needy, and sponsor the Texas Lions Camp for Crippled Children, Leader Dogs for the Blind, and other local charities. Membership in the Highland Hills Lions Club is open to all adults regardless of age, race, creed, religion or national origin.

San Antonio Founders Lion Club has the distinction of being the oldest Lions Club in the World! Our club was founded in 1915...whereas the Association of Lions clubs was formed in Dallas (at the Adolphus Hotel) in 1917. You see, in 1917 an insurance salesman from Chicago, named Melvin Jones, noticed that there were a number of "Businessman's Clubs" in many cities throughout the US. He determined that if these clubs could combine their efforts, then so much more could be accomplished in the name of service. So he recruited a number of these clubs to meet in Dallas (they picked Dallas because of the preponderance of the accepting clubs were in Texas) to see if they could form such an association. Our club has accomplished so many things over the years: Founded the Lighthouse for the Blind...established the first Better Business Bureau of San Antonio...purchased and developed a park (Lions Field) and then donated it to the city...helped establish (with so many other Texas Clubs) the Texas Lions Camp for handicapped children...to name a few.

Yours in Lionism, Lion Olga-Whiting Lions Whiting Lions founded July 29, 1929 celebrating 85 years in 2014!



Helen Keller Day-June 1st ** Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action

Lions are recognized internationally for their service to persons who are blind and visually impaired. This dedicated service began in 1925. During a Lions international convention, Helen Keller, a woman who had been blind and deaf since childhood, challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in this crusade against dark." Lions accepted Helen Keller's challenge. Today, Lions clubs around the world are involved in service projects to promote healthy vision and assist children and adults who are blind or visually impaired.

- Lions Sharing the Vision Global Service Action Campaign: October
- World Sight Day: second Thursday of October
- International White Cane Day: October 15
- World Diabetes Day (Diabetic Retinopathy): November 14
- Lions Eye Bank Week: first week in December
- Glaucoma Awareness Month: January (USA)
- Eye Donor Awareness Month: March (USA)
- Diabetes Alert Day: March (USA)
- Lions Recycle For Sight Month: May
- White Cane Week (USA: third week in May)

For more information, visit the association's web site at www.lionsclubs.org and enter the word "sight" into the search bar at the top right-hand corner of the homepage.









Welcome New Members!



Highland Lions

Member: Raymond Boroweic Sponsor: Dennis Simala

Member: Drew Sobek Sponsor: James Dalsanto

Member: Whitney Heacock Sponsor: Megan Zyglowicz

Member: Benjamin Zamojski Sponsor: David Jones

LaPorte Maple City Lions

Member: Steven Marovich Sponsor: Lisa Pierzakowski



We Remember...

Lawrence Cline, Chesterton Lions Helen Stein, Chesterton Lions

"The angels are always near to those who are grieving, to whisper to them that their loved ones are safe in the hand of God."

- Eileen Elias Freeman -

Lowell Lions:

Member: Richard Bachman Sponsor: Donald Benshoof

Michigan City Lions

Member: Donald Yong Sponsor: Melinda Nagle **Rensselaer Lions**

Member: Jennifer Duffey Sponsor: Mike Steinke

St John Lions Member: Carrie Brownewell Sponsor: Denise Konieczka Member: Kevin Brownewell Sponsor: Denise Konieczka

Member: Pete Ladowski Sponsor: Allen Konieczka

Wheatfield Lions

Member: David Devries Sponsor: Robert Tillema

Winamac Lions Member: Tammy Garbison Sponsor: Judy Heater



May 17, 2014- Tri-City Special Games. Lion volunteers please arrive at 8:00 a.m. cst East Chicago Central High School 1100 W Columbus Dr., East Chicago, IN, 46312 soccer field (on the west side of the school) <u>http:// central.scec.k12.in.us/directions</u>

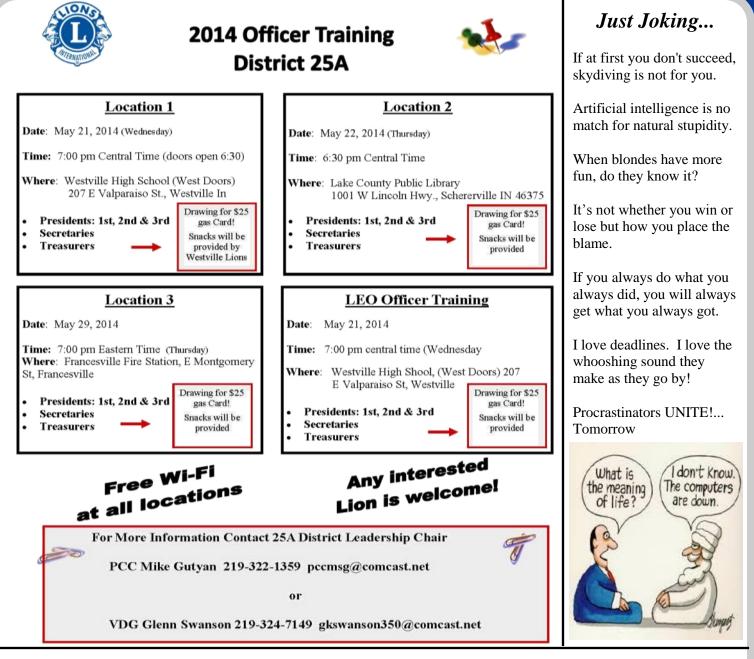
May 24,2014- Adopt-a-Beach- All Lions welcome. Please go to the Adopt -a-Beach link to register or register to the day of the event. <u>http://</u> <u>www.greatlakesadopt.org/</u> Refreshments will be provided. For more information about the beach clean-up, contact Lion Patrick at <u>pa-</u> <u>trodsr@hotmail.com</u>.

May 28, 2014- Vision Screen at East Chicago Urban Enterprise Academy. If you would like to volunteer, please contact: Lion Patrick at <u>pa-trodsr@hotmail.com</u>

PDG Patrick Rodriguez sent me a picture of their new Pancake Breakfast Banner. He was so excited that he sent the picture up side down and backwards! We all knew he was a little different! Thanks Patrick!







Keep the Earth clean

Jerose Park Beach Clean-Up

Team Leader: Patrick Rodriguez Team Name: Indiana Harbor-East Chicago Lions

Contact PDG Patrick if you can help: patrodsr@hotmail.com

Event Date: 5/24/2014 9:00 AM

Public Event?: Yes Event Information: Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. Dress for weather. Bring gloves, sunblock, etc. Please do not wear open toe shoes. Meet up Location: Meeting at Jeorse Beach bathhouse

Thank you, Alliance for the Great Lakes



An Exciting Opportunity for your Lions Club

Just like Lions Clubs, **Sustainable Indiana 2016** and **Earth Charter Indiana** are committed to realizing a better future for our children and our children's children.

Our focus is on the impact climate change will have on Hoosiers: including immediate and future generations.

Our mission is to raise awareness about the potential impact of climate change on Indiana, and to promote behaviors that mitigate those impacts. Learn more at <u>SustainableIndiana2016.org</u>.

OPPORTUNITY

Our 20 minute presentation will tell your members about some of the encouraging initiatives being taken by Hoosiers and will show your members how they can be "heroes" of climate change adaption by following the green practices listed below.

Your club can receive a Bicentennial Green Legacy Award by showing that a majority of your members are following some of the green practices listed below.



GREEN PRACTICES

- 1 .Plant a garden
- 2. Recycle 50% or more
- 3. Have a home energy audit
- 4. Insulate, seal leaks
- 5; Drive less and/ or drive Electric or Hybrid
- 6. Walk 3 miles weekly
- 7. Buy an "energy star" rated appliance
- 8. Choose the Green Power Option

9. Cut meat consumption in half

Bicentennial Citizen Initiativ of Earth Charter Indiana, Inc

Bicentennial

Green Legacy

Awards

- 10. Support 3 locally owned businesses
- 11 .Install water saving devices
- 12. Join a CSA or Food Cooperative
- 1 3. Do not fertilize or water lawns
- 14. Give up all soda pop drinks
- 15. Volunteer for a civic project
- 16. Advocate for clean renewable energy

Schedule a presentation to your club, by contacting:

John Gibson or Judy Voss at the state office of Sustainable Indiana 2016 info@sustainableindiana2016.org 317-295-9630 (o) 317-525-1856 (c)

"Lions clubs have always embraced those committed to building a brighter future for their community."

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Climate Ready Solutions As a Bicentennial Green Legacy



For our Children's Children



REGISTRATION LIONS WORK DAY

The campus of the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired has 31 buildings located on 63 acres. The Indiana Lions for the ISBVI invite you to participate in our Spring work day. It is an excellent opportunity to put our "We Serve" motto into action and you can be absolutely sure that the 7 members of the maintenance department will greatly appreciate your assistance.

LIONS WORK DAY Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired 7725 N. College Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46240-2504 May 31, 2014 Saturday 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

- 9:00AM Registration
- 10:00AM-Noon Morning Work Session, Outside Jobs
- Noon-1:00 Lunch will be provided

1:00-3:30 PM Afternoon Work Session, Inside Jobs

	Registration Form (one per person) Registration Deadline: May 10, 2014
	Please Print
Name	
Address	Phone
City/State/Zip	
Email	
	Please mail the registration or email its information to: Lion Mike Joyce, 1210 S. 3 rd St. Clinton, IN 47842-2212

maj1210@aol.com 765-832-9232



2014 Mill Street Car Cruise Lowell, Indiana







When: First Saturday, May thru August. <u>Two Shows In August</u>. August 30th will be the last show of this season. 2015 tba.

May 3rdRAIN DATES: If rained out on first Saturday,
cruise night will be the following Saturday.June 7thcruise night will be the following Saturday.July 5th50/50 drawing, with 2nd prize, 8PM, every event.August 30thSolution 100 and 100 an

Where:-----Mill Street, Downtown Lowell, IndianaTime:-----5 pm to 9 pm

No entry fee.... No trophies.... This is a "no cruise" Cruise Night.

Bring your favorite and special vehicle along with your family and friends to join in on the fun, food & friendships in Historic Lowell. Many Great Restaurants and Shops in the Downtown Area.

Go to - www.facebook.com/LowelllionsClub







Hosted By: LOWELL LIONS CLUB

"WE SERVE" Since 1938

For more information, Call John Piper @ (219) 789-0494 or Paul Palmer @ (219) 730-4314

Member Involvement...Members Matter!

Thank you so much." Let your volunteer know you appreciate their help, whether they donated an hour or a week, whether they did the most difficult task or the easiest. IP Barry's last R. Responsibility...Reach...*Recognize*

"Whatever works best for you." People have different styles and abilities. Whenever possible, let volunteers take ownership of the process. Give them the goals of the project or the desired outcome, and let them choose their own way to get there. Don't say "we do things this way," especially if there's no compelling reason to stick with the status quo.

"Your hour's up." New volunteers are almost universally concerned that the time commitment will be too much. Want to impress a new volunteer? Ask them to spend an hour helping out, then remind them when the hour's up. (And don't forget to say thank you!)

5 THINGS VOLUNTEERS HATE

"We don't need you after all." Your volunteer shows up on time and ready to help. But when they get there, they discover there's no work to do. Maybe you have enough help already. Maybe the task changed and you're going to do it a different way at a different time. The reason doesn't matter. The message to the volunteer is: "Not only don't we need you, we also didn't care enough about you or your time to tell you before you drove over here." Allow them to do something...anything they would like to do.

"We just need to run to the store." When the volunteer shows up to do some work, all of the materials to do the job are not yet in place. While organizers gather everything that's needed, volunteers end up standing around, waiting. The message: Volunteering with your group is a big time-waster. Let them do something!

"Good night, and good luck." Being given a job to do without proper instruction or the tools to do the job properly can be very frustrating—especially if you leave your volunteer on her own to figure things out for themselves. Most people won't submit to that kind of experience twice.

"Just another hour—or so." You ask the volunteer to donate an hour of time. But it turns out to be the great elastic hour—it stretches and stretches until the job is done. They might stick around to see things through, but will think twice before committing to help out again. Remember you can always ask for help from a neighboring club or another club in the district. You are not alone!

"You're doing it all wrong!" It's OK to tell a volunteer when they are doing the wrong thing, but presentation matters. Be helpful rather than confrontational. Anything that sounds like "You're dumb" will cost you one volunteer—and maybe more if they tell their friends.

5 THINGS THAT KEEP VOLUNTEERS MOTIVATED

"That's a great idea." Nothing is more motivating than making your own idea a reality. Follow your dream! An atmosphere that encourages new ideas not only energizes volunteers; it keeps your group fresh and injects excitement, too.

"We're all in it together." If your volunteers feel like part of a team, they'll be more motivated to do their part. A team atmosphere means making sure everybody feels wanted and participates. And it's crucial to break up cliques.

"You're really good at that." Use people's talents, not just their time. Not many people will get excited about constantly being on the cleanup committee. But if you let the person who loves carpentry build your carnival booths or the one who's interested in graphic design create your newsletter, they're much more likely to do a great job and want to continue.

"How did that go for you?" Check in with volunteers occasionally. Make sure their needs are being met and they haven't become disgruntled. Personal contact lets them know you care about them individually, and it catches potential problems before they become significant.

"We did it!" When things go right, share your successes with your volunteers. A shared sense of accomplishment can be a powerful motivator.

May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 St John —OV	2	3
4	5	6	7 Membership Conf. 6:30 ct	8	9	10 Hobart Lions 85th Anniversary
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Rolling Prairie Lions 75th Anniversary
18	19 Wanatah—Cancer Control-Dottie Flack	20 Wheatfield-OV	21 Officer Training at Westville	22 Officer Training at Schererville	23	24 Mid Winter Conf at Indianapolis 1pm
25	26	27	28 Maple City-OV	29 Officer Training at Francesville	30 Cedar Lake-OV	31

If you want to make it in the newsletter, please have information to Karlene no later than the 25th of each month!

See an open date? Contact DG Connie to schedule your clubs official visit: H: 574-946-4701 C: 219-863-2556 or kroegwen@embarqmail.com

LCI Calendar of Events

Strengthen Membership Month & Recycle for Sight Month

May 1 May 1	Deadline to cancel with refund for Int. Conv. Advanced Int. Conv. Registration deadline
May 11-17	White Cane Week
May 15	Annual Leo Club Officers and Membership report form (Leo-72) due.
May 15	PU101 due-officer reporting form for LCI
May 19	Application deadline for SightFirst grants
May 19-20	Executive Comm Mtg at Oak Brook, Ill
May 24	Deadline date for convention hotel deposit re funds for individual cancellation
June 1	Helen Keller Day
June 5	World Environmental Day

Indiana Lions Calendar of Events

May 18	Dist. B 4th Cabinet Meeting
May 21	Dist. D 4th Cabinet Meeting
May 31	Dist. C Cabinet Meeting
June 7	Pre-Council Meeting
June 8	Cancer Control Meeting
June 21	Dist. A Cabinet-LOFS & Foundation Mtg.
June 22	Dist A Cabinet Meeting

