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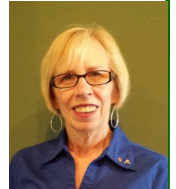
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Message from DG Patty Cooke:



Hello Lions of 25A

Can you believe it is May already – I am ready for warm weather! A week ago I enjoyed a wonderful drive across along the highways and back roads of our district – Pancakes in Lowell, Hoagies in LaPorte, Port-a-Pit in Lacrosse and a Chicken and Noodle Dinner in Medaryville. The last one was Karen's Angels – one of the biggest fundraisers for Cancer Control in the state. All of the events were manned by teams of Lions and their helpers.

Lions in every town working to serve. That is a strange set of words 'working to serve', but that is what we do. We are out working to raise money to serve the people in our communities and the state.

Many clubs are gearing up for all their Summer activities – cruise nights, festivals, golf outings, bike tours and much more. It is also the time to put some energy into finishing this Lion's year strong. One way to that this to invite new members to join. As you have heard many times before – Just Ask! Invite a friend or co-worker to help flip the hamburgers or sell the hot dogs.

Many 25A Lions will be celebrating with other Lions from throughout Indiana in Evansville this weekend! I know it will be a fantastic event! Along with President Corlew, we will recognize our first Lion's President, W. P. Woods, with a commemorative tree planting.

And now on to Chicago. I know many Lions are planning to attend the entire convention. My Lions sponsor, Diane Martin, is coming in from California and I am looking forward to celebrating the Centennial with her. **If you can only make it there for one day – COME TO THE PARADE!!!** To see Lions from throughout the world – small towns in Ireland to villages in Africa to huge cities in India – it is mind boggling and inspirational and encouraging. It fills you with pride to be part of the such a wonderful group and fills you with hope for our future.

Yours in Lionism

25A DG Patty Cooke

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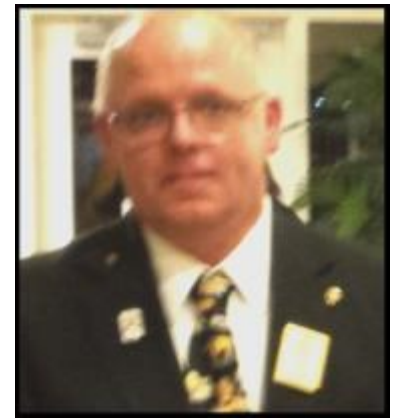
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Message from PDG Dennis Brown, 1st VDG-Elect



Dear Lions of 25A:

Why are we Lions?

We need to remember why we are Lions. As a Lions year comes to an end, about what your Lions Club has done. What new projects did you take on? Were they successful? Did they not work out. Try to figure out what went right and what went wrong, so you can improve your project or fundraiser. Did you get a new member? Did you ask somebody to join? Who is going to replace you. You need to be thinking about that and each member needs to be thinking about that. Also, if you get a new member, get them involved or they will get bored.

Keep the members you have. Don't take them for granted. Maybe a new member orientation program. Even if you don't have a new member think of it as a refresher course. This may be an idea to keep the meetings interesting.

PDG Dennis Brown, 1st VDG-Elect

Club Officers 2017 - 2018

Due May 15th

Please make sure that you enter your New Club Officers for 2017-2018 into the MyLCI website. This information is needed to insure that all LCI and District correspondence reaches the correct recipient. It is also needed by DGE Robin as she compiles her directory.

You can submit a paper copy by using the LCI Club Officer Report (PU-101). Here is a link to that form:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/pu101.pdf>

Whether completing the PU-101 or entering information via MyLCI, be sure to use updated addresses, phone numbers and e-mails. Check that the contact information for all your other club members is also accurate.

If you are not sure how to complete the form online, contact DGE Robin Smith at 219-462-8285 or via email: mwolfen@aol.com



Lions District 25A

Final District Meeting

Sunday June 4, 2017 at 1:00 pm CST

Hosted by Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions

Come Celebrate a Fantastic Year!!

**Lakes of the Four Seasons Clubhouse
1048 N Lakeshore Dr.
Crown Point, IN 46307**

Lunch will be "Cook your own Steak" - Cost \$15.00

All Lions are Welcome!

Please RSVP by May 24, 2017

Enclose a check made out to District 25A Lions

Mail to: Cabinet Treasurer Chuck DeLasCasas
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Crown Point, IN 46307

Any questions call Lion Chuck at 219-776-3031

Name _____

Club _____

Name _____

Club _____

Name _____

Club _____

Number of reservations: _____ Total Enclosed _____





President's Message

Dear Lion,

We recently introduced our new global service framework, which is a key component of LCI Forward and reaching our goal of serving 200 million people per year by 2021.

Youth engagement is a cornerstone of our service framework and each of its five signature service areas. The future of service belongs to youth, and we have an opportunity to guide them as Lions. Encourage young people to volunteer with your club. Listen to their ideas. And give them meaningful leadership roles when they serve. Young people can be more than just volunteers—they can be our partners in service.

Here are three great ways you can start engaging youth in your community:

- **Reach out to a local high school or youth organization**—offer to plan a joint service project, and consider funding it.
- **Invite youth to participate in your next service project**—involve them in planning and give them meaningful roles.
- **Take it to the next level by exploring LCI's youth programs**—sponsor the Peace Poster Contest, get involved in the Youth Camp and Exchange program or start a Leo club.

However, you choose to involve young people in your service activities, make sure to give them a voice and recognize their hard work and achievements. When you engage youth in service, you are investing in the future of your club and community.



Very truly yours,
Chancellor Bob Corlew
Your International President



South Haven Lions Club “PANCAKES AND MORE”

Saturday May 6, 2017

7:00AM to 11:00AM

American Legion

Post 502

429 West 750 North

South Haven (Valparaiso)

Adults \$7.00

Family of 4(2 adults, 2

Children) \$17.00

Children Under 10 \$3.00

South Haven Lions Club



South Haven Lion Pat Kalina is presented an International President's Certificate of Appreciation by District Governor Patty Cooke at the Region 2 Zone A & B meeting in South Haven. Lion Pat served as Zone Chair for Zone 2-A for 10 years.

Congratulations Lion Pat !



Got Your Calendar Handy?

The 29th Annual

Indiana Lions Conference

(formerly Known as Mid Winter Conference)

Will Be Held

November 3rd & 4th, 2017

Same Great Place-Plainfield High School

New Learning Experiences

Save the Date & Stay Tuned

for Event Details...

Mill Creek Community Lions Club

Mill Creek Community Lions held their 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 15th. Weather and turnout were great.



Door Village Lions Club



On left, Lion Patty Steels with Easter Bunny AKA Lion Patrick Steele.

On right, Jeremy and Jessica Hagenow with children Kaylie and JJ. with candy and a special prize at the Easter Egg Hunt.

Door Village Lions held their Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Scipio Township Park with bright sunny weather and about 90 children from one to 12 years old finding lots of eggs and some very special prizes.

The club will have their food wagon at the Maple City Boat Races at Stone Lake in LaPorte on May 12th and 13th. They will also hold their Candy Days at the LaPorte Post Office this weekend.

Region 2 Lions Donate to "Project Lifesaver"



Lions from Region 2 participated in a joint Pancake & Sausage fundraiser in March at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore to benefit "Project Lifesaver". A total of \$1884 was raised and split between Lake and Porter County units currently administering the project. Shown above at the April 13th Region 2 Zone meeting are Lion Clarence Davis, Zone 2-B Chair, Hobart Fire Dept Chief Brian Kerr and Private Ryan Maloney, PDG Tom Hansen, Region 2 Chair, Porter Cty Detective Brian Dziedzinski, Region 2 Secretary Lion Carolyn Laviolette, Porter County Sheriff Officer Tim Bell, and Zone 2-A Chair Lion Tom Hendrix.

Lions International Convention and 100th Anniversary Celebration



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

If you received this newsletter on May 1, 2017, there would only be 59 days before the start of the 100th Anniversary Celebration in Chicago. It's not too late to register and attend. Registration is open; there is even a day-of registration option. Remember, if you plan to march in the parade with your fellow Indiana Delegation, you must be registered for the LCIcon and wear the official Indiana parade uniform.

There is still time so, please come join us!

For information and to register go to <http://lcon.lionsclubs.org>.

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

Bus to International Convention Parade

The bus for the International Parade will pick-up at 6:00 AM on Saturday, July 1st. It will drop us off at State Street and after the parade will pick-up to take us to McCormick Place. It will pick-up at McCormick Place and return home to Merrillville. I will firm up times and places once bus is a go. I need to know by May 31st and need 30 or more to make it a go. E-mail me at emschmeltz56@att.net

Lion Angie Schmeltz, Cabinet Secretary

Club Excellence Award

May is here and there are only a few months left of this Lions year. It is time to finalize the requirements for your club to receive a Club Excellence Award:

1. Complete three service projects
2. Donate to LCIF
3. Have a net increase of membership
4. Communicate with you club and the public via a website or brochure
5. Develop leaders with proper elections, participate in officer training and attend a Zone Meeting
6. Meet regularly and submit membership, activity, and new club officer reports
7. Maintain a good standing by paying dues on time

Most clubs complete these requirements without thinking about it – it is part of their normal club function. The one thing that is often overlooked, however, is the LCIF donation. This does not have to be a huge amount – donate what you can. Donating \$100 a year is a good start, then increase it over time. But make that donation now!

Here is a link to the LCI website that describes the Award in more detail:

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/awards/excellence-awards/club-excellence.php>

At the bottom of the website, you will find a link to the 2016-2017 Club Excellence Award Application. A copy of the application is included in the Newsletter. The deadline to submit the form is 8/31/2017, but the requirements must be met before 6/30/2017.

Please let me know if you have any questions. You can also talk to your Zone and Region chairs and the VDGS. Take the time to review this with your club – this is a great way to get recognition for all that you do as a Lions Club. You Serve!

DG Patty
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2016-2017 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

To qualify the club must be chartered for 6 or more months prior to the end of the fiscal year, further the objectives of the association, adhere to the association's constitution and by-laws and policies, and meet the requirements noted below during the fiscal year.

Club Number	Club Name	Date
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2016-2017 Club President's Name	Member Number
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☐ **SERVICE** – The club has conducted at least three service projects. Briefly describe the service activities that were conducted:

Date: _____ Activity: _____

Date: _____ Activity: _____

Date: _____ Activity: _____

☐ **CONTRIBUTION** – The club has made a contribution to LCIF.

☐ **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** – The club achieved a net growth in membership (including Branch club members when applicable) or charters a new club or charters a Leo club. New members attended an orientation and were properly inducted into the club.

☐ Net Growth in Members: _____
 ☐ Name of sponsored club, Leo club or Branch club: _____

☐ **COMMUNICATION** – The club has publicized the club's service activities to the public through local media and effectively communicated activities to club members.

Please explain briefly how the club service activities were publicized.

☐ **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** – All officer positions were filled in accordance with the constitution and bylaws by qualified Lions, the club was represented at zone meetings and a majority of the club officers participated in a leadership training program. The training program could include training offered at the zone, district, multiple district or International level. Online courses from the Lions Learning Center, participation in a Club Quality Initiative (CEP) Workshop or completion of the Certified Guiding Lion course also count toward the award.

☐ **CLUB ACTIVITY** – The club has hosted regular and meaningful club events and reported Membership, Service Activities, and the New Club Officers in a timely manner.

☐ **CLUB IN GOOD STANDING** – the club is not in status quo and International dues and new member entrance fees have been paid in full. No more than US\$50 in any other expense due to LCI is outstanding beyond ninety (90) days.

Date	2016-2017 District Governor's Signature*	District	Member No.
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* Applications received from the District Governor's registered email address will be considered signed by the district governor. In undistricted areas the coordinating Lion or provisional zone or region chairpersons should sign the completed form.

The completed form must be mailed to the English Language Department at International Headquarters, or email to clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org, or fax to (630) 706-9273 to arrive by August 31, 2017. Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club shall be considered only if received at International Headquarters within 12 months after completion of the fiscal year, provided that the original application form is already filed at International Headquarters. The award will be mailed to the 2017-2018 district governor for presentation. In undistricted areas the award will be mailed to the coordinating Lions or directly to the 2016-2017 club president.

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Welcome to New Members in 25-A

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>NEW MEMBER</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Chesterton	John K. Bell	Laura Layman
Kouts	Denise H. Demers	Asa Henderson
Kouts	Richard P. Demers Jr.	Marilyn Henderson
Lakes of the Four Seasons	Jayne A. Bendy, RN	Jeanne De Las Casas
Lowell	Edward J. Miller	Will Farrellbegg
Mill Creek Community	Rex A. Eckert	Thomas Sharp
South Haven	Nancy Mendez-Lopez	Judith Shaffer
St. John	Dal Sacramento	Allen Konieczka
Valparaiso	Eric T. Zosso	Elisha Porterfield

Those Who Have Completed Their Service:

Shelby	Harold Brewer
South Haven	Frank Raupach

Hobart Lions Club Donates to Hobart Food Pantry and Pack Away Hunger

Hobart, IN, March 22, 2017: The Hobart Lions Club donated the proceeds from their Annual Pork Chop Dinner, held on January 29, 2017 to help combat hunger. The Hobart Food Pantry, and the organization, Pack Away Hunger, each received \$1500 from the Hobart Lions Club. Currently the Hobart Food Pantry serves about 150 families a week from the local community, providing them with much needed groceries. Pack Away Hunger is an organization that matches up community organizations, businesses, and individuals to package meals that are distributed to local food banks and pantries, or to community feeding programs in emerging nations. Theresia Larimore, Executive Director of the Hobart Food Pantry and Larry Moore, Executive Director for Pack Away Hunger accepted the donations on behalf of their organizations.

Karen's Angels—Annual Cancer Fundraiser



This Annual fundraiser is held in Medaryville. Shown are PDG Margaret Verkuilen, 25A Cancer Trustee; Lion Cindy Haviza, Lions Tom and Dottie Flack, PDG Paul Russell, Cancer Control President, and Maria, an Indiana University Professor.

Spring Work Day at the ISBVI—May 20, 2017

The Indiana Lions have supported ISBVI not only financially but also physically for many years and on Saturday, May 20, we will be holding our spring workday at the school. The School for the Blind is always in need of our support especially at our spring workday, when we clean up the grounds, do garden clean up, wash windows and generally clean where needed. There will be a number of inside and outside jobs to do that day --- lots of opportunities to help one of your state projects. Registration begins at 8:30 with work beginning at 9:00 and we are usually done by 3:00.

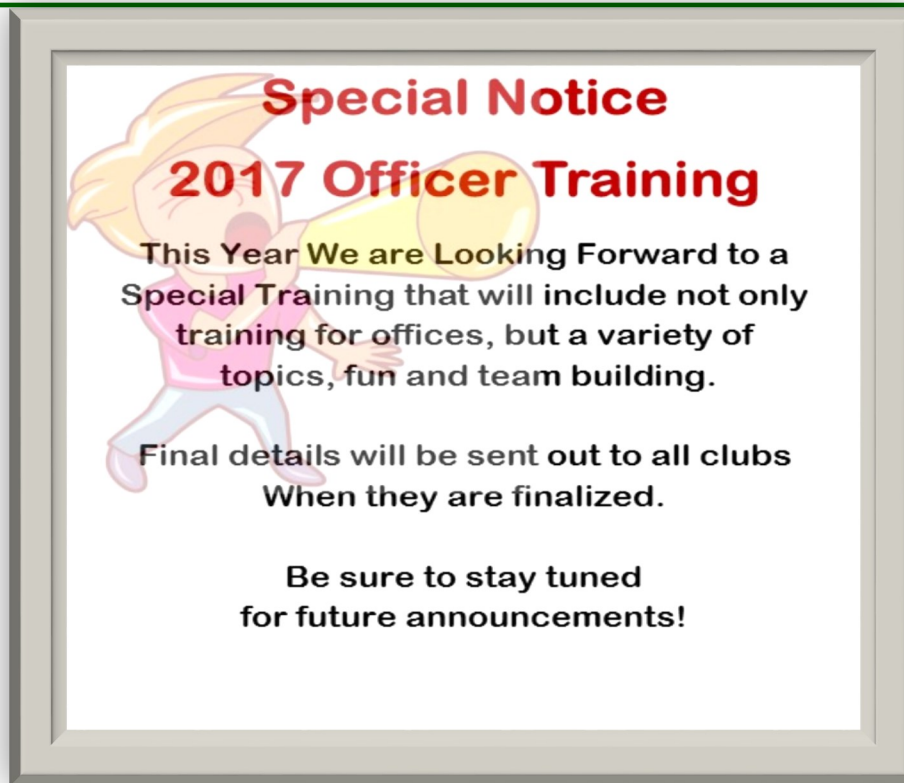
So dig out your work duds, hoes, weeders, etc. and come to our May 20th get-together! The school provides most of the equipment and cleaning supplies, so just bring yourself. I forgot to mention, the school provides us with donuts in the morning and pizza for lunch!

We do need to know who will be there so we can arrange for sufficient food as well as work tools/supplies etc. If attending, please contact Lion DGE Robin Smith by May 11 at 219-462-8285 or by email at mswolfen@aol.com

Schererville Lions Club



Schererville Lions Club held a Pancake Breakfast on April 23rd. Participating are Lions Karen Aldrich and Cindy Ferrini taking a break and cook Zone Chair Tom Talaga.



Indiana State Police Law Camp

The Dates for the 2016 – 17 Lions sponsored ISP Law Camps are:

Anderson University, Anderson, IN. June 28 – July 1, 2017

Vincennes University, Vincennes, IN. June 14 – June 17, 2017

Both boys and girls entering grades 6, 7, and 8 are eligible to attend. The cost is \$150 per student. Please notify your clubs. Some funds are available to assist children and Lions Clubs if funds are an issue.

Contact PID Linda Tincher (812) 240-0545 or PDG Betty Weist at (765) 623-3553 for more information.

The Indiana State Police also offers a Career Camp for boys and girls going into grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 at a cost of \$250. Sponsored by Kiwanis, not the Lions. Dates for those camps are:

Trine University, July 9 – 14, 2017

Vincennes University, June 25 – 30, 2017

All of the camps are very good and have been in business for over 40 years. The Counselors at all the camps are Indiana State Troopers – many are fathers and mothers who understand the problems kids face today. All of the camps are designed to promote active participation and learn about the behind the scenes aspect as to what it is like to be a police officer. For additional information or to apply online, go to www.trooper.org.