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District 25A News

Grow With Me — The Best is Yet to Be



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Lions of 25A

We just concluded our State Convention. Our featured speaker was our International President Gudrun Yngvadottir. What a very inspirational speech. We learned about her life, personal and Lions. What a great role model for us — not only for women but for all Lions. Every year we are blessed to have our International President. Think about that for next year. It was great to represent District 25A. We were the only district with a positive membership growth as of the state convention. You bet the International President knew that! What a great feeling!

Now let's talk about our membership drive in April. District A brought in 48 new members in the month of April. How fantastic! As far as the MD25 District Governor's challenge, District A was the winner. Thanks to all who helped with this effort—whether you brought in a new member or helped to promote this idea.

The winning club from our district contest, bringing in the most new members, was Lake Station with 12. So they will receive \$100. There was a tie for the Lion that brought in the most members. I did not want to pick one, so I decided to give both members \$50. The winners are Lion Tom Sharp from Mill Creek and Lion Erica Castillo from Lake Station. Congratulations!

Finish Strong

International President Gudrun announced the initiative that started in April to give each club the ability to file for a grant for reimbursement of the new member initiation fee for from Lions Clubs International. If your member stays in six months, you'll get back half of the money. Then after one year, you will receive the rest of the money. Now the great news — Lions Clubs international has extended the initiative for May and June. I think this is a good way to attract new members.

New leadership

We need new leadership — not the same people doing the same roles. There are many PDG's that are more than willing to mentor Lions. Just ask any PDG questions so you better understand these roles. Remember these leadership roles are open to both men and women Lions.

Lions are amazing

During my travels this year while visiting all the clubs, and enjoyed finding out what they were doing. I was amazed! If we were to report all of our activities to Lions Clubs International, I bet they would be thrilled.

Have a great Memorial Day — and a safe one.

Yours in Lionism,

District Governor Dennis Brown

Dear Lions

The Month of April was a huge success, THANK YOU LIONS for all you do!!! And not only was April a great month for District 25A, it was a great month for MD 25 and International. LCI has extended the service grant for signing up a new member until the end of June. So, if you sign up a new Lion, the club will get the initial fee of \$35 back in the form of a service grant. Keep up the momentum Lions — you all are doing a great job!

Membership isn't the only thing that makes our Lions great, don't forget about leadership. As we prepare for the upcoming Lion year please submit your officers, so I can get them in the district directory. The district directory is a great tool to locate guest speakers and come up with ideas to promote within your clubs. If anyone would like more information on being on committees or just what the different positions entail, please don't hesitate to pick up the phone or send an email to one of the many leaders in our district. PDGs are a great place to start asking questions and get pointed in the right direction. And, we also have training!!! **SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 29th**. I will be sending out information on time and place soon. Training will include Club President, Club Secretary and Club Administrator, Club Treasurer, and Zone Chairs. I understand that some of you are very excited to get started in your new position, so if you absolutely can't wait you can always go to the resource center at www.lionsclubs.org. Register if you haven't already done so and start checking things out on the LCI web site.

I hope you all have a great summer! As the weather heats up and we go out to our fundraisers and service projects, just remember, WE SERVE. We are all out here trying to help someone. We really do make a difference in our communities! You, the Lions, are amazing!

Good luck, stay safe and God Bless.

DGE Mitchell Semans

Deadline!

May 15th is the deadline for filing your 2019-2020 Officer Reporting Form (PU101). Make sure to include a Club Administrator — an assistant to help the Secretary enter the monthly Membership and Activity reports and a club LCIF Chairperson.

Save the Dates

Officer Training for 2019-2020 is scheduled for Saturday June 29th.

Time and Place will be announced soon. Please plan to attend and help DGE Mitch start his year.

DGE Mitch's **Banner night** is scheduled for July 27th. Official passing of the banner and a band—Nightshift.

Please check email and June newsletter for more information.

Leadership Opportunities!

We are looking for Lions to fill Zone Chair openings:

Zone 1C — Dyer, Griffith, Highland, Munster, Schererville

Zone 3A — LaPorte, LaPorte Maple City, Michiana, Michigan City, Mill Creek, Rolling Prairie

Zone 4A — Goodland, Morrocco, Remington, Rensselaer

Zone 4B — Hebron, Kouts, LaCrosse, Shelby, Wheatfield

Zone Chair duties consist of visiting each club in the zone once and having 3 zone meetings. Joint zone meetings are encouraged. You must be a past club president. Please contact DGE Mitchell Semans 219-508-1224

This is your chance to step into a Leadership role. Minimum travelling is required—these are your neighboring clubs.

HOW DOES OUR GARDEN GROW

CONGRATULATIONS AWESOME LIONS OF DISTRICT A

AS of April 30th, we have gained 21 members and now stand 1317 members. Thanks to you, DG Dennis won the Multiple District Contest for bring in the most members in April.

It is planting time and each member is a seed in our garden of service to others and our communities. To grow our seeds we need a field of rich soil fertilized and turned by hard work. Our club is our field. Is it ready for planting? Successful organizations review their operations to assure employees feel valued. We, as Lions, should do this also. Completing the "How are My Rating" is an excellent way to determine if club members feel valued and proud to Lions. Successful organization conduct surveys to see if they are meeting the needs of those they serve. Lions Clubs need to do this by completing a Community Needs Assessment to see if they are meeting the needs of our communities. If our field is properly prepared our garden will reach its full potential.

Seeds are, of course, the foundation of our garden. Many of our current Lions have provided seeds to help our garden grow. The simplest way to get new seeds is to Just Ask. One of the most cited reasons people did not become Lions sooner is that "no one asked me" New seeds will help our garden grow strong and healthy.

Tender loving care is needed to be sure that each of our "seedlings" grows to its full potential. One of the most cited reasons why Lions leave is a lack of involvement and not feeling welcomed as a member of the club. A little understanding, a little "propping-up", and a lot of kindness will make for a garden in full bloom.

We must all be kind and strong and brave Lions to make our clubs operate effectively to, meet the needs of our community, to ask others to join us, and to care for each other.


When we look to the sky and see twinkling stars remembers those are the lives we as Lion made better. Reach up and grab one, put into your heart. It will become a cherished possession. Then do the hardest thing of all – share it with some else by asking a person to become a Lion.

If we care for our garden, we will have more **TWINKLING STARS** than ever before.

GMT Dick

Why service reporting matters

Discover what can happen when you share your impact



Come Celebrate
the Wonders you have achieved
This YEAR!

2018-2019 District 25A
District Governor Dennis Brown

4th Cabinet Meeting

Sponsored by the
Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions Club

At: Four Seasons Country Club - Seasonal Lakehouse
1048 N Lakeshore Drive, Crown Point, IN 46307
CS Barb's Cell 219-798-5950



Sunday, June 9, 2019 - 1:00 PM CDT



"Cook your own Steak" Dinner

Pre-reservation Required for Steak dinner

Registration form will be sent to the clubs
and in May's Newsletter





Left: PIP Wayne Madden, IP Gudrun, IPDG Robin and DG Dennis . IPDG Robin received a Presidential Metal .

Right: Lions Alice and Stephen Helmkin and Brian accept 2nd place in the State Activity.



State Convention



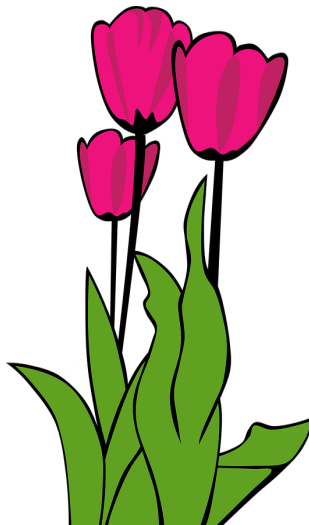
Left: Lion Carolyn Toosely received a Leadership Medal for her efforts as the 25A Diabetes Chair.

Right: IPDG Robin and her GMT Dick Silveira, were recognized for positive membership growth in 2017—2018.

Bottom Right: DGE Mitch Semans with wife Wendy



DG Dennis got to at least touch the 50/50 winnings for a few seconds at the recent Crown Point Bingo.





Lions International Convention 2019 Milan, Italy July 5th – 9th

BUONGIORNO!

The Lions 102nd International Convention is a short couple of months away and there is still time to make plans for what will be a very special convention. Registrations can be done online or if you happen to find yourself in Milan during this time and haven't registered you can do it onsite. Hotels can be reserved via Lions Club International or direct. Airlines specials are beginning to be offered but there is a short window before they will return back to regular price or higher as it gets closer to July.

Final plans are being made for an Indiana Lions dinner arranged by Committee member PDG Patty Cooke. This too will be an enjoyable time and a culinary treat from one of Milan's local restaurants. Reservation forms will be sent out in the next few weeks.

If touring Italy is high on the list of things to do there are still tours available thru the LCI selected travel companies. There are also a variety of options from other companies operating in Milan. These can be found online or thru a travel agency.

If you will be in Milan please watch for correspondence from the Indiana International Convention Committee as they are making plans on the best way to communicate to our members of news/events each day of the convention.

As always if there are any questions about the International Convention, don't hesitate to contact any of our committee members. They have been brushing up on their Italian but I am pretty sure they will provide all answers in English!

Committee members: PDG Patty Cooke – District A Patty.cooke@gmail.com; PCC Sue Topf – State Administrative Secretary indylion@indianalions.org; Lion Bob Yunker – Lions State Comptroller indylion@indianalions.org.

PCC Reed Fish

2019 Committee Chair

RFish@amfam.com





2018-2019 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

Club must be chartered prior to January 1 of the fiscal year to qualify.

Application Date

Club Number

Club Name

Member Number

2018-2019 Club President's Name

2018-2019 Club President's Email Address

<p>1. MEMBERSHIP</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Achieved a Net Growth of: _____ *</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chartered new Lions club or Club Branch:</p> <p>Name of club or branch: _____</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Supported member retention by increasing member satisfaction</p> <p>Outline strategy: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>*Based on June 30 cumulative membership report</i></p>	<p>2. SERVICE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Started a new service project. Consider one of our Global Causes!</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Organized a new Leo Club</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contributed to LCIF</p>
<p>3. ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Club is in Good Standing: Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with LCI greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Key Officers participate in one or more of the following leadership training events:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple District</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International <input type="checkbox"/> Webinars</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lions Learning Center <input type="checkbox"/> Club Quality Initiative</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Improved club operations</p> <p>Improvements Include: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>4. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media as noted below:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The club utilized social media to promote club activities and reported to Lions Clubs International as noted below:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

Date

2018-2019 District Governor's Signature*

District

Member Number

Due by: August 31, 2019

Send to: clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org or fax to (630) 468-6919

Awards Mailed to: 2019-2020 District Governors

*If sent from district governor's registered email, it qualifies as signature on applications submitted electronically.

Disqualified clubs have 12 months from original due date to request a review.

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This form is available on line at www.lionsclubs.org — search Club Excellence 2018—2019 or da1-2018-19-en.pdfHere is the direct download link: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/v2/resource/download/82269681>



Right: The **Mill Creek Community Lions Club** along with Friends of the Library and Fish Lake Little League sponsored their 6th Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 20, 2019 at the American Legion Sports Complex Ball Diamond in Fish Lake. This event was open to all, two to ten year olds of the Lincoln Township community. Prizes were awarded for each age group. Pictured below is one of the age groups getting ready to start.



Lake Station Lions

Right: The Lake Station Lions had a busy month. They had their official visit with DG Dennis—and he inducted 8 new members. Then the induction was followed by a wedding! Lion Josh Matejczyk, who happens to be city Judge, married Lions Jack and Kim Shockley. Congratulations Jack and Kim!

And then the club added four more members to win the District membership contest. Congratulations Lake Station Lions!



On Sunday May 5th, a number of 25A Lions met for a talk about membership and a Painting Party! Thank you PDG Peg VanVeele of 25G for giving us ideas on service projects and attracting new members. Thank you to PDG Margaret for raffle items and support. Left are all the painters

“Let's Golf for Charity”

As the Spring weather improves, golfers are taking to the courses and six La Porte County Lions Clubs have again organized a tournament.

When: May 24, 2019 — the Friday before Memorial Day.

Where : Beechwood Golf Course in La Porte with a scramble format.

There is no rain date. Registration and a light lunch begin at 10:30 a.m.; chipping and putting contests at 11:30 a.m. and the shotgun start will be at noon. Dinner, team awards and cash bar begin at 4:30 p.m. This is the 13th such tournament which was the idea of Past District Gov. Glenn Swanson. Current chairman is Zone Chairman Lion Brian Pagels.

The participating Lions clubs are La Porte, Maple City, Michiana, Mill Creek Community, Michigan City and Rolling Prairie. Representatives from the clubs start meeting in December to get sponsors, donors and organize the event. This is an example of Lions uniting for the common good to serve and raise money for charitable purposes.

Each club will share in the profits from the tournament to support Campaign First Sight, Cancer Research, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Indiana School for the Blind, Eye and Tissue Bank and Diabetes Awareness. Local projects by the clubs include Lions Alert, Eyeglass Assistance Program, Reins of Life, Food Baskets and Pantry, Deserving Children's Shopping Tour, senior luncheons, scholarships and community cleanups.

The cost to play is \$75 per golfer, \$300 per team, which includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner, goodie bag, team and individual awards. Deadline for entries is May 10, 2019. The limit is 144 golfers, first come, first served.

The **entry form** can be downloaded at www.rollingprairielions.org
Or you can get one from the **Beechwood Golf Course** or from a **Lion**.
Payments should be made out to Lions La Porte County Golf and mailed to 7128N 300W, Michigan City, IN 46360



Come Help the LOFS Lions celebrate their new LEO club!! We invite you to attend the Charter Night and induction ceremony:

When: May 15th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Where: Lakes of The Four Seasons Lakehouse (Clubhouse)
1048 N Lakeshore Dr, Crown Point, IN 46307

Most of the LEO's have school the next day we will be ending the event by 7:30.

All PDG's and District 25A Lions are invited!

We will be serving Pizza after the ceremony and of course the restaurant will also be available should any like to order other items and or drinks.

Please RSVP with Lion Charmaine Ganley charmaine13@att.net no later than May 14, 2019.

Lion Larry Dennison

President LOFS Lions



Schererville Lions Club Annual A.Y.C.E. Pancake Breakfast



Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Coffee, Juice, Milk

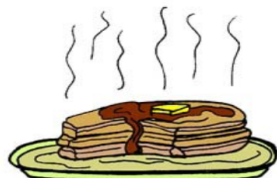
ALSO A BAKE SALE

Saturday May 18th 2019 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

At Immanuel Presbyterian Church
140 W Highway 30 In Schererville

Cost Of The Breakfast Is A Donation

For More Info Please Call 219-322-2551



All Proceeds To Benefit Schererville Resident
Melissa Sienicki's journey with
Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS)

(A rare disease that affects the joints, skin, and blood vessels)



Indiana State Police Summer Camps **2019 Dates:**



PIONEER CAMPS ARE BY RECOMMENDATION ONLY: AGES 11-14

Lincoln Pioneer Camp: June 24-27, 2019

Mounds Park Camp: June 9-14, 2019

Potato Creek Camp: June 17-21, 2019

LAW CAMPS: 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH GRADE

Vincennes Law Camp (Vincennes Indiana): June 12-15, 2019

Anderson Law Camp (Anderson Indiana): June 26-29, 2019

CAREER CAMPS: HIGH SCHOOL AGE

Vincennes Career Camp (Vincennes Indiana): June 23-28, 2019

Trine Career Camp (Angola Indiana): July 7-12, 2019

Indianapolis Career Camp (Indianapolis Indiana): July 14-19, 2019

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Indianapolis, IN 46219



Your ISBVI Lion Trustees are sponsoring a **work day** at the school in Indianapolis on **Saturday, May 18, 2019**. This is a great opportunity for you/family/friends to walk the walk and put our "**We Serve**" motto into action. Our schedule for the day will be:

- 8:30 am Registration and donuts (of course!)
- 9 am – 1 pm Morning work Session
- 1 pm Lunch (provided by the school)
- After Lunch **Tour of the School** for those interested
- After lunch Afternoon work session until done

Come and help us beautify and improve this campus! Interested? Contact...

Lion Mike Okuly
260-519-3541
mokuly52@yahoo.com

It's a great day of fun, hard work and camaraderie and a chance to meet other Lions from around the state as well as visit this beautiful campus. This is one of **your** Lions State Projects.....take a few hours to help beautify and improve it. You'll get great satisfaction from doing so....and of course, a **free lunch**! Hope to see you there.



Westville Lions

Left: Lion Connie Sobieski was awarded a centennial membership pin for bringing in a new member to our club.

Right: Lions Dick Fagg and Elmo Elliott stand next to the Westville Banner for their award recognition. Lion Dick Fagg was recognized for 35 years as a member, and Lion Elmo Elliott was presented a centennial membership pin.



SAVE THE DATE!



Brian's Trike Race **September 15, 2019**

Race on adult-sized tricycles to benefit the ISBVI. Why not send a team, get some exercise and have **FUN!**



Disc Golf Tournament **September 15, 2019**

on the school's own private course. Bring a four-some from your club.

MORE FUN!

Please encourage your club to send a team. If your club is not sending a race team, see if it would sponsor a local Leo Club, school or Boy Scout troop that would like to have a fun afternoon racing around the Letterman Track on adult trikes or playing disc golf. **All are welcome!**

Look for further details at later newsletters or contact

Lion Pat Henninger – Event Chair at iwtlions@gmail.com or 317-908-8884

Welcome New Lions!

Crown Point—MARCIA HUGHES

Crown Point—MARY JANE DIMICHELE

Door Village—SUE A KAISER

Sponsor: CINDY FISCHER

Door Village—SOPHIA VERDUZCO

Sponsor: Bonnie Olson

Door Village—MEGHAN A SHEPHERD

Sponsor: Bonnie Olson

Hamlet —JAMES P GILLARD III

Sponsor: LARRY JERNAS

Hamlet —ERLAND P HENRY

Sponsor: DIANN HENRY

Hamlet —SARAH A GILLARD

Sponsor: DIANN HENRY

Hebron—DOUGLAS L KOSLOSKE

Sponsor: LYNN FISEL

Hebron—EDWARD J MILLER

Sponsor: E RAY BALES

Hebron—JOHN SPINKS

Sponsor: E RAY BALES

Lacrosse—ROBERT CLEVELAND

Sponsor: BENJAMIN EARLE

Lacrosse—M. KELLY SHEPHERD

Sponsor: DARON BRUDER

Lacrosse—MATTHEW ROBERT JESSEN

Sponsor: DELMAR SATTERFIELD

LaPorte—DON M. HUNTER

Sponsor: PAUL MARSH

Lake Station—NEIL M. ANDERSON

Sponsor: BILL CARROLL

Lake Station—ROSE COLOVOS

Sponsor: PAMELA SHAFFNER

Lake Station—ANGELA J. CHAVEZ

Sponsor: CINDY FISCHER

Lake Station —CRYSTAL C. CORTEZ BRISENO

Sponsor: ERICKA CASTILLO

Welcome New Lions!

Lake Station —DIANA M. HINICHSEN

Sponsor: LAURIE HAUSSMAN

Lake Station —RICK LONG

Sponsor: JACK SHOCKLEY

Lake Station —VERONICA R. MATA

Sponsor: BILL CARROLL

Lake Station —JASON L. PEDROZA

Sponsor: ERICKA CASTILLO

Lake Station —A. GRANT HOLDER

Sponsor: PAMELA SHAFFNER

Lake Station —ANTHONY E. ALDONADO

Sponsor: LAURIE HAUSSMAN

Lake Station —LINDA L NEWTON

Sponsor: PAMELA SHAFFNER

Lake Station —JAMES W. RIHARDSON II

Sponsor: ERICKA CASTILLO

Lowell —MARK A. MEYERS

Sponsor: WILL FARRELLBEGG

Michiana —JERRY W. ELKINS

Sponsor: JERRY W. ELKINS

Mill Creek —CARRIE A CAMPBELL

Sponsor: THOMAS SHARP

Mill Creek—SHANNON N CIGAN

Sponsor: THOMAS SHARP

Mill Creek—JASON T HIGLEY

Sponsor: ANN HIGLEY

Mill Creek —FRANKLIN J CIGAN JR

Sponsor: SHANNON CIGAN

Mill Creek—ANN M HIGLEY

Sponsor: THOMAS SHARP

Mill Creek—TAM L M

Sponsor: THOMAS SHARP

Welcome New Lions!

Schererville—ROBIN ARVANITIS

Sponsor: KAREN ALDRICH

Schererville —CANDY RAMSY

Sponsor: CYNTHIA VAUGHT

Schererville— TIM ARVANITIS

Sponsor: PHILLIP ALDRICH

Schererville Central— MELINDA FRIED

Sponsor: JOHN EVANICH

South Haven—GREGG A. BUCHMEIER

Sponsor: KAREN BUCHMEIER

South Haven—CARYN D. SICKLES

Sponsor: JASON KEGEBEIN

South Haven—TYLER J GOODMAN

Sponsor: SHELLY PRICE

Welcome New Lions!

South Haven—DONALD E. SICKLES

Sponsor: JASON KEGEBEIN

St John —SANDI PETEE

Sponsor: ALLEN KONIECZKA

Wanatah —SHANNON C. CHAVIS

Sponsor: DARRELL MARKS

Wanatah —NICHOLAS A. LEUCK

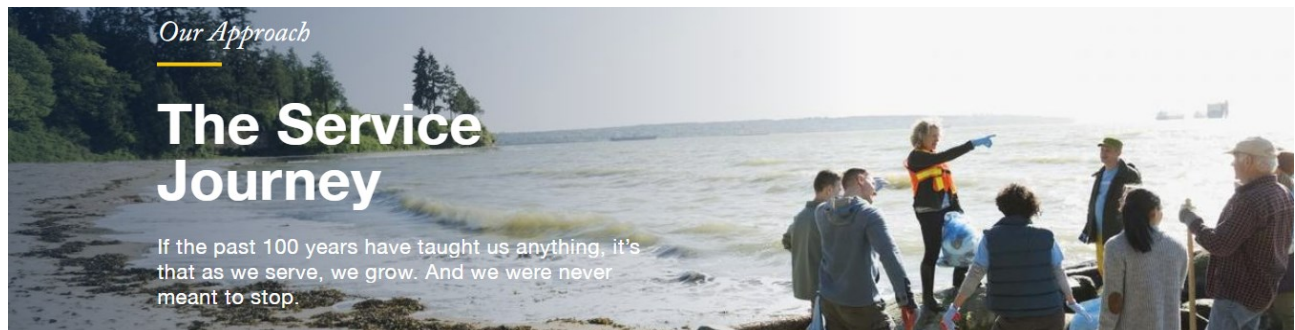
Sponsor: DON PARKER

Westville—MELISSA HERNANDEZ

Sponsor: JULIA KRETLOW

Westville —BOJAN POTHORSKI

Sponsor: OLGA PECANAC



Thanks to your hard work at the 2018 Indiana State Fair, the Indiana Lions Foundation received more than \$40,000 to support local Lions Clubs throughout the state of Indiana.

We're still dealing with winter weather, but it's time to start thinking about - and signing up for - the 2019 Indiana State Fair.

A few of you have already signed up, but there are still plenty of open positions. Sign up now to ensure that you get the job you want at the gate you want on the dates you want.

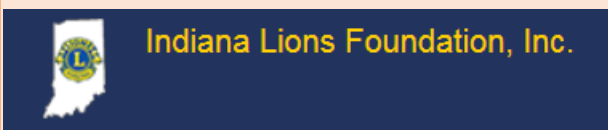
Sign up at <https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/>.

If you have any questions, send me a message or give me a call and I will be happy to try to answer them for you.

Lion Rose Russell, Trustee
Indiana Lions Foundation
Lakeville, Indiana, USA

Home: 574-784-9094

Cell: 574-250-0125



MD25**May 11 Indiana Lions for Leader Dog meeting****June 1 2019-2020 Council Preorganization Meeting****June 8 Indiana Lions Foundation Meeting****June 9 Cancer Control Board Meeting****June 9 Speech and Hearing Trustees Meeting****LCI**

May is Strengthen Membership Month

May 1 Deadline for advance LCICON registration

May 1 Deadline for LCICON registration and hotel refunds

May 15 Deadline for filing Officer Reporting Form (PU101)

June 1 Helen Keller Day

Lions Who Have Completed Their Service**Richard A Lochner — Hamlet****Robert Cooper — Union Mills****John Grott — Wanatah****MAY**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2 Westville OV	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15 LOFS OV LEO Charter Night	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	1