#### May District 25-A Newsletter



Serving Through Kindness "Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." -Mark Twain



### **District Governor, Will Farrellbegg**

District 25A News

Dear Lions,

As I prepare for the State Convention this weekend I contemplate my year as your District Governor. It has been an unusual year with having to deal with COVID. Clubs have had to change and become more diverse in how we meet, fundraising, and how we do projects. Clubs have to be commended on having the ingenuity to find new ways to raise funds to help out our communities. I commend all Clubs in their efforts. We enter our last quarter and I will be having our last Cabinet meeting at Kouts on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. I hope many of you are able to attend, we will continue to try to social distance and wear masks. I am also sure that a big number of you will have been vaccinated by this time which will help to bring some normality to our lives.

As we go in to our last few months let us concentrate on getting a few more new members in our district please. Ask family, friends, work colleagues, or people who regularly support your Club. There have been a few clubs that have been able to increase their membership and I congratulate you on this. Increasing your membership is part of the Club Excellence Award so if your club is one of these clubs please fill in the Club Excellence award application and get it to me.

I would like to carry out some more Club visits. I still have some dates open in May and June is all open.

Yours in Lionism DG Will Farrellbegg.

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### **CC Mitchell Semans DGE**

#### Lions of 25A

It's an honor to represent you all again. I'm looking forward seeing all the clubs and learning all the new things you are doing. My goal is to get you all excited to be Lions!!! It truly is a special feeling when you are in the position to help someone. Thru out this past year one thing remains the same, helping people is what makes our communities great.

Let's continue on supporting one another and supporting the causes that put Lions clubs at the top of community service ladder. When people think about community service, Lions should be the first thing they think of. Let's be the force that runs to the problems and figure out solutions and not be on the side that says we can't. Being at the state convention this past weekend was an energizing reminder of what Lions do. WE SERVE. Let's do this together and show the world nothing can stop us. We may need to make changes, adjustments or even go in a different direction on how we do things and that's OK. Lion are get things done and that's what matter. Again, I can't wait to get started but we need to support our District Governor Will these last two months and really build up momentum with a can do attitude. LIONS Strike back and God Bless CC Mitchell Semans DGE.

Pics of PDG Dennis Brown and CC Mitchell Semans receiving the Presidents Leadership

Medal.





### 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Nick Gonzalez

Hello fellow Lions! I hope everyone is having a nice spring so far. Hope you are taking advantage of the warm weather days. As I type this, the temperature is currently 84 degrees. Soon we will get to experience the brief period we call summer – my tan needs work anyway.

My Region had its combined Zone meeting recently. It was fun to gather with fellow Lions and share some of our activities. We were all inspired by Lion Jason Randlett of the Carmel Lions. During the middle of the pandemic, the club held a successful project that benefited not only their local food pantry, but also the restaurants in town.

Who is that masked strongman in the attached photo? That would be me, lifting a wooden dresser off a cart. I was assisting Humble Designs of Chicago as a member of the White Sox Volunteer Corps. The Volunteer Corps helps organizations throughout Chicago. When I have brief periods of free time, I like helping an organization sponsored by my favorite baseball team. I found out one of our members is also a Lion! Helping outside organizations is not only good for your community, but you might find a new Lion or two.

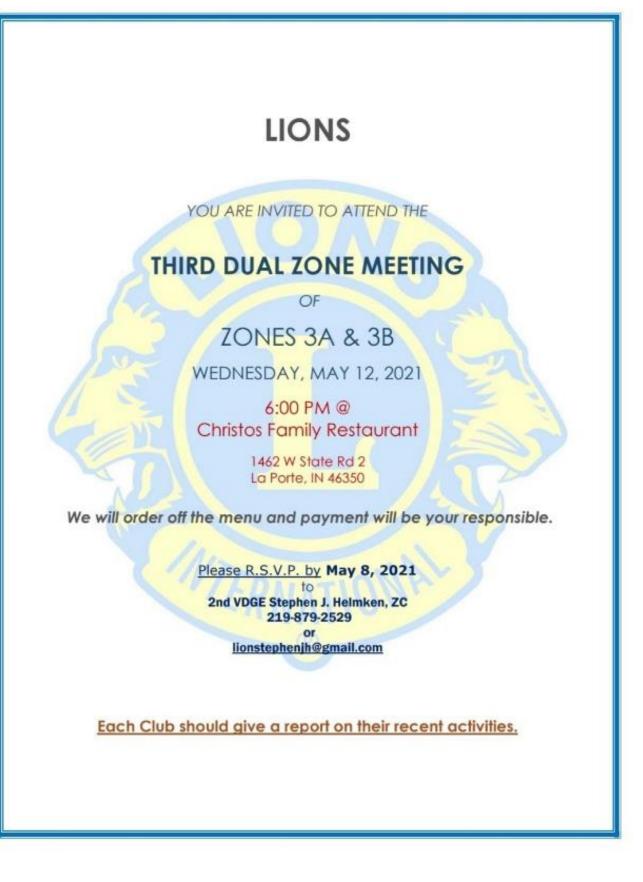
As we approach the end of this Lions year, I know most clubs will have new officers. I will be happy to install your club's officers. Please contact me and we can arrange an installation date.

As always, please be safe as you serve our local communities. Your service is appreciated!

Yours in Lionism, 1VDGE Nick Gonzalez







For Over 25 Years Door Village Kids Enjoy Candy Filled Easter Eggs and Colorful Prizes

Door Village Lions Club members have conducted their Annual Easter Egg Hunt for area kids 12 years old and under for 25 year or more and have considered it their favorite project even though several of the club's project actually benefit the community more in terms of honoring scores of Senior Citizens at Christmas time, saving a child's eyesight with Our KidSight Eye Screening Project in La Porte Community Schools and our Annual Salvation Army Food Bank Donation of all proceeds form our Candy Day Sales at the La Porte Post Office. The annual hunt is held at Scipio Township Park in Door Village. This year's hunt was enjoyed by many children and their families on a very sunny Saturday morning, April 3, 2021.

The reason Lions love the Easter Egg Hunt so much is because we get to see so many kids getting hugs from our Easter Bunny, and smiling the most honest and sincerely joyous smiles you've ever seen in your entire life. And yeah, that should touch just about any heart within eyeshot. And there you have it in a nutshell - "a VERY good reason to keep up this more than rewarding effort" year after year.

Unfortunately, we did not get to conduct it in 2020 because of the pandemic, but barring another evil stroke of Satan's pen next year, members will be planning and presenting it again just as they have for so many years before. Most all of the active members were involved this year but lead Lions were Sue Kaiser who bought the candy and assisted with the presenting of the prizes, Lion Bonnie Olson who bought and brought the colorful and coveted prizes for the kids who were lucky enough to find the eggs with numbers on them, Lion Cindy Fischer who with the help of her granddaughter coordinated the stuffing of the eggs, Lion Dennis Fischer who went and picked up the empty egg shells at Lions Joe and Carol Pahs farm and borrowed a PA System to reach out to the crowd, Lion Gene Flickinger who (with the help of many others) hid the eggs for 3-5 year olds and led that group out to their area when the hunt started. Lion Pastor Bob Denney who led the several egg hiding helpers and later the 9-12 year olds to the larger eastern part of Scipio Township Park, Lion Bonnie Olson also led egg hiders and later 6-8 year olds to their area of the park at start time. Lions George Morley and Nancy Weaver who led the 0-2 year olds to their area when the hunt was launched for all the kids.

The whole project was a wonderful way to spend a few hours preparing and presenting an event that the kids enjoy so much. Parents were thanking Lions as they departed and having their kids thank us and wave goodbye to us. Anyone who would like to join us in presenting it next year, please call 219-575-3575. You'll get a really warm feeling about helping with such a great community project.

Article & photos submitted by George Morley and Dennis Fischer.



LaCrosse Lions Holds Easter Egg Hunt

The LaCrosse Lions Club hosted their annual Easter Egg Hunt this past Saturday, April 3rd, at Ver-Mar Memorial Park in LaCrosse. This yearly spring tradition dates back to 1958, when the Lions first began enriching the community with such a lively family event. Despite the windy weather, there was a great turn-out for the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the LaCrosse Lions! Over 2,700 colored candy-filled eggs were scattered throughout the park in areas roped off for the three different age groups. Hidden inside 42 eggs were tickets announcing whether the egg was also a small, medium, or grand prize egg. Ten lucky winners in each of the three age categories were recipients of small prize eggs earning them solid milk chocolate bunnies. Nine children received an Easter Egg Hunt Kit, including 24 small milk chocolate eggs and 1 big milk chocolate egg as well as a gift certificate for a free kids meal at The Crossing. Finally, three grand prize winners received Easter baskets filled with goodies and a gift certificate for a free kids meal at The Crossing. The Crossing is the new restaurant located at the corner of highways 421 and 8 in LaCrosse serving fast track eats, including hot dogs, burgers, Italian beef, tacos, burritos, and breakfast.

Congratulations to the nine winners of the Easter Egg Hunt Kit and gift certificate from The Crossing.

Age 1 to Pre-School: Miranda Gorski, Jase Michaels, and Grayson McCoin.

Grades K-2: Dean Daily, Audrey Tucker, and Luke Wellman.

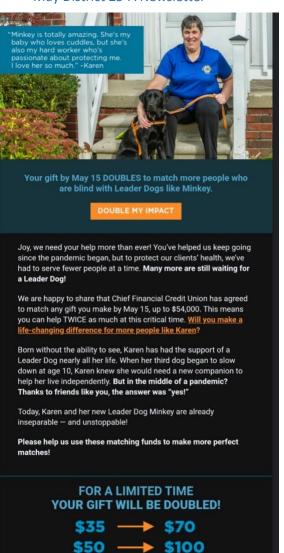
Grades 3-5: Michaela O'Brien, Jason Stroud, and Jude Wellman.

The 2021 Easter Egg Hunt Grand Prize winners are Ivah Shoaf (Pre-School), Avery Joyce (Grades K-2), and Jasmine Stark (Grades 3-5).



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DOUBLE MY IMPACT

\$100 -> \$200

Greetings from LD! I know many clubs are still in process for annual donations to the state projects. This is an opportunity for anyone interested in doubling your gift.

Donate directly to LD through the website and email the confirmation to our District Treasurer Lion Tiffany for district records.

#### Thanks in advance!





At our District Convention we had a Campaign 100 Challenge and 39 Lions representing 23 clubs donated a total of \$840.00 to Campaign 100. This was fantastic.

District 25A has donated over \$16,500.00 to LCIF this year. That's more than all of last year. We could reach \$20,000.00 by the end of the year. That would be awesome during the pandemic.

One way to end the year on a High Note is to honor someone in your club with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. Some clubs only need a small donation to reach the \$1,000.00 needed for the award. PDG Patty Cooke and PDG Randy Greer will be happy to assist you with the Melvin Jones application and donation process. If you have the funds in your Clubs account and do the application form on line it will speed up the time it takes to receive the award.

We would like to thank all the individual Lions that have donated this year. This has been the LCIF Lifeline for many Districts.

We are available to talk to your club and still have pledge cards for Campaign 100.

Sincerely, PDG Patty Cooke <u>patty.cooke@gmail.com</u> 219-671-4668

PDG Randy Greer lionrandy@yahoo.com 219-728-8432





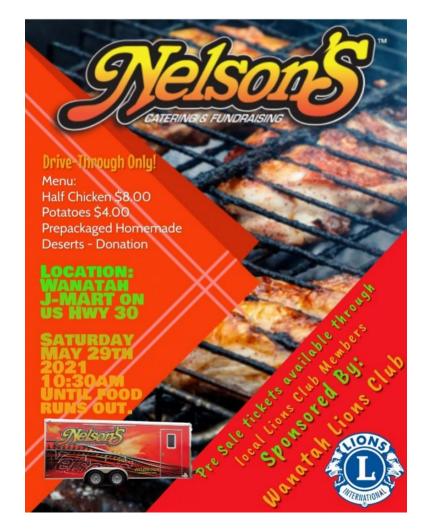
Michiana Lions Tim Jim Jamie & Volunteer Dave built new raised garden bed boxes. These boxes are at Keys to Hope Garden at the Sand Castle Shelter!

May, 2021



# MICHANA LIONS CLUB











The Wanatah Lions will be hosting two fundraisers at Culver's in Valparaiso on May 18th and 25th from 5-8pm. Please mention their club name when ordering. Thank you for your support.

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Members of the Westville Lions Club during their May Candy Day. The money used from this candy day is used for high school scholarships.



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Save the date for upcoming give back nights at the LaPorte Culver's! Mention Mill Creek Community Lions for them to receive credit.

> May 5th May 18th June 14th June 30th July 8th July 26th



LIONS



SOUTH HAVEN LIONS CLUB

Golf Outing SATURDAY JUNE 26TH 2021

Registration @ 7 am / Shotgun @ 8 am \$70 per person / \$280 per team (\$70 deposit)

**DUCK CREEK GOLF COURSE** 638 N. COUNTY ROAD 700 W. HOBART, IN 46342

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# Golf Outing Registration Form Scramble FOUR a Cause!



Benefiting South Haven Lions Club Projects

Location: Duck Creek Golf Course 638 N. 700 W. Hobart, IN. 46342

When: Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Registration @ 7 am / Shotgun @ 8 am

Cost: \$70 per person / \$280 per team / \$70 deposit per team

**Contact Information:** 

Team Name:	
Team Captain:	
Contact Number:	
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Participation Entry:

Individual (\$70)

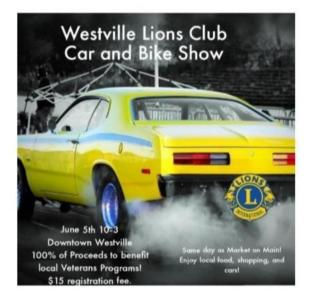
Foursome (\$280) Deposit (\$70)

Payment Method:

Cash or Check \_\_\_\_\_

For questions, please contact Randy Greer (728.8432) or Lion Ken Laviolette (741.4915)

Submit Payment & Form to: Lion Ken Laviolette 3017 Bender St. Portage, IN. 46368





Saturday June 5th

#### **Car and Bike Show**

Downtown Westville On Main Street

Trophies at 2:30

Registration 8-10AM car show till 3PM

Please join us at the Westville Lions Club Car and Bike Show All vehicles welcome \$15 registration. Proceeds from the car show will be donated to local veterans programs, Mission One as well as the WV American Legion Trophies will be awarded for best in show and peoples choice.

We will have donation boxes for keys, glasses, and hearing aids that are no longer in use. This is a family friendly event with no admission fee You can pre-register or register the day of.

#### CAR SHOW PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Please print this form, fill it out completely, and mail either a check, money order, cashier's check made payable to Westville Lions Club, PO Box 916 Westville, IN. Please call Lion Whitney Martin 219.393.8913 with any questions. You can also turn registration forms and money into any Westville Lions Member.

Full Name	
Address	
City State zip Phone	
E-Mail Address	
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This is the same day as Market on Main! Come out and enjoy food, local artisan vendors, and the car show!





Bonnie Meyer of Community Help Network (Buddy Bags) was our speaker for the April meeting. This is a great project we support. We received a matching grant from the Indiana Lions Foundation and presented the check to her organization.

Pictured Lion President Joe Beckman, Cindy Beckman, Bonnie Meyer and Donna Worst.

Lions Vicky Klein and Cindy Beckman ready to deliver Buddy Bags.







Crown Point Lions Club Bingo Bacon & Steak Sale

**Pre-Sale Only** 

## We will be selling the same great bacon that we raffle off at our Bingo.

Bacon Bundles will be sold for \$35 for 5lbs. The bacon will come in one-pound packages and will be individually wrapped and frozen. We will also be selling cases of Choice New York Strip Steaks, from Linz Farms. They will be individually vacuum-sealed and frozen. These steaks will be sold by the case only, which is 16 - 10oz. steaks for \$100.

#### Please make checks payable to Crown Point Lions Club

Deadline to order steaks will be Thursday, May 13th.

Pick up will be Friday, May 21st, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Lions Club Shelter located in the Lake County Fairgrounds. Orders **MUST** be picked up at this time.

#### Just in time for your summer barbeques!!!

To order contact Lion Vicky Klein 219-663-1500 or mail the below order form with your check to Crown Point Lions Club, Bacon & Steak sale, P.O. Box 502, Crown Point, In 46308.

Name		
Phone#	e-mail	
Case of steaks	x \$100 = \$	
Bacon Bundles	x \$ 35 = \$	
Total payment:	\$	

Crown Point Lions!

> CROWN POINT LION SPOTLIGHT LOUISE MOORE



Lion Louise is the epitome of "WE SERVE" our Lions Motto. She is a true servant to her community.

> Lion Louise has been making meals and distributing them for the past 10 months, from October through April, and does not plan to stop anytime soon. She has put in over 50 hours of service and prepared and delivered over 600 meals to individuals in need. Also, for the Crown Point Fire and Police Department.



That means she has served over 600

#### people!

She does not stop there. Lion Louise has also put a box on her front porch to collect eyeglasses. She has also collected items for the homeless.

Louise collected hats, scarves, gloves for her daughters Suit Case Ministry. During the pandemic she has crocheted 6 blankets for the local Hospice. Now she is helping to deliver hygiene products to local towns food pantries once a month.

#### This Lion knows how to serve and do it well.

#### GO LOUISE!!!



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The Indiana Harbor-East Chicago Lions Club, donated five Easter baskets to the East Chicago Parks Department. From Left to right: Lion Maria Callas-Trevino, East Chicago Park Director Vanessa Hernandez, IH-EC Lions Club President Art Trevino, and his wife Maria Trevino.



Lowell Lions Club ready to go egg houses in the town, a successful fundraiser!



At their April 20th Schererville Central Lions Club meeting, three of their members, who are turning "80 Years Young, where Honored for their continued service to Lionism. Their years of service total 77 years. Honored where: Kathy King, Dick Silveira, PDG, and Joanne Freeland.



Members of the Westville Lions Club during their May Candy Day. The money used from this candy day is used for high school scholarships.



# La Porte Lions

Despite the restrictions of Covid-19, La Porte Llons have continued to live up to the organization's motto, "We Serve." In November, the club donated \$150 worth of food to the Purdue Northwest food pantry. Spearheaded by Lion Diane Spoljoric, the club sold Christmas greenery for delivery at the end of November. The profit from the sale was \$1,267. A give-back day at La Porte Culvers brought in \$90. The Lions decided to match the profits with funds from Lions Alert and to give gift certificates to front-line employees at the seven local Family Express gas stations. In January, Lion Paul Marsh suggested buying \$1,000 worth of gift certificates from small local restaurants, which would help those businesses, and to give them to Center Township Trustee Lisa Perzakowski to distribute to needy families. This benefited the small restaurants and families in need. La Porte Lions meet the second Tuesday of the month at the Eagles on McClung Road, social meeting at 5:30 p.m., business meeting at 6 p.m. Please come to the next meeting, Tuesday, May 11, or call Boss Lion Barb Smeltzer at 219-575-9790 to learn more about the world's largest service organization.

Lions Oscar Ryl-Kuchar, (from left) Tom Ruda, Barb Smeltzer give gift certificates to Center Township Trustee Lisa Pierzakowski, with the Lion and Lion Paul Marsh at right.



Lions Diane Spoljoric (from left) Barb Smeltzer, the Lion, Oscar Ryl-Kuchar, Family Express manager Alexandra and Paul Marsh visited seven Family Express locations to give gift certificates to front-line workers.



Lion Diane Spoljoric and Rick Dobson of Purdue North West are pictured with the food donated to Pudue North West's food pantry.





Law Camp 2021. Due to the Pandemic and the stress it has put on our Clubs and parents, the Law Camp Committee is offering scholarships to those kids that would like to attend Law Camp either in Anderson or Columbus. Anderson University Camp will be June 20<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> and Columbus Youth Camp is June 23<sup>rd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>. Ages for Law Campers is 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders (and that includes going into 6<sup>th</sup> and coming out of 8<sup>th</sup> grades). The registration fee is \$150 and we are offering to pay \$130 and have the parent pay \$20. Of course, if that is a hardship that could be waived. Applications would need to go through the State Law Camp chair, PDG Betty Weist or PID Linda Tincher and can be sent via mail or electronically. Applications can be found on the State Web site of <u>www.indianalions.org</u> and on www.trooper.org. District committee members can also assist with applications.

PDG Betty Weist <u>bettyweist@aol.com</u>	PID Linda Tincher linda.tincher@ma.rr.com
PO Box 41, Markleville, IN 46056	PO Box 148, Riley, IN 47871
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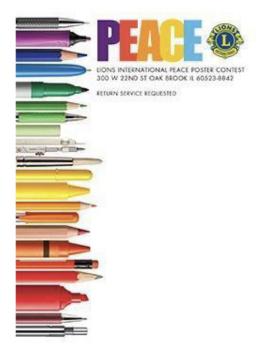
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Awards Mailed to: 2021-2022 District Governors

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

Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club will 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 LCI.

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## "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 <u>lionsclubs.org/coronavirus</u> for more information about COVID-19.

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#### Fellow Lions,

La Porte Lions have been given a Stair Lift, suitable for a stairway with a curve in it. The donors want it to go to someone who really needs it to access their upstairs. It is currently in storage. We are asking all clubs to help us find a new owner for this Stair Llft. There is no charge for it, but the new owner would need to have it installed at their home. Please call La Porte Lions President

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:

EAST CHICAGO EVENING BENJAMIN FLORES JR. SPONSOR: GINA GOMEZ

LAKE STATION CHERYLE BRADFORD SPONSOR: BRIDGETTE ROSCO

> SOUTH HAVEN LEE LUBBOCK JR. SPONSOR:RANDY GREER

> WESTVILLE BONNIE MANUEL SPONSOR: DEBI INGRAM

Members that have completed their service.

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# Multiple District 25 – Lions of Indiana GMT, GLT, GST and LCIF State Positions Available

The terms of the Global Membership State Coordinator, Global Leadership State Coordinator, and the Global Service State Coordinator are all <u>one year terms</u>, and will expire on June 30, 2021.

Also the Term of the Multiple District LCIF Coordinator, which is a <u>three year term</u>, will end on June 30, 2021.

Qualifications for all positions include Leadership Skills, Knowledge of Lions of Indiana, and the International Association of Lions Clubs. It is preferable that any applicant has been a graduate of ALLI, or LCI's Faculty Development Institute, or other leadership program. For further information on these positions, please review information on the LCI Website, which is listed under Global Action Team. All positions are voluntary.

The GLT, GMT, and GST are part of the Global Action Team which is chaired by the Council Chairperson.

The Multiple District LCIF Coordinator serves as an ambassador for LCIF for MD 25. This voluntary commitment requires attendance at Multiple District and District Training sessions. It requires collaboration with the Area Coordinator and local Lion Leaders. The applicant should be a Lion in good standing committed to Lions Clubs International Foundation. The Lion should possess a diplomatic leadership style, and be able to encourage Clubs and Lions to donate to LCIF.

#### Please send your letter of intent for any of these four (4) positions to:

Indiana Lions State Office Att: State Administrative Secretary Sue Topf 8780 Purdue Road, Suite 9 Indianapolis, IN 46268 Or to: <u>pccsue@indianalions.org</u>

Applications must be received no later than June 1, 2021 for consideration. An interview date will be established at that time.





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.

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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.

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