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**GMT Doug Schmeltz** 14726 Bryan St. Cedar Lake, IN 46303 H (219) 374-9714 C (219) 692-2800 D\_schmeltz@hotmail.com Lions of District 25A, I want to thank the Lowell Lions Club for hosting our second District/Cabinet Meeting on Sunday October 26. Boss Lion Leon Morrow and the eight other Lowell Club Members were terrific hosts providing a great meal and meeting location at the Cedar Creek Health Campus. Forty Lions representing sixteen clubs were present for our meeting.

With October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, it only seemed appropriate that we have Lion Dottie Flack visit our meeting, with a presentation about our oldest state project, Cancer Control. We are so proud that District A "Set the Pace", leading the Multiple District in contributions this past year. Lion Dottie, once again shared stories of survival and gave information about what services are available for Lions and non-Lions who need help. She is our greatest resource, if you know someone who is in need of a second opinion, give Dottie a call or send her an e-mail and I assure you she will get back to you quickly with an answer.

We are excited that our membership is at a plus eight, as of this date for the year. GMT Chairman Doug Schmeltz and Region Chair Al Konieczka gave a presentation on membership growth that Lion Al developed a couple years ago. They offered a comprehensive hand out for those in attendance and are more than willing to assist clubs who want help in organizing a membership drive or "meet & greet" meeting. Lion Jeanne DeLasCasas reported that the Lakes of Four Seasons Club purchased ASKI pins from International for members to wear. This is a great and inexpensive way to approach new prospective members as they ask you about the pin you are wearing. They have inducted 24+ members in the past year with their son being the 70th. Club member.

Lions Doug & Angie Schmeltz reported on their fund raising trip to upper Michigan for Fishing-For-Life. They presented a check for \$1800+ to the Fishing for Life fund. Lion Ken Anderson from Portage gave a comprehensive report on Speech & Hearing and other committee reports were presented in writing as requested. Zone Projects are in the formative stages as we are still putting together committees. Although some zones are well on their way, others are still talking about and deciding what will work best in their particular area. Club Presidents or representatives of all sixteen clubs gave brief oral reports on activities.

District Governor Lion Glenn and First Lady Lion Karen have visited 23 clubs in the District so far. The greatest part of being Governor is visiting and meeting all the wonderful Lions in our District. I'm so humbled by what is happening in every little town & all communities. Even in the smallest clubs, we are doing great things and helping & serving those who are less fortunate. I am more convinced than ever that we are entering a new era of service in this country. There are a lot of people who want to help us and all we need to do is get out there and ask them to join the World's Largest Service Organization. Let us in District 25A continue to "SET THE PACE"!

Yours in Lionism,

District Governor

Lion Glenn Swanson

Maple City Lions

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My Journey as a Lion

It seems strange that it is already November and the Holidays are fast upon us. It also seems unreal that our Lion's year is 1/3 complete. I still have a lot to learn about being a District Governor in just 20 months!! Sometimes it seems daunting, but I am still committed.

Sometimes in the "busyness" of my life, I wonder "Why am I doing this?". But then I go to a meeting of my club, or attend a District meeting, or drive to Indianapolis for train-

ing, or to Fort Wayne for a Council Meeting. Then I know why – it is my fellow Lions. I hear their stories about Lionism and I am inspired. I know that all the work we do as Lions has a tremendous affect on the world around us. And we all benefit in the process by following the words of Melvin Jones: "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else."

I am also committed to improving my Salesmanship. We all need to be "Selling" Lionism! Think of all the people who you know that "Give" already and would make perfect Lions. Or the others who may be bogged down in their own lives—help them to learn that in doing something for someone else, they will move forward. So we need to develop our "Sales" pitches, to advertise what we do. I will strive to not be the quiet person in the background, but to let people know who Lions are and what we do. I will "Ask One" and then another and another...

Yours in Lionism, 2nd VDG Lion Patty Cooke Schererville Lions

## **District Meeting**

Sunday, February 22, 2015 2:00 pm

Westville, IN —Location TBD

No Silent Auction!!

No White Elephant!!

Just bring a dish to share and enjoy the afternoon

With your fellow Lions!

## Save the dates:

January 10 and 11, 2015	MidWinter Conference	
	Plainfield, IN	
March 13 and 14, 2015	District 25A Convention	
	LaPorte, IN	
April 23-25, 2015	MD25 State Convention	
	Columbus, IN	



## If you are Happy, your are Successful!

## LIONS Worldwide Week of Service in January

The Lions Worldwide Week of Service is a special Centennial Service Challenge event that brings Lions around the world together for a week of celebration and service. It's a great opportunity to showcase your club and celebrate the birthday of our founder, Melvin Jones.

#### Join the Lions Worldwide Week of Service in January

- Plan your project Host a service project that benefits youth, vision, hunger or the environment during the week of January 10–16.
- Share your project Invite your community to serve with you to showcase your club and the power of service.
- Report your project Report your service on the MyLCI Service Activity Report to earn a Centennial Banner Patch for your club.

#### Start Planning Your Service Project

Share this special event with your club and start planning your project today. Don't miss this opportunity to join Lions around the globe in the Worldwide Week of Service in January!



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MD 25 LIONS Hoosier Lions Strong 26th Annual Mid-Winter Conference January 9-10, 2015 Guest Speaker - Justice Stephen David				
	<sup>*</sup> Plainfield Middle School 709 Stafford Road, Plainfield In se South Parking Lot ~ Entrance #11			
Baymont Inn and Suites 6010 Gateway Drive, Plainfiel 317-837-9000 Reservations can be made no Just Mention-Indiana Lione Rate: \$55 per night-includes bre	Friday Night Dinner \$15 Menu is: Beef Tenderloin, Baked Tilapia, Parsley Potatoes, G Beans, Glazed Carrots, Tossed Salad, Spinach Salad, Rolls, Pe Cobbler or Pound Cake w/Whipped Cream & Strawberries Be sure to make your reservations! Entertainment to be Announced			
	tize Drawing for ttendees & Sponsor From Nov. 1st-30th			



October 20, 2014

## Not News to Us

At the USA/Canada Forum in Puerto Rico this past September, Lions Clubs International unveiled a new initiative called "Lions KidSight USA." This nationwide program is designed to vision screen children 6 months through 6 years of age. The goal: to get every club involved in vision screening.

So what does this program mean for the Lions of Indiana? Well other than promoting an awareness of the need for Lions to get involved with the screening of preschool age children, Lions KidSight USA is nothing different from what the Lions of Indiana have been doing since 2003.

With the support of the Lions of Indiana and the Indiana Lions Eye Bank Inc., the Operation KidSight staff and volunteers have screened over 115,000 children in Indiana since 2003.



As great as this sounds though, there are a total of 440,000 children in Indiana between the ages of 6 months and 6 years as this article is being written.

Last year, Operation KidSight screened 17,091 children with 1,168 of those children being referred for a complete eye examination with an eye care professional. We must, we can, and we are doing better this year.

Now here is the best part...there is no cost to your club or the families of the children that we screen. To start screening, all you need to do is contact Lion Janice Chapman by visiting the Operation KidSight website at

http://www.indianalionseyebank.org/operationkidsight.html

or by contacting any of the Indiana Lions Eye Bank Inc. trustees within the District. While visiting the website you will find information about our program, consent forms, brochures, media releases and announcements, as well as ways that you can help.

The main thing that an Operation KidSight screening is trying to detect is "lazy eye". This is not as much a vision issue, but rather a communication issue between the eyes and the brain. A lazy eye can be a completely normal eye, but the eye and brain are not working together. Eventually the brain may simply shut off images being sent from the lazy eye. Treatment of this condition is as easy as patching the good eye and forcing the child to use and retrain the lazy eye to respond to the impulses of the brain.

How do I know? Well my 6 year old daughter is an Operation KidSight child. Through patching, her eyesight has so far been corrected from being 20/85 to 20/55. Will we get to 20/20? Well probably not, but we have prevented her from becoming blind in her left eye. For that, our family says "Thank you Lions!" You've served and we will continue to serve together.

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2VDG J. Ross Drapalik, Chairman Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc.

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## MID WINTER CONFERENCE

## SILENT AUCTION

Again this year there will be a silent auction at the Indiana Lions Mid Winter Conference on January 10, 2015 at Plainfield Middle School in Plainfield. Each Indiana Lions District is asked to donate at least 3 items worth \$20 or more for the auction.

Last year every district made an outstanding effort to make the auction a great success and nearly \$1000 was raised for Youth Programs. If you have items to donate for the auction please contact Patty Cooke who will organize our district's participation.



#### Zone 4A Meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 2014 6:00 PM Central

Lions Club Building on Harrison Street

Remington, In

For Additional Information

Contact Zone Chair Robert Souza 219-866-5594



# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

NOVEMBER 16TH

7AM - 11AM

Trinity Lutheran School

891 Linda Street, Hobart

ADULTS - \$6 CHILDREN \$4

PANCAKES & SAUSAGE Biscuits & gravy

Eggs

Juice, coffee or milk



## **Mid-Winter Conference**

This event is a terrific place to learn more about your Lions in MD 25 and what they are doing. If you have not attended before, please check out the flyer on page 4 and plan to come and enjoy a wonderful

## Check out our Facebook webpage for additional pictures and stories

## https://www.facebook.com/25Alions

## Go to our website for full size copies of all the announcements and other links

## http://www.e-district.org/sites/25a

Please send information pictures, articles, etc for the newsletter to Lion Patty Cooke by the 20th of the Month <u>patty.cooke@gmail.com</u>

## Valparaiso 85th Anniversary

Those who attended the Party had a very enjoyable evening. Not only was the food terrific and the fellowship wonderful, but we got to hear about the tremendous efforts of the Valparaiso Lions in their community. Three members were awarded a WP Woods— Paul Zulich, Jeff Zulich, and Jim Cline Then their five lifetime members were recognized for their efforts throughout their many years as Lions.

Below: Life time members PDG Bob Morgan, Robert Mahoney, Ed Buttlar (Age 96), Club President Jeff Zulich at podium, John Tomczak, and seated Ed Hanson (Age 91).



### LaCrosse Lions

On November 9th, the LaCrosse Lions held their 56th Annual Charter Night Celebration. It was well attended by club members and others in the district. There was a

very interesting presentation by the local historian on the history of LaCrosse. This club is very active in their community — Candy Day, Fish Fry for Firemen, Halloween Party for kids and will handing out food baskets soon. To left, President Craig Aigner.



**District Meeting in Lowell** The District Meeting in Lowell was well attended-and the food was terrific ( especially the desserts ). Lion-Doug presented his wife, Angie, with a Guiding Lion award. Way to go Lion Angie!. Lion Glenn presented PDG Connie Roe with a Letter of Appreciation from PIP Barry Palmer for bringing in over 25 new women Lions. Truly, Women Rule!



Left: Lion Doug Schmeltz presenting his wife Angie with a Guiding Lion award Below Right: Lion DG Glenn presenting Letter of Appreciation to PDG Connie

Below Left: Lion PDG Margaret Verkuilen and Lion Dottie Flack





**Monthly Reports** 

The Monthly Membership report (MMR) erve provides essential information to district officers. All secretary's and presidents

should make sure their reporting is done by the last day of the month. If there is no change in membership, it is a quick click on "no change".

2VDG of 25C, Lion Ross Drapalik, has challenged his fellow 2nd VDG's to work on getting more clubs to enter timely MMRs. To that end, I will be sending out a reminder on the 25th day of the month to all club secretaries and presidents. We cannot let the 25C challenge go unanswered!

2nd VDG Patty Cooke

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Another successful dinner event was hosted by the **South Haven Lions Club.** Many thanks go to the members of the American Legion Post 502 for extending their courtesy in allowing us the use of the hall for the benefit of the South Haven community and for everyone who volunteered and supported our efforts in raising funds for our "Less Fortunate Family Christmas Program.



Vision Screening Training

The training was well attended! The trainer, PDG Jack Salsbery of 25F, has a great deal of experience with screenings. He explained how to conduct a screening exam for both pre-school and school age children. The difference between the purposes of the Kidsight camera ( i.e. detection of eye abnormalities—mainly lazy eye ) and the Acuity testing devices ( i.e. determining vision — 20/20, 20/30 etc ) were explained. A copy of the training manual, a list of contacts, and the schedule for the upcoming screenings can be found on the district website.



### **Fishing for Life**

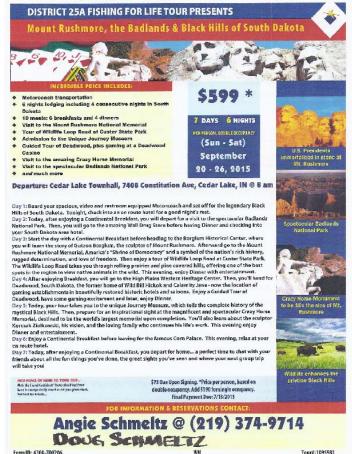
Lions Doug has declared the 2014 Fishing for Life tour to Mackinac Island a complete success!

I Bus + 21 Lions and Lioness + 27 Family, Friends and Complete Strangers = A FANTASTIC TIME = PROFIT of \$1,828 and change for donation to Fishing for Life event.

See the Flyer on this page for information on next year's trip to Mt Rushmore!



All the travelers at Mackinac Island





**Hebron Lions** present to the Hebron Volunteer Fire Department a check for \$2000.93 — the proceeds from their recent Fish Fry. The money was used to help purchase new rescue equipment. Left to right front row: Lion Co-Chairman Carey Thalmann, Lion Treasurer Lynn Fisel, Fire Chief Chad Franzman, and Lion Co-Chairman Amy Thalmann.



To left is Club's entry in pumpkin carving contest to raise money for local food pantry. Below Lion Tom Zacek presented \$600 to Joyce Steinhilber of Hebron Food Pantry and Christine Wallace of Porter Township Food Pantry. Proceeds were from their Port-a-Pit chicken sale.

We Serve



The **Griffith Lions** reported a very successful Pancake Breakfast. The served 280 meals. The money will go toward their Holiday giving. Way to go Griffith!!





DG Glenn Swanson attended a meeting of the Rensselaer Lions. The members and President of the club visit with Lion Glenn after the meeting. Left to Right DG Lion Glenn, Lion Arnold Braasch, 53 year member, President Lion Ed Feicht and Lion Lou DeGroot, 45 year member.



This fall the **Rensselaer Lions** presented 138 dictionaries to the third grade students of Van Rensselaer Intermediate School and St. Augustine Catholic School. Above Mrs. Sarah Hurd's class, the back row (from left to right) Lion Gene Suhr, Lion Carol Sue, Lion Lois Evers, Mrs. Sarah Hurd and Lion Bob Souza.

Some members of the **Highland Lions** working their Candy Day—Lions Mark Herak and Ben Zamojski with help from Nolan Zamojski.





## Welcome New Members!!



Club	Member	<u>Sponsor</u>
Crown Point	Mark Cox	Charles McKean
Francesville	James P. Culp	Forest Stone
Hanna	Rich Dodd	James Jessup
Hebron	Sue M. Franzman	Russell Franzman
Rolling Prairie	Harold D. Carlson	Terry Nickerson
Rolling Prairie	Joanne Nickerson	Terry Nickerson
Rolling Prairie	Dave Jandrisovits	Theodore Hull
Schererville	Judie Sidenbender	Kenneth Jones
Wanatah	Dara L. Guse	David Berger
Wanatah	Tim A. Guse	David Berger
Westville	Steve W. Bos	Gerald Benkie

And Remember those who have Completed their Service to Lions.

LaPorte —Lions David Ebert Munster —Dr. John Lanman



The Crown Point Lions recently welcomed two new members: Deanne Vanco and Mark Cox.





Right, DG Lion Glenn makes his official visit to the Whiting Lions.





November 2014

## **Club Visitation Schedule**

Bass Lake	Wednesday	October 6 2014	Done
Burns Harbor	Wednesday Thursday	October 6,, 2014 November 20, 2014	Done
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Cedar Lake	Tuesday	TBD	
Chesterton	Tuesday	March 10,. 2015	_
Crown Point	Thursday	September 1, 2014	Done
Door Village	Monday	December 8, 2014	_
Dyer	Saturday	October 18, 2014	Done
East Chicago Evening	Wednesday	September 1,2014	Done
Francesville	Tuesday	October 14, 2014	Done
Goodland	Wednesday	August 13, 2014	Done
Griffith	Tuesday	November 4, 2014	Done
Hamlet	Monday	January 5, 2015	
Hammond	Monday	October 13, 2014	Done
Hanna	Tuesday	January 20, 2015	5
Hebron	Thursday	August 21, 2014	Done
Highland	Tuesday	November 11, 2014	Done
Hobart	Wednesday	December 3, 2014	Dawa
Indiana Harbor East Chicago Kentland	Saturday	October 25,2014	Done
	Tuesday	August 26, 2014	Done
Koontz Lake Kouts	Tuesday	April 7, 2015	5
	Thursday	August 7, 2014	Done
La Crosse La Porte	Tuesday Maaday	August 5, 2014	Done Done
	Monday	October 6, 2014	Done
Lake Station	Monday	February 2, 2015	_
Lakes of the Four Seasons	Wednesday	October 8, 2014	Done
Laporte Maple City	Wednesday	December 10, 2014	
Medaryville	Thursday	January 15, 2015	
Merrillville	Thursday	December 18, 2014	<b>D</b>
Michiana L C	Thursday	July 10, 2014	Done
Michigan City Mill Creek	Wednesday	November 12, 2014	
Monterey	Monday Wednesday	December 15, 2014 November 12, 2014	
Morocco	Tuesday	August 26, 2014	Done
Munster	Wednesday	October 15, 2014	Done
Ogden Dunes	Monday	November 24, 2014	Done
Portage	Tuesday	January 6, 2015	
Remington	Tuesday	September 23, 2014	Done
Rensselaer	Tuesday	September 9, 2014	Done
Rolling Prairie	Tuesday	February 3, 2015	Done
Schererville	Tuesday	November 25, 2014	
Schererville Central	Tuesday	October 21, 2014	Done
Shelby	Thursday	September 18, 2014	Done
South Haven L C	Thursday	December 11, 2014	
St. John	Thursday	November 6, 2014	Done
Star City	Tuesday	August 19, 2014	Done
Union Mills	Tuesday	January 27, 2015	
Valparaiso	, Tuesday	December 2, 2014	
Wanatah	Monday	October 20, 2014	Done
Westville	Thursday	January 5, 2015	
Wheatfield	Monday	September 15, 2014	Done
Whiting	Thursday	October 16, 2014	Done
Winamac	Tuesday	September 16, 2014	Done
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