

District 25A Seasons Greetings

District Governor Randy Greer

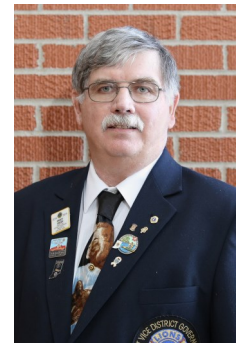
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Wow! District 25A Lions and friends go on a bus trip to the Black Hills, Mount Rushmore, the Badlands, and many other great places along the way. This definitely is a great fundraiser when you go on Vacation, have a great time, and make lots of money for a fantastic program. The proceeds from the trip were presented at the District meeting totaling \$4,500.00 for the Fishing for Life program. Special thanks to Lions Doug and Angie Schmeltz for putting this altogether and to PDG Patrick and Lion Naomi Rodriguez for being Bus Captains. I would like to thank the Cedar Lake Lions for cooking the meal for the meeting and Zone 1B for hosting it. We also, received over \$500 to the Cancer Control Project from the free will offering and many other donations.

As we travel around our District, we hear about all the great community service programs our clubs are doing. We still have a lot of these that never make the activity reports. Your clubs need to get credit for all this work. If you need help putting in these reports contact Lion Pat Greer at randy.greer@frontier.com or call (219) 759-2865.

Several Lions from our District are going to a seminar on Starting New Clubs and Rebuilding Lions Clubs. We then will be calling a meeting to go over information gathered at the seminar. If you are interested in helping form a new club or rebuilding one, contact Lion Doug Schmeltz or DG Lion Randy Greer. Our contact information is on the first and second page of the newsletter.

You can still register at the door for the Indiana Lions Fall Conference. The registration fee now is \$40. This is still a bargain for all the seminars, workshops, keynote speaker, and lunch. The location is in Plainfield, IN. and it is at Plainfield High School.

Congratulations to the Griffith Lions Club on 75 years and the South Haven Lions Club for 50 years of service to their communities!

Let's have a safe Halloween. One of the most meaningful Holidays is Thanksgiving. This is a great time to spend with your family. We want to wish every one of the Lions and their families a Happy Thanksgiving.

DG Randy

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Message from VDG Patty Cooke

Hello Lions of 25A

I do hope you are enjoying this beautiful October! I know I am.

I am also learning how to be your District Governor and to help you, my fellow Lions, in serving your Communities. In a session on public speaking, I was Taught to keep it short and smile. And to always be prepared for the last minute new member installation – new Lions are a good thing .



We also had a session on the importance of Club reporting. The District, State and International use the information from your reports to determine the status of your club. Are you attracting new members or are you losing members? What services are you providing your communities? What types of fund raising activities are you doing? Maybe other clubs in the District can learn from the great things your Club is doing. Or maybe your Club is struggling a little bit and could use some help.

It is vital that club Secretaries or Presidents submit these reports each month. Starting in October, I have taken on the challenge this month to send you a friendly reminder. The use of the **MyLCI** web page has greatly simplified the reporting process. Here is the link.

<https://mylci.lionsclubs.org/Login.aspx?l=EN>

It is easy to create a username if you don't have one already -- all you need is your Club Number and your own ID. The Monthly Membership Report (MMR) is a quick 'one click' entry if there is no change in membership. The Service Activity Report (SAR) is also pretty simple. In a couple of clicks and a little typing you can enter that your club did an Eye Screening or flipped pancakes one Saturday morning. You can be as descriptive as you like and also upload pictures. Some articles in the Lions Magazine are gleamed from this information.

If you need any help, please contact any of your District officers and we will assist you.

I do hope to see many of you at the Fall Leadership Conference in Plainfield, In. on November 7th. It is always a great event! Through the multiple sessions and meeting with Lions from other parts of the state, it is a wonderful learning experience.

Lion VDG Patty Cooke
Schererville Lions

Happy Thanksgiving

To All Lions and Their Families

New Address for Operation Kidsight

Operation Kidsight is moving into a new office....again. Beginning October 23rd,

Please address all screenings and correspondence to:

Operation Kidsight

8780 Purdue Road, Suite 5

Indianapolis, IN 46268

The phone number, fax number, and e-mail will stay the same.

Sheila Christoff, Operation Kidsight Program Coordinator

Ph: 317-220-8486 Fax: 317-220-8585

ACUITY SCREENERERS NEEDED

We need Acuity Vision Screeners for using charts, Optec machines, and Titmus machines. All Lions welcome, if you haven't done this before you will receive hands on training at the sites. We are making a call list for anyone who would like to be called or e-mailed when screenings are taking place. We need 8-10 Volunteers at most of these screenings. The Acuity Vision Screenings in areas listed below have very few Lions in these areas, help is needed.

11/04/15 Lighthouse Charter Schools 1775 W. 41st. Ave. Gary (Acuity) 8:30

11/6/15 Lighthouse Charter Schools 3201 Pierce St. Gary (Acuity) 8:30

11/10/15 E. Chicago Urban Acad. 1402 E. Chicago Ave. E. Chicago (Acuity) 8:30

11/18/15 Washington Elementary 2400 Cardinal Drive E. Chicago both

Photoscreening and Acuity 4:30- 6:00 PM

11/19/15 Harrison Elementary 4411 Magoun Ave. E. Chicago (Acuity) 4:30-6:30

We need Acuity Vision Screeners for every location listed above please help.

Please contact PDG Patrick Rodriguez (219) 902-6459 or patrodsr@hotmail.com

‘Fishing for Life Tour’ a HUGE Success

The 'Fishing for Life Tour' for 2015 is history. 79 travelers enjoyed PERFECT weather to see some of the great scenery and memorials our country has for us.

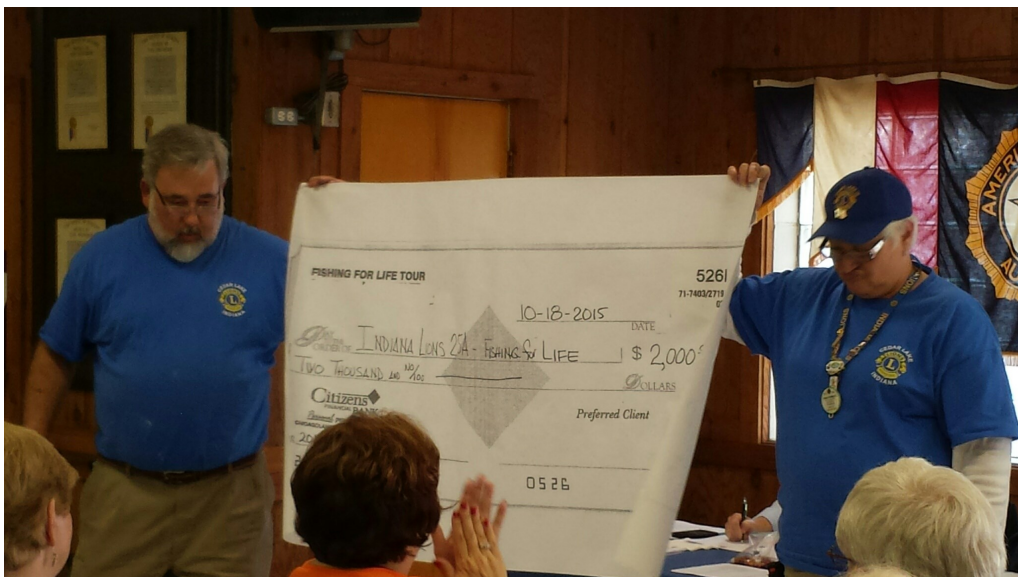
The buses were not as cooperative, but we made it. Check out the District 25A facebook page for some pictures of South Dakota, a very diverse, and beautiful landscape!!

THANK YOU to all the Lions, Lioness, and friends of the Lion family that made this a success. Special thanks to Lions PDG Patrick and Lion Naomi for being bus captains. Thanks to Lion Jerry Benke and Kankakee Valley REMC for arranging and hosting our remote pickup and parking spot. Thanks to Casey's General Store and First Strike Hotel for their donations to our cause. Thanks to the Cedar Lake Police for keeping tabs on most of our cars. Thanks to Lion Angie for letting me do this almost solo and guiding me thru the paperwork, and helping out on the phones when needed.

When it was all said and done, \$4500 was donated to the Fishing for Life event in District 25A at the cabinet meeting on October 18th.

At the end of the trip, we let the travelers pick our next destination (Yep, gonna do it again!!!) Washington DC is our 2016 destination. The flyer is attached with all the info you need. \$75 per person will hold your spot. Thanks and 'on the road' again!!!!

Lion Doug Schmelztz – A still recovering Fishing for Life Tour Co-Leader



Lions Doug and Angie Schmelztz present check for “Fishing for Life” from September bus trip at the October 18th District Cabinet Meeting.



Lions Environmental PHOTO CONTEST

2015-2016 MULTIPLE DISTRICT ENTRY FORM

Multiple District _____ State _____ Country _____

Name of Lion Photographer _____

Lions Club of Photographer _____ Club ID _____

E-mail Address of Photographer _____

Please enter this photo into the following category (select only one):

- ☐ Animal Life
- ☐ Landscape (urban or natural)
- ☐ Plant Life
- ☐ Weather Phenomenon
- ☐ **Special theme:** *Dignity, harmony, humanity:* Celebrating the peaceful coexistence of species.

Please note: Only one printed photo will be accepted from each multiple district; multiple entries will not be accepted.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this photo as the official entry from my multiple district.

Council chairperson (please print name) _____

Signature of council chairperson _____

E-mail Address of Council Chairperson _____

Please mail this signed entry form with the official printed 8" x 10"
(20.3 x 25.4 centimeters) multiple district photo by **March 1, 2016** to:

Lions Clubs International
Lions Environmental Photo Contest
300 West 22nd St.
Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA



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Photo entries must include the name and address of Lion Photographer, Lions Club, Club ID number, and e-mail address. The deadline for submitting entries is December 15, 2015. No exceptions please.

Mail entries to: Lion Paul Freeland, PDG

2331 Starlight Drive

Schererville, IN 46375

Phone: (219)322-2795

Next Year's "Fishing for Life" Bus Trip

DISTRICT 25A FISHING FOR LIFE TOUR PRESENTS

Washington, DC - Our Nation's Capital






INCREDIBLE PRICE INCLUDES:

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- ◆ 3 nights lodging including 3 consecutive nights in the Washington, DC area
- ◆ 8 meals: 6 breakfasts and 2 dinners
- ◆ Two full-day Guided Tours of Washington, DC
- ◆ Our Tours feature the WW II Memorial, Capitol Hill, Embassy Row, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Smithsonian, the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, and more!
- ◆ Evening Guided Memorial and Monuments Tour
- ◆ and much more

\$559 *

4 DAYS 3 NIGHTS

PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

(Thu - Tue)

September

15 - 20, 2016




Capitol Building



World War II Memorial



Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial



Iwo Jima Monument

Departure: Cedar Lake Townhall, 7408 Constitution Ave., Cedar Lake, IN @ 8 am

Day 1: Depart your group's location in a spacious, video and restroom equipped Motorcoach and set off for our Nation's Capital - Washington D.C. Tonight, check into an en route hotel for a good night's rest.

Day 2: Today, after enjoying a Continental Breakfast you will continue towards Washington, D.C. Upon arrival, enjoy a relaxing Dinner and check into your Washington D.C. area hotel.

Day 3: Enjoy a Continental Breakfast before departing for a full-day Guided Tour of Washington, D.C. Some of the awe-inspiring sights on this fantastic tour will include the US Capitol, the White House, the National Archives, Embassy Row, and Georgetown. During the day, you will see the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial, and several War Memorials. This evening, enjoy Dinner at a local restaurant before continuing on the Guided Memorial and Monuments Tour.

Day 4: Begin the day with a Continental Breakfast. Today's Guided Tour includes such poignant and inspirational sights as Arlington National Cemetery, including the Tomb of the Unknowns, and Kennedy Graves, as well as the Iwo Jima Memorial. You'll also enjoy a visit to the Smithsonian Institution. Later, you'll enjoy Dinner with entertainment before returning to your hotel for the night.

Day 5: Enjoy a Continental Breakfast before leaving for the Baltimore Inner Harbor, a historic seaport transformed into a world-class center of shopping, dining, museums, and more. Relax and enjoy the beautiful waterfront setting, or delve into one of the Inner Harbor's many attractions. This evening, relax at your en route hotel.

Day 6: Today, after enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you will depart for home... a perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great sights you've seen, and where your next group trip will take you!

ADD PEACE OF MIND TO YOUR TRIP...

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\$75 Due Upon Signing. *Price per person, based on double occupancy. Add \$170 for single occupancy.

Final Payment Due: 7/8/2016

FOR INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

Doug and Angie Schmeltz @ (219) 374-9714

Form ID: 4000-6E0306
WVA
Tour#: 1206266

2015 LOWELL LIONS CHRISTMAS TREES

The Lowell Lions Club will receive it's 42nd annual delivery of 250 Fraser Fir Christmas Trees & 32" Fraser Fir Wreaths from a Michigan tree nursery on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015. The Lion's tree shelter and lighted tree lot is located on the corner of Mill St. and Commercial Avenue in downtown Lowell. Trees will be ready for sale to the public on Sat., 11/21 @ 12pm. The Fraser Fir Christmas Trees are 6' - 8' in height.

Regular operating hours (weather permitting) will be Monday thru Friday, 12PM – 8PM, Saturdays & Sundays, 10AM – 8PM. A Lions Club member will be available to assist our tree shoppers during these hours until all trees are sold or the last day open will be Saturday, Dec. 19th. Do your Christmas tree shopping early, these trees usually go fast. Every tree sold will include a free tree disposal bag. Every youngster that comes in with a tree shopping parent will get a free candy cane donated by Santa. Any and all donations are welcomed & appreciated and will benefit the needy during the holidays in Lowell & the surrounding Tri Creek area.

100% of the net profits from all Lowell Lions Club fund-raisers are donated back to the community in support of such needs as; Eyeglasses for Needy Elementary School Children, Indiana Eye & Tissue bank, Local Food Pantries, Pop Warner Football, Cancer & Diabetes Research, Leader Dog Training, Junior Miss Program, Lowell Police & Volunteer Fire Dept, Lake Dale VFD, Tri-Creek Ambulance Service, LHS Scholarships, Youth Sports Sponsorships, Lowell Labor Day Parade, and many other needy causes.



Lowell Lions Club Christmas Tree location with "Santa" and "Mrs. Claus"

Crown Point Lions Club

Crown Point Lions will be holding a “BINGO” on Thursday, November 19th at the St. Elijah Hall on Taft Street. The donation is \$6.00 per person. Food and drinks are available on the premises. Contact Lion Tim for tickets at (219) 662-9840.

St. John Lions Club—Kids Eye Screening

The St. John Lions Club performed a children’s eye screening at the annual St. John Fire Department Open House on Sunday, October 4th. The volunteer Lions screened a total of 43 Children. Vision screenings can help detect possible health problems and potentially save a child's sight. Don’t forget to set up a screening in your local community.



Pictured L to R: St. John Lions President Renee Hladek, Lion Carol Plesha, Lion Secretary Nancy Moneta, and Lion Sue Golec.

Peace Poster Contest

To all clubs that are sponsoring a Peace Poster Contest, Please get your contest winners to either 1st VDG Patty Cooke, 2nd VDG Robin Smith, or DG Randy Greer by November 15th. We will then vote on them and send the winner down state. We will invite the Winner and their family to our District Convention.

Lions International Peace Essay Contest

Any club sponsoring a Peace Essay Contest please send the winning essay and completed entry form to the District Governor by November 15th. Contestant must be visually impaired and be between the ages of 11 and 13.

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South Haven Lions Celebrate 50th Anniversary on October 24th

At Duneland Falls Banquet Center



25A Cabinet Sec Judy Shaffer & South Haven President Carolyn Laviolette receive Melvin Jones Awards from DG Randy Greer and PIP Wayne Madden.

SH Lions Ed Piontek and Laura Piontek show awards at 50th Anniversary Celebration. Miyamoto Award to Ed and Presidential Award to Laura.

New Member Inductions in October



New Michiana Lions Members – At left Lion Jessica Wozniak with father Alan Wozniak (sponsor) ; DG Randy; Lion Sandra Hixon, and Husband Lion Vernon Hixon, her sponsor.

Hanna Lions Club— New Lion Keith Garner is pinned by his Grandfather Lion Bill Garner.

Upcoming Zone Meetings

Zone 1C Tuesday, Nov. 10, 6:30 PM American Legion, 7485 Burr St., Schererville, IN

Zone 4B Wednesday Dec. 16, 6:30 PM St. Paul's Parish Hall, 507 Rose St., Kouts, IN

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We welcome these new Lions To District 25-A:

Member	Sponsor	Club
Mary Sanchez	Oscar Sanchez	Hammond
Nina Wiseman	Robin Moore	Hammond
Keith Garner	William Garner	Hanna
Jessica Wozniak	Alan Wozniak	Michiana
Sandy Hixon	Verne Hixon	Michiana
Lester (Butch) Reed	Fayette Reed	South Haven
Sam Carlson	Tim Norman	Valparaiso
Eric Nicholson	Tim Norman	Valparaiso
Christopher Fields	Mark Seeger	Valparaiso
Noelle Howell	Ed Marks	Wanatah
Lisa Misch	Don Parker	Wanatah
Larry McMahon	Robert Tillema	Wheatfield



We remember those Lions who served:

Mary Lou Mccornick	Kentland
Jack Buehrer	Rolling Prairie

Lions Centennial Celebration

As part of the Centennial Celebration, LCI has created new Membership Awards that give you the opportunity to be a part of the Celebration marking 100 years of Lions serving our communities. Lions can earn a special award by sponsoring new members to their clubs. Just invite a new member and be rewarded!

Your new member receives a special Centennial membership pin and certificate. You as a sponsor receive a Centennial sponsor pin. This pin is upgraded to a Silver Centennial Lion pin when your member remains active for 1 year and 1 day, then Gold for 2 years and 1 day and Diamond for 3 years and 1 day.

This all starts with inviting a new member and making sure you submit your MMR reports!!

Also make sure your club is participating in the Centennial Service Challenge. The goal is for Lions to provide service to 100 million people by June 2015. Your club can play a part in reaching this goal by submitting their SAR reports and designating hours to one of four categories: Youth, Vision, Hunger or Environment. Your club can earn Centennial Banner Patches by participating in one or more categories each fiscal year.

This all starts with your club submitting your SAR reports each month!!



At Left: Lion Olga Papp, President of the Whiting Lions Club receives a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from DG Randy Greer.

Halloween Fun Time

A Spell is being cast on Lions at the October 18th Cabinet Meeting in Cedar Lake.





Where is the DG?

See an open date? Contact DG Randy to schedule your club official visit:

H: 219-759-2865 C: 219-728-8432 or lionrandy@yahoo.com

November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Council Meeting	2 Convention Meeting	3	4 Bass Lake OV	5 Hebron OV	6 Plainfield—Fall Conference	7
8 Family Event	9 Door Village OV	10 Morocco & Kentland OV	11 	12	13	14 Lion Open House
15	16	17 Schererville Central OV	18 Monteray OV	19 Medaryville OV	20	21
22	23	24 Ogden Dunes OV	25	26 	27	28
29	30 Convention Meeting					

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Valpo OV	2	3	4	5 Council Meeting Party
6 School for the Deaf lunch	7 Hamlet OV	8 Portage OV	9 Hobart OV	10 South Haven OV	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 	26
27	28	29	30	31		