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Hello Lions of 25A

The Spooky season is past – onward to Thanksgiving!

Now we are eight months away from the end of the first century of Lions!

On October 25th, International President Corlew came to Indiana to re-enact the first signing of a Lions Charter at the State House in Indianapolis. He said this was the true first step on the path to the celebration.

The convention in Chicago will be here before we know it! Recently the Convention Chair, PDG Bob Block, came to 25A spoke at a meeting organized by PDG Tom Hansen. We received a great deal of information about the celebration in Chicago and how we can help. Please check out the newsletter for some info. The complete version of the flyers will be added to the District web page.

On another note, please read the letter from President Corlew concerning publicity. Lions are a wonderful group of people devoted to serving their communities. We do not want any bad publicity to tarnish our relationships in our towns. When you hold an event, make sure that all participants are aware of our code of ethics.

TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

There is still time to attend the fall conference on Saturday November 5th – same day registrations are welcome. Plainfield is only about 2 hours away. This is a great event – a time to connect with Lions from throughout the state and gain insight into all we do.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Patty Cooke, District Governor



Centennial Coin

District 25A will be the Indiana Lions selling Centennial Coins. As you can see, this is a beautiful keepsake of Indiana Lions and our first 100 years. The price will be \$10.00 and the money raised will be going to LCIF. This will help the District Governor to award a Melvin Jones to a deserving Lion in our district.

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Message from PDG Dennis Brown, 2nd VDG



Why I became a Lion:

Let's start a new feature. Why we became a Lion. First I will share my story, then each month we will share different stories. Let's get back to why we really join lions. Me, I grew up in a South suburb of Chicago. A town with a population of 46,000. All the towns next to me had about the same size population. So as you can see I was a number, not a person. So I did not get involved in my town. When I move to Kouts, I felt like I was part of the town, A great place to raise children. I was so appreciative of this. I wanted to get back to the community. A lions club member reached out to me and asked me to be a Lion. I asked him what lions were about? Then I went to a few meetings and liked what I saw. Participated in a few projects liked the way it made me feel. So I thought this was a great way to give back to my community. I thanked the Lion who reached out to me.

This was my story share yours with me and we will put it in the governor's newsletter each month. It will be interesting to hear other stories. Please send them to me at lion Dennis brown@yahoo.com. This only works if you send me your stories.

Sincerely,

Lion Dennis Brown



Lions International President Bob Corlew replicated the signing of the first Lions Charter from October 1916 at a ceremony at the Indiana State House on October 24, 2016.

Observing the event are PID Linda Tincher, PDG Vern Tincher, PIP Wayne Madden, PID Dave Fiandt, PID Doug Lozier, PID Joe Marcheggianni, and CC Vic Fischer. Seated are the State Clerk and IP Bob Corlew.

MD 25 LIONS

Where There's a Need, There's a Lion

28th Annual Indiana Lions Conference

Saturday, November 5th, 2016

Guest Speaker - Deb Robarge, RN

Special Needs Award Winning Nurse * Indiana School for the Deaf



Location ~ Plainfield High School, 1 Red Pride Dr., Plainfield In

Hotel Information

Baymont Inn and Suites
6010 Gateway Drive, Plainfield In

317-837-9000-Must Call this #
DO NOT call the 800 number

Reservations can be made now!
Just Mention-Indiana Lions

Rate: \$65 per night-includes breakfast

Friday Night Dinner & Entertainment \$15

~Come Enjoy ~

Professional Comedian-Jeff McDonald

Talented Class Act...Funny...Engaging...Entertaining!

Come join the fellowship and fun , see old friends and make new ones!

• **Cash Prize Drawing for 1st Timers & Sponsor**

• **Silent Auction**

• **Project and Vendor Booths**

• **New and Popular Seminars**

100th LCI Convention * Vision Screening
Club Secretary & Treasurer * Operation Kidsight
Exploring LCI Website * Club Twinning & Japan
Sound of Hearing * Centennial Celebration
Leadership in Action * Build a Club Website
Prevent Scams & Frauds * State Tax Guidelines
LCI Legal Division * Member Orientation
LCIF * Women Family & Tea * Tail Twisting
Achieving Club Excellence
Basics of Bladder Cancer

Saturday Morning a Variety of Pastries,
Fruit, Coffee, etc. will be available.

Saturday Lunch- Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Salad, Vegetables, Rolls
Cookies, Brownies & Drinks

Early Bird Registration **BY SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2016**

Lions , Lioness, Partner-in Service-\$30
Leos \$15

Pre-Registration Deadline **October 15, 2016**

Lions, Lioness, Partner-in Service-\$35
Leos \$15

On Site Registration \$40

Registration forms available in
The August issue of the Hoosier Lion or on the
state website. www.indianalions.org

Registration price includes the 2016 Commemorative
Souvenir Conference Pin, Proceedings CD and the
Saturday Buffet Lunch



Dear Lions Leaders,

In the past three months, Lions clubs in two small towns here in the U.S. received negative national media coverage and extensive negative chatter on social media.

In both instances, a Lions club sponsored an annual parade – something the clubs had done for several decades, and something many Lions clubs do in other communities across the United States. And in both instances, a float in the parade attracted unwanted and unintended attention by making a political statement, and doing so in an offensive manner. In neither case was the float in question actually built by a Lion member or club, but because the Lions club sponsored the parade, all the negative publicity and all that comes with it is assigned to the club.

These are but two of many other incidents that have occurred over the past several years that garnered negative publicity for a Lions club, and by extension negative publicity for all Lions clubs.

Lions clubs and their members are the fabric of their local communities, and are held in high regard for the work they do. But at the same time, and therefore, Lions are held to a higher standard. So when a Lions member or club does something that runs contrary to what the community believes to be acceptable, it harms our reputation, our brand, our image, and detracts from our overall mission of community service.

Over the past 90 days – the same period of time the incidents cited above garnered negative press – Lions spent more than 9 million hours of service better communities; we surpassed our goal of serving 100 million people through our centennial service challenge; more than 5,000 clubs completed centennial legacy projects; and countless numbers of people received the gift of sight through Lions programs. And during this same period of time Lions International was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

We are a non-sectarian, non-religious organization. Our mission is “To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding.” We must be ever mindful of that mission, and strive to draw attention to the good work we do.

When organizing or sponsoring events in your respective communities, it is vital to be ever vigilant to guard against anything that might be perceived as offensive, and could potentially harm our reputation and negatively impact our mission of service.

Sincerely,

Bob Corlew

Lions Clubs International & I C I F | 300 W. 22nd St. | Oak Brook, IL | 60523 | USA
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We Welcome these new members:

Lake Station:	Lilian Agreda	Teressa Alcorn	Jill A Haussman
	Paul R Haussman	Alexandra Aguilar	Erika L Castillo
	Laurie Haussman	Amanda Nauta	Pamela Shaffner
	Julitte R White-Harris		
Michiana:	Mary Ann Vartia		
Munster:	David C Hinshan	Christopher Nantos	Richard Paulsen
	Terry Wilson	Robyn Paulsen	
Ogden Dunes:	Cathy Paunicka		
Portage:	Catherine Johnson		
Schererville Central:		Lori Evanich	David Gramke
South Haven:	Robert M Harris	Teresa A Harris	
Star City:	David N Braun	Nancy D Braun	
Wanatah:	Ronda Carr	Barbara Grott	Mark Moore
Westville:	Katie Jenkins	Anne Marie Schott	
Whiting:	Lisa Gibbons	Norby Lewandowski	Jamie Martello

Those who have completed their service:

Hebron:	Edward Howe
La Porte :	James Day
Valparaiso:	Edward Buttlar
Wanatah:	W Ken Massengil

Door Village Lions Club



The honor of your presence is requested:

Saturday, November 12, 2016

Social hour at 5:00pm (CST) Dinner at 6:00pm (CST)

Pine Grove Banquet Hall

4293 N. Highway 35, La Porte, IN 46350

\$30.00 per person / Cash bar / Business casual dress



Please join us for an evening of celebration as we honor:

The Door Village Lions Club's 40th Anniversary

Please return this portion to RSVP by October 20, 2016 to:

Lion Patty Steele, Treasurer: 4352 South 300 East, La Porte, IN 46350

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ ***City:*** _____ ***Zip:*** _____

Phone Number(s): _____ ***Club:*** _____

of people: _____ ***Dollar amount enclosed: \$*** _____ ***Food allergies:*** _____

Reservation deadline extended to November 4th.

Intl. Convention Chicago

There was a meeting on Oct. 20th with the Chairman of the Host Committee to talk about what help they need in July, 2017 to fill positions. They need a little over 2,000 people for those positions. Go to their web site and all the info is there to sign up if you want to help.

Web site is lions2017chicago.org

Biggest thing if you plan to go is the cost.. \$130.00 till Jan 13,2017 then up to \$150.00 till April then \$200.00 .

PDG Tom Hansen

HOBERT LIONS CLUB

Pancake Breakfast

SUNDAY, NOV. 6, 2016

7AM-11AM

Profit will help support

The Chuck Sapper Scholarship Fund



Trinity Lutheran School

891 S. Linda St, Hobart

Free Will Donation

Mill Creek Community Lions Health Fair



Workers from the 3rd Annual Mill Creek & Fish Lake Health Fair held on Sept. 30 at Lincoln Twp Fire Dept. Flu shots were given by Walgreens Pharmacy. Lions provided glaucoma and acuity screening at no cost. LaPorte Hospital offered diabetes and colorectal cancer screening.

Zone 4-A

Invites Region 25A Lions

To a presentation

Lions Cancer Control

**Your Project:
The Good You Do,
The Lives You Touch**

**by
Dottie Flack
Lions Liaison/Patient Advocate**

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016

6 P.M Central Time

7 P.M. Eastern Time

at

Jasper County Community Services

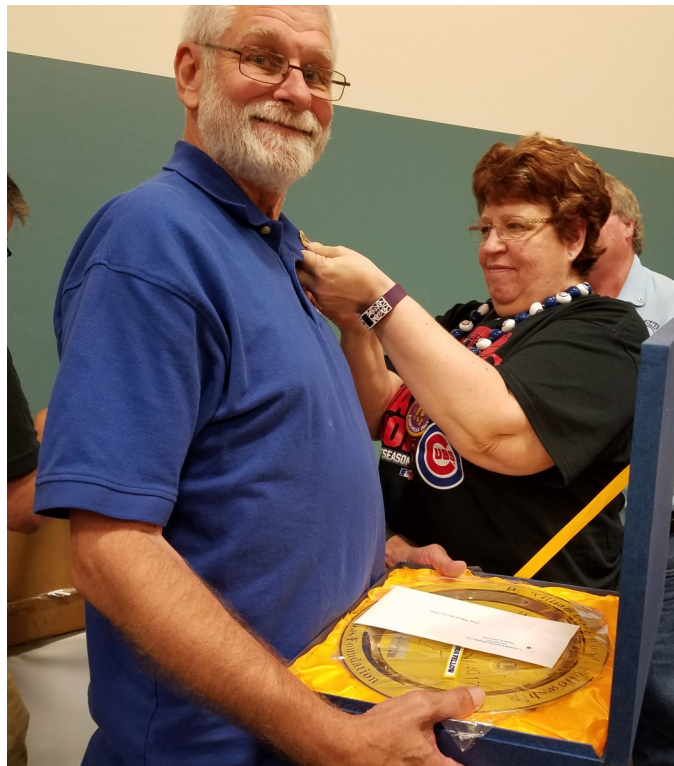
967 E. Leopold St.

Rensselaer, IN 47978

Refreshment served

RSVP by November 14th at nbsouza@aol.com or

Lion bob Souza 219-819-6200



Cabinet Treasurer Chuck DeLasCasas was awarded a WP Woods Fellowship by the Indiana Lions Foundation and has his wife Lion Lion Jeanne put his pin on.

Mill Creek Community Lions give out Dictionaries



Members of the Mill Creek Community Lions Club distributed dictionaries to 65 third graders at the LaPorte Community Indian Trail School. Mill Creek Lions members who distributed the dictionaries are Paul Tuszynski, Shirley Doms, Chuck Bair, Don Grott, Dave Hawn, and Nancy Reese.

Chesterton Lions Club Dictionary Project



Chesterton Lions distributed 90 dictionaries at the Bailey Elementary School for third grade students. Pictured with some happy students are the Lion mascot Chester (Lion Mike Baranko), Lion Bill Ellis and Lion Don Johnson. In 7 Duneland area schools, a total of 503 dictionaries were given out.

Lions International Convention Update for our Centennial



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

The Indiana International Convention Committee has chosen a parade uniform for our Indiana Lions. The expectation is to unveil the shirt and hat at the November 5 Indiana Leadership Conference. The parade gear will represent Indiana with a racing theme. Also at the November 5 Leadership Conference is a session presenting more information about how to attend LCIcon and how to experience and negotiate Chicago.

As always, you can go to the LCIcon web site at <http://lcicon.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php> for more information.

Look for the next ICC update in your December newsletters.

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

Acuity Screening Coordinator Needed

Lions of District 25-A:

Due to an injury to myself and Lion Angie's unavailability in the upcoming months, Lion Angie and I have regretfully decided to suspend acuity screening until the first of the year. We encourage Lions Clubs in District 25-A to continue doing acuity screening in their respective communities. If anyone would like to step up temporarily to be the District Acuity Screening Coordinator, it would be deeply appreciated. If any Lions have any questions about acuity screening, please do not hesitate to contact me or Lion Angie. Our contact information is in DG Patty Cooke's District 25-A directory.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Patrick G. Rodriguez Sr.



2017 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION STREET BANNER SPONSORSHIP

WELCOME THE LIONS OF THE WORLD TO CHICAGO AND SHOW YOUR PRIDE!

Just imagine the State Street parade route and the streets around the McCormick Place Convention Center, delegate hotels, and Navy Pier lined with Lions Banners welcoming the Lions of the world to Chicago!

About the banners

Two banners will hang together – the “Welcome Lions” banner, shown to the right, will be paired with one sponsored by an individual Lions Club or District. At the end of the Convention, each Club will receive a replica of their banner – a special memento of this historical event!

Place your order

Reserve your Club’s personalized street banner today! Orders must be received by 1 April 2017 to make the installation date.

Club Name: _____ District: _____

Order Contact: _____

Contact Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Quantity	Price	Total Price
	US\$275	
Or order two banners for US\$500 (if order received before 1 April 2017)		

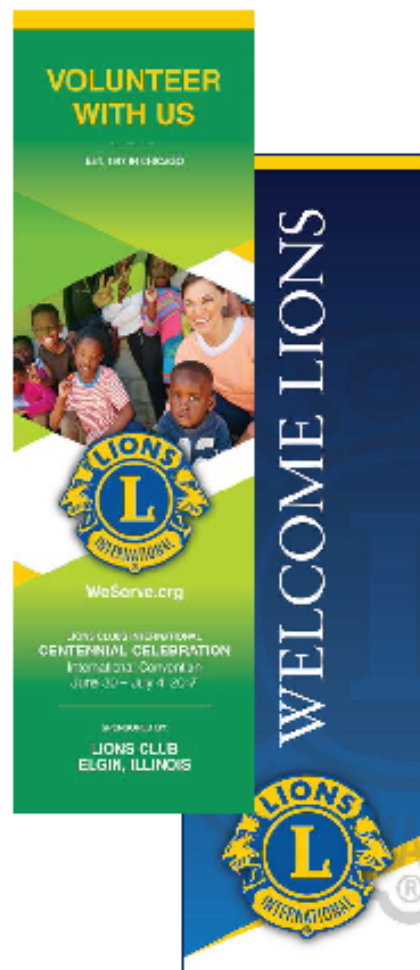
Payment information

Inside the U.S.

Make your check payable to: Lions 2017 Host Committee
Send this order form and check to: Lion Janice Wiggins
1028 Westchester Blvd.
Westchester, IL 60154

Outside the U.S.

Contact Lion Janice Wiggins (LionJaniceWiggins@gmail.com)
for payment information.



We appreciate your support and look forward to celebrating with you in Chicago!

Contact Lion Janice Wiggins
(LionJaniceWiggins@gmail.com)
if you have any questions.



CONVENTION REGISTRATION INFORMATION

2017 LCI Chicago Convention Registration and Hotel

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Fee:

Registration Fee through January 13, 2017 is US\$130

From January 14 through March 31, 2017 the regular registration fee is US\$180

April 1, 2017 through onsite registration, the fee is US\$200.

Leo Registration Fee:

Omega Leo - (18 years and over) US\$60

Alpha Leo - (17 years and under) US\$10

Registrants will receive an official name badge and souvenir medallion; official convention program; one ticket for the International Show.

Convention badges are mailed in late May 2017 to each registered delegate or group.

All changes (*name change, arrival/departure date revisions*) must be submitted in writing by May 1, 2017 to registration@lionsclubs.org.

Registration Form

Questions?

General questions about the convention: convention@lionsclubs.org

Questions about registration and hotels: registration@lionsclubs.org

Register Now



As you can see by the sign above, the volunteer seeds have been planted and they are beginning to take root. The volunteer data base list is growing and the Lions are becoming excited about the opportunity to be a part of the 100th Year Celebration of our organization. Lions are asking to be included in not just one aspect of our volunteer duties but two or three different committees. Talk about flexibility!

Lions Clubs International has informed the host committee that we should prepare for between 40,000 and 50,000 Lions to attend the Convention. We also have been told to expect as many as 25,000 Lions to march in the parade on July 1st. To meet the demands that these anticipated numbers present to the host committee, we have decided that we need a volunteer, dedicated force of 2,000 Lions. I feel that this is going to be a task that can easily be accomplished by the Lions.

Recently, I have been receiving contact information from Lions near and far and they have volunteered to work on the various committees. Some have said, "I'll work whenever and wherever I'm needed". Now that's the Lion spirit.

If you have not already filled out the FILLABLE VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM on the MD1 State Website, now is the time to do it. Simply fill it in on line and e-mail it back to me at "santonlions@comcast.net."

I will add your name to the database and the Chairperson of your assigned committee will soon be in touch with you. It's that easy!

Remember this...

"Do Your Part...Play A Part...Chicago 2017"

PCC Steve Anton, Staff Volunteer Chairman

Calendar

November 5	Fall Conferen in Plainfield, In
November 6	Griffith Pancake Breakfast
November 6	Hobart Pancake Breakfast
November 8	Election Day
November 6	La Crosse Charter Night - OV
November 12	Door Village Anniversary
November 15	Schererville OV
November 16	Convention Meeting at Westville
November 24	Thanksgiving Day
November 29	Ogden Dunes OV
December 1	Westville OV
December 3	Council Christmas Party in Indianapolis
December 4	Speech & Hearing Luncheon in Indianapolis
December 6	Valparaiso OV
December 8	South Haven OV
December 13	Portage OV
December 14	Hobart OV
December 25	Christmas Day

There is still room in the calendar for more official visits! Please check you club calendars -- DG Lion Patty or 1VDG Lion Robin or 2VDG Lion Dennis will be contacting you to schedule the date! And Zone Chairs will be scheduling their meetings. Please make sure the dates are added to the Newsletter.

Peace Poster Reminder:

The postmark deadline for clubs to send one winning Peace Poster to the District Governor is November 15th.