



# District 25A News

## Grow With Me — The Best is Yet to Be



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### Grow or Die

At the time I'm writing this article, the Strides Walk has not happened. But my goal for this event is to raise awareness about diabetes and what the district is doing to promote this global initiative.

### Grow or Die

The Midwinter Conference has been moved back to its original date of January 11 and 12th. Come see Jessica Michna Portray Helen Keller. Learn about her famous speech to the Lions at the 1925 International Convention in Sandusky, Ohio. There will be many informative seminars at the Midwinter. Come and learn more about Lions.

### Grow or Die

How is your club doing? No, how is your club REALLY doing? Take a look at your club and be honest. Are you firing on all eight cylinders? Or are you sputtering along. Let's get all cylinders firing again. Only you will know what your club needs. Talk to your members. Find out what can everybody do to help.

### Grow or Die

Do you know what's going on in the District? There are ways to find out: read the Governor's Newsletter, peruse the Hoosier lion, attend zone meetings or come to a cabinet meeting. Be careful though — you might just learn something.

### Grow or Die

Want to know more about your State Projects? Please "ask" one of your Trustees to come to your club. Again be careful —you might learn something. But then if anybody asks you about one of our State Projects, you'll be able to answer them intelligently and have the knowledge to promote it to you club.

### Grow or Die

Do your new members feel welcomed, involved and part of your club? If not, what are you and your club doing about it? Don't wait until it's too LATE! The time to address this issue is now!

I would like to take this time to thank all our veterans for their service. THANK YOU!



As THANKSGIVING approaches, for what are you thankful? Have a great holiday and spend time enjoying your family!



Yours in Lionism,  
District Governor Dennis Brown

Hello District 25A Lions,

My name is Lion Allen Mushett and I am lucky enough to have been elected as your new 2nd Vice District Governor.

I was born and raised in New Jersey, but I have lived in Rensselaer for 15 years and have been a member of the local Lions club just as long. I have served in multiple club positions -- presently President -- and at the district level, I have served as Zone 4A chairperson.

It was while I was preparing a Zone Meeting talk about "possibilities" in Lionism -- for all of us at all levels -- that it dawned on me ..... I was actually talking to myself. There it was, a possibility before me, to grow more informed as a Lion, to help my District as a Lion, to **HELP OTHERS** as a Lion.

I talked with DG Dennis Brown and 1st VDG Mitch Semens and the possibility has become a reality. With the mentoring of these two Lions, as well as multiple PDG's, I hope to successfully fill this position.

We, as Lions, accomplish amazing things, at all levels. The unselfish attitude of Lions, the compassion of Lions, the philanthropy of Lions are values in Lions that draw me to do more !!

Thank you District 25A Lions, for your support.

Lion Allen Muschett  
Second Vice District Governor, 25A



**Immediate Response Required!**

**Last Call to sign up for 2019**

**25A Eyeglass Mission to Mexico**

Mission Dates: 1st Week February 16, 2019 to February 23, 2019

2nd Week February 23, 2019 to March 3, 2019

You can apply to go the 1st week, the 2nd week or both weeks.

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Lion Kevin Roe      574-946-4701      [LionKevroe@gmail.com](mailto:LionKevroe@gmail.com)

**Deadline for Application: November 15th 2018**

**Passport is Required!!**

**Application can be emailed to you and filled out on computer  
and emailed back**

Zone 4B Meeting

When: November 13, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Where: St. Paul's Lutheran Parish Hall

507 S. Rose St. in Kouts

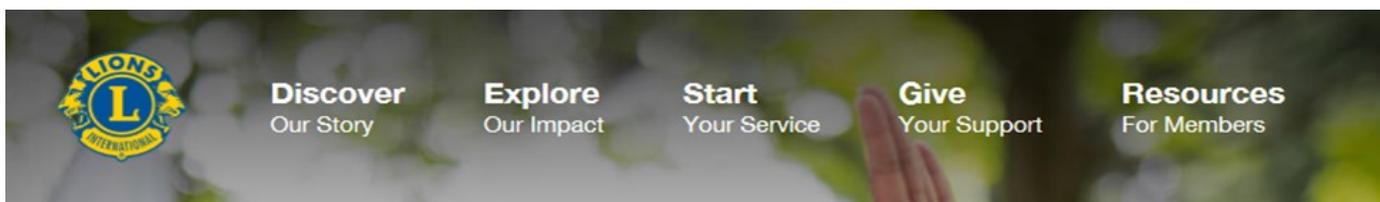
If you have any questions, please contact

Lion Tom Strain at 219-956-3988



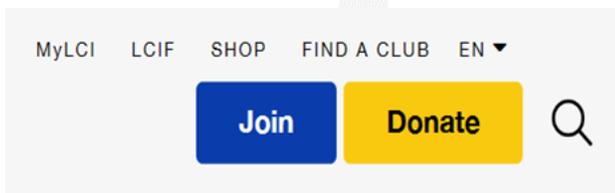


**Have you seen our new web site!!** Lions Clubs International recently completed many changes to improve the functionality and usefulness to Lions and potential Lions. LCI worked extremely hard to keep it on the cutting edge.



What has changed? Quick access to information from your finger tip on every page. Want some history, click on **Discover Our Story**. Want to know find a project that supports one of the five global causes, then **Start you Service**. In case you don't remember -- they are diabetes, hunger, vision, childhood cancer and the environment.

LCI has always had an extensive resource center in the website, but it wasn't always easy to find what you were seeking. The new website not only has more information in the **Resources Center**, but also a new powerful search and discover tool. **Click on**  This should help you find what you are looking for quickly!



The Club Locator function — **Find a Club**—has been enhanced to work with the MyLion app to showcase the club's information, photos and upcoming projects to help attract new members

Donating to LCIF online has become easier!! They have added a **DONATE** button to the top of every page so all website visitors

are aware of the opportunity to support our foundation and support the work of Lions around the globe.

While the website may be getting a new look and feel, the good provided by Lions to the world remains the same. The goal of the new site is simple: to provide an excellent experience to Lions members.

### Membership Date of Birth Change

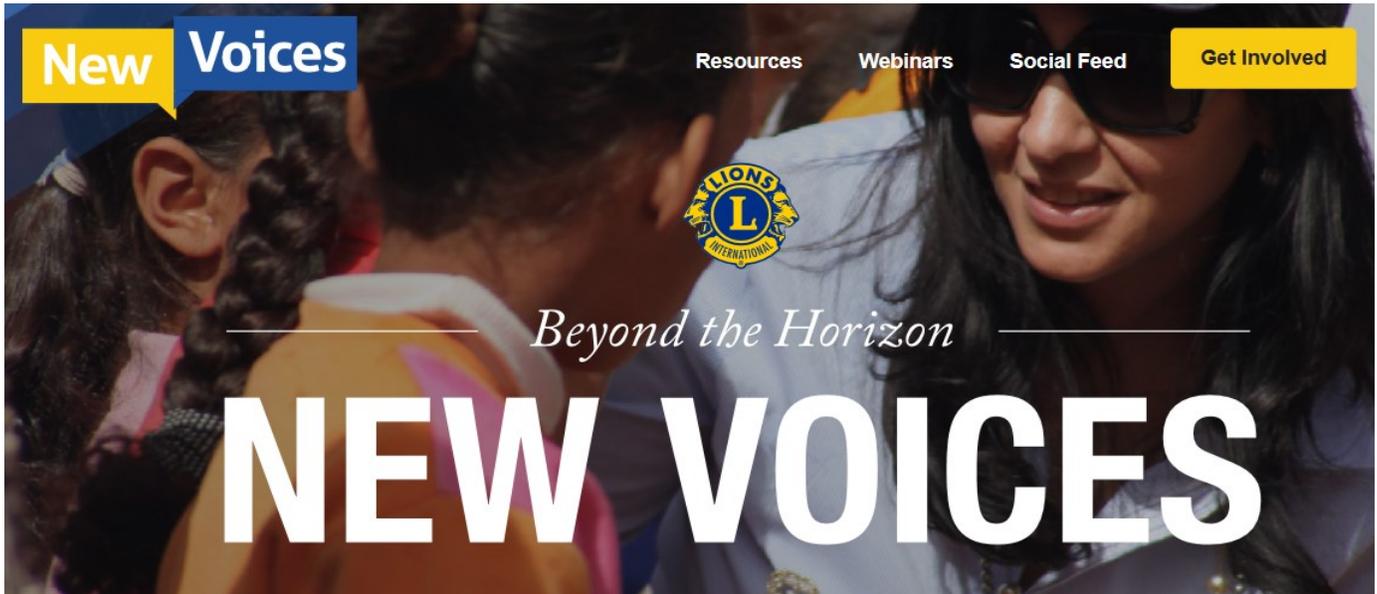
To improve security when verifying the identity of a member, LCI is asking each new Lion for their complete birthdate - not just their birth year. You will no longer be able to complete new membership information on MyLCI without it.

The birth dates for current members are showing as January 1 of their birthyear. **For a birth year of 1951, the birth date is 1/1/1951.** Although LCI says that correcting the birth date is optional for existing members, the MyLCI webpage is not behaving. So it will be necessary to update this information for all Lion club members.

This might be an excellent time to make sure the club secretary has all the correct information. Has anyone moved, changed phone numbers or email addresses? Secretaries, This is bit more work, but before the next club meeting, please print out the "Member Information Update Report" located under "Available Reports" or do a "Data Download". Take this report to the meeting and ask members to verify their information. If you need help with these reports, please contact your District Leadership — Zone Chairs are a good place to start.

CC Keith Thomas  
 PID MD-GST Linda Tincher  
 PDG CST Patty Cooke





Lions have add a new website for the “New Voices” initiative at [www.weserve.org/newvoices/](http://www.weserve.org/newvoices/). **New Voices celebrates women’s contributions to Lions Clubs International as it welcomes its first female International President.** This initiative promotes gender parity by focusing on increasing the number of women in Lions Clubs, as well as closing the gap between men and women in leadership positions. Read the stories of all the are the members of the New Voices team! And maybe post a story of how you have supported women in your area on social media. We need more women Lions and definitely more women Lions Leaders!



**2019 INDIANA LIONS STATE CONVENTION  
GRAND WAYNE CONVENTION CENTER**



- Saved the Date – April 26 – 28, 2018**
- Hotel Reservation Made**
- Send in Registration – Coming Soon**



Lions Clubs International Foundation Mission: To support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants.

For decades, LCIF has contributed to Lions’ efforts in the focus areas of vision, disaster relief, youth and humanitarian causes. Now we’re taking our efforts to a whole new level. With our three-year capital campaign, LCIF will raise US\$300 million to increase our commitment to communities and the service capacity of Lions. Campaign 100 will support LCIF’s expanded focus areas, and empower Lions as they take on pressing global causes.

Over the past 100 years, we have proven that *Lions united in service can transform the lives of millions.* As Lions, we serve proudly, empowered by our global foundation. Together, we can achieve our goal of serving 200 million people per year by 2021. Our goals are expansive and no individual Lion, club, or district can take them on alone; but together, empowered by our global foundation, we can.

What if 100% of Lions contributed to this global effort? What would your US\$100 annual gift—just \$2 each week — do?

Vision	\$100 funds two cataract surgeries
Diabetes	\$100 provides diabetes screenings for 18 at-risk individuals
Humanitarian Effort	\$100 provides the measles vaccination to 100 kids
Disaster	\$100 provides immediate relief to four people in the wake of a natural disaster
Environment	\$100 provides 14 people with access to clean a water
Childhood cancer	\$100 helps purchase equipment that will help diagnose or treat eight children
Hunger	\$100 helps provide regular access to food to 14 disables, elderly, low-income or homeless individuals

We can make a difference! Donating \$2 / week will not have an impact on our lives, but will impact the lives of those we serve! Please consider making that individual pledge of \$100 . Talk to your Club about also increasing that donation to LCIF.

Many of you have already sent money for LCIF for DG Dennis ‘ M&M drive, but please consider joining Campaign 100 to help achieve our goal of serving 200 million people per year by 2021.

I will be sending all clubs more information. PDG Patty Cooke, LCIF Chair



Left: Lion Patty Cooke won the coffee basket at Octoberfest put on by the Schererville Central Lions recently .  
  
Right: Lions Steve and Alice Helmken of the Michiana Lions also attended.



# ALL NEW SEMINARS

- Eyeglass Recycling – How you can help
- Marketing communications to improve your club’s presence
- Membership Recruiting
- Anyone can make baked beans (or, We’ve always done it that way)
- Making community partnerships simplify your fundraising
- Leader dog puppy raising
- What’s this fuss about MyLION?
- Orientation can improve your membership retention
- Getting out of the ‘Club Box’
- Effective presentations- Steps to be an effective communicator
- Online Leadership Resource Center
- Internet Fraud Protection
- Organizing and reporting club service projects
- Diabetes Awareness
- Generational Leadership Styles
- Finding Money in Your Community

**January 11-12, 2019**  
 Watch for registration information  
 Updates on Indiana Lions Mid-Winter  
 Conference Facebook page



### Mill Creek Community Lions

Effective 10-15-18. Lion President Ben Gonzalez resigned as being President of the Club due to a change in his work schedule.

2nd Vice President, **Tom Sharp**, has assumed the position. Please update your contact information for our Club.

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Mill Creek IN 46365

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## Mid Winter Conference Silent Auction



The Mid Winter Conference will be here before we know it. We are again holding a Silent Auction at the conference on Jan. 12, 2019. Each Indiana Lions District is asked to donate at least 3 items worth \$20 or more for the auction.

Last year we were successful in raising funds for Youth Programs. If you have items to donate for this year's auction please let your District Governor know and send what you are donating to [lindamscott@comcast.net](mailto:lindamscott@comcast.net). That way I will be able to make the bid sheets before the auction and have things ready to go on Jan. 12. Items may be brought to the dinner on Friday night Jan. 11, or they may be brought first thing Saturday morning.

We will have a nice surprise for the person who donates the item that has the most bids on it.



South Haven Lions  
 Lions Laura Piontek & Pat Kalina plating desserts for the South Haven Lion's Italian Night. Thanks to the community and the other Lions Clubs for all their support to make this event so successful! Funds go to their Christmas Project for local families less fortunate.



A local LaPorte resident, Steve, who is legally blind and has only a small amount of vision, reached out for help in getting a portable magnifier viewer also known as Humanware 5, so that he could see to read. Lions 25A Eyeglass Recycling and Vision Services was able to purchase this item from Chicago Lighthouse at a reduced price and present it to him at his home.

Steve, his wife and their 2 children have very limited income. He and his family want to personally thank you for everything you have done. Steve's wife wanted to share with you what they did the first night Steve had the viewer. She said, "We usually have movie night with our 8 year olds and Steve either has to sit 6 inches from the TV or just listen...last night we ALL sat on the couch, cuddled up WATCHING the movie together and he was able to see the movie too. We haven't done that in years..."

She went on to say, "I don't know if you realize what you've done for us...I don't know if thank you can ever be enough...but that's all I have to give along with prayers for you and your family, that God keep and bless you always."

Thank you to all the Lions who help make this possible. With your continued support, we will continue to exemplify our motto: We Serve!



Pictured above are Steve and PDG Kevin Roe





**Left:** Lion Steve Anton presents a 50 year membership pin and certificate to Lion Louis DeGroot, a 50 year member and Lion Arnold Braasch, a 57 year member.



The Rensselaer Lions Club celebrated 75 Years of Lionism on Saturday , October 20. Lion Steve Anton, Global Membership Team Leader for Constitutional Area 1-C was guest speaker.



**Left:** Our new 2VDG, Lion Allen Muschett, President of the Rensselaer Club with Lion PCC Steve Anton



DG Dennis celebrates with the Monterey Lions at their celebration for their 70 Years of Serving their community. They had a FREE Dinner and the NIGHTSHIFT band!!




**SCHERERVILLE CENTRAL LIONS CLUB  
2018 PAUL FREELAND MEMORIAL  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



**Saturday, November 10 • 8am-12pm  
St. Timothy Episcopal Church  
115 Cline Avenue, Griffith, IN 46319  
\$6 Adult • \$4 Children**

### Mill Creek Community Lions

The Fish Lake American Legion Post 400 in conjunction with the Sons of American Legion (SAL), Mill Creek Community Lions Club, and private donation recently completed renovation of the basketball court at the American Legion Sports Complex in Fish Lake. The renovation included resurfacing of the court, new post, new backboards and new rims.

Pictured left to right: Chuck Daniel – Sons of American Legion, Tom Sharp – President Lions Club, Cathy Davis – Private Donor, Mike Tomal – American Legion, Dennis Mazzorana – Post Commander.



The Strides Walk was held on Saturday 11/3/18 at St. Paul Lutheran Hall in Kouts. We began by promoting Diabetes Awareness — including healthy food choices, dancing with the DJ, an informative video and a Fitbit giveaway. Participants included: District Governor Dennis Brown, IPDG Robin Smith, 1st VDG Mitch Semans, 2nd VDG Allan Mushett, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Barbara Toosley and Diabetes Awareness Chair Carolyn Toosley along with many other Lions.

November is Diabetes Awareness month and 11/14/2018 is World Diabetes Day. The symbol for World Diabetes Day is a light blue circle which represents the continuous efforts to find a cure for diabetes. **Every 23 seconds someone in the world is diagnosed with diabetes.** Please get checked for diabetes as it can be controlled with healthy food choices, portion control, exercise, and medication.

Schererville Central Lions helped out with Trick or Treat at the Safety Village. Pictured below are Lion Paul Miecznikowski and some of his customers



### Clubs Even or Plus in Membership

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| BASS LAKE            | CHESTERTON                |
| CEDAR LAKE           | CROWN POINT               |
| DOOR VILLAGE         | EAST CHICAGO EVENING      |
| GOODLAND             | GRIFFITH                  |
| HAMLET               | HAMMOND                   |
| HEBRON               | KOONTZ LAKE               |
| LA CROSSE            | LA PORTE                  |
| LAKE STATION         | LAKES OF THE FOUR SEASONS |
| MICHIANA L C         | MILL CREEK COMMUNITY      |
| MONTEREY             | MOROCCO                   |
| MUNSTER              | RENSELAER                 |
| ROLLING PRAIRIE      | SCHERERVILLE              |
| SCHERERVILLE CENTRAL | SOUTH HAVEN L C           |
| ST JOHN              | UNION MILLS               |
| VALPARAISO           | WANATAH                   |
| WESTVILLE            | WHEATFIELD                |
| WINAMAC              |                           |

**GROW OR DIE!**

#### Welcome New Lions!

**LOFS— Bob K Bronstrup**  
**Sponsor: Linda Lee Kroner**

**Munster— Bill Cangiano**  
**Sponsor: Russell Snyder**

**South Haven —Karen Buchmeier**  
**Sponsor: Shelly Price**

**St. John — Lauren Adduci**  
**Sponsor: Katlin Huesca**

**Wanatah—Jonathan Alan Grott Sr.**  
**Sponsor: John Grott**

**Wanatah—Kelly Jean Grott**  
**Sponsor: Kathy Grott**

#### Lions Who Have Completed Their Service

**Jean Benson—Portage**



<b>MD25</b>	<b>LCI</b>
Nov 10-11 1VDG Training	Lions Diabetes Awareness Month
Nov 10 Indiana Lions Foundation Meeting	Nov 14 World Diabetes Day
Nov 11 First/Eye Bank Meeting	Nov 15 Postmark deadline for club to send one winning Peace Poster entry to DG Dennis
Nov 11 Cancer Control Fund Meeting	Nov 15 Leo October Membership Growth Award nomination due
Nov 17 Lions for Leader Dog Meeting	Dec 1 Postmark Deadline for DG Dennis to send one winning Peace Poster entry to the MD25 Council Chair Keith
Dec 2 Speech and Hearing Holiday Luncheon	Dec 1 Postmark Deadline for DG Dennis to send one winning essay to MD25 Council Chair Keith
Dec 8 Indiana Lions Foundation Meeting	Dec 5 International Leo Day
Dec 15 Constitution and By-laws Committee Meeting	

# November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2 Monterey 70th	3 Strides Walk
4 La Crosse Charter Night	5	6	7	8	9	10 Schererville Central Pan Cake
11 Leader Dog Trustee Mtg	12 Door Village OV	13 Zone Mtg Kouts	14 LaPorte OV	15 Schererville Central OV	16	17
18	19	20	21		23	24
25	26 Ogden Dunes OV	27	28	29	30	1