



## District 25A News

# The Force Is Strong in 25A Lions

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### Dear 25A Lions

I would like to thank all over you for your support and keeping the Morgan and Schmeltz families in your thoughts and prayers. It's always difficult when we lose one of our Lions family members, especially when they are extremely active. I know in my heart that both Doug and Bob and all past Lions would want us to continue to serve and **persevere** thru the tough times.

I've been reminded the past few weeks of a sermon that Pastor Lion Gene Flickenger did a few months ago about persistence and **persevering**. We all know the stories of Moses and Abraham and the countless other examples of the hard times they went thru and the pain they endured. And in the end, they were rewarded because they were persistent with their beliefs and **persevered**. I would like to encourage everyone to continue to work hard towards helping others, being generous and just believing in the good things to come. We can overcome the bad times and the transition periods we go thru and not only make our clubs better, but also our communities.

You are probably wondering why there is a picture of Wendy and my granddaughter Aspen with a hippo. Well, Wendy has been following Fiona the Hippo since her birth at the Cincinnati Zoo — which is a story in itself. Fiona was born early and half the weight she should have been plus a multitude of other issues. But this little hippo has fought and fought and the caretakers at the zoo did everything in their power and their persistence has helped Fiona **persevere** through the tough times. So, of course, we have to go see her! The first time was for the Festival of Lights and we did not realize there was no inside exhibit for Fiona, so we didn't see her then. The second time was during spring break and, wouldn't you know it, it was the coldest spring break Cincinnati had ever had. So, we finally got a weekend that we could go a few weeks back and with our persistence and **persevering** the cold weather, we finally got to see Fiona. Mission accomplished!!!

It's the little things that matter most and make us happy, the little rewards we get for being persistent and **persevering** thru tough times. The joy we get by helping others and the joy they get by knowing someone cares. As we go into the Holiday season, I hope you are persistent with our Lions motto "We Serve" and **preserve** thru the hustle and bustle and concentrate on the good things Lions do for our communities. I would like to dedicate this monthly newsletter to PDG Lion Bob Morgan and Lion Doug Schmeltz. Thank you for all you have done, I know you are looking down on us and we can have comfort that your Lion spirit will always be with us.

God Bless and May the Lions be with you,

DG Mitchell D. Semans





Lions of District 25A.

The month of October has been a busy month for Council, Cabinet meetings, Zone meetings and training. Attending these has been a big learning curve for me but also exciting to what lies ahead for me. I have also got to know my other 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors in MD25, who are a great team and supportive to each other.

I know that a lot of you are working on service projects at this time of the year and I wish you success in them. You can let PDG Patty Cooke about your projects and have them in the news letter. Also have your upcoming projects in the news letter and other lions may come and visit.

I hope to be able to visit some of your Clubs with DG Mitch so that I can get to know the clubs and the members in the next couple of months.

I hope you had a great Halloween

Yours in Lionism

1VDG Lion Will Farrellbegg



#### OPTION ONE

### Online Risk Assessment

Finding out if you're at risk for type 2 diabetes is simple. You can complete the Test2Prevent in roughly 10 minutes and a few clicks—then encourage others to take the assessment.



#### OPTION TWO

### Organize a Service Project

Clubs can make a difference by organizing a screening project in their communities. Get started by using the step-by-step guides and resources provided by Lions International.



world **diabetes** day  
14 November

If Lions Clubs want to support the diabetes initiative, they can wear light blue shirts and form a circle, use light blue balloons, or take the online questionnaire on LCIF web-site and mark their thumb with light blue ink or paint on post it on District 25A web-site.

**Left: Read other**

**Ways to Participate**

Check out LCIF Web Site for more information:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-global-causes/diabetes/world-diabetes-day>





## Cedar Lake Lions Club Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

**Sunday , November 10, 2019**  
**Serving from 7:30 A.M. to "Noonish"**

Hanover High School Cafeteria  
10120 W. 133rd Avenue  
Cedar Lake, IN 46303  
Enter at Door E



**This is a free will offering at the door**

*All proceeds help area food pantries within our community*



Members of the **Mill Creek Community Lions Club** are shown left to right

Marolyn Klockow, Marilyn Lawson, and Tam Monesmith-Bernth preparing hot dogs, which were donated by Kabelin Ace Hardware in LaPorte as a profitable fund raiser.

This "Dollars for Dogs" project has provided as a way of giving back to the community by Kabelin Ace.

## HOBART LIONS CLUB

### Pancake Breakfast

**SUNDAY NOV 17TH, 2019**

**7AM-11 AM**

**Profit to help fund**

**PDG Charles Sapper Scholarship Fund**



**PANCAKES & SAUSAGE**

**BISCUITS & GRAVY, SCRAMBLED EGGS**

**JUICE, COFFEE OR MILK**

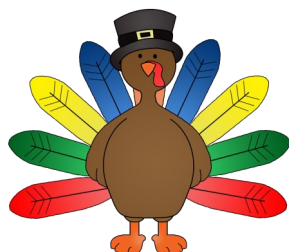
Trinity Lutheran School

891 S Linda St, Hobart

**Free Will Donation**



Speech and Hearing Trustee gave a presentation recently to the members of the Ogden Dunes Lions Club. He took along the two newest Trustees as a learning experience for them. Pictured above (L. to R.) are Trustee Steve Helmken receiving a a very nice donation for Speech & Hearing from the President of the Ogden Dunes Lions Club, Dan Bar-num. Also in the picture are newest Trustees, Pat Hansen and Kathy Grott.





## Million Meal Movement service project scheduled at the 2020 MWC

In Indiana alone, 1 million people, including one if five children, don't know where they'll get their next meal. Attendees at this year's Friday night service project at the Mid-Winter Conference, scheduled for January 10 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at the Indianapolis International airport, will have an opportunity help provide an answer for hungry Hoosiers.

The Million Mile Movement (MMM), an Indianapolis-based not-for-profit, has a two-fold vision to feed the hungry and teach the importance of volunteerism. Annually millions of meals are distributed to hungry families throughout Indiana by thousands of volunteers. At the Friday night event at the Crowne Plaza, Lions will work to package precisely measured meals that will be given to agencies in Indiana. In a two-hour period, thousands of meals will be packaged, consisting of high-energy meals with vitamins and minerals, dried vegetables, protein, and rice. The meals will be distributed to food banks along with written instructions for their use.

Since the MMM was founded in 2007, over 28 million meals were packaged and distributed. The program has been highly refined, and each volunteer at a typical food packaging event can prepare 200 meals in an hour. Each meal costs \$.27 to feed an individual. MWC event organizers are hoping to have more than 100 volunteers at the Friday night packing, resulting in more than 20,000 meals prepared.

Additionally, a seminar session on Saturday, January 11 will feature representatives from the Million Meal Movement who will detail how local Lions clubs can develop partnerships in their own communities. The MMM is an excellent new service project that involves volunteers to meet the needs of over 1 million children and adults throughout Indiana.

Check out your last Hoosier Lion Newspaper—the registration for the Midwinter Conference is there. This is a great way to meet your fellow MD25 Lions and also learn something about all that we do as LIONS. WE SERVE!

**Saturday, January 11, 2020**



## REGISTRATION FORM

### 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL LIONS CONFERENCE

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020**

*(Each Attendee Must Complete a Separate Form)*

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS \$40.00**

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2019**

**REGISTRATION PRICE INCLUDES THE 2020 COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIR CONFERENCE PIN AND THE BUFFET LUNCH.**

**TO GUARANTEE MEAL AVAILABILITY, REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Cancellations must be received prior to January 1st to receive a refund. Cancellations requested after that date will not receive any refund. Refunds will not be granted because of the weather.

**REGISTRATION AFTER DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> AND ON-SITE REGISTRATION \$ 45.00**

Seminars will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Send registrations early to assure getting the Seminars of your choice.

**PLEASE SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND CORRECT REMITTANCE TO:**

Lion Katherine Holtzleiter, P.O. BOX 53, Anderson, Indiana 46015

E-Mail Address: [Indiana\\_MWC\\_registrar@yahoo.com](mailto:Indiana_MWC_registrar@yahoo.com) Phone: (765) 620-0085

Make Checks Payable to: Indiana Lions Conference





### INDIANA LIONS PROVIDE HEARING AIDS

Do you, or someone you know, need hearing aids but can't afford them? Lions Clubs of Indiana can help. The Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc., offers adults and children the opportunity to obtain needed hearing aids at little or no cost.

Lions International was founded in 1917 in Chicago by Melvin Jones. The organization now makes its headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois. There are now over 46,000 clubs worldwide, with over 1.7 million members. It is the world's largest service organization dedicated to bettering the quality of life for the handicapped, the poor, the sick, and the aged. Their motto? WE SERVE.

In June of 1925 Helen Keller spoke to the Lions Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio. She challenged the Lions be "Knights of the blind". Later she stated that "I am just as deaf as I am blind. The problems of deafness are deeper and more complex, if not more important, than those of blindness. Deafness is a much worse misfortune. For it means the loss of the most vital stimulus – the sound of the voice that brings language, sets thoughts astir, and keeps us in the intellectual company of man."

The Lions stepped up and accepted Helen's challenge. Most people are probably aware of the Lions' eyeglass and vision programs. They see the eyeglass collection boxes around town. They give people in need the ability to see clearly, some for the first time in their life. But many are unaware that the Lions organization also works to help those with hearing loss. Over 21 million Americans suffer from some degree of hearing loss. At least one million of those are children.

The Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc. project was formed in 1980 and incorporated in 1981. Their outreach includes the Hearing Aid Loaner Bank, Preschool hearing screenings, summer camps for youth with hearing loss, and Cochlear implants. Speech and Hearing, Inc., also offers scholarships for students pursuing careers in Audiology and Speech Pathology. They also provide grants for research, materials and equipment to the Speech & Hearing Departments of the major state universities of Indiana.

The Hearing Aid Loaner Bank is based in Riley Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana. The loaner program was begun in 1980 with 23 hearing aids. Since that time, it has loaned out over 62,000 hearing aids to those in need. Funding for this outreach program comes from donations by individual Lions members and from Lions Clubs throughout the State of Indiana.

If you have used hearing aids that are not needed anymore you can give them to any Lion member or drop them in one of the Lions eyeglasses drop boxes. They will be greatly appreciated.

Those with hearing difficulties can contact a Lions Club or Lions member for a referral. Or they can also go to the ILSH website: [indylionsspeechhearing.org](http://indylionsspeechhearing.org). Hospitals, Senior Service Organizations, commercial hearing aid centers, and Audiologist's offices are other sources of information.

The patient's information will be forwarded to an Indiana Speech and Hearing Trustee, who will then review qualifications and options with the applicant. They must have notable hearing loss that can be improved by hearing aids. And they must meet the income limitations to qualify.

Stephen J. Helmken, Trustee

## WP Woods Awards

Notice from the Indiana Lions Foundation

There a just a handful of the Centennial WP Woods Medallions left, and they are being offered at a discount!

For a limited time only, these last few commemorative plates are being offered for only \$500.00 or 10 credits. Once these plates are gone there will be no more ordered.

This offer is good until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 or until the plates are sold whichever comes first.

Please contact Trustee Lion Sandy Ruane for your chance to own one of these Medallions.

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203 S. Park Dr.  
Seymour, IN 47274

[www.indianalionsfoundationmd25.org](http://www.indianalionsfoundationmd25.org)

## Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions—POA

**A**ides, as in hearing and assistive devices

**B**lind Care and Canes are all worth their prices.

**C**ancer Control and the Concerts, we solicited cars

**C**hildren's Christmas cookies decorating w/ Claus, didn't even send us to bars.

**D**iabetes Camp, Dictionaries, Dogs taking the lead

**D**on's Dining in the Dark supporting a need.

**E**aster Egg Hunt took seconds this year,

**E**ar Buds for students so the teachers could hear.

**F**ire Department, Food Pantry donations,

**G**olf Outings, Glasses collection part of the Lions nation.

**G**ifts for the Holiday, Warm Gloves and Hats.

**H**elping Hands, Hearing and Health Fair, fit together with that.

**I**ndiana School for the Blind, the students work and have fun,

**J** is for Jackie, I'm halfway done

**J**oyful July as in 4<sup>th</sup> is our Jam,

**K**ids biking blind using trailers, yes they can.

**L**eos, Lions, Lake House, Low Vision,

**M**ailing to service men, Meals on Wheels part of our mission.

**N**ational Guard, always ready, always there,

**O**phthalmologists, Lions, team up in care.

**P**arades, Parks, Polar Plunge in the Ice

**O**ur hot Pork Chop Dinner was really nice.

**P**rincess Party had the Princesses dancing around

**L**astly, we had the Queen getting crowned.

**Q**uack says our new mascot the Duck we named Splash,

**R**affle sales help keep us in cash.

**S**ervice to Seasons, Scholarships, Steak Fry, St. Jude,

**T**ablets for low vision Kids make them a regular dude.

**T**oys for Tots, Under clothing donations, not out of reach,

**V**olleyball tourney with the Leos was a hit on the beach.

**W**omen's shelters, White Cane recipients all helped by our crew,

**X**enial, meaning hospitality, we strive to do.

**Y**outh, that's our Leos, it was Year One,

**Z**ero words left, this report's done.



**South Haven Lions Club**

**Breakfast with Santa**

**Saturday, November 30th, 2019**

**8 am - 10 am**

**Portage Applebee's**

**6211 US Hwy 6 Portage, IN. 46368**

**Cost \$8.00 per person**

**50/50 & Picture with Santa (\$5)**

**\*All proceeds support our Christmas Project Fund\***



### South Haven Lions Club helping shine the light for South Haven firefighters

SOUTH HAVEN – South Haven firefighters will be able to shine their light a little brighter and keep them safer thanks to a recent donation from the South Haven Lions Club.

This week members of the club presented a ceremonial check for \$2,864.50 to members of the department representing the purchase of 50 Stream Life Survivor flashlights. Each firefighter on the department will be receiving a flashlight.

“We are partners with various community groups and help provide funding in many ways,” said Jason Kegebein, president of the South Haven Lions Club. “We felt we wanted to do something a little broader and asked what could we do for the fire department.”

Kegebein said they met with the department firefighter/paramedic Eric Wood who expressed the need for the new equipment. The funding for the flashlights came from two grants secured by the club along with funds from its general account.

“This gives everybody their own personal flashlight,” said firefighter/paramedic Christine Gospodarek, adding when firefighters enter a structure, it is dark and having the flashlights, which include a clip to attach to their gear, will assist in firefighting.

“It is a lifesaver,” said Gospodarek.

The flashlights also are also equipped with a strobe function which a firefighter can activate if he or she is in a dangerous situation and needs to be located.

The Lions Club previously donated defibrillators and stuffed animals to the department.



### Cedar Lake Lions

Lion Doug Schmeltz relaxing on the new bench the Lions just gave to the town. To get here, many bottle caps were collected, sorted, trucked off to transformed and the resulting bench then delivered. Lion Doug was there to help, as he always was—helping his club, his town, his District, his friends, his family. His smile and enthusiasm in all he did will remain with us. He truly embodied our motto of We Serve and will be missed.





## Hamlet Lions Club

### Pancake Breakfast

**November 30<sup>th</sup> 8am to 11am**

### At Hensler Nursery

(5715 N 750 E Hamlet, IN)

**Cost \$7 Adult \$4 Kids**

Serving: Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee, Orange, Juice

Come Visit us at

[Henslers Christmas Fest and Parade.](#)



Past District Governors from throughout Indiana recently gathered at Fair Oaks for our annual get together. Above are most of the attendees—and a couple of cows. Below PDG Robin taking a break with a friend. We all had a great time. Thank you PDG Connie for being the Organizer in Chief—you did a great job!



Below: Three charter members of the Mill Creek Community Club received their 15 Year chevrons at the recent Cabinet Meeting. Pictured are Lions Marolyn Clockow, Tom Sharp and Carolyn Hunt.



## District 25A New Years Eve Bash

**December 28, 2019**

**Wanatah American Legion**

203 S Washington St. Wanatah, IN 46390

**7pm- Midnight**

**\$15 or \$25 couple**

**RSVP by December 20<sup>th</sup>**

Wendy Semans 219-851-2409 Tiffany Nagai tiffanypressel@hotmail.com

Come join fellow Lions for a night of fun! Dinner, cash bar, evening snacks, music, and dancing. State project booths on hand for information. We will be lighting luminary bags for loved ones that have passed from cancer.







**Crown Point Lions Club**  
Smoke Free

# HOLIDAY BINGO PARTY

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019**  
St. Elijah Church 8700 Taft Street – 6:30 p.m.

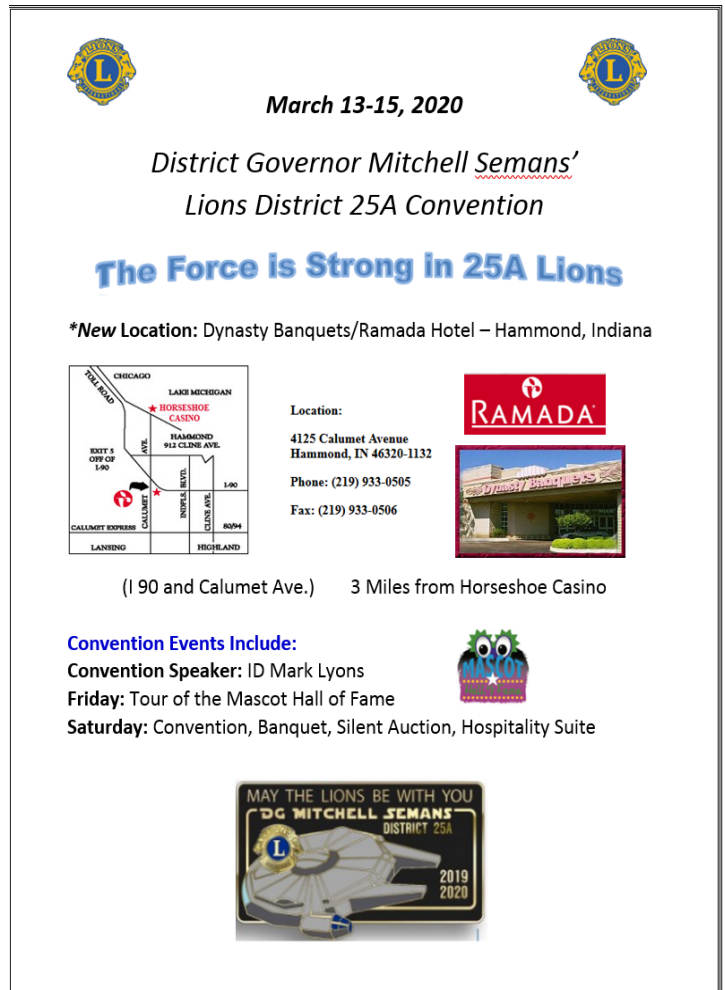
## GIFT CARDS

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 P.M.**  
Donation \$6.00

No Carry-in Food or Beverages Allowed  
Food & Beverages Available on Premises

## BINGO & DOOR PRIZES

Bring used eye glasses and receive extra Bingo cards  
**ADULTS ONLY**  
LIC# 151089




**March 13-15, 2020**



**District Governor Mitchell Semans'**  
**Lions District 25A Convention**

## The Force is Strong in 25A Lions

**\*New Location:** Dynasty Banquets/Ramada Hotel – Hammond, Indiana





**Location:**  
4125 Calumet Avenue  
Hammond, IN 46320-1132  
Phone: (219) 933-0505  
Fax: (219) 933-0506

(I 90 and Calumet Ave.) 3 Miles from Horseshoe Casino

**Convention Events Include:**  
**Convention Speaker:** ID Mark Lyons  
**Friday:** Tour of the Mascot Hall of Fame  
**Saturday:** Convention, Banquet, Silent Auction, Hospitality Suite


### Crown Point Lions

Left: A WP Woods Award was given to Greg Wirtz. He has been our compliance officer for many years and a member in good standing since 1988. His dedication to the club and his service is well deserving of the award. Lion Dan Klein is presenting the award in the picture.

Right: We did 8th Grade testing at Wheeler and Taft Middle Schools in Crown Point.

See above flyer for Holiday Bingo on November 21.







Door Village Lions and Easter Egg Hunt



**SCHERERVILLE CENTRAL LIONS CLUB  
2019 PAUL FREELAND MEMORIAL  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



**Saturday, November 9 - 8am-12noon  
St. Timothy Episcopal Church  
1115 N Cline Avenue, Griffith, IN 46319  
\$6 Adults - \$4 Children**



Mill Creek Community Lions Club Secretary Marolyn Klockow (left) and President Thomas Sharp (right) are shown presenting Dale Knouse, owner and director of the Cutler Funeral Home, a cash donation to purchase much needed items for "Bundle Up LaPorte." The donations provide warm coats, gloves, hats to protect the adults and children of LaPorte this winter.




Schererville Central Lions Trick or treat at the Tri-Town Safety Village on Saturday 10/26/2019 — even though it rained all day.





**Door Village Lions deliver school Supplies :** Our delivery of school supplies to our three adopted elementary schools went off without a hitch.

## 2019-2020 Global Action Team

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### Welcome New Lions!

**Lakes of the 4 Seasons** — Kate Shuttles

Sponsor: Larry Dennison

**Michiana** — John G. Barry

**Michigan City** — Danny Blake

Sponsor: Stephanie Sheipline

**Michigan City** — Ryan Reynolds

Sponsor: Jean Poulard

**Mill Creek** — Barb M. Berby

Sponsor: Emily Howard

**Mill Creek** — Mike D. Berby

**Mill Creek** — Haley E. Whicker

**Mill Creek** — Joseph L. Whicker

Sponsor: Emily Howard

**Ogden Dunes** — Scott Lehmann

Sponsor: Daniel Barnum

**Schererville Central** — Matt Kaftanich

Sponsor: John Evanich

**St. John** — Gail A. Anoe

Sponsor: Allen Konieczka

**Star City** — Wayne F. Bonnell

Sponsor: Kathleen Thompson



### Lions Who Have Completed their Service

<b>Edward H. Frank</b>	<b>Michigan City</b>
<b>Donald V. Holda</b>	<b>Michigan City</b>
<b>Douglas J. Schmeltz</b>	<b>Cedar Lake</b>



At the Cabinet Meeting on 11/3, DG Mitch gave out the 25A New Voices awards:

Lion Margaret Verkuilen, PDG	Membership
Lion Patrick Rodriguez, PDG	Service
Lion Kelly Kiel	Marketing
Lion Dave Dickinson, 2VDG	Leadership

Later in the year, a single Lion for each category will be chosen by LCI from all the District winners.



## November 2019 Calendar

Nov	5	Rolling Prairie OV	
Nov	7	Whiting OV	
Nov	9	Schererville Central Lions Paul Freeland Memorial Breakfast—see flyer page 10	
Nov	10	Cedar Lake Lions Pancake & Sausage Breakfast — See flyer page 4	
Nov	11	Veteran's Day	
Nov	11	Door Village OV	
Nov	14	World Diabetes Day	
Nov	12	Rensselaer OV	
Nov	14	LaPorte OV	
Nov	17	Hobart Lions Pancake—See flyer page 3	
Nov	19	Wheatfield OV	
Nov	21	Crown Point Lions Holiday Bingo Party — See flyer page 9	
Nov	23	Indiana harbor East Chicago OV	
Nov	25	Ogden Dunes OV	
Nov	26	Valparaiso OV	
Nov	28	Thanksgiving	
Nov	30	South Haven Lions Breakfast with Santa—see flyer page 6	
Nov	30	Hamlet Lions Club Pancake Breakfast at Hensler's Nursery—See flyer page 8	
Dec	28	District 25A New Year's Eve Bash	

## District 25A Needs You!

- ◆ We have a Trustee position that needs to be filled for Leader Dog. This is one of our State Projects.
- ◆ If you are a Lion in Region 1, there is a vacancy available on the Ed Paine Care & Helping Hands Foundation.
- ◆ We are also in need of a Lion to be on the Nominations & Elections Committee.

If you are interested in filling any of these spots, please inform DG Mitchell Semans.

