November District 25-A Newsletter







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District Governor, Will Farrellbegg

Lions,

We are moving into fall, which is a time that we get to enjoy the changing colors around us as we prepare for the colder winter months. Let us learn something from the leaves, it is okay to change. We have changed many practices over the past several months but we have not changed the fact that we serve. Let us continue to move forward in our mission to serve whether it be at meetings or Lions events; and please continue the practice of social distancing and wearing masks.

October was a busy month with our Council Meeting and Cabinet Meeting. Our Council meeting was held in Spencer. During Council Meetings business throughout the district is discussed. Other District Governors and myself also celebrated and supported DG Kenny Williams at his Banner night.

We had our 2nd District Cabinet Meeting which was sponsored by the South Haven Lions Club. The meeting was on October 24th. It was so heartening to see such a great turn out with over 50 members present. We Voted on our amended Policy Manual which was accepted. I would like to thank the team of PDG Robin Smith, PDG Connie Roe, PDG Dennis Brown and CC/IPDG Mitch Semans for the hard work to get this completed.

Donations of over \$500 was collected for Campaign 100, a big thank you to PDG Randy Greer and PDG Patty Cooke

for organizing this collection. You can invite either of them to your club meeting and they will give a short presentation about the LCIF Campaign 100. As clubs we need to continue to give to these projects and foundations. Remember you can invite any District Chair as a guest to your club or zone meetings and they will present on their project/foundation. This will allow new and prospective members to learn what else Lions have to offer and will also give updates for those that are already aware of the projects/foundations. You can also host a club fundraiser to benefit the state projects or programs.

Our 1st VDG Dave Dickinson has stepped down to concentrate on getting back to full health. He is at home with his family and is making good progress. I ask you to continue your prayers for Dave and his family. I will be announcing our new 1st VDG after I have a meeting with our IPDG, 2nd VDG and the past International officers (PDG's) of our District.

To all Clubs if you have not arranged my DG visit please reach out to me to organize.

I wish you all a wonderful and Happy Thanksgiving. I hope you all are able to get together with Family and enjoy this time to give thanks.

Yours in Lionism DG Will Farrellbegg

2ND Vice District Governor, Nick Gonzalez

Hello there Lions! I was pleased to see so many of you at this past Cabinet meeting. I would encourage you all to attend the next meeting in January. Come learn the happenings of your fellow clubs of District 25A, Global Action Team, and State Projects. I will try my best to visit as many clubs as possible this year. As a devout fan of high school basketball, I have visited all 92 counties in Indiana. I have attended a sporting event in every high school within the boundaries of our District.

Did I mention I enjoy traveling?

Please keep posting your events in the Newsletter. I will try my best to attend. As we enter November, I think about what I am most thankful for: family. Blood family. Work family. Sports family. Lions family. Thank you all for your excellent service and continue to be safe!

Yours in Lionism, 2VDG Nick Gonzalez



LCIF Report PDG Randy Greer LCIF Coordinator

Right now, the best way to give current updates and talk about LCIF is Zone Meetings, Newsletters and Cabinet meetings. So far, we have been able to speak at a combined Zone Meeting, and the recent Cabinet Meeting. We gave out updates and talked about the great grants LCIF is giving out. We also collected money from all the generous Lions.

LCIF has given out 343 COVID Grants totaling almost \$5.2 million dollars. Also, they have given out Disaster Relief Grants to the areas stricken by hurricanes and wildfires.

The Lions Clubs in District 25A have donated over \$5,300.00 to LCIF, 90% of the donations have come from individual Lions. Since many clubs are not meeting during the Pandemic many are short on funds as they have not been able to have fundraisers.

During the two meetings mentioned earlier we gave out fact sheets that explain just what a \$100 dollar donation would provide to the eight different areas that LCIF gives grants to. We collected over \$700.00 at the meetings and each Lion who donated will get credit for their individual donation.

In closing we are sad to report that PDG Dennis Brown has resigned as LCIF coordinator. PDG Dennis has done a remarkable job while serving as LCIF coordinator. We thank him for his dedication, knowledge and hard work.

PDG Patty Cooke has stepped up to be a LCIF Coordinator and we appreciate the experience she brings to that position.

October 22, PDG Charlie Short (Laf LC), Lion Sam Robbins (Zville LC) and MD25 Council Chair Mitch Semans attended a one-day symposium hosted by the Indiana Attorney General on Drug Abuse....about 250 attendees. The Lions booth celebrated our LCI Partnership with the US Drug Enforcement Administration. They talked up Red Ribbon Week for drug free communities and introduced Quest, Lions award-winning drug prevention program for grades pre-K through 16 years. Not only did they talk up Quest, but also signed up two new Lion members for the Bedford LC!



Lions helping Lions! Lions serve and help many people in their community. On October 18th CC Mitchell Semans and his wife Lion Wendy were on their way back from attending the Council Meeting and a banner night near Spencer, IN. Upon leaving they witnessed an accident. The accident involved a fellow Lion Member from a different club. There was a Lion in need and he received help from fellow Lions. CC Mitch and Lion Wendy stayed with this Lion Member while members from his club drove an hour back to get him. Those Lions were PCC Keith and Lion Erica. The Spencer Lions Club opened their clubhouse and provided everyone with food and drinks while they waited. Not only do Lions help in their community but they also help fellow Lions.

We Serve!

Lowell Lions:

First Picture Courtesy of the Lowell Tribune DG Will Farrellbegg, Lion Mel Goldman and Lion Bryan Burger working on our Turkey Shoot Fund Raiser.

Second Picture Lion Mel Coldman presenting \$1000 check

Second Picture Lion Mel Goldman presenting \$1000 check to the Lowell High School Theater group they were so grateful for the Lions donation to help with next production.





Irene Rosevear, Boss Lion of the Michigan City Lions Club, Recently delivered more than 75 packages of socks to Keys to Hope and Sand Castle Shelter. The socks are an ongoing project of the club with members bringing packages to regular club meetings. It has been said that homeless and less fortunate adults and children are always in need of new socks.

Boss Lion Rosevear says It is the goal of the MC Lions Club to provide packages of new socks throughout the year to agencies who provide assistance to the homeless and needy families. She suggests community members who would like to support this program by donating socks, may call her at

219-878-5678, for more information or for pick up of items.



Merrillville Lions:

Left: Lion Ellen and Lion Carol present a portion of the proceeds from our BBQ Dinner in September to Ross Township Trustee Joe Shudick and his team.

Middle: Lion Rachel and Lion Ellen getting ready for our diners at our 2nd Annual BBQ Dinner Right: Lion Carol, Lion Romayne, and Lion Ellen participated at Food Bank of Northwest Indiana's Hunger Hike in September, which the Merrillville Lions Club helped sponsor!





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Joseph D. Shudick Jr.

On October 25th the South Haven Lions hosted the 2nd District Cabinet Meeting! Here are some pictures from the meeting. Cabinet Meetings are open to all club members.



Have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving!







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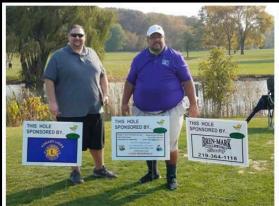
Mill Creek Community Lions
Club
Culver's Give Back Dates
10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.
November 18, 2020
December 9, 2020
Please mark your calendar.
Thank you for your support!



News from South Haven Lions!

Golf Outing Event: It was a beautiful day for our Scramble FOUR a Cause Golf Outing. We had tremendous support from the surrounding communit y with door prizes, hole sponsorships, and golfers. All proceeds will be used for our upcoming annual Christmas project. We extend our many thanks to those in the Districted that supported our event. It was great to see so many people there to support our cause.

Haven Hollow Project: A couple of our Club members volunteered stuffing 350 Halloween goodie bags for an upcoming event with the Portage Township Parks Department. We continue to find ways to serve and meet the needs of our community during the pandemic! Together WE SERVE!





Top Left: Lion Jason Kegebein and 2nd VDG Nick Gonzalez at the golf outing. Top Right and bottom left are also pictures from the South Haven Lions Golf Outing.

Bottom Right: Lions members getting goodie bags ready for Haven Hollow Project.





The Michigan City Lions Club on Wednesday, October 7th, 2020. presented the 2020 Lion of the Year Award to Lion DeNita Ton. The award is given in recognition and appreciation of outstanding service, loyalty, and devotion to Lionism. Lion DeNita has been a member of the local club for 21 years. During that time she has served as Assistant Secretary, Membership Chairman, Tail Twister, Bell Ringing Chairman, Chairman and creator of the Lion's DeNita Tones, Board Member, Chairman of Lion's News Reporting Staff, Chaplain, Public Relations and other services where ever needed. She has served with enthusiasm on every fund raising project of the club. The award was presented at the Lion's Shelter at Creek Ridge Park.



Left to right in picture are:
Lions Bill Rosevear, Irene
Rosevear, DeNita Ton,
Nancy Hawkins and Melinda
Nagle.

The Michigan City Lions Club recently presented the Clifford D. Arnold Memorial Award to Randy Russell, Superintendent of the Department of Water Works. This prestigious award is given in honor of Cliff Arnold, who served his community and state as LaPorte County Sheriff, Indiana State Representative, Mayor of Michigan City, MCAS school board member and many other areas. It is given in recognition of a dedicated community member who has unselfishly served his community and state for a number of years.

Randy Russell has been an employee of the Department of Water Works for 45 years, 33 of which he served as Superintendent.
Cliff Arnold was mayor of Michigan City when Randy was appointed Superintendent. He and Randy were also dedicated members of the Michigan City Lions Club.

Pictured left to right are Lion Bill Rosevear, Lion Stephanie Sheipline, Randy Russell, Lion DeNita Ton and Lion Irene Rosevear.



Michiana Lions Club:

They hosted a give back night on October 13th at the Michigan City Hacienda restaurant.

They held their first in person meeting for the first time in several months. They also offered a Zoom call option for those members that are not ready to meet just yet.

The Westville Lions are so excited to announce that Lion Dave Dickinson is home! He is at home with his family and will continue doing his therapy there. Thank you to everyone that has prayed for him and his family. He was able to attend a going away dinner for a Westville Lions Member. It is such a joy to have him home with his family and to be reunited with his friends.

Wanatah Lions:

Lion Jerry Benkie(left) presented PID Gene Rice two Melvin Jones Awards pins. PID Gene Rice is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow with 30 awards. Congratulations PID Gene!!



Mill Creek Community Lions:
On October 17th they hosted a Drive-Thru
Ham and Bean supper. It was a very successful
fundraiser. Pictured below on the left is Lion
Emily Howard serving their customers. The
picture on the right is the Ham and Bean
committee hard at work preparing the food.





Michigan City Lions Club have some upcoming fundraisers. Please contact Lion Irene 219-878-5678 for the coupons for the events.

Victory lane auto spa, Car Wash Coupons,
3417 franklin street
These are \$10 each.

On Saturday, December 5th, we will have our annual pointsettia sale. The pointsettias are \$15 each and can be ordered in red, white or pink.

These need to be picked upon the day of the sale.

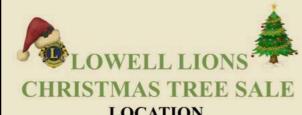
Both cash and personal checks are accepted.

We are also planning a candy sale at

Fannie Mae

102 west US -20 On TUESDAY, December

15th.



LOCATION
CORNER of RT-2 & MILL ST

SALE DATES
BEGINS
NOVEMBER 21ST NOON TO 8:00PM
THRU
DECEMBER 12TH

OPEN @ NOON TO 8:OOPM
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
AND
OPEN 10:00 TO 8:00
SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS
TREE VARIETIES
FRAISER FIR
BALSAM FIR
DOUGLAS FIR

The Rolling Prairie Lions have several
Upcoming give back nights at Culver's
in LaPorte.

Make sure to mention their name while
you are dining!
November 10th
December 8th

Option 1: Double sided—Christmas Pattern



Quilt Raffle

Option 2: Single sided—Paisley Pattern

South Haven Lions Club Fundraiser

Facebook Live Drawing - Sunday, November 29th at 2 pm

Tickets for \$5 or



Welcome New Members: **Hebron Lions:** SYLVIA J STEWART Sponsor: JOHN SPINKS

Members that have completed their service. Bass Lake: **DAVID A SWANSON**

Chesterton Lions: **CHARLES N TEMPLE**

Lakes of the Four Seasons: LYNNE K KENESON

Rensselaer Lions: PHILLIP A EVERS

Are you a trustee on a State Project or committee? Submit an article or update so those reading the newsletter can learn about what's new.

Does your club have medical equipment that they do not need? Send an email and it can be put in the monthly newsletter.

Currently these clubs have these items: Hamlet - Chair Lift LaPorte - Stair Lift, Acorn Style South Haven -Bariatric Bed

Cedar Lake Lions have 14 sewing machines

2020-2021 CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

July 18, 2020 1st Council Meeting

October 17, 2020 2nd Council Meeting (Written Report)

December 19, 2020 Ratified Amendments due on or before this dateto C&CB Committee Chair

January 9, 2021 (1 PM) State Office Building C&CB Review of submitted amendments
January 20, 2021 Proposed Amendments to Council (written)

January 30, 2021 3rd Council Meeting

February 1, 2021 Publication of proposed amendments in Hoosier Lion

April 1, 2021 Submission of Amendments to Nominations and Elections Committee (McKellar/Chastain)

April 30 – May 4, 2021 State Convention

Proposed amendments to the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws may be submitted by any of the following entities:

The State Council of Governors

The Indiana Lions Foundation & Lions of Indiana State Office Holding Corporation

Vision First, Indiana Lions Eyebank

Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc.

Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Inc.

Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc.

Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.

A District within the Multiple District (must be in good standing with LCI and Lions of Indiana)

A Lions Club within the Multiple District (must be in good standing with LCI, Lions of Indiana and District)

Proposed amendments must be formatted as outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws (responsibility of the submitter). All proposed amendments must be ratified by the entity that is submitting the amendment at a meeting of the membership, and a dated copy of the minutes of that meeting, signed by the secretary must be included with the submission.

All proposals and supporting documents must be submitted to the Chairperson of the Constitution & By-Laws Committee no later than **December 19, 2020.** You may download a copy of the current Constitution and By-Laws from the Multiple District website.

Submit to: Lion Karen McKellar, Committee Chairperson

8805 E. 200 S.

Zionsville, IN 46077

If approved by LCI, the three proposed amendments that were ratified and printed prior to the cancellation of the 2019-2020 convention will be resubmitted unless withdrawn by the ratifying entity.

Please feel free to contact me at 317-769-5256 or e-mail me at kadica@tds.net or your District C&BL Committee person if you have any questions.