

District 25A Seasons Greetings

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District Governor's Message

October Newsletter

Six lions from our district were able to attend the USA-Canada Forum held in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Leadership Conference had 2,000 Lions from all 50 states and Canada. We had a wonderful time learning about Lions, meeting Lions, and seeing all the great things our organization does. There were over 90 Seminars, some of them offered more than once so you had a better chance to attend. The firework show on Saturday Night was awesome.

There is another opportunity in Learning about Lions coming up. It is the Indiana Fall Conference (formerly Mid-Winter). The Conference is November 7, in Plainfield, IN. Lions from our area can car pool and go down there for the day. There are Seminars and Workshops in the Morning and Afternoon. Lunch is provided and the cost is only \$30 until Sept. 30th, and \$35 from Oct.1- Oct.20. We will be having a drawing at the District meeting on Oct. 18th for those registered for the Fall Conference. Four \$30 prizes are available to Lions registered. There is a new location for the Conference it is at Plainfield High School with the address of 1 Red Pride Drive, Plainfield, IN. Please don't go to the middle school the old map is wrong. Questions, please contact DG Randy Greer 759-2865, rest of my info is on the front page of this newsletter.

We had the pleasure of inducting 12 new lions at our Official Visits this month. We need to keep bringing in new members, but first we need to work on retention. Get your new Lions involved right away in a service project. We lose more Lions in the first three years they are a member than at any other time. We currently are at a -20 in Membership and need to get back in the plus column. Remember to ASK 1. If you want a membership program contact Lion Doug Schmeltz. He will set something up with you.

It's hard to believe that this is the Fourth Newsletter and the First quarter of the year is gone. Remember to get your items to Lion Bill so he can advertise your events in the Newsletter and keep sending Lion Jody pictures to share on our District Facebook page.

October 4th through the 10th is the Vision Challenge week for the Centennial Service Challenge. Try to do a vision screening that week and tell us about it at the District meeting on Sunday, October 18th at the American Legion in Cedar Lake.

I hope you are enjoying these beautiful fall days. Lion Pat and I had the opportunity to enjoy Meijer Gardens while in Grand Rapids. It is such a peaceful and tranquil place to visit. Full of beautiful plants and sculptures. It was a great way to end our USA/Canadian Forum trip.

DG Randy Greer

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Message from 2nd VDG Robin Smith

I was fortunate to have been able to attend the USA/Canada Forum in Grand Rapids, MI. What a wonderful event. It always amazes me how being around a large group of like-minded individuals can inspire and energize you. The forum was filled with many seminars, good food, motivational speakers, and great fellowship and ended with an outstanding fireworks display. While many Indiana Lions were present for the learning opportunities, most were not able to attend. Don't fret...Indiana has the next best thing...The Indiana Lions Conference. It is not too late to get your name on the list to attend this one day conference November 7, in Plainfield, IN. There is a seminar or workshop for everyone who attends, and I am sure you will return to your club with an energy boost. Let's have a record attendance from District A!

It is hard to believe October is here already! That tells me our clubs are in full swing with their service and fundraising projects. Kudos for all you are doing to make a difference. October also reminds me of White Cane Day. "Throughout the world, the long white cane is used by people who are blind or visually impaired as a tool for safe and reliable navigation. The white cane is a symbol of the user's skills and talents, mobility and independence. It also allows the sighted person to recognize that the user is visually impaired" (www.lionsclubs.org). "**White Cane Safety Day** is a national observance in the United States, celebrated on October 15 of each year since 1964. The date is set aside to celebrate the achievements of people who are blind or visually impaired and the important symbol of blindness and tool of independence, the white cane" (en.wikipedia.org). LCI's website has several suggested activities for Lions clubs to help commemorate this day. Think about adding one of them to your calendar of events. And always remember, you are making a difference in everything you do.

Yours in service ~ Lion Robin





Lions 25A 2nd District Meeting

"Lions For All The Seasons!"

Join District Governor Randy Greer

Sunday, October 18, 2015

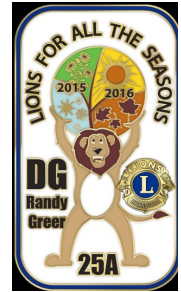
1:00PM CST

Hosted Zone 1B

American Legion Post 261

13050 Washington, Cedar Lake, IN 46303

Ph. 219-374-9815



**Brunch will be served: Pancakes,
Sausage, Coffee, and OJ**

Free Will Offering: Donations to Cancer Control

All Lions, Club Secretaries, Club Presidents,

Zone Chairs, Region Chairs, PDG's

Are Invited to Attend

Please submit your District Reports to CS Judy Shaffer

Lions we do need a count of how many will be attending!

Please RSVP Directly to Cabinet Secretary Judy Shaffer



by October 12, 2015 to:

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We Serve



South Haven Lions Club

Italian Buffet



Saturday, October 10,
2015

5:00PM – 7:00PM

American Legion Post 502

429 W. 750 N. in South
Haven

**Proceeds go to Needy
Family Christmas**

\$11.00 for Adults

\$6.00 for Children (5-12)

South Haven Lions 50th Anniversary

Please RSVP by October 3rd to

Betty Tennant 406 Sturdy Rd A-2

Valparaiso, IN 46383 219-462-5408

South Haven Lions Club 50th Anniversary

Saturday, October 24, 2015

Duneland Falls Banquet Hall

(St Rd 149, Portage, IN)

5:00PM Social-6:00PM Dinner

\$40.00 Dollars per Person

Guest Speaker: PIP Wayne Madden

Cash Bar/Business Casual Attire/Raffles



LOWELL LIONS TURKEY SHOOT

**WIN A GIFT CARD TOWARDS A PURCHASE OF
YOUR CHOICE AT LOWELL'S
STRACK & VAN TIL MARKET.**

A \$2.00 donation will get your name on one of our
target cards for our 2015 Thanksgiving fundraiser.

Lowell Lions members will be at the [Lowell Strack &
VanTil lobby](#) at 10am-2pm on Thursdays and
Saturdays starting Oct 1st for 4 weeks.

THURSDAY, OCT. 1, 10 AM – 2 PM.

SATURDAY, OCT. 3, 10 AM – 1 PM.

THURSDAY, OCT. 8, 10 AM – 2 PM.

THURSDAY, OCT. 15, 10 AM – 2 PM.

SATURDAY, OCT. 17, 10 AM – 2 PM.

THURSDAY, OCT. 22, 10 AM – 2 PM.

SATURDAY, OCT. 24, 10 AM – 2 PM.

To find out more about any of Lowell Lions Club events, & to get

Membership information, see [www.facebook.com/
lowelllionsclub](http://www.facebook.com/lowelllionsclub)

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27th Annual Indiana Lions Conference (Formerly Known as Mid-Winter Conference) November 6-7, 2015	
Guest Speaker - Michael Furnish President & CEO of Special Olympics in Indiana	



NEW Location ~ Plainfield High School, Plainfield In

Hotel Information Baymont Inn and Suites 6010 Gateway Drive, Plainfield In 317-837-9000-Must Call this # Reservations can be made now! Just Mention-Indiana Lions Rate: \$65 per night -includes breakfast	Friday Night Dinner \$15 Sliced Beef Tenderloin, Broiled Tilapia, Roasted Red Potatoes Vegetable Medley, Salad, Rolls Dessert, Tea and Lemonade and Coffee Be sure to make your reservations! Outstanding Singing Entertainment by Mikaela Smith Daughter of 25A 2nd Vice District Governor, Robin Smith Come join the fellowship and fun , see old friends and make new ones!
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- **Cash Prize Drawing for 1st Timers & Sponsor**
- **Silent Auction**
- **Popular and New Seminars**
- **Vendor and Booth Projects**

Saturday Lunch Menu
Variety of Sandwiches and
Salads, Iced Tea,
Lemonade, Coffee

Early Bird Registration
BY SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2015
Lions , Lioness, Partner-in Service-\$30
Leos \$15

Pre-Registration Deadline
October 15, 2015
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

Centennial Corner



Lions continue to meet the Centennial Service Challenge — to serve One Million people in each of the four categories of Youth, Vision, Hunger and Environment. At 46 Million, we are almost halfway there!

To help meet the Challenge for sight, is your Lions club participating in the Worldwide Week of Service in Sight (October 4-10)? I know many clubs perform sight related activities on a regular basis, but there is an also opportunity to help with Vision Screenings. Please check out the schedule on the District website and click on Vision Screenings: <http://www.e-district.org/sites/25a/> Then make sure to enter your club's activities at myLCI.

Having attended the USA/Canada Forum, I am full of enthusiasm for the Centennial. This is a great time to be a Lion! We know the rewards of serving our local communities. We know how much LCI impacts communities throughout the World. By inviting others to join our organization, we increase the number of people we can serve. Lions worked wonders during their first 100 years. The message from LCI is to make the next 100 even better by Asking One and Keeping One to make us even stronger to meet future service needs.

Lion VDG Patty Cooke

We welcome these new Lions to District 25A:

Club	Member	Lion Sponsor
Hebron	Gill Knip	Lion Amy Thalmann
LOFS	Shannon Benko	Lion Jon Policicchio
LOFS	Rae Marie Burgos	Lion PDG Keith Hall
Lowell	Kim White	Lion Clifford Tetrault
Star City	Blake Newman	Lion Dave Newman

We remember those Lions who served:

Lion Rich Bennett	Lowell
Lion Theodore Mike Hull	Rolling Prairie
Lion Paul Zulich	Valparaiso
Lion Richard (Dick) Motsinger	South Haven

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LIONS USA-Canada Forum in Grand Rapids, Michigan



25A Lions at USA Canada Forum: Front— 2nd VDG Robin Smith, Lion Paul Marsh, and VDG Patty Cooke; Second row – Lion Pat Greer, DG Randy Greer, and ZC Oscar Kuchar.



DG Randy meeting ID Roderick Wright at the USA Canada Forum . He will be the guest speaker at our District 25A Convention March 11-12, 2016 at the Best Western in LaPorte.



DG Randy and PDG Dennis Brown presenting a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Ron Wietbrock of the Lowell Lions Club.



Newly installed Leo Club members from the Westville Leo Club.



DG Randy assists with Candle Lighting Ceremony for new Lions members from the Westville Lions Club.



DG Randy installing PDG Keith Hall's daughter Rae Marie into the LOFS Lions Club.

Rensselaer Lions Honored at Night of Awards

Rensselaer Lions held their Night of Awards several weeks ago. Many Lions were honored with prestigious awards. Lion Arnold Braasch was presented a District Award for 50 + years. Lion Tom Henley was honored with 35 years a member plaque. Lion Dave Jordan was presented a plaque for 25 years of service. Lion Robert Monfort was honored for 10 years of service. Lion Phill Evers was presented a special pin for the 2013-2014 year of excellence as president. Lion Mike Louck was awarded a key pin for membership and the outstanding Rensselaer Lionism Award. Lions Ken Murray and Paul Gates were bestowed the esteemed W.P. Woods Award. This state award honors Lions who exhibit qualities of Lionism. Finally, Lion Carol Sue was bestowed Lion of Year Award for her outstanding contribution to the Rensselaer Lions Club.



Front row: Lions Arnold Braasch, Carol Sue ND Paul Gates. Back row: Lions Tom Henley, Mike Louck, Past President Ed Feicht, Dave Jordan and Ken Murray.

Chesterton Lions Club White Cane Days



Chesterton Lion George Kelchak gets a White Cane donation at Chesterton Post Office



Lions Vince Kisala and Don Johnson ready for White Cane collections at local Walgreens store.

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Acuity Testing for October and November

Help is needed please contact PDG Patrick Rodriquez 219-902-6459 patrodsr@hotmail.com

These dates are for acuity testing only for the **Lighthouse Charters Schools Academy** in Gary, IN.

Lighthouse College Prep, 725 Clark Rd., Gary is **October 27, 2015** and for East Chicago Lighthouse, 3916 Pulaski St. East Chicago, IN is **October 28, 2015**. School Contact Person: Vanessa Jones, RN. Start time: 9:00 a.m. Please have all volunteers there by 8:30 a.m.

Lighthouse Charter Schools Academy

3201 Pierce St. **Nov. 3rd**, 100 1st graders and the Upper Academy. Start time: 9:00 a.m.
1775 W 41st Ave. **Nov. 4th**, 101 3rd graders and 100 5th graders. Start time: 9:00 a.m. Please have all volunteers there by 8:30 a.m.

School Contact Person: Shirley Morgan, RN.

East Chicago's Harrison Elementary School 4411 Magoun Ave, East Chicago, IN. Thursday, **November 19, 2015**. We will need a Kidsight photo screeners, an Optec 500 or Titmus machine screener, and volunteers. Time to be announced.

Kidsight Screening

Kidsight Screening - Schererville Central Lions Saturday, **Oct. 3, 2015** at the Safety Village, Schererville Don't know time.

Kidsight Screening - St. John Lions, Sunday, **Oct. 4, 2015** at the St. John Fire Station. I don't know the time.

Kidsight Screening - District 25 A, Monday, **Oct. 5, 2015** at Head Start at Lake Ridge Elem. School, 6111 Ridge Road, Gary, IN

Where is the DG?



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

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October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 3B Zone Mtg Westville	2	3 Family Event D Banner Night
4	5	6 Zone Mtg Wheatfield	7	8	9	10 SH Italian Night
11 Griffith 75th	12 LaPorte OV	13 Highland OV	14 2A & B Zone Mtg Hobart	15 Whiting OV	16 SH Halloween Event	17
18 2nd District Meeting	19 Wanatah OV	20 Hanna OV	21 Munster OV	22 Michiana OV	23	24 South Haven 50th
25	26	27 Schererville OV	28 LaPorte Maple City OV	29	30 Council Meeting	31  Happy Halloween

November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Council Meeting	2 Convention Meeting	3	4	5 Hebron OV	6 Plainfield—Fall Conference	7
8 La Cross OV	9 Door Village OV	10	11 	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Monterey OV	19	20	21
22	23	24 Ogden Dunes OV	25	26 	27	28
29	30 Convention Meeting					