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Hello Lions of 25A:

I hope you have all enjoyed your Summers and are ready to take on a new season. I enjoy this time of year when the days are cooler and the trees transform to wondrous Autumnal colors. Much has happened since our last newsletter.

On August 24th, a tornado struck Kokomo. The Lions of District 24D immediately got a grant from LCIF and assisted local residents affected by the storm. They quickly consumed the initial funds and asked for assistance from Lions throughout the state. Many clubs in District 25A sent checks to assist. Where There's a Need, There's a Lion.

In September, International President Corlew came through Indiana on the Lions bus on his trek home from the USA/Canada Forum. He toured the Eyeglass Recycling area at the State Correctional Facility in Westville. I am always amazed at how many glasses we process and at how many people receive the gift of sight through this effort. We Serve!

Now we are nine months away from the end of the first century of Lions. **We have already reached our goal of helping 100,000,000 people throughout the world!!** The Lions of 25A contributed to this effort through the activities in their own communities, but we must "mark a trail for further generations of Lions who follow, and preserve our tradition of service". We have New Mountains to Climb.

I am scheduling my visits to clubs in the District, but I am also asking my 1st VDG Robin and 2nd VDG Dennis to do a few visits. This was one of my goals as a Governor – to let my Vice District Governors meet with some of the clubs to prepare them for their years. Plus this lets the Governor use her time to work on her other goals. So if you have not scheduled a visit already, please expect a call from one of us.

Please plan to attend the next District Meeting on Sunday October 16th in La Porte. There is still time to register for the fall conference on Saturday November 5th. 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



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Message from 1st VDG Robin Smith:



It is hard to believe the first quarter of this Lion year is over. Time goes by so quickly, especially when you are a Lion. Our Lions are always serving somewhere, somehow, and making a difference in the lives of others. I think for many, October marks the beginning of fall; pumpkins, changing leaves, crisp mornings, and hot apple cider. In our Lions world, it starts our Sharing the Vision service challenge. And many of our clubs are accepting that challenge by conducting Kidsight and Acuity vision screenings. Others are holding their White Cane days. If your club is searching for a way to Share the Vision, visit LCI's website, and read the various suggested activities for this challenge.

Having recently returned from another great USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, I am filled with new energy to serve others. The Forum offers an abundance of learning opportunities for everyone, but sadly many are unable to attend. I am proud to say that Indiana offers these opportunities as well, just on a smaller scale. If you are that Lion yearning to learn more, there is still time to register for the Indiana Lions Conference in Plainfield, IN on November 5th. Registration forms are available on the state website at www.indianalions.org. Hope to see you there!

Before I close, I want to give a huge congrats to the Lake Station Lions club. For 78 years, this club has been serving their community with pride. And while the membership numbers have been small for many years, they have remained steady with their service. I was able to attend their most recent meeting and witness the induction of not one or two new members, but 10 new members! And there are more coming in the next few weeks. They are determined to grow so they can continue to serve. Congratulations Lake Station! And thank you, Lions all, for your continued dedication and service to our organization and your communities.

Yours in service

Lion Robin, 1st VDG

Upcoming Zone Meetings

Zone 1-B Mon. Oct 3rd, @ Gelsosomos, Crown Point, 6:30 PM

Zone 4-A, Wed. Nov. 16th, at Rensselaer



Lions District 25A

2nd District Meeting

Sunday October 16th, 2016 at 1:00 pm CST

Hosted by the Westville Lions

**Agape Christian Church
1601 I Street
LaPorte, IN 46350**

\$12.00

Please RSVP by October 10, 2016.

Enclose a check made out to District 25A Lions

Mail to: District Secretary Angie Schmeltz
14726 Bryan Street, Cedar Lake, IN 46303
Any questions call Angie at 219-374-9714

Name _____

Club _____

Name _____

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Name _____

Club _____

Number of reservations: _____ Total Enclosed _____



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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





IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!!!

On October 24, 1916, Dr. W. P. Woods travelled to Indianapolis to sign the Incorporation papers that resulted in the organization we know today as Lions Clubs International. To honor that moment in time, our International President, Chancellor Robert Corlew, will visit the Indiana Secretary of State's office on October 24, 2016, to re-enact this prestigious point in time.

To Kick off the festivities – you are invited to participate in a

Welcome to Indiana Dinner

for

Lions International President Robert Corlew on Sunday, October 23, 2016.

A smoked Pork Chop Dinner with all the trimmings / complete with a fabulous dessert

will be served at 5:00 p.m.

at the Clermont Lions Club,

Clermont Lions Club Park, 3201 N. Tansel Road, Clermont, Indiana.

Social Hour 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Dinner 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00

Dress: Business Casual /Lions Casual

Please send in your reservation in advance. No money will be collected at the door or tickets sold the day of the event.

Send in your reservation by October 15, 2016, to PID Linda Tincher, PO Box 158, Riley, IN 47871

Checks should be made out to MD 25 and must be received by October 15, 2016.

Name _____ *District* _____

Name _____ *Club* _____

Name _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

World Sight Day

Lions World Sight Day

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Uniting Lions to Improve Sight and Prevent Blindness

Since 1988, Lions World Sight Day has raised awareness about the importance of eye health and the need for quality eye care services for all.

On this special day of service, Lions clubs around the world conduct sight-related projects including: vision screenings, eyeglass donations, restorative surgeries, eye health education programs, and the donation of assistive devices to those with vision impairment.

Lions World Sight Day is traditionally held in the month of October. This year, Lions are encouraged to organize their Lions World Sight Day activities in conjunction with the Lions World Wide Week of Service in Sight.

Worldwide Week of Service in Sight (October 10-16)

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Join Lions around the world for a special Worldwide Week of Service dedicated to ending blindness and visual impairments. This international event is a great opportunity to save sight in your community and support the Centennial Service Challenge, which has impacted the lives of over 100 million people.



Host a project that addresses visual impairments in your community, such as organizing a vision screening, donating white canes or hosting an inclusive sporting event. No matter how you choose to serve, be sure to join us for this Centennial service event!





Schererville Central Lions Club

Annual Oktoberfest

Friday, October 7, 2016

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

St. John Community Center
1515 Lincoln Hwy, (US 30)



1 Chop \$10.00 – 2 Chops \$14.00 (Cash Bar)

Smoked Pork Chops – Spatzle
Sweet & Sour Red Cabbage
Sauerkraut – Potatoes – Onions

For tickets call 219-322-2795



South Haven Lions Club

Italian Buffet



Saturday, October 8, 2016

4:30PM—7:00PM

American Legion Post 502

429 W. 750 N. in South Haven

Adult: \$11, Child 6-12 yrs \$6

Family of Four (2 adults & 2 children) \$26

Proceeds go to our Christmas Fund for
Less Fortunate Families in our area

HOBART 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

Zone 1-B Meeting

Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions Club will be hosting the first Zone 1-B Meeting on Monday, October 3rd at 6:30 pm at Gelsosomos Pizzeria, 11319 Broadway, Crown Point (219)662-2828. All you can eat Pizza, Salad, and soft drinks for \$15.50 (tax & tip included) A cash bar is available if you desire. PDG Margaret Verkuilen will give a presentation on "Emergency Preparedness".

Other 1-B October Activities

LOFS – "Penny War", followed by the Penny War Pizza Party.

Schererville Central – Sat. Oct. 1st- Town Safety Villager Open House- "KidSight". Fri. Oct. 7th- Oktoberfest at St. John Community Center: Pork Chop Dinner. Sat. Oct 22nd-Safe Trick or Treat.

St. John – Kids Eye Screening at St. John Fire Dept. during "Fire Safety Week"

Lions International Convention Update for our Centennial



Get ready Indiana Lions. Make plans to attend the Lions Clubs International Convention and 100th Anniversary Celebration in Chicago, Illinois June 30 through July 4, 2017. Your Indiana Lions International Convention Committee is working hard to ensure your attendance is memorable. In the coming months, we will be passing along more information as plans are completed by Lions Clubs International.

If you have any questions, go to the LCIcon web site at <http://lcon.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php> . . .

. . . or contact one of your ICC members. We hope to see you there!

2016-2017 ICC Members

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Fishing For Life Tour 2016 – Washington DC

Lions from 7 District 25A Clubs (Cedar Lake, Crown Point, LOFS, Wanatah, Griffith, Schererville Central, and St John) were on board the bus among the 48 passengers that made the 6 day adventure to Washington DC and Baltimore. All the sights of DC were visited, although briefly, but were enjoyed by all. More time at the Smithsonian complex would have been great, but you would need another 30 days to do that.

It was a very informative, and sombering trip. The VietNam and WWII Memorials, as well as the Air Force and Marine memorials, combined with the Arlington National Cemetery, gave us plenty of reason to pause and reflect. The Kennedy center, The White House, and the Capital were also visited, as well as the Lincoln Memorial. The Air and Space Museum at Dulles Airport was phenomenal. With the Shuttle, the Enola Gay, the 'Black Bird', the Concord, and every other aircraft you can name within your reach.

Talk to those who have traveled with us. You will here of the fun we have. Next year, we continue the History tour, as we visit the industrial age empire: the Biltmore Mansion, in Ashville North Carolina. We will leave Nov 5, 2017. Final trip details are being worked out currently, and we will have the full trip detailed in the next couple of weeks. Thanks You, Fishing for Life Travelers, YOU ARE THE BEST!!

Lion Doug Schmeltz

I.H.– East Chicago Lions Club



The IH – East Chicago Lions Club and volunteers first annual “Barefoot Wines” beach cleanup, sponsored by Barefoot Wines and Alliance for the Great Lakes. The IH- EC Lions along with the volunteers collected 275 pounds of trash. After the cleanup, all volunteers assembled at the East Chicago Yacht Club where they enjoyed a meal prepared by Lion Chef Richard and refreshments provided by Barefoot Wines.

Trip to Washington, DC for “Fishing for Life”



Lions Doug & Angie Schmeltz at Iwo Jima memorial



Lions group dining in Washington DC



Lion Doug at Bus ready to depart.



Visitors at The White House

Lake Station Lions Club - 10 New Members



On September 27th, DG Patty has the great honor of inducting ten new members into the Lake Station Lions. This club was founded in 1938, but was struggling in recent years. It has now been re-energized with a new set of younger members. Pictured here are IPP Dan DeHaven, long time Lion Jim Vanderlin, DG Patty Cooke, and new Lions President Laurie Haussmann, Ericka Castillo, Karen Knight, Alexandra Aguiler, Juliette White-Harris, Paul Haussmann, Jill Haussman, Amanda Nauta, Treasurer Pam Shaffner, and Lilian Agreda.

Lions USA-Canada Forum – Omaha, Nebraska

One Lions Personal Experience

I would like to say what an experience. Our own money and time is all that was needed to move across the states. We saw and heard from many Lions across the country. The message is simple: “WE SERVE” . From young to old members they all wanted to serve the communities where we live. As we sat down in seminars and dinners, we were encouraged to meet new people, the Lions family keeps growing.

Seminars were good. Past and present International Directors were full of passion in each of their messages. One thing is clear, small or large club, it doesn’t matter. The Lions are all servicing their community, district, and state to be the greatest service organization in the world. On the last day of the Forum, we were asked to participate in a service challenge to pack 100,000 meals for those in need in the Nebraska area. That was an awesome experience. Any Lion would be humbled by the Forum experience. Please take the opportunity to participate in one Forum, whether you are an officer at the club or district level. As Lions we are all leaders in our communities.

Lion Dave Dickinson, Westville Lions Club

Photo shows Lions Dave Dickinson and Brian Pagels at IP Bob Corlew’s tour bus in Omaha.



International Convention Meeting for 25A Lions

There will be a meeting with International Convention 2017 Host Committee Chair Robert Block on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016 starting at 6:00 pm. This meeting is to find out what the Lions of our District can do to help Illinois put on this convention. They need around 2000 volunteers to help put on this convention. Lions will be working as guides for parade, host at Hotels, and a lot more.

Meeting place : Baja's Rest. 10749 Randolph Crown Point, IN 46307 (Back room).

Thank you

PDG Tom Hansen, Hobart Lions Club

The LaPorte High School Marching Band will be Marching in the Lions International Parade in Chicago on July 1, 2017!!

The Maple City Lions Club is proud and excited to announce that the high school band will be participating in the Centennial parade. They will be representing District 25A, as well as MD25. Their award winning band consists of over 100 students lead by Band Director Mickey Stisher.

As you might expect, the travel for such a group is quite expensive. We are asking clubs in our district to consider a donation of \$100.00 or whatever your club can afford. Please send your donations to Maple City Lions Club treasurer Eric Sommer at 608 Granite Drive, Westville, IN 46391. The band will be travelling by coach bus but will not be staying overnight. We hope to be able to help them with travel, meals and perhaps a show in Chicago.

I was approached by a Lion and former band director at our Zone 3A Meeting in Michigan City this week. He expressed how much a trip like this would mean to the students and wants to make a personal donation. Obviously any person who would want to contribute, it would be greatly appreciated. I believe this will be a great exposure for our district and the state and hope that some of these youngsters will become interested in becoming a Lion later in life. LaPorte also has Leo club and they may want to travel as well.

Lion PDG Glen Swanson

Calendar

October 2	Westville Pumpkin Festival, Afternoon bingo with the Lions
October 2	Brian's Trike Race at ISBVI – Indianapolis
October 2	Westville Pumpkin Festival
	Morning pancake breakfast / afternoon bingo with the Lions
October 4	Rolling Prairie OV
October 6	Whiting OV
October 7	Schererville Central Lions Octoberfest
October 9	Rensselaer OV
October 12	LOFS Lions Charter Night
October 15	Kouts Chili Super
October 16	District Meeting – See Flyer, LaPorte, IN
October 17	Mill Creek OV
October 18	Hanna OV
October 19	Monterey OV
October 22	Council Meeting at Indianapolis, IN
October 23	Dinner with IP Bob Corlew
October 24	Reenactment of Lions Charter Signing with President Corlew
	State House in Indianapolis, IN
October 25	Lowell OV
November 5	Fall Conference at Plainfield, In
November 12	Door Village Anniversary
November 17	Hebron OV
November 29	Ogden Dunes OV

There is definitely room in the calendar for more official visits! Please check your 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.