

The Lions Heartbeat

District 25A Newsletter



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Message from the District Governor

Happy Fall y'all!!! September is ending with some unseasonably warm weather. Isn't it great? So, I took advantage of a beautiful day and decided to cut my grass. Simple task, right? I prime my mower and pull the cord to start it – nothing. I proceed to do this for about 5 minutes – still nothing. Now, I am notorious for having troubles with my mowers, but I have two Lions friends that have always come to my rescue and repair any damage I have caused. They tell me there is still worth in this old machine and there is. I decided to try starting the mower again by the same procedure, still nothing. Frustrated, I sat down and muttered to myself, “Starting this darn mower is about as easy as getting new members into a club”. Well, I was not going to give up, so, I primed that mower again, pulled the cord with all my strength, and voila ~ I was on my way cutting my grass. What does this have to do with Lions? Nothing really, but the analogy that determination can produce great results, and there is still worth in our members. My tools to keep my mower running are my two Lion angels. Our tools to get new members and to retain current members – Lions Clubs International and our Global Membership Coordinator, PDG Richard Silveira. Please use the tools offered to build a stronger club. If you are not sure where and how to get these tools, contact any member of the Leadership/Membership/Service team. We are here to serve you.

Our first quarter of this Lion year has ended, and our clubs are going strong. I have been out visiting clubs and am so proud of the service being provided to these communities. Operation Kidsight and The Dictionary Project are on most lists. Did you know the service challenge for October is Sharing the Vision? The Worldwide Week of Service in Sight, World Sight Day, and International White Cane Safety Day happen this month. Now is a great time to visit LCI's website and use the tools offered to Share the Vision.

As we enter our next quarter, I ask all Lions to remember our district and state projects and LCIF. Please consider including them when making your charitable donations. Also, there is a wealth of information about these projects to share with Lions. Please invite a trustee or committee chairperson to give a presentation to your club, or invite our GLT, GMT, GST Coordinators, who can present ways to strengthen your club. Don't get caught sitting in the pumpkin patch waiting for the Great Pumpkin. Go get what you want! If you need someone to help, just ask! Now, turn the page for more exciting news and information.

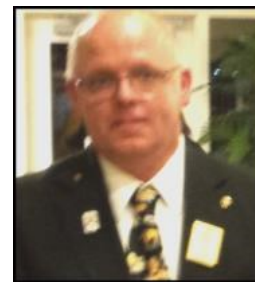
Until next time.... keep Touching Lives through Service!

Yours in Friendship ~

Lion Robin, District Governor



Message from 1stVDG PDG Dennis Brown:



Hi Lions:

This month I want to talk to you about donations. I've talked to several Lions Clubs and they asked me "Why aren't our donations listed in the District Convention Book?" I tell them more than likely their donations were made directly to the project and a copy of the check was not sent to the District Cabinet Treasurer for his or her records. It's the Cabinet Treasurer's records that go into the book. Actually, the Cabinet Treasurer would not mind if you sent your donations directly to the projects. Just make a copy of the checks and send them to the Treasurer.

The last item I want to mention is retention. Think about your club. How many members has your club brought in versus how many have been dropped? How many members would your club have over the last 3 to 5 years if you didn't drop any members? So let's work on both membership and retention. Both are equally important.

Sincerely, Lion Dennis Brown

***25-A Membership Statistics . What can
you do to improve our numbers?***

My Members	Statistics Updated 9/28/2017 12:01 PM	
	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	1,286	1,288
Added Members	12	39
Dropped Members	9	38
Closing Balance	1,289	1,289
Net Gain/Loss	3	1



2017-2018
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District 25A



**Pulaski County
Community
Center**



2nd Cabinet Meeting

Sponsored by the Winamac Lions Club

Sunday, October 15, 2017 - 1:00 PM EDT
12 Noon CDT (Chicago)

**Winamac Town Park
Community Center**

Use: 235 E Old State Rd 14, Winamac, IN for your GPS
This is the house across from the entrance to the park

PLEASE Do not go to the house

Serving:

Spiral ham, cheesy potatoes, salad, vegetable, roll, desert, tea, water & coffee

2nd 25A Cabinet Meeting

Name _____ Club _____ L C

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Number attending _____ X \$12.00 = \$ _____

Please RSVP by October 9, 2017

Make checks to: **Winamac Lions Club**

Mail to: CS Barbara Toosley
13700 Lantern Drive
St John, IN 46373

LionBarb@comcast.net - Cell 219-798-5950

See Map for directions on next page

TOUCHING LIVES THROUGH SERVICE



Important Updates

LaPorte Maple City Lions—Meeting is on 2nd Wed. at 6:30 PM. Add e-mails:

Pres. Dan McKibben: danandcarrie@comcast.net

Sec Evan Lancaster: emlancaster2@yahoo.com

New e-mails:

PDG Kevin Roe: lionkevroe@gmail.com and cell (574)946-4701

PDG Connie Roe: lionroeable@gmail.com

Note: Brian's Trike Race 20th Running has been scheduled for APRIL 22, 2018. The event will be expanded to provide greater visibility and benefit to ISBVI and Lions. More details to follow in near future.

Mission To Mexico Group Providing Medical Equipment



Lions in photo are Joe Pahs— Door Village, Kevin Roe—Winamac, Harold Haman— Kouts, Arcides Santiago— East Chicago, Dave Dickinson— Westville, Pat Hansen— Westville, and Rhonda Weston— Westville.

Helping but not pictured are Bo Zimmerman—Union Mills, Connie Roe— Winamac, and PID Gene Rice — Wanatah.

A group of Lions gathered to inventory and crate excess medical equipment which consisted of walking canes, crutches, wheel chairs, etc. These items, in 3 crates, will be shipped to Mexico later this year, along with the eyeglass inventory for the 2018 Eyeglass Mission. Lion Butch Weston built the crates.

The excess medical equipment was donated from the Westville Lions Club medical closet and will be distributed as necessary to those in need in Mexico. This distribution will be directed by Hector, our Mission Coordinator in Mexico. Also, some of the equipment will be used by patients at future eyeglass missions, as many are in need of these items when they come to the mission site.

Lowell Lions Club Awards Melvin Jones Fellowships



Presentation of a memorial MJ Fellowship for Lion Leon Morrow to his wife, Debbie. In photo: 1stVDG Dennis Brown, President Will Farrellbegg, DG Robin Smith, Debbie Morrow, and Leon's daughter and grandson.



DG Robin Smith presents a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Mel Goldman, with President Will Farrellbegg and Mel's wife, Kathy looking on.

Mill Creek Community Lions Club



The Mill Creek Community Lions Club distributed dictionaries to the third graders at the LaPorte Community Indian Trail School. Lions who participated were David Hodges, Eva Marie Olson, Shirley Doms, Muriel Peterson, Paul Tuszynski and Donald Grott.

The International Lions Clubs have participated in giving third graders a free dictionary since 2004. Lions have given over 300,000 copies and the goal is to assist all students in becoming good writers, active readers, creative thinkers and resourceful learners by providing them with their own personal dictionary and completing our motto "We Serve,"

Hamlet Lions Club

The Starke County Chamber of Commerce named the Hamlet Lions Club the September 2017 Business of the Month. "The Lions Club has gone above and beyond to help our community. During the Yellowstone Trail Fest they were a huge help to the Chamber as well. Thank You for all you do and keep up the good work"

TOUCHING LIVES THROUGH SERVICE

We Welcome New Members to 25A

Club	New Member	Sponsor
Chesterton	Gregory Larsen	Melvin Bigger
Door Village	Lori Stimley	Carolyn Perra
Door Village	Jason Stimley	Carolyn Perra
Munster	Jennifer Lesniak	Richard Paulsen
Ogden Dunes	Marianne Ashby-Grimmell	Thomas Kniola
Ogden Dunes	Jerry Hale	Thomas Kniola
Ogden Dunes	Lauren Defauw	John Defauw
Ogden Dunes	Philip Jankura	Daniel Barnum
Ogden Dunes	Patrick J. Smith	
South Haven	Chrissie Jarrell	
South Haven	Corissa Meyer	Carolyn Laviolette
South Haven	Richard Vanderlin	
Valparaiso	Susan Gourley	Richard Ireland
Westville	Julie Abert	Rhonda Weston

Those Who Have Completed Their Service

Francesville	John Buyer
LaPorte Maple City	Ted Keller
LaPorte Maple City	Tom Luther
Michiana	Edward Susnis
Rolling Prairie	Paul DePoy
South Haven	Samuel Reisinger, PDG



Zone Meetings Scheduled

Zone 4-B Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:30 PM, Wheatfield Library ZC Tom Strain

What Makes You Different?

Competition for today's volunteers is fierce! You hear it everywhere you go; this major organization and that major organization is declining in membership and is scrambling to get new members to keep their club alive.

Why should an individual with volunteerism in their heart choose you? More importantly, what are you doing to make them choose you? What Makes You Different? In reality, the volunteer is making the decision to join your club based on their opportunities to serve their communities. Fortunately that's right up our alley as our motto is: We Serve! Not only that, they are looking for ways to serve- *their way*! So let's help them serve their way.

What does your potential member or existing member need to get or continue a great volunteer experience? Over time much has change, but in the last decade change has occurred more rapidly the ever before. Remember when you had to get up off the chair to change the TV channel or the first computer that took up all the space in your home office or the rotary dial telephone. Many of these are now just memories. The traditions at our meetings are the way we remember it always was and still should be. Sometimes traditions can stand in the way of new opportunities and may just habit and comfortable reasons to leave things as they are and even reject new ideas. Traditions are important and we should not reject them, but we must be willing to adapt to changing circumstances and incorporate traditions into a changing world of volunteerism. WE need to dare to be different.

We can take advantage of the opportunities to meld our time honored traditions with new and exciting ways to make our meetings and the way we do business more appealing and exciting to current, new and potential members. It is good to know that most traditions are optional and members can choose to change the elements, frequency, and structure of their meetings to make the meeting more inviting, use technology to keep members connected and manages club business. You have a choice: Your club has the freedom to structure club meetings and how business is conducted in a way that best meets your members' needs and appeals to potential members. For example, a club may might celebrate Lion traditions and protocol during meetings, but manage club business via emails and smartphones so that decisions can be made more rapidly. Use of emails is a good way to keep everyone in the loop and can be useful in making decisions outside a formal meeting. Another idea is to change the structure of the meetings so that Lions and potential members can mix and mingle. For example, a club that meets twice a month can decide to have one formal meeting and the other a fun event or family event. Consider renaming event such as meet and greet, family gathering, celebration, or another term that more adequately reflects the intent of the event. A short formal meeting, minus the traditional opening, may be held or not. The event can change from month to month base the members input. These events are a good way to invite non Lions – family members and friends for example, to a less structured, fun meeting.

For more information and ideas on these and other opportunities to make your club different, exciting and appealing, visit the LCI member center and search for "Your Club Your Way."



Let's all make an effort to embrace new ideas and make our clubs a viable choice to those with volunteerism in their heart.

Ask,



Just Ask



“One Lion can win \$50 and maybe even \$100.

Lions:

Do you want our District to lose its status and its independence and status with LCI? If our District 25A falls below 1250 members, LCI will begin to take away some of our privileges and independence, and there is a possibility that we would need to merge with another District. There are also financial impacts which affect the incoming District Governor and the ability to effectively administer the district. We are currently at 1282 members....

We have come too far to give up. We CAN NOT let this happen.

Attached is a Pledge sheet I hope every Lion in your clubs will sign. It pledges that each Lion who signs will ask three individuals to become Lions. As an incentive all who signs will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 cash prize. Lions who signs the pledge and sponsors a new lion will be entered into addition drawing to win \$50. Please bring the pledge to your next meeting and ask Lions to pledge to keep District 25A a viable community service organization.

Name printed	Signature	Lions club
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***WE DON'T THIS FOR US,
WE DO IT FOR THOSE WE SERVE***

Return to:

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St John, IN 46373
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219-365-6079**

District 25-A Visual Acuity Screening Dates

If anyone has any questions, visual acuity training, concerns, or would your Lions Club would like to schedule/participate in a visual acuity screening, please feel free to contact Lion Angie at emschemltz@gmail.com or myself at patrodsr@hotmail.com.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Patrick Rodriguez, PDG. District 25-A Visual Acuity Co-Chair.

Harrison Elementary: **October 18, 2017, 9:00 a.m.**, 4411 Magoun Ave., East Chicago, IN.-
Contact person- Toni Mitchell, 219-391-4562, ext. 42446: Grades- 1st, 3rd, and 5th.

Lincoln Elementary: **October 19, 2017, 9:00 a.m.**, 12245 W. 109th Ave., Cedar Lake, IN. -
Contact person- ?

Lighthouse Academies: **October 23, 2017, 9:00 a.m.**-3201 Pierce St., Gary, IN.- Contact person-
Nurse Shirley Morgan, 219-884-2407, ext. 3105. Grade 1.

Lighthouse Academies: **October 24, 2017, 9:00 a.m.** 1775 W. 41st Ave., Gary, IN.- Contact
person- Nurse Shirley Morgan, 219-884-2407, ext. 3105. Grades- 3rd and 5th.

Lighthouse College Prep Academy: **Nov. 1, 2017, 9:00 a.m.** 725 Clark Rd., Gary, IN.- Contact
person: Vanessa Jones, 219-977-9725.

Lighthouse Academy: **Nov. 8, 2017, 9:00 a.m.** 3917 Pulaski St, East Chicago, IN.- Contact
person- Vanessa Jones, 219-977-9725 or 219-378-7450

McKinley Elementary: **Nov. 14, 2017, 9:00 a.m.** 4825 Magoun Ave., East Chicago, IN.- Contact
person- Toni Mitchell. 219-391-4562, ext. 42446: Grades- 1st, 3rd, and 5th.

Indiana Lions Foundation Thanks 25A Workers at State Fair

The Indiana Lions Foundation would like to express their sincere appreciation to the following Lions and family members who generously gave their time to volunteer to work at the Indiana State Fair.

DG Robin Smith and Mikaela Smith , Chesterton; Paul and Gail Marsh, LaPorte; Andy and Susan Dybel, Whiting; and PDGs Connie and Kevin Roe, Winamac.

The revenue the Indiana Lions Foundation realized is used to provide matching grants to individual clubs throughout the state, and for the operation of the Indiana Lions Foundation building in Indianapolis. To apply for a grant, buy a brick, buy a Lions license plate, apply for a WP Woods Fellowship, nominate a person as a Distinguished Lion, or for more information visit our website at: IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org. Again, our appreciation to those individuals in District 25A who made this project a success.

Indiana Lions Foundation Trustees, Indiana State Fair Committee



Schererville Central Lions Club

Annual Oktoberfest

Friday, October 13, 2017

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–Spätzle–Sweet & Sour Red Cabbage–Sauerkraut–Potatoes

For tickets call 219-365-1085

Credit Card payment accepted at the Door



LAKE STATION LIONS CLUB

WE CARE QUARTER AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017 AT THE
LAKE STATION FIRE DEPT. 1876 FAIRVIEW AVE.

LAKE STATION, IN 46405

DOORS OPEN AT NOON; AUCTION BEGINS AT 1 P.M.

AUCTION PADDLES: 1/\$5 OR 5/\$20

****BRING QUARTERS FOR BIDDING. WE WILL HAVE CHANGE ON SITE, BUT IT CAN GO FAST DEPENDING ON CROWD SIZE.**

THERE WILL BE AMAZING RAFFLES, BASKETS, GIFT CERTIFICATES, CRAFTS FOOD, DRINK, AND GOODIES FOR SALE...

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE COMMUNITIES OF
LAKE STATION AND NEW CHICAGO.

Lions 2018 International Convention Update



Bulletin No. 2 by PDG Gary Ochs, Chairperson September 1, 2017


During the 2018 Lions International Convention, you will have a chance to join Lions from more than 120 countries and geographical areas – with different languages and backgrounds – marching side-by-side down the streets of the host city during the Parade of Nations. Attend seminars and vote on the association’s future. And enjoy event highlights, including three action-packed plenary sessions, an exciting exhibit hall and more. The convention itself will be filled with inspiring presentations, unique entertainment, and numerous educational opportunities. What a great environment to meet other Lions!

Lions, try to attend the Lions of Indiana 29th Annual Conference on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Plainfield Middle School. A special one-hour seminar #3 “Lions Clubs 2018 International Convention in Las Vegas” starting at 2:15 p.m. will take place. All Indiana Lions attending will be able to pick-up their Convention and Hotel Reservation Form; the Luxor Hotel & Casino Information; the Convention Registration and Reservation Terms sheet; plus buy or order parade shirts and hats at that time. Remember, early registration is Before January 12, 2018; regular registration is January 13 through March 31, 2018; and late registration is April 1, 2018. Hope to see everybody then!

Where is the Governor this month...

October 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Star City and Westville Pancakes	OV Hamlet	OV Rolling Prairie	OV Bass Lake	OV Whiting		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		OV Morrocco OV Rensselaer	OV LOFS	Convention Mtg	Schererville Central Oktoberfest	South Haven Italian Night
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
2 nd Cabinet/District mtg	OV Mill Creek	OV Griffith			Leave for Indy	Council Mtgs
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Council mtgs	School concert	OV Schererville	EPCSC Music Fest			
29	30	31				
				Please contact DG Robin to schedule your club's official visit. mswolfen@aol.com or (219) 462-8285		

Children are the world's most valuable resource and our best hope for the future. ~John Fitzgerald
Leo's Work Scarecrow Fish Fry



LEO's from LaCrosse High School worked the "Fish Fry" at the Wanatah's Scarecrow Festival on September 24th. They helped setup and tear down, waited on tables, and served refreshments.