### **District 25A News**



## **Grow With Me** — The Best is Yet to Be



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Hello Lions,

**Hurricane Florence**. In a moment everything you own could be washed away. Just think of the people in the Carolinas and what they are going through. We know their Lions Clubs are there are helping. But how can we help? One way is by donating to LCIF. How much? Anything would help, but if you want to name a Melvin Jones recipient the amount is \$1000. What a great way to honor a Lion and help the Carolinas at the same time!

**Diabetes.** The Lions Club International initiative has brought diabetes awareness to the public. One thing District A is doing is having a Strides Walk on November 3 in Kouts. Information is in this newsletter. Come and join us for a walk, games and dancing. Plus we will be talking 'diet' -- what to eat and what not to eat to protect your body from diabetes. We will also be raffling off a FitBit! All this is to raise awareness and money for diabetes. Come join the fun!

Right now we are planning the district convention — trying to make it fun and informative. Somebody asked me how many nights do I have Lion's activities? I told him seven nights a week. His response was "You have a meeting every night of the week!" I said no, but if I don't have a meeting I am planning for the next one. Oh, and one more item, I still have that thing called a 'job' that I try to fit in.

Official visits are filling up fast and I've had to turn down some requests. So please try to get the day you want in early.

Also remember our motto "We Serve".

Yours in Lionism

Lion DG Dennis Brown



DG Dennis inducted two new Lions during his official visit in Winamac. Please welcome Lions Cody and Angie Jennings!



#### Zone 4B Meeting

When: November 13, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Where: St. Paul's Lutheran Parish Hall

507 S. Rose St. in Kouts

If you have any questions, please con-

tact

Lion Tom Strain at 219-956-3988

#### M & M for LCIF

Lions, please make your checks out to LCIF
and write club number on check. Then send to:
Lion Patty Cooke
1520 N. Gard Dr.

#### **Dear Fellow Lions**

This past month has been AWESOME!!! I had the opportunity to go to several zone meetings, and I can honestly say that I am so proud to be a LION. All the service activities that all of you do are just amazing. So, my question is: Is there a way for clubs to find out what other clubs are doing for service projects? The answer is ABSOLUTELY!!!

**First** and foremost is attend the zone meetings and cabinet meeting. You are going to have 4 more opportunities in your area to do this and keep in mind, it's not just for officers of your club - any Lions member can come to a Zone or Cabinet Meeting. The next opportunity to learn what other clubs are doing is Sunday, October 14<sup>th,</sup> in Kouts at 1pm CDT for the Governor's Cabinet Meeting. Again, even though the club President and club Secretary are members of the Cabinet Advisory committee, it doesn't mean that the meeting is exclusive; any member can and should attend.

**Second**, put it in the newsletter. Let PDG Patty Cooke know what kind of service you are doing. She's on page 19 of the directory. If you are planning a road clean up, look in the directory and see who is the committee chair for Environmental and let PDG Patrick Rodriguez know. Hamlet club is having a road clean up October 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Several clubs have adopted a road to clean up. Several clubs do vision screening for acuity and Operation Kidsight. Several clubs loan out medical equipment. Several clubs have senior dinners. I wish I could list every club and how they provide service in this article, but I can't.

However, this brings me to the **Third** point: Every club should report their activities to LCI and if you don't know how, then ask someone. Who? Oh, I don't know, maybe our District Governor Dennis Brown, Global Service Team Leader PDG Patty Cooke, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer PDG Barbara Toosley, or Immediate Past DG Robin Smith. The point is don't be afraid to reach out and ask for help.

This is how we are going to get your information out to other clubs that you are doing a service project or a fundraiser for a project by submitting your reports. Who knows, you may even have other Lions from other clubs show up to help or support your event.

Keep up the good work and God Bless.

**VDG Lion Mitchell Semans** 



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## 2018-2019 District Governor District 25A



## Dennis Brown

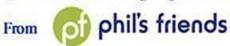
## 2nd Cabinet Meeting

Sponsored by the Kouts Lions Club Sunday, October 14, 2018 - 1:00 PM CDT

> St Paul Lutheran Church Annex 507 Rose Ave, Kouts In 46347

Special Speaker: Judy Earnshaw





# Name

Name LC Club

2<sup>nd</sup> 25A Cabinet Meeting

LC Name Club

LC Club Name

Number attending X \$13.00 = \$

Please RSVP by October 6, 2018

Make checks to: Kouts Lions Club

Mail to: **CST Barbara Toosley** 

> 13700 Lantern Drive St John, IN 46373

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





# Lions District 25A Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness Registration Form

The purpose is to raise awareness about diabetes, prevention, education, and control through physical activities and learning about diabetes. Please fill out the form below.

#### **November 3, 2018**

#### St Paul's Lutheran Parish Hall, 507 S Rose St , Kouts, IN

3:00 PM (CST - Chicago)

Participate is \$25.00 (includes shirt) for adults. Children \$ 12.50 (includes shirt).

Return form to:

Chair Carolyn Toosley 13670 W 89th Place, St. John, IN 46373

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# CARING FOR EACH OTHER IS WHAT MAKES US STRONG



Our District is down 6 Lions. Again, we lost more Lions than we bring in. We need to Just Ask and work hard to get new people to help out. But now is the time to turn our attention to the people who are helping people - the existing people in our clubs; like you and me.

Let's start a conversion in our clubs at every event or get together.

We need to ask some tough questions:

- Why aren't people paying their dues?
- · Why aren't people coming to our service projects?
- Why aren't people helping with or fundraisers?
- Why aren't people coming to meetings?

May times we simply say well they just don't want to participate, or if they are not paying dues, drop them and replace them if we can. Maybe we will send them a note or an email to try to get them back on track. In this world of high tech communications, personal contact, face to face, still is the best way to communicate. We may think we know why, but until we ask them, up close and personal, we really don't. Do we? What happens when someone falls on hard times or ill – to many times we just say drop them. Let's try to find a way to help people pay their dues and not say "if they can't pay they shouldn't be a Lion".

We spend hundreds, thousands, and even tens of thousands of hours serving other with passion and care. How much time do we spend caring for each other with the same passion? Can we give up an hour to meet with a person who may leaving the den and find out why and what can be done to keep them? Can we take the time to shake every person's hand at a meeting? Can we take the time to hug a person who did a good job and thank them? Can we laugh and smile and be up on our club and its programs and projects and help those who work on them? Can we care? Do we care?

We are people and every person has needs. Being part of the group, feeling like you are making a difference, and being proud are some of the needs that drive Lions to serve with passion. We all need to help each other, to care for each other, to take the time to help everyone fulfill these needs.

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." Leo Buscaglia

LET'S ADD, WE CARE, TO WE SERVE

Serving the Lions,

PDG Dick 25A GMT MD25 GMT





#### **LCIF Newsletter**

#### Dear Lions,

Welcome to a new Lions year! My passion for Lions comes not from titles, but transformation. While I no longer have the title of International President, my new title of LCIF Chairperson gives me the same chance to transform our Association and the world.

Our Foundation empowers Lions to do the life-changing work that impacts communities around the world. Historically, we have focused on vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts. With our Foundation celebrating its 50th anniversary, we will increase our service impact, continue our fight against diabetes, and expand our global causes to include hunger, childhood cancer, and the environment.

Let us dream bigger. I am proud to support *Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service*, the largest fundraising effort in our 50-year history. Campaign 100 launched at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Las Vegas, and I am confident we will reach our goal of raising US\$300 million over the next three years.

We must keep in mind "the Power of Each":

- •LCIF supports Lions worldwide, with over \$1 billion in grants since 1968 and over 500 projects funded last year alone.
- •Yet, only 6% of Lions contribute to LCIF. I do not ask for more donations, I only ask for more donors.

Each one of us has the power to make a difference in communities around the world. When each of us marries our service with our personal financial gifts to our foundation, we can. And, when we invoke the Power of Each, we will.

Massive change is happening. Last year, we raised \$50M for LCIF – an increase of 28% from the year before. We served over 65 million people last year via LCIF. However, we will not stop until we fulfil our motto – "Where there is a need, there is a Lion." This year, let us transform our Association by small donations from many members.

As Chairman of our global Foundation, I thank you for your dedication to LCIF, to the global causes it supports, and to our world citizens in need, who benefit deeply from our generosity of spirit, service, and giving.

Namaste!

Dr. Naresh Aggarwal

Chairman, Lions Clubs International Foundation

### Earthquake in Indonesia

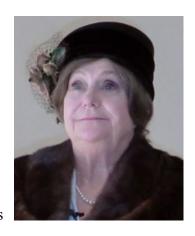
On 5th August, Indonesia experienced a massive earthquake that killed 558 people, injured 7,000 and made 417,000 homeless. Aftershocks later in the month further damaged this heavily populated country. Indonesia lies on the "Ring of Fire" – a tectonic plate that connects Asia with Australia and the Pacific. We are now forming a "Ring of Friendship" to help the survivors recover. LCIF has already given \$50,000 and looks forward to your support.



## **Helen Keller – 'A Life Nearly Lost'**

In the late nineteenth century a little girl struggled out of the depths of fear. At the age of two, Helen experienced a life-threatening illness. She was plunged into a dark, silent world. Anne Sullivan, a determined young teacher, would find the key to unlock Helen's prison. Through Anne's diligence and perseverance, Helen would become a world-renowned speaker and advocate for the disabled.

This program, originally commissioned by the Lion's Club International, Northern Illinois Division, begins with the blind and deaf Helen being led to the podium where she recites excerpts from the 1925 speech Helen gave to the International Lion's Convention. The program continues in third person as Jessica tells the audience of Helen's life and experiences.



Jessica Michna, recipient of the Presidential Service Center's Distinguished Service Award, is become widely known for her riveting portrayals of First Ladies, notable women of history and fictitious characters. She has entertained groups throughout America including guests from as far away as New Zealand, Japan and Brazil. Audiences ranging from young children to senior citizens have been equally enthralled. She has had the honor of performing at the National Churchill Memorial, Lincoln Boyhood National Monument and other esteemed venues. She has appeared before historical societies, schools, libraries, living history museums, senior centers, churches, and has been guest hostess at parties and weddings.

Mrs. Michna's performances are compelling and emotionally enthralling. Audiences laugh along with her humorous anecdotes. They share in her tears as she relates how the horrors of war have impacted families. She has a powerful effect on an audience.

Audiences have left her performances impressed with her knowledge of Helen Keller and educated about her life's contributions to society. This is a presentation you won't want to miss! Jessica's presentation will be featured at the Saturday luncheon at this year's Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference, January 12.









The USA Canada Forum was fantastic! Lots of wonderful Lions from throughout the United States and Canada—all providing great service for their communities. I learned something from each session and even more from the other Lions as we conversed during the meals. The speakers this year were phenomenal—each one had their own take on what it means to be a leader, to provide service and to help LCI grow. I learned that LCI should be more like the Rolling Stones—they have evolved through their 50 years together and are still here. A good analogy that stuck in my brain. Next year the Fo-

rum is in Spokane, Washington from September 19 to the 20th. A longer rive than Ohio, but you can stop at Mount Rushmore along the way.





## **South Haven Lions Club**

Saturday, October 20th; 4:30-7 pm

South Haven American Legion Post 502 750 N. 429 W. Valparaiso, IN 46385

Adults: \$12 per person, Child (ages 6-12): \$6 per child Family of 4 (2Adults/2Children): \$26

Menu: Salad, Spaghetti, Pizza, Breadsticks Bake Sale, Bottle Water & Pop Sale, 50/50

All Proceeds support our Christmas Project Fund



**Monterey Lions** 

75th Anniversary

What: FREE ham and beans dinner with

FREE entertainment—NIGHTSHIFT Band

Doug and Kelli's Band

When: Saturday, November 3rd from 5:00—7:00 pm EDT

Where: Monterey Lions Club

6194 E. Main St., Monterey

Doug and Kelli's Band — NIGHTSHIFT — has played at the

District Convention in Laporte.

If you have any questions-please contact:

Kelli or Doug at 574-542-2075

#### **Health Fair**

Saturday October 20th at Jerry Ross

**Featuring the New Ninja Course** 

The annual LOFS Lions and Winfield Community Health Fair will take place again at Jerry Ross from 9am to 1pm and will feature CPR classes, the fire department, vendor booths and flu shots. New this year is a Ninja Warrior style course, giving kids from our local communities a chance to show off their skills navigating this child friendly course. Join us for this annual fun and informative event.

For CPR classes, advance sign up is required, the course is \$17.00.

To sign up, go to:

https://lofs-lions-2.snwbll.com/giving-portal.

#### St. John Lions

On September 22, 2018, the St. John Lions sponsored a day at Zig E's Funland for the NICK Foundation (Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids). Everyone received wrist bands to have the run of the place for 3 hours along with some tokens for the arcade and a hot dog lunch after all that fun! They did gokarts, batting cages, bungee jumping and mini-golf. We were blessed with a wonderful afternoon of sunshine and the children and their families all had a wonderful time!





#### Valparaiso Lions

In August the club held a fund raiser at Ironwood Brewery, selling home smoked chicken dinners with corn on the cob. This is the fourth year we have had the fund raiser. It is fun, and a very social event, as well as having good food — and we made some money.

We have started the chain gang and ball boys for the Valparaiso University Football team. This is ongoing throughout the season and is the 47<sup>th</sup> year for our club to officiate at the games. Eight Lions participate at each game.

We ran a successful White Cane Drive with the help of the Sigma Chi Fraternity at Valparaiso University.

We donated funds to Housing Opportunities in Valparaiso as well as many dry and canned goods for their food bank. They help the homeless in our area. We also donated money to the Valparaiso High School Speech and Debate Club to help cover costs of their competitions.

Low vision devices were donated two visually impaired people in our district.



#### LaPorte Lions

A chance meeting this spring between two former classmates has led to a lifechanging difference in the situation of one of them.

John Straub, a member of La Porte Lions Club, met a man he went to school with years ago, at La Porte Hospital. His classmate has Huntington's disease, and to preserve his and his wife's privacy, they will be referred to as "Jack" and "Jill" in this article.

Huntington's is a fatal genetic disorder that causes breakdown of nerve cells in the brain. It deteriorates a person's physical and mental abilities and there is no cure.

Jill told Straub that she had to depend on others to help her get Jack out of the house for doctor's appointments. There are three concrete steps from their kitchen to an enclosed back porch, and three steps at the front. She could not get Jack's wheelchair down the steps alone.

Straub knew of a lift that had been installed at a rental apartment for a veteran, who had since moved. He contacted the landlord, who said if someone else needed it, Straub could take it. Straub brought the project to La Porte Lions, who approved paying for a contractor to move the lift, build a platform at Jack and Jill's back door, and install the lift there. John Lingle, of Lingle and Sons, Contractors, was hired to do the job.

"He was wonderful," Jill said. "He had to take the lift apart to get it into the porch, and when it wouldn't work, he knew what the problem was, but couldn't get a needed part."

"We were happy to help," said a representative of Lingle and Sons.

That's where Doug Moore, of Scooter Warehouse in South Bend, came in. He brought the part and got the lift operating. He was president of the South Bend Lions Club, and he never sent La Porte Lions a bill for his services.

"It just seemed like the right thing to do," he said..

That epitomizes the Lions' motto, "We Serve."

"It's so much safer," Jill said. "If we'd had a fire, I couldn't have got Jack out of the house. Now, I don't have to depend on having someone else help me get him outside."

It turns out that Jill knows Straub's wife, Linda, and past president of La Porte Lions, Paul Marsh's wife, Gail, from when she worked at the VNA.

"I'm just so grateful to La Porte Lions," Jill said. "This has changed our lives."

#### Extra! Extra! Extra!

Just a reminder to submit articles to the newsletter to me by the last day of the month. You should then receive the newsletter by the 5th of month.

Send to Patty.Cooke@gmail.com



La Porte Lions Boss Lion Paul Marsh, from and Lion John Straub stand by the lift La Porte Lions installed





PDG Lion Randy and Lion Pat helped serve hot dogs and brats at Bass Pro. The event helps fund our annual Christmas Project.

#### Michiana Lions

Michiana Lions members Lion Verne and Lion Sandra Hixon lead the way with our Michiana Llons Dictionary Program.

Lions Verne and Sandra along with Lions Alex and Mary Ann Vartia and Lion George Jenks handed out 151 dictionaries to 3rd graders in the Michigan City Indiana Elementary Schools: Joy, Knapp, and Springfield. T

There were a few dictionaries left over and Lions Verne, Sandra, and Alice Helmken presented them to the 3rd grade students at Renaissance Academy.

The Michiana Dictionary Project went very well!!



#### **LOFS Lions**

Cocktails and Canvas Event Shows off Hidden Talents

The Cocktails and Canvas Event held on September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Lakehouse demonstrated the hidden painting talents of our residents and guests.

Sponsored as a group effort by the House and Garden Club and the LOFS Lions, the evening featured local artist and teacher Susan Young leading the class.

Susan deftly guided our future landscape artists with tips and tricks used to blend color and develop the background, water, sky and trees. Each artist did the assigned painting similarly, but still showed their individually as seen in the pictures below. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and were able to take their fine art home with them.

Events like this help fund local projects in the LOFS community. As an example, this year the Lions and Garden Club worked together with the Lakehouse to add plants and planters on the patio as part of a beautification project.

The Garden Club and Lions Club are considering a spring version of this event in 2019. Watch your Winfield American and Seasonal for future updates on the next Cocktails and Canvas!







#### Recycling

Earth is our home and no one wants to see their home trashed, so recycling is imperative. Reusing, Repurposing, Recycling—that is what many of our Lions Clubs are doing. This follows one of LCI's global causes—the Environment. So what is your club doing?? Eyeglasses are a given for All. I know St. John, Schererville Central and Rensselaer are collecting plastic caps for benches. DG Dennis started keys for Cancer. But I know some also save pull tabs from cans, cell phones, hearing aids and I know there are many more items. Please let me know what your Club is Recycling and I will put a list in the Newsletter and more Lions can contribute. One small step to save our world!

Patty.Cooke@gmail.com

#### Lakes of the Fours Seasons Lions

In September, the Lions donated to the Winfield Police on behalf of their K-9 unit. The Lions Organization has a history of training and working with service dogs and their owners and handlers. The Winfield Police donation was to help offset some of the costs of setting up the K-9 unit in our community, such as the cost of the travel kennel. The Lions were able to meet K-9 Officer Brego at our September meeting; thank you Marshall Ball and Officer Benton for your presentation!

#### **Chesterton Lions**

The Chesterton Lions Club recently made a donation to the Porter Parks Department. The donation will help the Town of Porter Park Department purchase an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) for instillation in the Community Center at Hawthorne Park. The request was made by the Seniors Group which meets there each week.



Lion President Larry presenting the check for the K-9 unit to Winfield K-9 Officer Benton



Lion George Kelchak (right) presenting a check to Brian Bugajski, Porter Parks Director

To follow VDG Mitch's fantastic words about Service and why Club's should be reporting what they do. This is LCI's plan and service is the Key. A new club position—**Club Service Secretary**—is available. Their duty is to enter your Club's activities and help you find new service opportunities. Please appoint a CSC in your club — it is one less task for the Secretary.

#### Vision

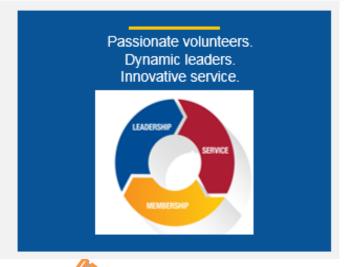
Envisioning a day when every need in the world can be served by a Lion or Leo.

#### Mission

The Global Action Team will champion the vision of LCI and reignite the passion of our Lions and Leos through service.

#### Goal

To ensure that Lions Clubs International impacts 200 million lives through service with 1.7 million Lion and Leo members and provides learning opportunities to 500,000 members by the year 2020.





2019 Indiana
Lions State Convention

Fort Wayne, Indiana (26-28 April 2019)



#### **Clubs Even or Plus in Membership**

BASS LAKE CHESTERTON

CROWN POINT DOOR VILLAGE

DYER EAST CHICAGO EVENING

FRANCESVILLE GOODLAND
GRIFFITH HAMLET
HAMMOND HANNA
HIGHLAND HOBART

INDIANA HARBORE EAST CHICAGO LA CROSSE

LA PORTE MERRILLVILLE

MICHIANA L C MICHIGAN CITY

MILL CREEK COMMUNITY MONTEREY

MUNSTER OGDEN DUNES

PORTAGE REMINGTON

ROLLING PRAIRIE SCHERERVILLE

SHELBY ST. JOHN

SOUTH HAVEN L C VALPARAISO

WESTVILLE WHEATFIELD

**WINAMAC** 

#### **GROW OR DIE!**

#### **Welcome New Lions!**

Bass Lake—Steven Howard Sponsor: Peggy Arquette

Hanna — Kaitlyn C. Metts Sponsor: Teresa Bals-Elsholz

Rolling Prairie —Linda Barnes Sponsor: Robert Barnes

#### **Lions Who Have Completed Their Service**

Rick Steinhilber—Hebron

Ray Christoph — Wanatah



#### **MD25**

Oct 6 Long Range Planning Meeting

Oct 6 District D Banner Night

Oct 6 Mid Winter Conference Meeting

Oct 12 PDG Weekend

Oct 14 Speech and Hearing Trustees Meeting

Oct 20 2nd Council Meeting

Oct 20 District B Banner Night

Oct 27 1st VDG Training

#### LCI

**Vision Awareness Month** 

**Lions Membership Growth Month** 

**Leo Membership Growth Month** 

Oct 11 World Sight Day

Oct 15 International White Cane Safety Day

Helping others isn't a chore; it is one of the greatest gifts there is.

Liya Kebede



## October 2018

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|                              | 1                 | 2<br>Wheatfield OV | 3<br>GAT Meeting       | 4<br>Kouts Mtg   | 5   | 6  |
| 7                            | 8 Columbus<br>Day | 9                  | 10                     | 11<br>Whiting OV | 12  | 13   |
| 14 Cabinet<br>Meeting        | 15<br>Wanatah OV  | 16<br>Griffith OV  | 17 Conven-<br>tion Mtg | 18               | 19 Schererville<br>Central<br>Octoberfest | 20 Council Mtg<br>Kouts Spaghetti<br>Rensselaer 75th |
| 21 South Haven Italian Night | 22                | 23                 | 24                     | 25               | 26  | 27   |
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