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Dear 25A Lions

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Patricia Cooke 1520 N. Gard Dr. Crown Point, IN 46307 Day: 219-801-4626 Night: 219-671-4668 Patty.Cooke@gmail.com First of all, I would like to thank all the Zone Chairs for getting the first round of zone meetings done. I want to **encourage** you all to continue to work together. I have had a lot of feedback and the members really appreciate being able to go outside their zone to experience what other clubs in the district are doing. I know there are a lot of meetings — club, zone and cabinet — but there's a reason for them. The more we can work together and share information on the resources that are out there, then the more we can serve our communities and help people. Club presidents, please **encourage** your members to participate in these meetings — they are great way to network, meet new people and get new ideas. So, if someone calls up and wants to RSVP for your club or zone meeting and they are outside your area, please **encourage** them to come visit. Who knows? You may learn something from them, too.

October is New Voices month for LCI. I **encourage** every Lion to please nominate someone in your club for this award by the end of the month. The New Voices categories are service, membership, leadership and marketing. If there is someone in your club that chairs your service projects, comes up with new ways to server or just is always there working in the background, nominate them. If there is someone in your club that does a great job signing up new members, helps with retaining member and/or just all around supports membership, nominate them. If there is someone in your club that takes on the leadership roles, helps train members for their positions and mentors, and **encourages** you to step into a leadership role, nominate them. If you have someone in your club that excels at marketing, whether it be Facebook or being able to advertise and come up with ideas for flyers or promotes Lions on TV or radio, nominate them. Even though the award is called New Voices it doesn't mean that it goes to a new member. New members are great but so are the veteran members. All Lions members are great and we all have ideas we want to share and this platform allows us to speak freely without judgement to brainstorm ideas to come up with ways to better our communities and to **encourage** one another to share our stories.

The first quarter is over and 25A Lions are off to a fantastic start. This is just my opinion, but we are the leaders of MD25. To the best of my knowledge we are leading in membership, all of our clubs are active in at least 1 service project, we have leaders that have stepped up to fill every district committee and position except for two (We need a zone Chair for 4B and 3A). Believe me, there are other districts that would love to be us. We also do a great job with marketing . So a huge shout out to Patty Cooke our newsletter editor, WKVI Radio for allowing me time every few months on the morning show and Kelly Kiel from Lacrosse for giving us exposure in the Regional Times Newspaper. And Thank you to all the Lions in 25A for your commitment and everything you do for Lionism.

God Bless and May the Lions be with you,

DG Mitchell D. Semans



Lions of District 25A.

September has been a busy month for us all with club meetings and Zone meetings. I was fortunate to visit Crown Point Lions for their Awards evening and had the pleasure of awarding the Melvin Jones Award to their past secretary of 10 years Lion Kate Webster. I visited La Crosse Lions club where I inducted a new member Lion Brandon Keil. Visiting clubs and carrying out these duties inspire me do my best for the clubs in our area.

Visiting clubs is also great to hear the projects that they are involved in and ideas that I can share with my own club and clubs within our District 25A.

My Lowell Lions Club had a visit from our D.G. and he was very inspiring with his talk about his commitment to the future of our District — his hopes on commitments to service projects and partnering with other entities within our community. As your 1st VDG, I will continue to support the D.G. in these views.

We Serve

1st VDG. Lion Will Farrellbegg

District 25-A Vision Service Visual Acuity Dates for 2019-2020 All school start times is 8:00 a.m. Lions, please arrive half hour before, for set-up.

October:

- 1. October 2, 2019 Thea Bowman 975 W. 6th Ave., Gary, IN 46402. 70 3rd grade students- 70 5th grade students.
- October 8, 2019 Hanover Middle School 10631 W. 141st Ave., Cedar Lake, IN. 46303. 5th -8 th grade. 400 students. 2.
- 3. October 15, 2019 Bailey Elementary School 2100 Union St, Lake Station, IN. 46405. 3rd and 5th grade.

November:

1. November 5, 2019 Edison High School 3304 Parkside Ave., Lake Station, IN. 46405. 8th grade only.

Please see 25A website for more information on Vision Screenings: <u>https://www.e-district.org/sites/25a/page-11.php</u>

Lions All

Your help is needed to do Visual Acuity Screenings. It is not difficult. Come help out at the October 8th screening in Cedar Lake. Lion Patrick will be there to do the small training that is necessary to get started. Then you can help with the screening that day.

After that you can be serving your communities and the District at future Vision Acuity Screenings.









South Haven Lions Club Saturday, October 19th; 4:30-7 pm South Haven American Legion Post 502

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

750 N. 429 W. Valparaiso, IN 46385

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

All Proceeds support our Christmas Project Fund



March 13-15, 2020

District Governor Mitchell Semans' Lions District 25A Convention

The Force is Strong in 25A Lions

*New Location: Dynasty Banquets/Ramada Hotel – Hammond, Indiana



Location: 4125 Calumet Avenue Hammond, IN 46320-1132 Phone: (219) 933-0505 Fax: (219) 933-0506

(I 90 and Calumet Ave.)



A

3 Miles from Horseshoe Casino

Convention Events Include:



Saturday: Convention, Banquet, Silent Auction, Hospitality Suite



Together, We Can.



Together, We Will.

Changing the world. It's why you became a Lion. It's also why Lions Clubs International Foundation – our foundation – is empowering your service through its most ambitious fundraising campaign in history.

There's a world in need, and caring Lions are ready to change it. But comfort and compassion alone can't heal those suffering. It takes funding. It takes

Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service.

To Learn more about Campaign 100, please contact your LCIF District Chair—PDG Dennis Brown

219-766-3770 LionDennisBrown@yahoo.com



LAKES OF THE FOUR SEASONS STEAK SALE

We will be selling our "Steak Fry" steaks. They are 12 oz. vein in New York Strip Steaks. They will be individually wrapped and frozen. There will be a minimum purchase of a half case which is 8 steaks. We also will have full cases which is 16 steaks. Half case of steaks is \$50 and a full case is \$100. Please make checks payable to LOFS Lions Club.

Deadline to order steaks will be October 31, 2019.

If you would like to order, contact any Lions Club member or you can also contact Lion Linda Kroner at 219-765-3990 or email Ikroner1159@comcast.net . Remember, steaks do need to be prepaid.

We will set up pickup in the morning at the Seasonal Lakehouse on November 09, 2019

from 9am till 11am!

REMEMBER THESE ARE GREAT FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Name: ____

Address: ____

Phone #: ______ Email: _____

Half case (8 Steaks) \$50 – Number of Cases _____

Full case (16 Steaks) \$100 – Number of Cases _____

Total Cash: \$_____ Check #: _____ Check Amount ____

The Indiana Harbor-East Chicago Lions Club

is hosting an

"ALL YOU CAN EAT" Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

When: Sunday October 27, 201

From 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: St. Patrick's Church

3801 Grand Blvd., East Chicago, IN 46312

Ticket donation: \$6.00

KOUTS LIONS CHILI SUPPER

 When:
 Sat., Oct 19th from 4 to 7 pm

 Where:
 Kouts High School

 202 E College Ave.
 Kouts IN 4624

302 E College Ave, Kouts, IN 46347

Chili & Hot Dogs Adults \$7.50 at Door Children (4-12) \$6.00 at Door Best Chili in 25A !!!!



Propane Grills

The Highland Lions Club has 3 commercial propane grills for sale.

They were used for pancake breakfasts.

Price for all 3 is \$400. Pictures are available upon request.

Contact Lion Laurel Roach for more information:

Lion's Club Volunteers,

As many of you know, we have the opportunity to volunteer for the Vision Van Clinic that will be in Calumet City in October. As far as what know, our role will be controlling traffic and escorting the children.

In order to participate, you must sign up on their website. There are instructions on the event site. This does take a few minutes to complete but important to do so.

- 1) Go to <u>https://sforce.co/2nuvzI5</u>
- 2) Click "Sign Up" and fill in information (get Involved)
- 3) Check email for link to set up password
- 4) Once password is created, it will automatically log you in
- 5) Click "My Profile" at the top of the page. Complete all fields click Save

6) After saving your information, go back down to the bottom of "My Profile", click Initiate Background Check

7) Email will be sent to the email you registered with on steps to complete the background check (24-36 hours)

- 8) You will receive an email once the background check is completed
- 9) Follow the links below to sign up for a shift

Thank you for your time.

Lion Naomi naomirodz@yahoo.com

Mid-Winter Conference Announces Conference Schedule



Members of the MWC planning committee have been meeting regularly for the past several months in preparation for the 2020 event, planned for January 10-11 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at the Indianapolis International Airport. Last year's MWC saw a dramatic change, in the seminars offered, the number of attendees, and the 'all under one roof' feature that the Crowne Plaza offered.

Additionally, an extensive evaluation survey last year resulted in an unprecedented 60% return rate, with many comments affirming the decision to return to the January dates as well as holding all events in one facility. The new seminar format, which eliminated the previous 2-hour workshops and 1-hour seminars was also seen as favorable, allowing more attendees to participate in more seminars.

This year we will also see a return of 16 seminar sessions, offered in four, 50-minutes time slots. A few of the seminars will be repeated twice. MWC committee members also poured through hundreds of individual comments in last year's evaluations, again resulting in additional changes made for this year's conference. In particular, the Friday evening keynote speaker has been replaced with the adoption of a special service project, a Million Meal Movement program. A separate article detailing this project has been distributed to district newsletter editors.

One of frequent comments from the surveys addressed the ten minute 'passing' period from one seminar to the next. This has been extended to 20 minutes. Many other details to enhance the enjoyment of the MWC were also addressed and should result in an even more enjoyable conference this coming January. Watch for registration information in the next several weeks as it will be distributed through district newsletters and the MWC Facebook page at Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference.





Million Meal Movement service project scheduled at the 2020 MWC

In Indiana alone, 1 million people, including one if five children, don't know where they'll get their next meal. Attendees at this year's Friday night service project at the Mid-Winter Conference, scheduled for January 10 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at the Indianapolis International airport, will have an opportunity help provide an answer for hungry Hoosiers.

The Million Mile Movement (MMM), an Indianapolis-based not-for-profit, has a two-fold vision to feed the hungry and teach the importance of volunteerism. Annually millions of meals are distributed to hungry families throughout Indiana by thousands of volunteers. At the Friday night event at the Crowne Plaza, Lions will work to package precisely measured meals that will be given to agencies in Indiana. In a two-hour period, thousands of meals will be packaged, consisting of high-energy meals with vitamins and minerals, dried vegetables, protein, and rice. The meals will be distributed to food banks along with written instructions for their use.

Since the MMM was founded in 2007, over 28 million meals were packaged and distributed. The program has been highly refined, and each volunteer at a typical food packaging event can prepare 200 meals in an hour. Each meal costs \$.27 to feed an individual. MWC event organizers are hoping to have more than 100 volunteers at the Friday night packing, resulting in more than 20,000 meals prepared.

Additionally, a seminar session on Saturday, January 11 will feature representatives from the Million Meal Movement who will detail how local Lions clubs can develop partnerships in their own communities. The MMM is an excellent new service project that involves volunteers to meet the needs of over 1 million children and adults throughout Indiana.







High School Coach to highlight Saturday MWC Luncheon

Mike Kirschner, a 1979 Warren Central graduate, will provide a motivational talk at the Saturday noon luncheon at the 2020 Mid-Winter Conference. The conference will be held January 10-11 at the Crowne Plaza at the Indianapolis International Airport.

Kirschner was a two-year letterman in football and received his BS degree from Ball State University in May of 1983, his teaching license from the University of Indianapolis in December of 1989, and his master's degree from Olivet Nazarene University in May of 2006.

Coach Kirschner served as assistant football coach, girls' basketball coach, and softball coach at Warren Central High School from 1990-1996. From 1996-2000, he served as the head football coach, assistant girls' basketball coach and head boys' track coach at Cascade High School. In 2007 he joined the coaching staff at Ben Davis High School and won two football state championships. In Jan. 2018, he was ready for a change and joined the coaching staff at Mt Vernon High School in Fortville, Indiana.

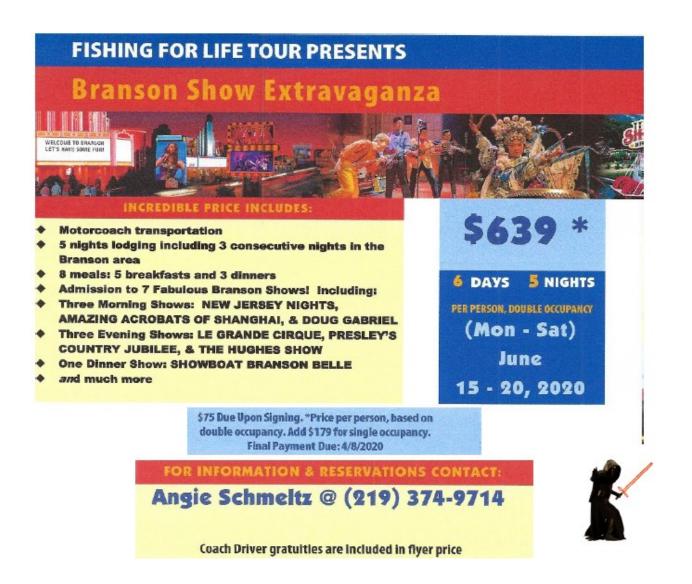
Coach Kirschner is not just a great coach. He is all about life and living it the right way. He believes real coaches never stop teaching and that it is important to develop the complete athlete, physically, mentally and spiritually. He speaks to many organizations and gave one of his rousing motivational speeches on the floor of the IN House of Representatives when they honored the 2017 Ben Davis team.

His talk revolves around providing a caring setting and expands upon experiences he had with his players over the years and how their experience shapes their roles in leadership. Make you plans to attend the exceptional Mid-Winter Conference. Watch the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference Facebook for additional information, including registration when it becomes available. May the Lions be with You



La Porte Lions Give Dictionaries to Third Graders

The La Porte Lions took dictionaries to third graders at Lincoln, Crichfield and St. John's Elementary Schools on September 19th. With participation from other Lions Clubs, every third grader in La Porte received his or her own dictionary. Above Left: Lions Tom Ruda and Diane Spoljoric giving out dictionaries at Lincoln Elementary School. Above Right: Lions Ruda, Spoljoric, Sandra Provan and Paul Marsh pictured with a third grade class at Crichfield Elementary School.



May the Lions be with You



South Haven Lions Candy Day 9/11/19 Left: Lion Laura Piontek Right: Lion Jason Kegebein





South Haven Lions Club M **Quilt Raffle**



October 2019



Ticket Pricing & Drawing Date: \$5 for 1 ticket; \$8 for 2 tickets; \$12 for 3 tickets; \$16 for 4 tickets; \$20 for 5 tickets Drawing will take place on Saturday, October 19th at our annual Italian Night Fundraiser!

PDG Bob Morgan

This week we said goodbye to our good friend, Lion Bob Morgan. I know that Lion Bob touched my life, but listening to the stories on Wednesday, I realize he touched the lives of everyone he met. He was a very giving man who never had a bad day. His life was devoted to service to others. He brought joy to all the lives he touched. He Encouraged all of us to be better people, better Lions.

Goodbye Lion Bob! We will miss you!

MD-25 Lions

Intl Pin Design 2021





June 25 – 29, 2021: Montreal, Quebec: Known as 'Canada's Cultural Capital', Quebec's largest city is like no other in North America! Behind Paris, Montreal is the 2nd largest French-speaking city in the world and truly a foodie's paradise. While the underground pedestrian network is impressive with over 2,000 shops covering 18 miles, the 9 miles of shops lining the famous Sainte-Catherine Street has been the pride of Montreal for over a century. Explore Montreal, Notre-Dame Basilica , Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and the Olympic Stadium are just a few sight. If nature is your escape, 343 acres of green space in Mount Royal Park offers the best views of this cosmopolitan city. Montreal has so much more to offer.

So encourage your clubs to put on their thinking cap on and start designing.

Pins MUST include:

a-MD 25 Indiana (as text) b-the Intl Convention year - 2021 c-Lion Club Intl Logo d-Intl Convention Host City representation e-MD 25 graphic resprentation

MD-25 usually includes a race car and/or the outline of Indiana

Each club can submit one design to its District Governor. One design will be selected by each District Governor. All District designs need to be submitted to me by December 15, 2019. Each District's selected design will be presented to State Council in January.

Remember: pin designers do not have to be (a) Lions

Be creative! CT Patricia Bigham, State Pin Chairperson







Highland Lions Gary and Jan Kreutzberg and Schererville Lion Patty Cooke attended the 2019 USA-Canada Leadership Forum in Spokane, Washington.

Top: While in Spokane, Lion Gary met International Director from Illinois Bob Block.

Bottom: Lion Patty helped other Lions in a hands-on service project to build 1000 care packages for women and need.

The 2020 Forum will be held in Louisville, KY from 9/17 to 9/19. Please plan to attend this fantastic Learning and Leadership event.



Camp John Warvel North Webster, IN



diabetes.org/adacampjohnwarvel ord 0.317-352-9226



Cedar Lake Lions with the assistance of Lion Oscar Sanchez-Hammond Lions and **PDG Patrick Rodriguez -IHEC Lions** screened 364 children in The Hanover Community Elementary Schools during the week of Sept 23.



2018

LCIF receives its seventh consecutive 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for its effective fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency.



Friday, October 4, 2019 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



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Welcome New Lions!

Kouts— William L. Herr

Sponsor: James Drang Jr.

Mill Creek— Keeley R. Higley

Sponsor: Ann Higley

Mill Creek— Kathy J. Trevillian

Sponsor: Carolyn Hunt

Mill Creek— Gregory R. Trevillian

Sponsor: Carolyn Hunt

Ogden Dunes — Patrick Doyle

Sponsor: Philip Jankura

Ogden Dunes — Gerald A. Renzino

Sponsor: Philip Jankura

Schererville — Karen Derdarian

Sponsor: Phillip Aldrich

Schererville Central — Michael Castillo

Sponsor: John Evanish

Schererville Central — David Sheerman

Sponsor: William Jarvis

Union Mills — Amy Wildfang

Sponsor: Mike Niksch

Union Mills — Jessica Young Brust

Sponsor: Kurt Young Brust

Wanatah — Jeff D. Brandy

Sponsor: Tim Guse

Lions Who Have Completed their Service

Paul L. Kuehl

PDG Robert Morgan

Valparaiso

Kouts



A program launched in 2018-2019 to celebrate women's contributions and promote gender parity within Lions Clubs International. In 2019-2020 the program was expanded under International President Dr. Jung-Yui Choi to include young adults, including Leo Lions, and other underrepresented populations as diverse and sought after New Voices in the association. This initiative is about hearing the story of the unheard, and is a forum for sharing new ideas and learning from one another for the betterment of Lions Clubs International.

New Voices is a diverse group of individuals who are gaining recognition for their dynamic and innovative contributions in one of the four fields: Service, Membership, Leadership and Marketing.

To learn more about the New Voices program and join our monthly webinars please visit <u>weserve.org/newvoices/</u>.

October 2019 Calendar

Oct	1	OV Cedar Lake
Oct	2	OV Bass Lake
Oct	2	Acuity Screening at Thea Bowman — See Page 2
Oct	3	OV St. John
Oct	3	Hamlet and Bass Lake Lions Eye Screening at Knox Elementary
Oct	4	Schererville Central Lions — Oktoberfest — See Flyer Page 9
Oct	5	Westville Lions Bingo at Pumpkin Festival
Oct	6	Star City Pancake Breakfast
Oct	6	Westville Lions Pancake Breakfast
Oct	8	Acuity Screening at Hanover Middle School — See Page 2
Oct	11	World Sight Day
Oct	15	OV Griffith
Oct	15	Acuity Screening at Baily Elementary School—See Page 2
Oct	15-17	Assist with Vision Screening Van—Calumet City
Oct	16	OV Lakes of the Four Seasons
Oct	19	MD25 Council Meeting in Bloomington
Oct	19	South Haven Lions Spaghetti Dinner — See Flyer Page 3
Oct	19	Kouts Lions Chili Dinner—See Flyer Page 4
Oct	21	OV Mill Creek Community
Oct	22	OV Chesterton
Oct	24	OV Monterey
Oct	27	Remington Lions Halloween Parade
Oct	27	Union Mills Lions pack "Shoe Boxes" for Christmas
Oct	27	Indiana Harbor East Chicago Pancake Breakfast — See Flyer Page 4
Oct	27	District 25A Cabinet and District Meeting—See Flyer Page 3
Oct	29	OV La Crosse
Oct	31	Lakes of the Fours Seasons—Deadline to order steaks — See Flyer Page 4
Oct	31	Halloween Parties with Cedar Lake, Union Mills and other Lions Clubs