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# LIONS OF DISTRICT 25A

The e-mail from Cabinet Secretary Roy "Bo" Zimmerman was simple. "Hanna Lions need some help Saturday morning with their Chicken Barbeque." When I arrived, they had things well in hand with Lion Dave Urschel barking out instructions, Leo's and Lions moving about the pole barn and chicken halves well on their way to perfection. I got a cup of coffee and started "getting in the way" and of course asking questions. So how long have you been doing this project? Oh about 65 years. Wonder who came up with this idea? Bill, he's right down there turning chicken halves on the grill. You have got to be kidding me!

Bill Gardner has been a Hanna Lion for over 65 years. And what I find everywhere I go is that every club has a lion who has spent 40, 50, 60 + Years serving their communities and never expected anything in the way of fanfare or special recognition. Now that is what Lionism is all about! Every club I've visited this month has such a Lion and it is so humbling to be able to shake their hands and just say "THANKS FOR SERVING".

It was so neat to be able to hand out a 35 year chevron and letter from International President Joe Preston to Lion Larry Woods at Kouts two weeks ago. To present a Melvin Jones to Warren Benko in Highland last week, who just considers himself "a Lion". James Schmidt has been in the Kouts Lions since 1963 and is currently secretary/treasurer after serving 53 years. ROLLING PRAIRIE HAS 4 LIONS WITH OVER 58 YEARS OF SERVICE. LIONS JIM BLINT, PAUL DEPOY AND BROTHERS FRED & JACK BUEHRER.

If you have such a Lion in your club, and I know you do, please do your best to get them to our Banner Night to carry the Banner of your club. These Lions deserve to be celebrated and put on a pedestal for our communities to see who they are. Lions need to come out of the shadows so people know who we are and what we're doing!

Let us show other districts in Multiple District 25 why we "SET THE PACE", IN A.

District Governor Glenn Swanson,

Maple City Lions Club



LCIF is our Foundation. It is the financial arm of Lions Club International. All the grants you hear about go through LCIF. LCIF has given out more than 850 million dollars since it started. LCIF has pledged 30 million dollars towards the measles vaccine program and will receive matching funds from our Global partners for a total of 60 million dollars to help eliminate this dreaded disease. A measles vaccine only costs a dol-

lar. Measles is responsible for 330 deaths in children daily in third world countries. If your club would like to have a presentation on LCIF contact PDG Dennis Brown at (219) 508-9715 or VG Randy Greer at (219) 759 -2865. Lions Clubs in our District our busy right now with fund raising projects, so they can make the money for their generous donations. This is an opportunity to visit other club's activities, meet new lions and get ideas to help your club.

VG Randy Green

July 20, 2014

Lions of District 25A.

Back in June the District Governor's Elect met in Indianapolis for our Pre-Council Meeting. This is a meeting to assign committees and plan for the upcoming year in our multiple district.

As most of you are aware, Past International President Wayne Madden from Auburn, Indiana is the third president from our state in the history of Lions International. The first two being W.P. Woods and Ed Paine. He has been on the road for the past 4 years traveling the world as an ambassador spreading the world of Lionism. He is returning home this summer to resume his role in his local club.

It was brought to our attention by District Governor Steve Hannan from District F that a "welcome home party" is being planned for PIP Madden. He is asking each district to contribute \$500.00 dollars to cover the cost of this gathering and a gift. Since this is money we do not have budgeted, I'm asking each club in 25A to make a contribution that your club can afford. We will then contribute whatever we receive, up to \$500.00, to the party. If more than \$500.00 is collected we will put it towards our District Convention. Please send checks to Cabinet Secretary Roy "Bo" Zimmerman.

I understand that this may not be popular with all clubs but there may be a time when we need help from our brothers and sisters in other districts, so I'm asking that your club put it to a vote. If everyone gives a little we can easily reach this goal. Thanks for your support and remember, 25A "SETS THE PACE"!

You're District Governor,

Lion Glenn Swanson

Maple City Lions

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# BRIAN'S TRIKE RACE APPLICATION October 5, 2014 ENTRY DEADLINE (postmarked) = Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> Doors Open at 11AM Registration & Practice = 12:00 noon Races start at 1PM (rain or shine)\* at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired 7725 North College Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana Team Name Captain's Name, Phone #, & Email Team calegory transcribes 4 team members: (circle) Lions Students Adults Leos Mixed Ages List (print): Phone # For safety purposes, participants must wear closed-toe shoes Please send a \$50 check, payable to *Indiana Lions for the ISBVI*, along with this form to Pat Henninger, 8447 Stones Ferry Road, Indianapolis IN 46278. Questions? Call Pat at 317-908-8884 or e-mail at iwtlions@gmail.com Coordinated by the Indiana Lions for the ISBVI, Inc., the Indianapolis Washington Township Lions Club, and the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Please help the children at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired by participating in Brian's Trike Race. Four-person team categories are "Lions," "Other Adults," "Student." Students will receive 4 hours service eredit for doing a service activity.

Trike Race T-shirts will be given to each team member and four trophies will be awarded in the winning categories. Shown on the left is a Trike Race Team receiving their trophies.





# BRIAN'S TRIKE RACE October 5, 2014



In 1997 the young president of an Indianapolis Lions Club wanted his Lions Club to serve the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ISBVI) by donating the profits from a unique athletic event; a Trike Race. Thus, the first Trike Race at the ISBVI was originated.

Since that time, the Trike Race has been held annually by the Lions to raise money for items at the ISBVI. Some things have changed over the years, such as the name of the Trike Race. That young president (28 years old) died of an unforeseen congenital heart condition before the second Trike Race, thus the race was renamed in honor of Lion Brian Hiltunen and is now called Brian's Trike Race. The Lions of Indiana have recognized the merit of this event, and now support Brian's Trike Race by publicizing the race and encouraging clubs from all over Indiana to participate by providing racing teams and making donations.

Using adult-sized tricycles, up to 50 teams of four participants race around the circle-8 track at the ISBVI, raising money for equipment and services at the ISBVI. We have had teams from across the state, from a variety of age groups, both sighted and visually impaired.

Our main goal is to have a good time while raising funds for the ISBVI and to bring people to the Blind School to build awareness of the demands placed upon and accomplishments of the tsBVI. We are proud of what these donations have helped to accomplish. By matching funds with other Indiana Lions Clubs, the Lions Clubs international Foundation and the Indiana Blind Children's Foundation, Brian's Trike Race funds have helped to purchase a playground and computers and assistive technology for the students at the ISBVI.

Awards are presented to winning teams and all participants are given free T-shirts to commemorate the Trike Race. Students will receive a certificate stating they earned 4 hours of volunteer service to their community—what a great opportunity to help others and have a lot of fun at the same time!

Please make a difference to the children at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. For more information about fielding a team, call me at 317-908-8884 or email intitions@gmail.com

Lion Pat Henninger, Trustee Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc. And Event Manager, Brian's Trike Race

# Zone 4A

Wed., Sept 24 at 6:00 PM Central

Jasper County Community Service Center Rensselaer, Indiana.

Contact Lion Bob Souza

219-866-5594 nbsouza@aol.com



Zone 1B

Monday, Sept 29 at 6:30 PM Central

Baja's Family Restaurant 10749 Randolph St. Winfield, Indiana Restaurant is North End of Wise Way Plaza

Guest Speaker Lion Ronda Weston Will talk about the Leo Clubs

I hope you attend the informative meeting and enjoy meeting Lions from the Clubs in our Zone

Zone Chair Lion Jeanne DeLasCasas

# Westville Lions

# Pancake Breakfast

Pancakes, eggs, sausage—All you can eat

Sunday October 5 from 7:00 am to 12:00

At Westville Pumpkin Fest

Plus

Bingo October 4 Noon—4:00 pm.

Bingo October 5 Noon—4:00 pm



# Welcome New Members!!





At Highland Lions annual picnic, scholarship awards were presented, new members inducted and a Melvin Jones awarded.



New members: Ray Borowiec, Ben Zamojski, Whitney Heacock and Rich Garcia.



Three scholarship recipients: David Riel, Katherine Glenn and Emily Pizzuto, each received a \$500.00 stipend.

# **Vision Statement**



To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

#### **Mission Statement**

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.



New Members of Kouts Lions! President James Drang and new members Joan Turner and Jordan Witkowski with DG Glenn.

# Membership Safari

All who attended this seminar found it both entertaining and informative. Lion Buzz Melton's enthusiasm for this topic was contagious.

He told us to think "outside the box" to attract new members. We need to stop doing things as we did "B-4" if our membership is not growing.

We need to "Hunt" and not "Fish".

For each potential new member, we must ask what the new member has to offer the club—and more importantly—what we have to offer the new member.

A big thanks to Lion Buzz, MD-A GMT coordinator and PDG Tawny Hall, I-H! Also thank you to the Kouts Lions Club and Lions Doug Schmeltz, GMT and IPDG Connie Roe, GLT, for coordinating the event. The efforts of the chef ( Lion Angie Schmeltz ) and bakers ( Lions Pat Greer and Connie Roe, plus Karen Swanson ) were greatly appreciated.

An event well attended by out district and other Lions from throughout the state! Now we need to practice what we learned!!



Save the Date!

# Merrillville Lions Club is having

"Lion Tony Wirtz Memorial Breakfast"

French Toast, Pancakes, Sausage, Orange Juice, Coffee

Sunday Sept. 21, 2014 8:00 am—1:00 pm

Adults \$6 Seniors \$5 Kids 12 & under \$3

Slovak Club

6920 Broadway Merrillville, IN



Lions District 25A Banner Night Saturday, September 27

A Night at the Stadium



Throwback Basketball Game
Winamac vs La Porte
Players provided by Purdue North Central

Civic Auditorium
1001 Ridge St La Porte, IN
Doors open at 3:30 pm—Game starts at 4:30 pm
Admission \$1.50 with pair of glasses to recycle—\$2.00 without



Banner Parade at Halftime Followed by Banner Exchange



After Game Buffet for Leo's, Lions and Guests Fee: \$12.00

Free Vision screening for both Kids and Adults! State Projects will be Represented!

Come and Find Out What Lions Do!!

RSVP by September 20th With Cabinet Secretary Lion Roy (Bo) Zimmerman 602 E. Hamilton St. Union Mills, N 46382 219-767-2848 lionbo@frontier.com Mill Creek Community Lions Club HOG ROAST



Saturday, September 20, 2014 4:00-7:00 pm CDT Lincoln Township Community Building Fish Lake, IN

Adults \$8 in advance/\$9 at door

Children 12 & under \$3
Preschool FREE

Dessert Included



For tickets Call 369-1094 or 369-9565



Cedar Lake Lioness Club

# **Pork Chop Dinner**

Friday October 3, 2014 4:00—7:00 P.M.

Pork Chop \* Baked Potato \* Coleslaw

Applesauce \* Bread \* Homemade Dessert

After Four Club

13109 Wicker Avenue

Cedar Lake, IN

Cost: \$12.00

District WebSite: <a href="http://www.e-district.org/sites/25a/index.php">http://www.e-district.org/sites/25a/index.php</a>

District Facebook Page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/25Alions">https://www.facebook.com/25Alions</a>

Please send information pictures, articles, etc for the newsletter to Lion Patty Cooke by the 20th of the Month patty.cooke@gmail.com



Pictured are Lions Tim, Norb, William, Ed and Karen and signing the check is our Treasurer Lion Andy with Lions Sue, Michele and Carol.

After the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, the **Whiting Lions Club** sat down to decide what to do with the monies collected. The club decided to donate ALL the funds to the Whiting local food pantry. It was over \$800.00 this year! The Lions have walked the parade every year. They pull a lions cage with "two Lions" ROARING for money. The parade watchers toss coins and bills into the cage throughout the parade route. When you "feed the encaged lions"



PDG Kevin Roe throws out the first pitch at the Railcats Game—our first District Meeting of 2014.



PDG Kevin Roe and Cedar Lake Lion Angie Schmeltz celebrate their birthdays at the Railcats game.



# VALPARAISO LIONS CLUB

75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We Serve L

October 25, 2014

# VALPARAISO COUNTRY CLUB

2501 Country Club Rd.

6:00 PM Cocktails - 7:00 PM Dinner

Featured speaker: Dr. Homer Drew, Valparaiso University

SILENT AUCTION CASH BAR

Reservations: Name\_\_\_\_\_# guests\_\_\_

Contact #

Please include a check for \$35 per person, and mail to:

VALPARAISO LIONS CLUB 75<sup>™</sup>
PO BOX 64

**VALPARAISO, IN 46384-0064** 



Maple City Blood Drive—they try to have one every 3 months. Lion Greg Irwin, pastor/commander of the LaPorte Salvation Army, holds banner.

# Lions Disaster Relief Fund





District Governor Glenn Swanson and Vice District Governor Randy Greer visited the residents on Governor Road in South Haven affected by recent flooding. They passed out gift cards through District 25 A's Disaster Relief Fund.



Did you know that Lions International provides more service than all other service clubs combined!! An important fact I learned from Lion Buzz Melton.

# MD-25 Webpage

If you are having trouble finding the new MD-25 webpage, here is the link:

http://www.indianalions.org/index.html

# Welcome to the Lions of Indiana web portal! Our Vision To maximize the role of Lions Clubs to be essential to their communities. Our Mission To provide effective tools, support and encouragement to strengthen Lionism in Indiana.

# Ist Place Award

The lions 5 State District 25 projects outlined their direct services to each lions club. The 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon was displayed at the State Fair 4-H building, the poster was shown at level C "Resource Services".

Proud grandfather of Maggi Quigg the 7<sup>th</sup> grade daughter of Richmond Lion Robert Quigg in Wayne County views the display at the State Fair with mentor Lion Kenneth Anderson of Portage 25A

The projects services outlined were as follows: <u>Cancer Control</u>—Offers free 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion and consultations at the IU Med Center.

<u>Speech & Hearing</u>—Provides hearing aid programs for children and adults. Diagnostics at the 4 state universities main campuses.

<u>State School for the Blind</u>—Provides educational resources that help visually impaired classrooms around the state.

<u>Leader Dog Program</u>—The training of the dog and recipient is a \$40.00 value.

<u>Eye & Tissue Bank-</u> Lazy eye visual screening to age 6 and help with cataract surgery





Lion
Wilbur
Klopenstein
- wood
carver &
program
presenter
at Door
Village Lions meeting



#### T-Shirt Information

Please have one form for each Rider/Family, but you may send multiple forms together with one check

T-shirt size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

(T-shirts cost \$10 each. If ordering for a family, please include a note listing all sizes.)

The pre-registration cost for an individual is \$15. The cost for family registration is \$30.

# Please make Checks payable to the Rolling Prairie Lions

Registration Fee Total: \_

T-Shirt Fee Total:

Amount Included:

Please fill out and mail this entire tear-sheet. This form may be duplicated. This form can also be downloaded from www.rollingprairielions.org

> Please mail to Rolling Prairie Lions Club P.O. Box 576 Rolling Prairie, IN 46371



The ride begins and ends on the Rolling Prairie Elementary school grounds at 605 E. Michigan St., Rolling Prairie, IN 46371.



The Rolling Prairie Lions Club will share 25% each of the bike ride profits with pediatric cancer programs and the Alpha 1 Immunodeficiency Syndrome. Other community projects include our eyeglass program, dictionaries for local 3rd grade students, scholarship funds and our Christmas food baskets

To learn more about becoming a Rolling Prairie Lion, please visit www.rollingprairielions.org.

# 9th Annual Rolling Prairie Lions Club

# Harvest Bicycle Century Tour



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

ROUTES OF 15, 25, 40, 62, AND 100 MILES IN NORTHWEST INDIANA AND SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

Benefiting pediatric cancer programs,

Alpha I Deficiency and local community

projects

**LEADER DOGS** 



We serve.

# Leader Dog trip

A couple of us are putting together a bus trip **APRIL 18<sup>th</sup>** and **19<sup>th</sup> to Bonner Christmas** store and have dinner at Zenhders in Frankenmuth, Mi. Staying at the Best Western Inn in Birch Run, Mi. The following day take a trip thru Leader Dog School. Some parts of the school they are rebuilding. We may not be able to see everything at this time.

We are still working on the cost of the bus. Total cost for bus is \$2000.00. The bus holds 50 people, so the for the bus depends on how many are going. Room cost is \$71.00 + tax. Phone # to make your room Reservation will be forth coming. Dinner cost is \$19.95 + tax and tip.

I need to know who plans to go by **NOV**. 1, so we can figure out all the total cost for the trip.

Yours in Lionism

PDG Tom Hansen

Chuck DeLasCasas

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# **Club Visitation Schedule**

Bass Lake	Wednesday	TBD	
Burns Harbor	Thursday	November 20, 2014	
Cedar Lake	Tuesday	October 7, 2014	
Chesterton	Tuesday	March 10,. 2014	
Crown Point	Thursday	September 1, 2014	
Door Village	Monday	December 8, 2014	
Dyer	Saturday	October 18, 2014	
East Chicago Evening	Wednesday	September 1,2014	
Francesville	Tuesday	October 14, 2014	
Goodland	Wednesday	August 13, 2014	
Griffith	Tuesday	November 4, 2014	
Hamlet	Monday	January 5, 2015	
Hammond	Monday	October 13, 2014	
Hanna	Tuesday	January 20, 2015	
Hebron	Thursday	August 21, 2014	
Highland	Tuesday	November 11, 2014	
Hobart	Wednesday	December 3, 2014	
Indiana Harbor East Chicago	Saturday	October 25,2014	
Kentland	Tuesday	August 26, 2014	
Koontz Lake	Tuesday	April 7, 2015	
Kouts	Thursday	August 7, 2014	
La Crosse	Tuesday	August 5, 2014	
La Porte	Monday	October 6, 2014	
Lake Station	Monday	February 2, 2014	
Lakes of the Four Seasons	Wednesday	October 8, 2015	
Laporte Maple City	Wednesday	December 10, 2014	
Medaryville	Thursday	January 15, 2015	
Merrillville	Thursday	December 18, 2014	
Michiana L C	Thursday	July 10, 2014	
Michigan City	Wednesday	November 19, 2014	
Mill Creek	Monday	December 15, 2014	
Monterey	Wednesday	November 12, 2014	
Morocco	Tuesday	August 26, 2014	
Munster	Wednesday	October 15, 2014	
Ogden Dunes	Monday	March 2, 2015	
Portage	Tuesday	January 6, 2015	
Remington	Tuesday	September 23, 2014	
Rensselaer	Tuesday	September 9, 2014	
Rolling Prairie	Tuesday	February 3, 2015	
Schererville	Tuesday	November 25, 2014	
Schererville Central	Tuesday	October 21, 2014	
Shelby	Thursday	September 18, 2014	
South Haven L C	Thursday	December II, 2014	
St. John	Thursday	November 6, 2014	
Star City	Tuesday	August 19, 2014	
Union Mills	Tuesday	January 27, 2014	
Valparaiso	Tuesday	December 2, 2014	
Wanatah	Monday	October 20, 2014	
Westville	Thursday	January 5, 2015	
Wheatfield	Monday	September 15, 2014	
Whiting	Thursday	October 16, 2014	
Winamac	Tuesday	September 16, 2014	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	Sep 1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7 Membership Semir	8	9 Rensselaer OV	10	11	12	13
14	15 Wheatfield OV	16 Winamac OV	17	18 Shelby OV	19	20 Mill Creek Hog R District 25D Bann
21 Merrillville PanCak Rolling Prairie Bike		23 Remington OV	Zone 4A Meeting	25	26	27 Banner Night 25A
28	29 Zone 1B Meetng	30	Oct 1	2	3 Cedar Lake Pork C	4
Sun	Mon	Tue	OCTOBER Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	Zone 1B Meetng	30	Oct 1	2	3 Cedar Lake Pork C	4
5 Brian's Trike Race Westville Pancake		7 Cedar Lake OV	8 LOFS OV	9	10	11
12	13 Hammond OV	14 Francesville OV	15 Munster OV	16 Whiting OV	17	18 Dyer OV
19	20 Wanatah OV	21 Scherer Central OV	22	23	24	25 Valparaiso 75th IH E. Chgo OV
26	27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1