



District 25A News

The Force Is Strong In 25A Lions

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Dear 25A Lions

August was a great month — the kids go back to school and Lions get busy with eye screenings. If your club helps with the school nurse to do eye screening or you are interested in getting into a school to do eye screening, please contact PDG Patrick Rodriguez. Please let him know necessary information — how many kids were screened, where, when — the more details the better. If your club does Operation Kid Sight or needs information on Operation Kid Sight please get a hold of PDG Kevin Roe or one of the three wonderful Lions that have a camera: PDG Robin Smith, Angie Schmeltz and Sally Davis. All would be more than happy to give you training on the camera and get more kids screened. There are a lot of health fairs going on as well, so also get with PDG Margaret Verkuilen or Tom Sharp for getting the machines to help with adult screenings. **LET'S UTILIZE OUR RESOURCES!!!**

District Directories were handed out at the first Cabinet and District meeting. If your club wasn't there, the zone chairs were given plenty of copies for you club officers. But if by chance you have not received your copies, please contact CS Steve Helmken so he can email to you an electronic version. There is a lot of important information and **resources that you can utilize** in the District Directory.

Another **resource you can utilize** is the District calendar. Please if you have any events, fundraiser, or projects going on for the month of October and November, please get this information to me or to PDG Patty Cooke, our District Newsletter Editor. I have had a lot of positive feedback on the calendar — people are using it !!!

OCTOBER 1ST IS THE DEADLINE TO PURCHASE PEACE POSTER KITS!!! Yes, **another resource we can utilize**. By getting involved in the peace poster contest you will be letting the community know what Lions do. It's also a great way to get into the school system and maybe a great way to get the art teacher to join Lions. Peace Poster information is in the District Directory and you can always get hold of Lion Carolyn Laviolette, District Peace Poster Chairperson.

And, last but not least, please use other Lions and other Lions Clubs as **resources you can utilize**. One of the best ways to do that is going to the Zone Meeting — they are not just for club presidents and secretaries. All the zone meetings are in the District Calendar and if your zone has a meeting on a night you can't attend, please attend one of the others. I want to encourage you to reach out beyond your club, your zone and your district. There are a lot of cool things other Lions are doing that you can bring back to your community if your **utilize your resources**.

I'm very proud of all the Lions in District 25A, we are getting a lot of recognition and other Lions from other Districts — and even across state lines — are noticing us. Thank you for everything you do.

May the Lions be with you and God Bless,
District Governor Mitchell Semans



LIONS of District 25A.

August is almost over and two months of our LIONS year has passed. I first want to thank all the LIONS of 25A for your great dedication to service and commitment to your perspective communities. I also want to take a second and thank PDG Dennis Brown for a great 2018/2019 year.

As we begin our new LIONS year together, I believe DG Mitch's enthusiasm will get nearly every LION excited to serve their communities and push their clubs to be more active. I know together we can be more visible in our communities and provide our resources to those in need. The LIONS resources are endless in our district. If your club does not have an active resource for a service need, reach out to a neighboring club in the district and I am sure another club would love to have help with a service project or fundraiser. We serve as LIONS together not as individuals, continue to make Lions Club International the biggest and the BEST service organization in the world.

I know many LIONS are busy day to day with their personal lives and finding time to attend a meeting or lend a hand at a fundraiser or service project is tough. I challenge you to take the time to lend a hand in your club or district through the new LIONS year. Many things happen behind the scenes at club fundraisers and planning for that service project. Be that LION who can lend a hand for a half-hour or couple of hours behind the scenes or on the front line. The more hands we have participating in our clubs the bigger impact we have.

Good luck to all LIONS members, clubs, club officers and district officers for a successful 2019/2020 year. Where there's a need there is a LION.

2VDG Dave Dickinson

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.

September:

1. **Sept. 24, 2019** Jane Ball Elementary- 13312 Parrish Ave., Cedar Lake, IN. 46303. 1st grade-101 students. 3rd grade, 90 students.
2. **Sept. 25, 2019** Thea Bowman Leadership Academy- 3401 W. 5th Ave, Gary, IN. 46406. 8th grade-101 students.
3. **Sept. 26, 2019** Oregon Elementary and Junior School- 5860 N. 750 E., Hamlet IN, 46532. **Hamlet and Koontz Lake Lions Clubs.**
4. **Sept. 27, 2019** Lincoln Elementary School- 12245 W. 109th Ave., Cedar Lake, IN 46303. 1st grade-89 students- 3rd grade-89 students.

October:

1. **October 2, 2019** Thea Bowman 975 W. 6th Ave., Gary, IN 46402. 70 3rd grade students- 70 5th grade students.
2. **October 8, 2019** Hanover Middle School 10631 W. 141st Ave., Cedar Lake, IN. 46303. 5th-8th grade. 400 students.

Zone Meetings

Combined Zone 1A and 1C Meeting

Hosted by the Schererville Lions

When: September 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Where: American Legion Post 485

7485 Burr St.

Schererville, IN 46375

Cost: \$10:00 — McCallister's Deli

Desserts provided by the Griffith Lions

Who: Lion Dottie Flack

Lion's Liaison and Patient Advocate

Lions' Cancer Control Fund of Indiana

Contact Information:

1C ZC Margaret Verkuilen 219-923-0776

1A ZC Andy Dybel 219-629-1273

andy.dybel@yahoo.com

Indicate if you want a vegetarian meal

Combined Zone 2A and 2C Meeting

Hosted by the South Haven Lions

When: September 12, 2019

Social hour at 6:00 pm Dinner at 6:30 pm

Where: South Haven American Legion—Post 502

429 W. 750 N

South Haven, IN

Cost: \$12:00—Catered by Strack and VanTils

Dessert by Hobart Lions Club

In honor of their 90th Anniversary

Who: Lion Dottie Flack

Lion's Liaison and Patient Advocate

Lions' Cancer Control Fund of Indiana

Contact Information:

2A ZC Carolyn Laviolette 219-763-2034

kdles189@hotmail.com

ZB ZC Nicolas Gonazlez 219-588-4893

Zone 1B Meeting

Hosted by the Cedar Lake Lions

When: Monday, September 16

Social hour at 6:00 pm Dinner at 6:30 pm

Where: Harry O's Restaurant

13226 Wicker Ave.

Cedar Lake, IN

Contact Information:

Lion Angie Schmeltz 219-405-0286

schmeltzangie74@gmail.com

1B ZC Charmaine Ganley 219-668-8616

charmaine13@att.net

Contact Lion Angie by 9/9/2019 if you plan to attend.

Combined Zone 3A & 3B Meeting

When: Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30 pm

Where: Wanatah Lions Park Clubhouse

Contact Information:

3B ZC Don Parker 219-801-5275

parkerdbass@live.com

Zone 4B Meeting

When: Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30 pm

Where: Wanatah Lions Park Clubhouse

Who: IPDG Dennis Brown

LCIF Chair will speak about Campaign 100

Contact Information:

IPDG Dennis Brown 219-508-9715

liondennisbrown@yahoo.com



Westville Lions

Lion Al Slont was presented with a WP Woods fellowship award at our August dinner meeting. Lion Al was awarded this for his continued service to LIONS and his past 3 years of service as an active officer of the club.

The award was presented by 2VDG Dave Dickinson.



The **Westville Lions** installed 2 new members at our August dinner meeting.

Left to right: Bojan Pothorski, new member; Olga Pothorski, Sponsor; Julia Kretlow, Sponsor and Melissa Hernandez, new member.

The installation was lead by Boss Lion Whitney Martin, President of The Westville Lions Club.

Speakers

This is the time of the year when many clubs are planning their 19-20 year. Please make sure to schedule some of the Lions project leaders as speakers. Pull out your new directories and check out the Trustees for the State Projects — Cancer Control, ISBVI, etc. Then there are the 25A committees—Ed Paine & Helping Hands, Emergency Preparedness, etc. And you also have the Lions International focuses — LCIF, Diabetes Awareness.

I know that many clubs do not understand LCIF. IPDG Dennis is waiting for your call to speak about LCIF and Campaign 100.



Merrillville Lions Club

Ross Township Food Pantry Fundraiser

Help us, help those in need

Thursday, September 26, 2019

4:00 – 7:00 PM

American Legion Hall, 7430 Broadway, Merrillville, IN

\$15.00 per person

SERVING: Chicken and rib tips, baked potato, baked beans, salad, and dessert.

Pre-sale tickets only at:

American Legion Hall, 7430 Broadway, 219-769-3071

Ross Township Office 26 W. 73rd Ave., Merrillville, 219-769-2111

Lion Ellen Hennessy at 219-718-0203



Welcome New Lions!

East Chicago Evening— Anthony Campos

Sponsor: Arcides Santiago

Hamlet — Kayleen E. Pinkham

Sponsor: Karen Pinkham

Hamlet — Irene M. Szakonyi

Sponsor: Mitch Semans

Merrillville —James Ferrell

Sponsor: Ellen Hennessy-Herstad

Merrillville —Rachel Hartigan

Sponsor: Ellen Hennessy-Herstad

Mill Creek Community — David Spence

Sponsor: Thomas Sharp

Mill Creek Community — Michele Spence

Sponsor: Thomas Sharp

Wanatah — Shallyn D. Brandy

Sponsor: Dara Guse

Wheatfield — Robert W. Oiver

Sponsor: Thomas Strain



Lions Who Have Completed their Service

Dennis Hughs

Rolling Prairie





The **Cedar Lake Lions Club** presented a \$1000 donation to Police Chief David Coulson at the June Police Commission meeting. The donation will be used toward the VIPS unit of the police department. VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service) assists the police department with patrols and traffic control. Currently, they are looking for additional members. Pictured are: (left to right) Chief David Coulson, VIPS Sgt. Jack Yauger, Lion Terri Yauger, Lion Angie Schmelz, Lion Dick Kutchek, VIPS Lt. Tim Layer, and Lion President Jim Braner

Left below: Cedar Lake Lions donated a park bench in memory of Jackie Klear-Massey.

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(Mon - Sat)

June

15 - 20, 2020

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Final Payment Due: 4/8/2020

FOR INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

Angie Schmelz @ (219) 374-9714

Coach Driver gratuities are included in flyer price



Mill Creek Community Lions Club
All You Can Eat Ham and Bean Supper
 Corn bread, beverages and
 one dessert included



Saturday, September 21, 2019
4-7 PM CST

Lincoln Township Community Building
3098 South 800 East Fish Lake, IN

Adults \$7 in advance/\$8 at door

Children 12 & under \$3

Preschool FREE

Carry-outs Available

For tickets call 369-9565 or 778-2027



Directory Corrections

Mary Schmitter — LaCrosse Lions President

Correct phone number: 219-363-0602

PDG Bob Morgan—Change of address

Brentwood at Hobart, Room 309

1420 Saint Mary's

Hobart, In. 46542

Mill Creek Community Lions Club celebrated their fifth annual Lions Paws For Support Paddlefest at Fish Lake in LaPorte County at the Fish Lake Conservation Club. The event featured IN-USCA point races, novice races, and a Fun Paddle. Some of the activities were geared toward local veterans. Proceeds from the event went to benefit Lions Paws For Support, an initiative that sponsors the adoption of dogs from local rescues. Those dogs go into homes of veterans affected by PTSD as emotional support animals.



Schererville Lions

Through their local school system, the Schererville Lions have become involved with the UNI Pop-up Library Project. The club has donated from their Watson Fund, monies received from Ed Payne Care and Helping Hands and a grant from the Indiana Lions Foundation. The UNI was travelling around Schererville this summer to various parks and events and giving kids easy access to books.

Maybe an UNI would work in your town. For more information:

<https://www.theuniproject.org/>

Right Top; Lions Phyllis Varga and Tom Talaga with the 'pop-up' library at a local park.

Right Bottom: A close-up of the UNI



Greater Good Through Diversity

Lions don't just serve the world. We represent it. During President Choi's year, we'll unite clubs and communities around the world because greater good can only be achieved when we join together as one.



2019-2020 District 25A Zone Chairs

Zone 1A	<p><i>E. Chicago Evening-Hammond-Indiana Harbor East Chicago-Whiting</i></p> <p>Andy Dybel—Whiting Lions 1647 Davis Ave, Whiting, IN 46394 219-659-1658 (C) 219-629-1273 andy.dybel@yahoo.com</p>
1B	<p><i>Cedar Lake-Crown Point-Lake of the Four Seasons-Lowell-Schererville Central-St. John</i></p> <p>Charmain Ganley—LOFS Lions 12043 Randolph Street, Crown Point IN 46307 H 219-661-8616 charmaine13@att.net</p>
1C	<p><i>Dyer-Griffith-Highland-Munster-Schererville</i></p> <p>Margaret Verkuilen—Griffith Lions 306 W Glen Park Ave, Griffith, IN 46319 H 219-923-0776</p>
Zone 2A	<p><i>Chesterton-Ogden Dunes-South Haven-Valparaiso</i></p> <p>Carolyn Laviolette—South Haven Lions 3017 Bender St, Portage, IN 46368 H 219-763-2034 (C) 219-741-2340 kdlcsl89@hotmail.com</p>
2B	<p><i>Hobart-Lake Station-Merrillville-Portage</i></p> <p>Nicolas Gonzalez—Hobart Lions 8208 Indian Boundary, Gary IN 46403 C 219-588-4893 W 219-888-4101 Nsg1917@yahoo.com</p>
Zone 3A	<p><i>LaPorte-LaPorte Maple City-Michiana-Michigan City -Mill Creek Community-Rolling Prairie</i></p> <p><u>OPEN—Past or Current Club Presidents , consider moving into a Leadership role</u></p>
Zone 3B	<p><i>Door Village-Hamlet-Hanna-Koontz Lake L C Union Mills-Wanatah-Westville</i></p> <p>Don Parker—Wanatah Lions 504 W. Legion Rd. Wanatah, IN 46390 H 219-801-5275</p>
Zone 4A	<p><i>Goodland-Morocco-Remington-Rensselaer</i></p> <p>Allen Muschett / Bob Souza—Rensselaer Lions 5744 S 850 W, Rensselaer, IN 47978 219-866-8007 mushett@hotmail.com</p>
4B	<p><i>Hebron-Kouts-La Crosse-Shelby-Wheatfield</i></p> <p><u>OPEN—Past or Current Club Presidents , consider moving into a Leadership role</u></p>
4C	<p><i>Bass Lake-Francesville-Monterey-Star City-Winamac</i></p> <p>Doug Denton 6778 N Bridge St, Monterey IN 46960</p>

September 2019 Calendar

Sep	1	Koontz Lake Pancake Breakfast at Koontz Lake Fire Department
Sep	2	Lowell Lions Labor Day Parade in Lowell
Sep	7	Hamlet and Wanatah 75th Anniversary 6pm — Wanatah American Legion
Sep	10	Zone 1A and 1C Joint Zone Meeting American Legion Post 485 Schererville— Lion Dottie Flack
Sep	11	Zone 4B Meeting Kouts Lutheran Church 7pm — IPDG Dennis Brown on LCIF
Sep	12	Zone 2A and 2B Joint Zone Meeting American Legion Post 502 South Haven— Lion Dottie Flack
Sep	12	Crown Point Bingo —See Flyer
Sep	14	Cedar Lake Lions — Cap Collection, Clean up and Weighing Day for Benches
Sep	15	Bryan's Trike Race and Disk Golf Tournament
Sep	16	Zone 1B Meeting
Sep	17	OV Winamac
Sep	18	Zone 3A and 3B Joint Zone Meeting — Wanatah Lions Park
Sep	21	Mill Creek Community Lions Club "All You Can Eat Ham and Bean Supper"
Sep	26	Merrillville Lions BBQ Fundraiser-American Legion Hall 7430 from 4-7 pm
Sep	24	OV Lowell
Sep	24	Cedar Lake Lions — Eye Screening Jane Ball Elementary
Sep	25	Vision Screening — Thea Bowman Leadership Academy Gary
Sep	26	Merrillville Lions BBQ Chicken and Ribtips Dinner American Legion Merrillville -Food Panty Drive
Sep	26	Hamlet and Koontz Lake Lions — Vision Screening at Oregon-Davis Schools 8am
Sep	27-29	Wanatah Scarecrow Festival — http://www.scarecrowfest.org
Sep	27	Cedar Lake Lions — Eye Screening Lincoln Elementary School
Sep	28	Lacrosse Lions Fish Fry at Wanatah School
Sep	29	Wanatah Lions Car Show and Concessions—Lions Park
Oct	1	OV Cedar Lake
Oct	2	Vision Screening —Thea Bowman Leadership Academy in Gary
Oct	8	Vision Screening — Hanover Middle School in Cedar Lake