September District 25-A Newsletter

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District 25-A

Serving Through Kindness "Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." -Mark Twain



District Governor, Will Farrellbegg

District 25A News

Lions,

As we move into the Month of September, we are still dealing with Covid-19. I hear that clubs are starting to meet while social distancing and wearing masks. Sadly, I believe that it is how it will be for the rest of my year. I have been able to visit a few clubs and I am very pleased on how they are still working to raise funds and help in their communities all while looking at ways to raise membership. I am looking for clubs to try and raise or at least retain their membership this year. I ask all clubs to set a goal of adding two to three members this year. I set myself a goal this year to have our Constitution and By-Laws and Policy manual updated at our District Conventions. We are mandated by LCI to update our Constitution and By-Laws which was attempted at our District Convention March 2020. I have set up a committee led by our Constitution and By-Laws Chairperson PDG Robin Smith to carry out this goal. Anyone who has questions or has input please contact PDG Robin. We will also have a seminar at our District Convention so that Lions can understand why it is necessary for our District to update our Constitution and By-Laws. The policy manual will be updated by our Long-Range planning committee led by our Chairperson CC/IPDG Mitchell Semans.

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This month is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. LCIF provides funding support to Lions and has developed strategic partnerships to help improve outcomes for children with cancer. We should make our communities aware of what Lions do for Childhood Cancer Awareness. The Kouts Lions Club has helped a family who's daughter was diagnosed with cancer.

I encourage clubs to meet regularly and practice social distancing whenever possible. Get creative with your fund-raising activities during COVID-19, and remember to have fun.

Do an act of kindness every day.

Yours in Lionism, DG Will Farrellbegg

2ND Vice District Governor, Nick Gonzalez

Hello fellow Lions of 25-A! I am honored to serve as 2nd Vice District Governor for the 2020-2021 Lions year. I have been a member of the Hobart Lions since 2008. This may sound strange, but Nick being a rugby player led to Nick being a Lion. The Northwest Indiana Rugby Club's field is adjacent to the Hobart Lions' handicap equipment warehouse. In 2004, the two sides came to an agreement; rugby players could store some of their field equipment in the warehouse as long as they helped out at Lions events. After several years of helping out at Steak Fry's, I was invited by the late Lion Laverne Meinert to join the Hobart Lions.

Fast forward a few years. Lion Clarence Davis encouraged me to pursue leadership opportunities with our club. Actually, he said, "You've been with the club the longest. YOU should be President!" In 2016, I was elected Vice-President of the Hobart Lions. In 2017, I was elected Club President. I achieved new heights in 2018 when I was asked to be Zone Chair for Zone 2B. I am currently in my 3rd year as Zone Chair and 2nd year as Club Secretary. This is also my first year serving as Cancer Control Trustee.

The thought of pursuing higher leadership was always in the back of my mind. Between the pandemic and my current layoff from U.S. Steel, I felt the time was right to step up. I would like to thank the lively Lions of Hobart for their belief in me and their endorsement to serve as 2nd Vice District Governor. I have met many fun and supportive Lions throughout the District so far. I look forward to meeting Lions in every club. Please be safe and have fun as we serve our communities.

Lions of 25A

Join us for the **2nd District/Cabinet Meeting**

The South Haven Lions Club will be hosting.

Cost will be \$12.00 a person.

Menu includes: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn. Salad with tomatoes & cucumbers, Rolls & butter, Dessert.

Drinks: Water, Coffee, Tea.

Where: American Legion Post 502

409 W County Road 75

Iparaiso, IN 46385

When: Sunday, October 25, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM (CST)

Please send RSVP with check to

CS Stephen J. Helmken, 6522 W Laura Ln., La Porte, IN 46350

Make checks payable to South Haven L. C

by October 19, 2020.

Statement of Support for the People of Beirut Lebanon From The Lions of Indiana

August 6, 2020

In the aftermath of the explosion in the Port of Beirut on August 4th, the Lions of Indiana offer our sincere sympathies to all those affected by this industrial disaster.

Coming as it does during a time of pandemic and national financial crisis, we ask that our best wishes and efforts for relief be joined by all people of goodwill and peace.

We support Lions Clubs International Foundation's Disaster Relief efforts, knowing that our international partners and providers in the Beirut area will deliver aid in the weeks and months to come.

More information is available at https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/give-our-focus-areas/disaster-relief

We offer our sincere condolences to those injured and the families of those lost in this catastrophe.

For the Lions of Indiana,

Mitchell Semans Chair, Council of Governors Lions of Indiana, USA

Zone Meetings and Cabinet Meetings are open to all club members. During these meetings service projects are shared as well as fundraising information. Updates are provided on State Projects and you get to learn about current events within the District. I encourage everyone to attend their zone meeting and cabinet meeting as well.



1st 2020-2021 2A & 2B ZONE Meeting

<u>When:</u> Tuesday, September 29th, 2020 Doors Open @ 6 / Dinner @ 6:30 pm

Where: Lake Station City Hall 1969 Central Ave. Lake Station, IN. 46405

Menu: Mexican Cuisine Cost: \$12 per person Alcohol won't be available - B.Y.O.B is optional Make payments to: Lake Station Lions Club

<u>Guest Speaker:</u> Lion Joe Larson, Development Director -Pack Away Hunger

RSVP by Thursday, September 17th to: Lion Jason Kegebein, Zone Chair 2A revkegebein@comcast.net or via phone 219.973.6608







3A & 3B Dual Zone Meeting Dinner cost \$5.00 RSVP by September 1st to Zone 3A, Steve Helmken 219-879-2529 Zone 3B, Don Parker 219-801-5275



309 SCHOOL DR., WANATAH, IN 46390 WANATAH LIONS PARK

FIRST TEAM vs SECOND TEAM



Join the Wanatah Lions on Saturday 9/26/2020 for their Port-A-Pit Fundraiser at Wanatah Jmart on US HWY 30.

They will be selling Nelson's Chicken and potatoes. This will be drive thru only. They will start at 10:30am and go until sold out. A Half chicken is \$8 and the potatoes are \$4. They also will have prepackaged homemade desserts for donations.

Merrillville Lions Club BBQ Fundraiser

SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 AMERICAN LEGION HALL, 7430 BROADWAY IN MERRILLVILLE \$15 PER TICKET DINE-IN OR CURBSIDE PICK-UP

ON THE MENU: CHICKEN, RIB TIPS, BAKED POTATO, BAKED BEANS, SALAD



CALL LION ELLEN AT 219-718-0203 EMAIL US AT MERRILLVILLELIONSCLUB@GMAIL.COM FOR TICKETS The Mill Creek Community Lions Club is planning a Drive-Thru Ham & Bean Supper for October 17, 2020 between 4:00P.M.-7:00P.M. CST at the Lincoln Township Community Building, 3098 South 800 East, (Fish Lake), Walkerton IN Corn bread, beverage and one dessert included. Adult \$7.00 in advance \$8.00 at door Children 12 & under: \$3.00 in advance \$3.00 at door Preschool: Free

A raffle that evening will also be held. Tickets are \$5.00 each. First prize 1/2 hog, Second prize 1/4 hog, Third prize 1/4 hog.

> If you have any question, please call. Lion Marolyn Klockow, Secretary phone 219 369-9565

Recently the Door Village Lions were approached to purchase a tricycle for a twelveyear old non-verbal autistic young lady. With the request in hand, members reached out to the two other Lions clubs in La Porte. La Porte Lions and the Maple City Lions came together with Door Village and the young lady's grandmother Althea Williams to make this purchase happen.

The tricycle was assembled by Lions Dennis Fischer and Joe Pahs, and delivered to a very delighted Madison Rangel on Sunday afternoon immediately after receipt from eSpecial Needs. Present for the delivery were Lions Dennis Fischer, Treasurer and Joe and Carol Pahs, President and Secretary respectively, from the Door Village Lions Club, and Lion Diane Spoljoric, First VP representing La Porte Lions Club. Lion Carol Pahs remarked that it was great to see the smiles on the faces of the family, and it was so beautifully obvious they were very appreciative of this donation. Lion Dennis commented that members enjoy taking on these kinds of projects and that working together with the other clubs made it even more special in serving yet another community need. The motto of Lions International is "We Serve", and Lions everywhere do just that over and over, and like doing it very much.



Lion Diane Spoljoric, Lion Joe Pahs, Lion Carol Pahs, Lion Dennis Fischer and on the tricycle is Madison Rangel.





Hobart Lions Club

STEAK SALE

We will be selling our "Steak Fry" steaks. They are restaurant quality 10 oz. vein in New York Strip Steaks. They will be individually vacuum-sealed and frozen. These steaks will be sold by the full case, which is 16 steaks for \$100. Please make checks payable to Hobart Lions Club.

DEADLINE TO ORDER STEAKS IS SEPTEMBER 23, 2020.

If you would like to order, contact any Lions Club member or you can contact Lion Sally Davis at 219-942-4433 or email at <u>csdavis61@comcast.net</u>. Steaks MUST BE PREPAD!

Pickup will be Friday, October 3, 2020 at the Chamber of Commerce parking lot located at 101 Lillian St. in Hobart from 5:30 pm til 7:30 pm.

THESE STEAKS ARE GREAT FOR FALL COOKOUTS or GIFTS!

Name:			
Address:			
Phone #:			
E-mail:			
10 oz case (16 steaks)	\$100 - number of ca	ses	
Total payment: \$	Check #	Cash \$	

8TH ANNUAL LIONS HEALTH FAIR FISH LAKE LIBRARY FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2020 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM CENTRAL FREE OFFERINGS:

STOP SMOKING NOW:

TOBACCO/VAPING CESSATION EDUCATION HEALTH INSURANCE ENROLLMENT INFO/ASSIST by Healthy Communities of LaPorte County, includes ACA, Medicare and Medicaid, Free reading glasses will be available.

PULSE OXIMETER READINGS BY PROFESSIONAL THIS MEASURES OXYGEN SATURATION IN YOUR BLOOD AND MAY HELP DETERMINE WHETHER YOU SHOULD SEEK MEDICAL HELP FOR THE CORONAVIRUS. DIABETES SCREENINGS BY LAPORTE HOSPITAL

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Crown Point Lions Club 2020/2021 OFFICERS INSTALLED The Installation Dinner/Club Picnic was July 11, 2020, 12:00 PM. Everyone enjoyed a box lunch from Heavenly Ham. District Governor Will Farrelbegg installed the officers for 2020/2021 and new member Kathy Kersey. Pictured below: Vicky Klein, VP; DG Will Farrelbegg; Directors Gregg Wirtz, Ed Schiesser, Greg Fabian; Katy Dowling and husband; Donna Worst, Membership Chair; Kathy Kersy, new Lion; Jim and Donna Worst; Lion President Joe Beckman being installed from his hospital bed via Zoom.





Crown Point Lions Club 26th Annual Crown Point Lions Golf Outing

The 2020 Lions 26th Annual Golf Outing and Dinner is September 12, 2020 at River Point Country Club. There will be a 10:00 AM Shotgun start with dinner to follow. Tickets are \$100.00 each or \$400.00 per foursome. Hole sponsorship is \$100.00 per hole.

Our other fundraising events, Bingo, have been cancelled for 2020. The golf outing will help us continue to support the even greater needs of our community while practicing our social distancing. Door prizes are needed as well as sponsors. Contact Ed Scheisser, 219-755-6199, ext. 1633 or Rich Day, 219-793-3535.

The South Haven Lions held their annual Lions award and installation night. A little different in the times of Covid, but they were still able to install some new members, install officers, and recognize some deserving Lions! They are trying to spread the theme of Service!

Congratulations to Lion Jason for receiving the WP Woods award and to Lion Ron for receiving a Melvin Jones award. These two Lions truly follow the moto We Serve!





Lions Locally & Around the World Are Resourcefully Adapting to Demands of COVID-19 – Door Village Lions

COVID-19 is without a doubt demanding change in nearly every facet of lives around this beautiful world that most of us, in the pre COVID-19 universe, had come to take for granted; but this evil and highly contagious flu has abruptly and forcefully shown everyone that, normal, as we remember it, can no longer be taken for granted. Consequently, Door Village Lions like so many clubs here in America and around the globe, are not surrendering completely, and are instead adapting in as many ways as resourceful members can bring forward for consideration. For example, members of the Door Village Lion club have reached out to restaurants that are presenting opportunities for non-profit organizations to share in profits of a given day or time frame, and in response, Door Village Lions are being featured at Culver's of La Porte on Thursday September 3rd. All customers have to do is mention Door Village Lions to the cashier when paying and ask that the receipt be dropped in the collection box. Door Village Lions will then receive 10% of net proceeds. Members send out a BIG THANKS TO CULVERS AND THOSE WHO SUPPORT US.

The second similar opportunity club members currently have, is at Leed's Public House Restaurant & Pub in Michigan City, with their "Leed's Project Heart" community give back program. With the way the program has been designed the bartender creates a Specialty Drink just for Door Village Lions and when customers purchase this specialty cocktail the club receives 50% of the proceeds associated with sale throughout the month of September. This is a great opportunity for Door Village Lions to continue their fund raising efforts in spite of all the restrictions that COVID-19 has inflicted on communities everywhere. And it works hand in glove with what co-owners Denise and John Burns envisioned when they decided they wanted to give back to the community. On their web site the put it this way: "We know that many nonprofits have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. They have had to cancel fundraisers and are adapting to a different climate, but still are trying to fulfill their missions and goals," Burns said. "That is why we now have a month-long Project Heart that helps raise funds for a featured nonprofit by donating proceeds from a special cocktail. Our bartenders get creative with a drink that coincides with the nonprofit, and our guests can enjoy a fresh feature every month." ANOTHER BIG THANKS TO LEED'S PUBLIC HOUSE AND ALL THEIR PATRONS WHO SUPPORT DOOR VILLAGE LIONS!

The third fund raiser members are currently conducting is a Port-a-Pit Chicken sale at Kabelin's Ace Hardware, across the street from Walgreen's on SR 2 West. It will also have minimum contact with the public/COVID-19 and last less than 4 hours. Just recently scheduled for September 5 and starting at 10 AM. All that's needed now is CHICKEN AND PIT-TA-TOE LOVERS TO HELP US REACH OUR GOAL.

OOR VILLAGE LIONS WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT IN THESE TWO FUND RAISING EFFORTS: 201VER'S KICKBACK-SEPT 3,... AND PORT-A-PIT CHICKEN AND PIT-TATOES, SEPT 5 ... 10 AM TILL SOLD OUT

DONATE WHILE You Dine!

Visit the <u>Culver's of La Porte</u> on <u>Thursday, September 3, 2020</u> and we will <u>donate</u> <u>10% of net sales</u> to the <u>Door Village Lions Club organization</u>. Enjoy a delicious meal, benefit a great cause and feel good all over.

Please make sure to let your cashier know you are here for the kickback!

SEPT 5, 2020 PORT-A-PIT CHICKEN KABELIN'S PARKING LOT ACROSS FROM WALGREEN'S, SR 2 WEST 10:00AM TILL SOLD OUT. QUESTIONS CALL 716-0937 PLEASE TELL FAMILY & FRIENDS....THANKS

Welcome New Members:

LOWELL – Eric Antczak Sponsor DG Will Farrellbegg

Members that have completed their service:

Hebron: Kimberly Zacek

Morocco: Roy Nordyke

South Haven: John Leach

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Join Leader Dog and Good Dog to explore a series of webinars.

Leader Dog and Good Dog are partnering for a series of webinars, covering topics like our puppy raising program and what it takes to train a guide dog. In tomorrow's webinar, Guide Dog Mobility Instructor Meredith will talk about what it takes to train a guide dog.

You can register for any and all of the upcoming webinars through the links below! All webinars include time for questions at the end.

Leader Dog's Puppy Raising Program

When: September 2, 2020 at 2 p.m. ET About: Manager of Canine Development Bev Blanchard will give an overview of how Leader Dog's puppy raising program works. 60 minutes. Leader Dog's Breeding Selection Process

When: September 16, 2020 at 2 p.m. ET About: Breeding Program Manager Dana Hunter will talk about the process of choosing moms and dads to create the best possible chances for puppies that will grow into successful Leader Dogs. 45 minutes.

To register contact: webmaster@leaderdog.org Thank you again for praying for 1st VDG Dave and his family. Please continue to pray! The Westville Lions are hosting a non-perishable food drive. There is a list of items that the family could use. If anyone would like to donate gift cards they shop for groceries at Walmart. Lions truly is a family and everyone has been so generous in helping the Dickinson Family.

Items can be brought to the District 25-A Cabinet Meeting October 25th in Valparaiso. They can be dropped off at Lion Bev Dickinsons house in Westville, 611 Granite Dr. Westville. You can also drop off items at Lion Whitney Martin's house 402 S Washington Street, LaCrosse. If you have any questions regarding the items you can contact Donna. Dave's sister +1 (317) 442-4996.

Items needed for food drive. There are no food allergies.

Fruit Loops, Frosted Flakes, Raisin Bran

Honey Nut Cheerios, Reese's Peanut Butter Puffs

Green Beans, Carrots, Peas

Corn, Yams, Kidney Beans Chili Beans, Baked Beans, Tomato Juice

Manwich, Ramen Noodles (Chicken or Beef only please, all the kids love this item.)

Popcorn Peaches (diced or slices – doesn't matter), Mixed Fruit Pineapple (tidbits or chunks – doesn't matter), Mandarin Oranges Canned Ravioli / Beefaroni

Spaghetti Noodles, Elbow Macaroni, Any pasta that will work for Spaghetti or Alfredo Kraft Mac & Cheese Box (any brand), Spaghetti Sauce (Any regular flavors) Alfredo Sauce, Marinara Sauce

Canned Coffee – Regular – Mc D Breakfast Blend or any Breakfast Blend to brew

Dawn Dish Soap Hand Soap

Laundry Dryer Sheets

Laundry Soap (Beverly and Donna are getting 5 gallon bucket) Laundry Softener (Beverly and Donna are getting 5 gallon bucket) Trash Bags 39-gal



The Kouts Lions Club is going GOLD. September is Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month. Please considering donating to this wonderful organization. No amount is too small. Visit the Kouts Lions Facebook to make your donation.

https://www.facebook.com/249548815240434/posts/1366757970186174/?extid=rGr P3B6wLCzvNqRP&d=n

> Be Bold Go Gold CalsAngels.org/shop check out their gear page

Peace Poster Project

Go to the LCIF website to

order or call today!

To sponsor the Peace Poster Contest, Lions clubs can order a contest kit from January 15 to October 1. The kit is available in 12 of our official languages. A kit is needed for each contest sponsored.

The 2020-2021 Contest

Peace Through Service

Each kit contains:

- Official Club Contest Guide and Rules
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules
- Participant Flyer to duplicate and give to participating students to take home
- Sticker to place on back of winning poster
- Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group

Order Your Kit

*To order a kit by phone, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822 (U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada only).

Lion Angie Schmeltz is on the move. Her new address will be: Lion Angie Schmeltz 100 Trinity Circle Haines City, FL 33844 Lion Angie, you will be missed by so many and we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers as you move! Thank you for everything that you have done for the District and for Lions.

Let's go Gold for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Here are some ideas and ways you can help those in need. Make a donation to the Fundraiser on behalf of Kouts Lions Club (visit the Kouts Lions Facebook for details)

You can send a card to a patient at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Hospital of Chicago. Mail the card to Ann & Robert H Lurie Hospital Attn: Cancer Center 225 E. Chicago Ave. Chicago, IL 60611

You can make a donation to Riley Cheer Guild. They support Riley Children's Hospital Programs that enhance the experience of a hospital stay. You can purchase a gift from their Amazon or Target Wish List. You can purchase a toy, book, stickers, and other items off of their wishlist and they will give it to a child at the hospital. They can use some toys such as a doctors kit and stuffed animal as teaching tool for a new procedure.

Go to rileycheerguild.org to see how you can help.

You can also make a donation to Cancer Control or LCIF since they help to improve the quality of life for those affected by cancer.

> Let's spread kindness and bring cheer to children and their families as they navigate through a difficult time.

Are you a trustee on a State Project or committee? Submit an article or update so those reading the newsletter can learn about what's new.

Does your club have medical equipment that they do not need? Send an email and it can be put in the monthly newsletter.

Currently these clubs have these items: Hamlet – Chair Lift LaPorte – Stair Lift, Acorn Style South Haven – Bariatric Bed

Cedar Lake Lions have 14 sewing machines

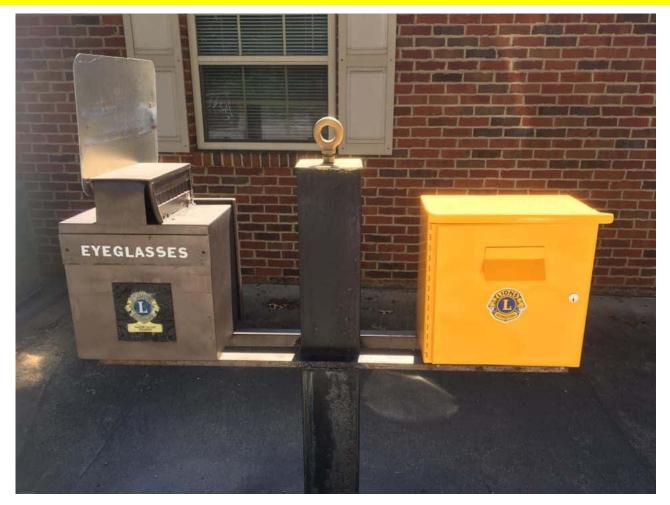
September: Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

September 9th - Zone 3A and 3B Dual Zone Meeting 6:30PM at Wanatah Lions Park

September 14th - DG Club Visit with Wanatah Lions

September 29th - Zone 2A and 2B Dual Zone Meeting 6PM at Lake Station City Hall

Ogden Dunes Lions have new drop boxes at the town entrance!



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