

District 25A Seasons Greetings

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District Governor's Message

Thoughts from DG Lion Randy Greer

September 2015

Labor Day weekend is a time to enjoy a barbecue, with family and friends or go to one of many festivals in the area. There are several Lions Clubs that have activities at these Festivals make sure you stop by their booth.

All the Lions Clubs usually start meeting regularly, since some don't have meetings in the summer. We really need to work on membership and retention. Before you drop a member, give them one last phone call and see why their leaving the club. You might be surprised that phone call might change their mind because you cared to call them.

We would like to start a new Lions club in our District. Anyone interested in working on this committee contact GMT Leader Lion Doug Schmeltz (219) 374-9714 or DG Randy Greer at (219) 759-2865. We will be setting up a meeting. We need a concentrated effort to keep our membership up. Our District has dropped to 1330 members, we can't afford to get under 1250 members by the end of the year or we will be put on probation. We don't want this to happen.

Clubs that want to have membership drives, try having an open house. We have a guideline on how to host one contact Lion Al Konieczka at al@alkoncg.com or Lion Randy Greer at lionrandy@yahoo.com we will e-mail you the guideline and if you need help contact your Zone or Region chairs. Also, when you're doing your service projects always carry applications and brochures about Lions.

By now you have received the current Hoosier Lion in there is a Application Form and a list of Seminars and Workshops for the Fall Conference (used to be Mid-Winter). This is an inexpensive leadership conference about Lions there is something for everybody and lunch is included in the \$30 early pre-registration fee. You could get a group together and car pool and you don't have to worry about first week of January driving. We will be having a drawing at the next district meeting, October 18th, and four Lions will receive \$30 that are registered for the Fall Conference. This is the cost of registration at the Conference, but you must be registered to win. Happy to announce we have at least 5 lions from our District going to USA-Canada Forum.

If your club hasn't paid their International Dues please do. There are new guidelines on payment of dues from Lions International in this newsletter. If your club hasn't received a copy of their dues statement or has misplaced it and needs to know how much is due contact DG Randy Greer immediately. We don't want any clubs on Suspension.

Lion Pat and I have enjoyed going to Lions activities and their fundraisers so far. It really is great meeting so many Lions making a difference in their community and having fun doing it. Keep up the good work and we look forward to seeing you soon.

GLT

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Message from VDG Patty Cooke



Hello fellow Lions:

I hope you are still enjoying your summer – for me it has gone by way too fast.

Over the last few months, I have spent some time checking out the LCI website and learning more about Lions and our history. The power of our Organization in serving others

Worldwide grew from a single speech from a very powerful lady, Helen Keller. I had always heard about her challenge to us, but had never read her words.

In these last two paragraphs of her speech, Ms. Keller reminds us that to make a difference you have to care – and she recognized that Lions cared. She knew that we could not turn away from her challenge to become ‘Knights of the Blind’.

“You have heard how through a little word dropped from the fingers of another, a ray of light from another soul touched the darkness of my mind and I found myself, found the world, found God. It is because my teacher learned about me and broke through the dark, silent imprisonment which held me that I am able to work for myself and for others. It is the caring we want more than money. The gift without the sympathy and interest of the giver is empty. If you care, if we can make the people of this great country care, the blind will indeed triumph over blindness.

The opportunity I bring to you, Lions, is this: To foster and sponsor the work of the American Foundation for the Blind. Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?”

To read the all the speech, go to: <http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/about/hellen-keller.php>

Lion Patty Cooke

VDG 25A

Schererville Lions

PS I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the USA Canada Forum just a few weeks away.



Lions 25A 2nd District Meeting

"Lions For All The Seasons!"

Join District Governor Randy Greer

Sunday, October 18, 2015

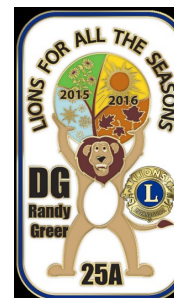
1:00PM CST

Hosted Zone 1B

American Legion Post 261

13050 Washington, Cedar Lake, IN 46303

Ph. 219-374-9815



**Brunch will be served: Pancakes,
Sausage, Coffee, and OJ**

Free Will Offering: Donations to Cancer Control

*All Lions, Club Secretaries, Club Presidents,
Zone Chairs, Region Chairs, PDG's
Are Invited to Attend*

Please submit your District Reports to CS Judy Shaffer

Lions we do need a count of how many will be attending!

Please RSVP Directly to Cabinet Secretary Judy Shaffer

by October 12, 2015 to:

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We Serve

LCI-New Payment Policy

The association views club fiscal responsibility as a principal element to encourage membership growth. As a result, the Financial Suspension Policy has been amended as follows:

As of July 1, 2015, clubs will have **90 days** to pay outstanding balances instead of 120 days before they are in jeopardy of automatically being placed on suspension. Cancellation will continue to occur after the 28th of the month following suspension if full payment is not received. However, clubs canceled more than twice will be ineligible for reactivation.

This amended policy has serious consequences for clubs that have traditionally paid their club balances in excess of 90 days. To prepare for this amendment, we recommend all club officers become familiar with the amended policy and prepare to schedule payments as required. Officers should also prepare to review and update membership by visiting www.lionsclubs.org and consider paying online.

Please feel free to contact us at membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org should you require additional information. We trust all clubs will review their statements regularly, and will send the necessary payments to ensure their active status is protected.

Accounts Receivable and Club Account Services

300 W. 22nd Street

Oakbrook, IL 60523-8842

Email: membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org

Phone: 630-203-3820

FAX: 630-706-9108

Suspension is the temporary deferment of the charter, rights, privileges and obligations of a Lions club due to an unpaid balance.

Clubs on suspension shall not:

- (a) Conduct service activities
- (b) Conduct fund raising activities;
- (c) Participate in district and multiple district functions or seminars;
- (d) Participate in any voting procedures outside of the club
- (e) Endorse or nominate a candidate for district, multiple district and international office;
- (f) Submit Monthly Membership Report and report forms;
- (g) Sponsor a Lions club, or organize a Leo or a Lioness club.

Clubs on Suspension shall:

- (a) Hold meetings to discuss the future of the club and identify the steps needed to regain an active status.
- (b) Make payments to clear the existing outstanding balance, or request a payment plan.

Need for Volunteers for Kidsight Screening

Our District was contacted by the Danielle Ashley Group to join in the First Ladies Health Day initiative, co-sponsored by Walgreens, the Methodist Hospitals, and many Gary Churches. They are in need of volunteers to help with a Kidsight screening and Adult vision screening on Sunday, September 27, 2015 at the Gary Genesis Convention Center. The program runs from Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Our Lions logo will be included in their advertisement. Call Lion Paul Freeland at (219)322-2795 if you are able to help. This will be an excellent way to promote Lions and possibly get new members.



Lions from clubs in good standing can enter an original, unaltered, black-and-white or color photo (without people) of the environment of their Lions club in the following 2015-2016 Lions Environmental Photo Contest categories:

- Animal Life
- Landscape (Urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon
- Special Theme: *Dignity, harmony, humanity: Celebrating the peaceful coexistence of species.*

The impartial judging of photos should focus on originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the environmental theme.

- **LIONS CLUBS** select and submit one winning photo to the district.
- **LIONS DISTRICTS** select and submit one winning photo to the multiple district. **January 15, 2016** is the suggested deadline for districts to submit one 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photo to the multiple district.
- **LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICTS** select and submit one winning photo to the international contest. **March 1, 2016** is the deadline for multiple districts to submit one 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photograph and an official entry form (available on the Lions Web site) signed by the council chairperson to Lions Headquarters.
- **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL** will display multiple district-level entries at the annual Lions International convention. Registered convention attendees will vote for their favorite photos. An award will be presented to the winning photographers. The six (the five category winners and the Best of Show) winning photos will appear on the Lions Web site.

NOTE: Multiple entries will not be accepted, please limit to one photo entry per multiple district.

Lion photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photos. Contest photos become the property of Lions Clubs International. Lions Clubs International reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.

E-mail contest questions to: programs@lionsclubs.org



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Photo entries must include the Name of Lion Photographer, Lions Club of Photographer, Club ID number, e-mail and street addresses of Photographer, and photo Category:

Animal Life

Plant Life

Landscape (urban or natural)

Weather Phenomenon

Special Theme (Dignity, harmony, humanity: Celebrating the peaceful coexistence of species.

The deadline for submitting entries is December 15, 2015. No exceptions please.

Mail entries to: Lion Paul Freeland

2331 Starlight Drive

Schererville, IN 46375

Phone: (219)322-2795

South Haven Lions Club

50th Anniversary



Saturday, October 24, 2015
Duneland Falls Banquet Hall
1100 North Mochal Highway
(St Rd 149, Portage, IN 46304)
5:00PM Social - 6:00PM Dinner
\$40.00 per Person



Guest Speaker: **PIP Wayne Madden**
Cash Bar/Business Casual Attire/Raffles

District & Club _____

Title & Name _____

_____ # Attending X \$40.00 = _____



Please make checks payable to **South Haven Lions Club** and send by
October 3, 2015 to:

South Haven Lions Club

C/O Secretary Ron Tennant/Treasurer Betty Tennant

406 Sturdy RD A-2

Valparaiso, IN 46383

Welcome to the newest Lions in District 25A

<i>New Members</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Club</i>
Orlando Morris	Vicki Morris	Dyer
Dennis Pizzuto	David Jones	Highland
Adeela Alizai	Ron Retseck	Michigan City
Asad Ansari	Ron Retseck	Michigan City
Steve Bacon	Connie Sobieski	Westville
Kevin Jones	Whitney Martin	Westville
Elizabeth Romancheck	Whitney Martin	Westville
Scott Romancheck	Whitney Martin	Westville
Gene Freese	Mel Fath Jr.	Westville
Jennifer Patala	Dave Dickinson	Westville
Matthew Popp	Rhonda Weston	Westville
Cheryl Tuholski	Merle Weston	Westville
Stephanie Hazlett	Tom Strain	Wheatfield
Scott Hazlett	Tom Strain	Wheatfield
Don Longstreth	Tom Strain	Wheatfield

Those who have completed their Lions Service

PDG (1975-1976) Charles Sapper	Hobart
Carlos Godinez	IH East Chicago
Vera Aguilera	Lioness East Chicago

Mill Creek Community Lions Club



Past District Governor Glenn Swanson inducted Ben Gonzalez into the Mill Creek Community Lions Club. Lion Eva Maria Olson was Ben's sponsor. PDG Swanson also installed the officers of the club.

Pictured left to right: Sponsor Eva Maria Olson, Lion Ben Gonzalez, Mill Creek Community Lions Club

President David Labiak

Rensselaer Lions Club



Lion John Rusk was recognized by District 25A for 50+ Years of Service. Over the past 50 years Lion John has served in various offices and chaired many projects. Even in the care facility he keeps abreast of the current workings of the Rensselaer Lions. We are proud to have him as a member.



Prior to the Rensselaer Lions Award Night, Lion Dean Bachelder was presented with the Melvin Jones Award in his care facility by Past President Lion Ed Feicht. Lion Dean has served in many capacities in the Rensselaer Lions Club over the years. Even now he is still eager to be part of our cheese sale fundraiser in the fall. We are proud to have him still active in our club.



W.P. Woods Fellowship to 3A Zone Chair Oscar Kuchar

Lion Oscar Ryl-Kuchar, Zone Chair 3A is shown receiving a W.P. Woods Award from LaPorte Lions Club Past President Lion Rita Mrozinski for dedication in working on eye missions, Operation Kidsight screening, Meals on Wheels, and Lions Alert installations. Lion Oscar thanked the club and humbly told them that without their help, none of it would have been possible.

Whiting Lions Car Show



“Elvis” makes an appearance at the Whiting Lions Car Show in August.. Elvis is standing next to Lion Norb from the Whiting Lions.

Rolling Prairie Lions Club 10th Annual Harvest Bicycle Century Tour Sunday , September 20, 2015

Routes

The tour takes place Sunday, September 20, 2015, and you may start anytime between 7:00 a.m. and noon (CST). The departure and finishing point for all routes is Rolling Prairie Elementary School. Routes are 15, 25, 40, 62 (100K), and 100 miles, winding past scenic orchards, woods, and lakes. The hills on the longer routes present a good challenge.

Assistance

All registrants receive a map with route guide information, as well as snacks and drinks at all S.A.G. points. Marked vehicles will patrol the route to assist any riders with breakdowns. However, please make sure your bicycle is in good working order prior to the race.

Safety

Please obey all traffic laws and regulations. Riders should wear bright clothing for general visibility and safety. Safety helmets are strongly recommended. Riders should make provisions for day-of-tour weather conditions.

Registration Fees

Ride fee is \$15 preregistration/\$20 day of ride/\$30 families however, riders on the 15 mile circuit pay \$15 day of ride. On the day of the tour, the registration will be open until noon. Please note that families must have two or more members and consist of at least one adult guardian.

How to Register

Fill out and sign one registration form for each rider or family. Mail the attached forms with the entry fee to the

Rolling Prairie Lions Club

P.O. Box 576, Rolling Prairie, IN 46371

Online registration and payment available at rollingprairielions.org

If you have any questions, please call Ron King at 219-778-4568 or e-mail him at hbcct@rollingprairielions.org.

2015 Harvest Bicycle Century Tour Registration Form

Name: _____

Additional Family Members (if applicable):

(You may use an address label in this box, should you wish.)

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Route: 15mile 25mile 40 mile 62mile 100 mile

How did you hear about our ride?

News Web Mail Bike Shop Previous Rider

Other: _____

Waiver of Liability

I realize that I am participating in the Harvest Bicycle Century Tour for my own enjoyment, and I understand the risks involved that I am incurring. I further understand I will be riding on public roads that will be carrying their normal amount of traffic. In signing this form for myself (including family if participating) or for the above-named participant, I understand and agree to absolve all of the sponsors and organizers, be they individuals or organizations, singly or collectively, of all blame for any injury, misadventure, harm, loss or inconvenience suffered as a result of taking part in the Harvest Bicycle Century Tour or any of the activities associated with the event.

Signature: _____

Please complete other side as well.

District Vision Screening Training
Held in Merrillville on August 23rd



Lions from around the District turned out on Sunday, August 23rd to learn how to properly screen children using the latest OPTEC machine for the Lions Kidsight program.

Zone Meetings in September & October

Region 2, Zones A & B	Thurs. Sept. 24 , 6:00 pm	American Legion Post 502, South Haven
Region 3, Zone B	Thurs., Oct. 1 , 7:00 pm	Westville
Region 4, Zone A	Wed., Sept. 30, 6:00 pm	Rensselaer
Region 4, Zone B	Tues. Oct. 6, 6:30 pm	Wheatfield
Region 4, Zone C	Wed. Sept. 9, 6:00 pm	Medaryville

Centennial Corner

Centennial Children's Dignity week is from August 30th to September 5th. If your club does a project, program, or fund raiser that benefits the youth during this week make sure you report it on your activity report for the month of September. Your club will qualify for a Centennial patch for the youth activity. Any questions about this contact Lion Pat Greer at randy.greer@frontier.com or call (219) 759-2865. We would like to hear what your club did during Children's Dignity week and send pictures to Newsletter Editor Lion Bill Ellis. More clubs are reporting service activity reports, keep up the good work.

Lion Randy Greer

Mill Creek Community Lions Club HOG ROAST



Saturday, September 19, 2015
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
Carry-outs Available

For tickets



Call 369-1094 or 369-9565



Indiana Lions Conference
Plainfield Middle School
Plainfield, Indiana
Saturday, November 7, 2015

August 5, 2015

Dear District Governors, 1st & 2nd Vice District Governors, Leo Club Chairpersons, Law Camp Chairpersons, Public Relations Chairpersons, Global Leadership Team Chairpersons, and District Newsletter Editors,

We will have a Silent Auction at our Indiana Lions Conference again this year for the following reasons:

1. To raise funds for Lions Youth Activities.
2. To add an attractive display that encourages Lions to want to attend.
3. To add a fun bidding activity that returning attendees look forward to.
4. To find out which districts can really promote ideas and show leadership.

The funds raised from the silent auction this year will again help to support Lions Youth Activities.

We are asking each district to provide at least 3 items for the Silent Auction. They should appeal to Lions and generate a bid of at least \$20 each.

This might be a good responsibility for your 1st or 2nd Vice Governor, Leadership, Law Camp or Leo Club Chairpersons or other responsible Lions who would enjoy doing this. Last year over \$800 was raised at the auction for the Youth Programs.

Your district's items can be given to us at the Friday evening dinner, or by 7:30 a.m. the morning of the Conference. We will again have a special award for the Lion in charge of their district's items who does the best job.

If you have any questions please contact us. Please let us know as soon as possible who will chair collecting items for your district. In addition, please let us know ahead of time the items you will be bringing along with the names and clubs of the donor(s) so we can have the bid sheets prepared ahead of time.

The attached announcement can be used in your district newsletter to promote donation of items.

Thank you for your help.

Yours in Lionism,
PDGs Charlie and Ann Haffner
(574) 457-3054 ahaffner@kconline.com

cc: PCC David Eisen
CC Jeffrey Schafer

Michiana Lions Club building Ramp



Michiana Lions Club members build a Handicap Ramp for an elderly couple with health problems.

Chesterton Lions Club



Chesterton Lions will be participating in the Annual "Taste of Duneland" on Saturday, September 5th at Thomas Park in downtown Chesterton. The club will be selling hot buttered corn-on-the-cob, hot dogs, ice tea, and lemonade from 11:00 am until 9:00 pm. Local restaurants and other local organizations will also be selling a variety of food and beverages. Entertainment and a beer tent will also be provided by the event hosts. Come down and join us for a fun day.

Where is the DG?

See an open date? Contact DG Randy to schedule your club official visit:

H: 219-759-2865 C: 219-728-8432 or lionrandy@yahoo.com

September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 East Chicago OV	3 Westville OV	4	5
6	7 	8 Rensselaer OV	9 LOFS OV	10	11	12 Lowell Car Show
13	14	15 Winamac OV	16	17	18	19
			USA –Canadian Forum			
20 USA –Canadian	21	22 Lowell OV	23 1st Day of fall 	24 2A & B Zone Mtg South Haven	25	26 Wanatah Fish Fry
27 Vision Screening	28 Hammond OV	29	30 4A Zone Mtg Rensselaer			

October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 3B Zone Mtg Westville	2	3 Family Event D Banner Night
4	5	6 Zone Mtg Wheatfield	7	8 Michiana OV	9	10 SH Italian Night
11 Griffith 75th	12 LaPorte OV	13 Highland OV	14	15 Whiting OV	16 SH Halloween Event	17
18 2nd District Meeting	19 Wanatah OV	20 Hanna OV	21 Munster OV	22	23	24 South Haven 50th
25	26	27 Schererville OV	28 1	29	30	31 Council Meeting

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