



# 25A Centennial

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Hello Lions of 25A

It seems strange that it is September already – this summer has gone by in a blur. Now school has started and autumn will be here soon. I hope all your summer festivals, fairs and steak fries have been successful. Now many clubs are scheduling vision screenings, packing backpacks with school supplies and planning dictionary deliveries.

August was less hectic for me than July – I did spend some time watching the Olympics. I am always inspired by the effort it takes the athletes to achieve their dreams. They have been going to training while their friends have been out having fun. They have been eating vegetables instead of hamburgers. And they have been getting up early to start their work outs.

In a way it sounds like the Lions. We could be doing lots of other things instead of making pancakes on a Sunday morning, or handing out mints on a street corner on a Friday night. But like the athletes, we also get a reward for our efforts. Our medals are in knowing the difference we make – that without Lions helping foodbanks, some families would be go hungry; that without Lions doing vision screens, some children would not see. Yes, are also Olympians, but in Service, not athletics.

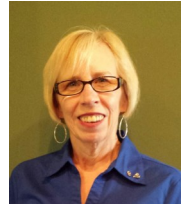
I plan to be busier in the next few months as I will be scheduling more club visits. I do look forward to visiting all the clubs and hearing about all that you do to serve your communities.

And I also have Centennial patches for all clubs who have reported Centennial activities and / or completed a legacy project. If you have not worked on your Centennial activities, please consider appointing a 'centennial chairman' to spear head this effort.

The next District Meeting will be on October 16<sup>th</sup> in La Porte. Please see the flier in the Newsletter.

Yours in Lionism

***Lion Patty Cooke, District Governor***



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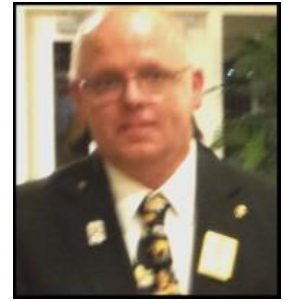
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*Message from PDG Dennis Brown, 2nd VDG:*

**Well our Lions year is off and running. All the projects we normally do and hopefully some new ones. With the start of each school year, clubs will be starting to hand out dictionaries. If this is not one of your projects, maybe it should be. It's very rewarding. Try something new you just might like it. It's a Win-Win.**



**I am the LCIF Chairman for the District. If any club would like a program put on, give me a call.**

**We all signed up for a role this Lions Club year. Let's do our part to the best of our abilities and remember our Motto: "WE SERVE"**

***PDG Dennis Brown, 2nd VDG***

## ***Monthly Membership and Service Activity Reports***

### ***Club Secretaries***

All Lions and Leo clubs are asked to report any membership changes on a monthly basis using the Monthly Membership Report (MMR). Even when there are no changes in membership, clubs should report "No changes for the Month." Monthly reporting ensures accurate statement billing, magazine and miscellaneous mailings, award(s) criteria and other benefits. The Service Activity Report (SAR) provides an important means to measure the worldwide impact of Lions and Leos humanitarian service as well as provide clubs with a variety of tools to monitor their service. When no service activities are performed for a given month, it is not necessary to record any service activity information for that month, however, if you file your MMR, that can be added as an Administrative Club Activity, so there is no reason not to file your SAR. These reports are due at LCI by the last day of each month and can be accessed on the Lionsclubs.org website through the MyLCI tab. District A's goal is to have 100% monthly filing of MMR's and 90% monthly filing of the SAR. If anyone needs help completing these tasks please reach out to a member of your leadership team.

## ***LaPorte HS Band in Centennial Parade***

**The LaPorte High School "Slicers" marching band will be marching in the Lions International Convention Parade in Chicago next year at the Centennial celebration..  
Congratulations Slicers!**



## Lions District 25A

### 2nd District Meeting

**Sunday October 16th, 2016 at 1:00 pm CST**

Hosted by the Westville Lions

**Agape Christian Church  
1601 I Street  
LaPorte, IN 46350**

**\$12.00**

Please RSVP by October 10, 2016.

Enclose a check made out to District 25A Lions

Mail to: District Secretary Angie Schmeltz  
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Any questions call Angie at 219-374-9714

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



**MD 25 LIONS**

**Where There's a Need, There's a Lion**

## 28th Annual Indiana Lions Conference

**Saturday, November 5th, 2016**

### Guest Speaker - Deb Robarge, RN

Special Needs Award Winning Nurse \* Indiana School for the Deaf



**Location ~** Plainfield High School, 1 Red Pride Dr., Plainfield In

#### Hotel Information

**Baymont Inn and Suites**  
6010 Gateway Drive, Plainfield In

**317-837-9000-Must Call this #**  
**DO NOT** call the 800 number

Reservations can be made now!  
Just Mention-Indiana Lions

**Rate: \$65 per night**-includes breakfast

**Friday Night Dinner & Entertainment \$15**

**~Come Enjoy ~**

**Professional Comedian-Jeff McDonald**

**Talented Class Act...Funny...Engaging...Entertaining!**

**Come join the fellowship and fun , see old friends and make new ones!**

#### • Cash Prize Drawing for 1st Timers & Sponsor

#### • Silent Auction

#### • Project and Vendor Booths

#### • New and Popular Seminars

100th LCI Convention \* Vision Screening  
Club Secretary & Treasurer \* Operation Kidsight  
Exploring LCI Website \* Club Twinning & Japan  
Sound of Hearing \* Centennial Celebration  
Leadership in Action \* Build a Club Website  
Prevent Scams & Frauds \* State Tax Guidelines  
LCI Legal Division \* Member Orientation  
LCIF \* Women Family & Tea \* Tail Twisting  
Achieving Club Excellence  
Basics of Bladder Cancer

**Saturday Morning** a Variety of Pastries,  
Fruit, Coffee, etc. will be available.

**Saturday Lunch-** Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Salad, Vegetables, Rolls  
Cookies, Brownies & Drinks

#### Early Bird Registration BY SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2016

Lions , Lioness, Partner-in Service-\$30  
Leos \$15

#### Pre-Registration Deadline October 15, 2016

Lions, Lioness, Partner-in Service-\$35  
Leos \$15

#### On Site Registration \$40

Registration forms available in  
The August issue of the Hoosier Lion or on the  
state website. [www.indianalions.org](http://www.indianalions.org)

Registration price includes the 2016 Commemorative  
Souvenir Conference Pin, Proceedings CD and the  
Saturday Buffet Lunch



## **We welcome these new members:**

<b><u>Club Name</u></b>	<b><u>New Member</u></b>
<b>East Chicago Evening</b>	<b>Paul Aguilera</b>
<b>LaPorte Maple City</b>	<b>Robert Stone</b>
<b>Munster</b>	<b>Tom Brown</b>
<b>Munster</b>	<b>Joe Soucie</b>
<b>Munster</b>	<b>Jonathon Peterson</b>
<b>Schererville Central</b>	<b>Linda Barberia</b>
<b>South Haven</b>	<b>Jason Kegebein</b>
<b>Star City</b>	<b>John Wheeler</b>
<b>Wanatah</b>	<b>Kathy Grott</b>

## **Those who have completed their service:**

<b>LaPorte Maple City</b>	<b>James Fanselow, Sr.</b>
<b>Merrillville</b>	<b>Vernon Schweitzer</b>



# BRIAN'S TRIKE RACE APPLICATION

## October 2, 2016



**ENTRY DEADLINE** (postmarked) = Sept. 19<sup>th</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**

Students and Leos' minimal age must be 14 years by race day.

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Captain's Name, Phone #, & Email \_\_\_\_\_

Team category that best describes 4 team members: (circle) Lions Students Adults Leos Mixed Ages

List (print):	Name	Phone #	Lion? Y/N	T-Shirt Size
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Alternate: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* 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](mailto: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.



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.

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 credit for doing a service activity.

Trike Race T-shirts will be given to



## Winamac Lions Club



Lion John (Jack) Goble was presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship during District Governor Patty's official visit to their club. From left: PDG Kevin Roe, Lion Jack, and DG Patty. Lion Jack has been a member of the Winamac Lions since April, 1989. He has served in most club projects and fundraisers. He is a respected historian on almost any subject, especially tractors and farm equipment. The meeting was held at the home of Club President Gordon Dibbern. Governor Patty also installed the officers during her visit.

## Hobart Lions Club



Hobart Lions President Joe Larson is making a donation of \$2,000 to Hobart EMS Fireman Malone to help pay for equipment for "Project Life Saver". Lion Treasurer Sally Davis looks on. The equipment is to help locate people who went missing in the area, who have on a special bracelet.





August 28, 2016

Region 2 will be conducting our zone meetings together again this year. I, Lion Clarence Davis am the zone chair for zone 2B. Lion Tom Hendrix is the zone chair for zone 2A.

Our first Zone meeting will be held *Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>* at the **Maxim's Restaurant**, located at 7205 Broadway in Merrillville. Our hosts for the evening will be the **Merrillville Lions Club**.

Social hour will begin at **6:00PM**, followed by **6:30PM** dinner. You will order off the menu.

Our speaker that night will be Crown Point Fire Rescue Division Chief, Mike Parks. The topic for the evening will be Project Lifesaver. It is the first pioneer program to apply tracking technology for the search and rescue of individuals with cognitive disorders.

**Just as a reminder to each club, please have a written report of your activities ready to be turned in at this meeting.**

These meetings are not just for the officers but for all our Lions who wish to attend. Please encourage your members to come and bring with them a guest to learn more about Lionism.

Please RSVP to my phone number below by **Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** for the final count.

Yours in Lionism,

*Lion Clarence Davis  
Zone 2B Chairperson  
219-942-4433*



Need a speaker for your club or zone meetings ? Your Trustees are ready to talk about the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Contact one or all of us and schedule a visit to learn about this state project.

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## Zone 3-A Meeting

**Zone 3A will meet on Thursday, September 8th at 6:00 PM at Memo's Restaurant, 1714E US Highway 20, Michigan City. Dinner may be purchased off the menu. Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, and all Lions members are encouraged to join us. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and a chance for others to hear what each club is doing in their communities. Please have club reports ready to share with Lions. Meeting is being hosted by the Michiana Lions Club.**

**Zone Chairman Brian Pagels**

## Zone 1B Upcoming Activities

**Lion Greg Fabian, ZC**

**Crown Point—**Fall Bingo, Sept. 22nd, at St. Elijah Hall, 8700 Taft St., Merrillville

**Lake Of the Four Seasons—**White Cane on Sept. 10th; Dictionary Project in September

**Lowell—**Sept 3rd: "Car Cruise"-Selling hot dogs, brats, and pop.

**Schererville Central—**Sept 10—Candy Day; Sept 11- "First Ladies Health Day" adult vision screening; Oct. 1— Kids Sight at Town Safety Village open house.; Oct 7— Pork Chop Dinner

**St. John—**Oct.: Children's Eye Screening at St. John Fire Dept. Open House & hand out candy and glow necklaces @ St. John Haunted House

## **Door Village Lions Club**

Door Village Lions distributed dictionaries to third graders for the sixth consecutive year. Lions Tom and Irene Konieczny along with charter members Lion George Morley and Lion Gene Flickinger and a rookie Lion Karen Swanson distributed the books to Kingsford Heights, Riley and Kingsbury grade schools

It was a good feeling to get the dictionaries out to the students by the second week of school. A series of questions were asked by Lion Tom after distributing the books. Such as what is a dictionary? What is Braille, Sign Language, Roman Numerals and the longest word? All that and more can be found in the dictionary.

Lion George talked about why Lions do Candy Day. The Spring donations from Candy Day are donated to the Salvation Army for the food bank, and the Fall Candy Day donation is divided between the three schools Door Village Lions watch over, to help with school supplies instead of teachers pitching in their money for things.

Lion Karen covered the program KidsSight which screens children as young as 6 months to school age to check their eyes. She mentioned about Lion boxes with the emblem on the box that can be found in front of Krogers, on street corners, and doctor offices to collect old glasses. Lion Karen proceeded to talk about the use of old glasses that can be refurbished and used in Mexico and South America. Door Village had three members that made the trip to Mexico this past year, staying up to two weeks to help fit the glasses.

Lion Irene talked briefly about all the other programs Lions work on, such as: Parks, School for the Blind, Speech and Hearing, Cancer Control, Leader Dog, Eye Bank, Care and Helping Hands, Diabetes Awareness, and the Salvation Army.

She invited all to consider becoming a Leo while in high school. She mentioned upcoming events such as the Sunflower Fair and the Door Village Festival where the food wagon will be selling hot dog, hamburger and delicious fries. All the projects are funded through the profits made from the food wagon.

We hope the students take the time to talk to us when they see us at the festival, just to tell us what they learned from their dictionaries.

## **Door Village Lions 40th Anniversary**

*Door Village will celebrate its 40th Anniversary on November 12th at 6 PM at Pine Grove, 4293 N. US Hwy 35, LaPorte. A night for dinner and dancing. More details to follow. E-mail DoorVillageLionsClubIN@hotmail.com.*

## **Chesterton Lions Club Steak Fry**



DG Patty joins Chesterton Lions at their Steak Fry on Aug. 23rd for her Official Visit. Lions Barbara Wilson and Vince Kisala grill up a batch of delicious steaks. Governor Patty got a Lions mug from President Laura Layman.

## *Cedar Lake Lions Club Start New Project*

When the Cedar Lake Lions Club member, Angie Schmeltz, was asked to teach sewing to the children at the Cedar Lake Boys and Girls Club she went straight to her Lions Club and asked for their help. The Cedar Lake Lions Club agreed that this was an important skill for all children to learn. The Cedar Lake Lions Club are helping to fund the project by providing money for Lion Angie to purchase materials needed for the classes. Lion Angie went to yard sales and rummage sales to find sewing machines for the children to learn how to operate and maintain a sewing machine. She asked for donations on social media to help with finding machines and supplies.

Lion Angie started out with 6 sewing machines and a box of material to teach her first set of classes at the Boys and Girls Club this past summer. The classes were free of charge to the children. Twenty children signed up for the classes, including 1 boy. We made an initial pillow and each child picked out their own fabric. They learned how to lay out a pattern and pin and cut it out. Each child was able to use the sewing machine the children had a great time and were very proud of their project. They can't wait until the fall to start the next project.



Cedar Lake Boys and Girls Club Director, Ryan Elinkowski, asked if Lion Angie would continue the classes through the year. Lion Angie agreed to continue classes since the children enjoyed it so much. Lion Angie welcomes anyone who wants to help with donations of machines, materials, notions, etc. If you would like to donate, contact her at [emschmeltz@yahoo.com](mailto:emschmeltz@yahoo.com). A special Thank-you to Lion Nick Xinopoulos, from the Brownsburg Lions Club, who fixed many of the sewing machines for free.

## *Acuity Testing Help & Equipment Needed*

Lion Angie Schmeltz has a request for Acuity Testing on October 3rd & 4th at the Hanover Jr. High School in Cedar Lake. Testing will be done from 9 AM to 2 PM. If anyone can help, call Lion Angie at 374 -9714. If anyone has the equipment for testing and can loan it to Angie, please let her know also.

### *DG Patty Cooke at District 25G's Banner Night*



**From Left: Council Chair Vic Fischer; DG Alan Arnold of 25B; DG Patty; DG Peg VanNevel, of 25G; and DG Ross Drapalik of 25C.**



### **From The Desk of the Cabinet Treasurer**

#### **STATE AND DISTRICT DUES IS DUE NOW**

Dues letters were sent out in July and due 30 days after receiving notice. The majority of Clubs have paid their dues.

If your Club has not paid their dues, please send your dues immediately.

The District and State depend on your dues to be able to perform their duties.

#### **HOW TO SEND YOUR PROJECT DONATIONS TO DISTRICT TREASURER**

Your Club Treasurer should make out a check payable to the project not the District. If sending more than one donation for projects, you must send a separate check for each project. This will help with the correct amount getting to the project. A check not made out to the project will be returned to the Club.

Thank you for your help,

Lion CT Chuck De Las Casas



## Calendar

September 3	District 25D Banner Night
September 10	District 25B Banner, New Haven, In
September 10	Cruise Night on Mill St., Lowell, In
September 15 – 17	USA Canada Forum in Omaha, NE
September 19	Wanatah OV
September 20	Visit from President Corlew at Westville, IN
September 22	Crown Point Lions Bingo
September 23 - 25	Scarecrow Festival in Wanatah, IN
September 25	District 25C Banner Night, Martinsville, IN
September 26	Hammond OV
October 2	Westville Pumpkin Festival
	Afternoon bingo with the Lions
October 2	Brian's Trike Race at ISBVI – Indianapolis
October 2	Westville Pumpkin Festival
	Morning pancake breakfast / afternoon bingo with the Lions
October 7	Schererville Central Lions Octoberfest
October 12	LOFS Lions Charter Night
October 16	District Meeting at LaPorte, IN
October 19	Monterey OV
October 22	Council Meeting in Indianapolis, IN
October 24	Reenactment of Lions Charter Signing with President Corlew
	State House in Indianapolis, IN
October 25	Lowell OV

**There is definitely room in the calendar for more official visits! Please check you club calendars and contact Lion DG Patty! And Zone Chairs will be scheduling their meetings. Please make sure the dates are added to the Newsletter.**