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DISTRICT GOVERNOR COLUMN

Buzz From B(ee)

Hello December and Lions of 25 B(ee),

As I travel around and visit our district Lions, I'm amazed by the great service we're doing. I know I haven't visited all of you yet, but I'm working on getting to your club

soon. We're getting ready to start our 6th month of the Lions year and our clubs are making our mark through vision screenings, food and clothing drives, fundraising and donations to community projects, ultimately making a difference in our communities and beyond.

I'd like to tell you a happy membership growth story this month but I can't. While we've added some new Lions this year, we're still down from where we were at the start of the year. Our goal hasn't changed, we need to add 135 Lions this year, or 3 new Lions per club from this point on. I know if we make a plan and take action it can be done. Why should we do it? We need to grow so we can provide more service in our communities.

25B has been shrinking for several years while the need is growing. Our communities are supporting countless individuals and families, and our Lions family can help them and change their lives. We've been blessed with the ability and desire to serve, and there are a lot more potential Lions out there that have that same desire. I know that most of us are planning to provide for children and families in our community this month, why not invite a friend to come along on a charitable activity with you. Many Lions are made at this time of the year when they see the impact we have on families during the holiday season. Whether we're helping families with meals or gifts, or helping communities celebrate the season with small services, it's a great opportunity to share the joy of being a Lion with a

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potential Lion. Just a quick update on the numbers, today, 25B is holding at 975 Lions. If we add another 135 we'd be at 1110 Lions in our district at the end of the year (before end of the year losses) which would put us in a very good position to grow this year. I know we can do it, it may seem like a stretch, but it is attainable.

LIONS, the best kept secret –

We need to share our stories of how Lions are making a difference in our communities, around the state and world.

I was at a club visit the other night and one of the Lions said I sounded like Dale Carnegie, the author of *How to Win Friends and Influence People*. He's right. We are in the business of influencing people. How do we do that? We talk and LISTEN. When we listen, we learn. We were created with 2 ears and one mouth and need to figure out where people's passions are and relate those to what we're doing as Lions. In other words, find their "Why" and share how Lions are working in areas they care about. If we talk to people and ask a few questions, then LISTEN, we'll be ready to tell our stories at the appropriate moment and ask them to join us in service. I know this technique works, but don't take my word for it, give it a try and be surprised by the results.

How do I know what Lions are doing? It's a great question. I have to tell you, it's a great day to be alive. We have so much information available to us that I can't list it all, but here are a few suggestions: Use the internet. Your phone, computer or local library has the ability to access the internet and see what is happening in our district and around the world. YouTube videos can be found by following this link <https://www.youtube.com/@lionsclubs> Facebook information can be found on Lions Global Forum or District 25B Facebook pages. Read your District newsletter, Hoosier Lion and Lions Magazines. These sources are full of what clubs are doing in the district, state, and internationally. In addition to reading these publications, please submit YOUR stories so we can all benefit from the

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knowledge of how you're Making Your Mark. When you finish with these publications re-purpose them by sharing them with someone you've been talking to about becoming a Lion.

Attend Lion Conferences, Conventions and Training. We have numerous opportunities to network, learn and grow. District, State and International conventions, Lions Forums, Regional Leadership training, and Online conferences. This year we have a couple unique opportunities. 1st, the State Convention is in our own back yard, and the International Convention has been moved from Mexico City to Orlando, FL. These are great opportunities to shorten the distance and reduce the time and expense of participation. This year, consider attending one or both events. Also, please put the District Convention in Huntington on your calendar for 3/1/2025.

Report service. When we report service, we're also sharing the service we're doing with Lions and potential Lions. We don't have to come up with every great idea, just see what works and adapt that to our situation.

I know this article has been long and appreciate you reading until the end. Thank you for serving as Lions. As you go out this season serving your communities, know that I appreciate all you're doing as Lions, but not nearly as much as those whose lives you're impacting.

We Serve!

DG Jim Bush

UPCOMING DATES

I am available for club visits in December through February. I know the weather may turn on us, but please go ahead and make your request, we can reschedule if necessary. **Please send requests to 25B.DG.2425@gmail.com**

December 2024 – Available for visits

January 2025 – Available for visits 9-13 Unavailable

February 2025 – Available for visits

Thank you,

DG Jim

FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S PAGE

Happy Holidays,

This time of year seems to roll around faster and faster every year. I guess that's a sign that I'm getting older. So, if that's the case I'm going to take some time and count my blessings. In our society I don't think we take time to think about all the blessings that we have in our life. We just take them for granted and assume that they will always be there. What a rude awakening if one day we woke up and they would all be gone. We have so many things in our lives, but what about all of the really important people in our lives? Maybe it's time to let the loved ones in your life know how much they are loved and how important they are to you. We aren't mind readers and it's really nice to know that you are loved. Give them an extra special hug. That's always nice.

Take time to enjoy your family this holiday season even if they drive you crazy. Remember to be thankful for every moment you have with your family. You don't know what lies ahead. Be thankful that you have a family. Be thankful for the wonderful food you will have to eat and if you are on a diet take smaller helpings. It's okay, you can workout and eat less the next day. Count your blessings!

This past year the ladies that I graduated from high school with have been getting together for lunch every month and we've hugged each other and told each other that we love each other. I've thought to myself, we never did that in high school. How sad is that.

So, take some time to count your many blessings, name them one by one!

Enjoy the Holidays!

1st VDG Pam Arnold



LCIF UPDATES

Hello Lions,

Just a quick note about LCIF. For those of you that I've visited or have come to the cabinet meeting, this will be old news, but for some of you it may be new. Our Lions and Clubs have been generous to LCIF so far this year, and I want to say thank you for supporting OUR Foundation. The reporting lags behind, but I can tell you the reports we're getting put us ahead of our giving at this point last year. If the trend continues, we'll beat last year's number and hit our 2024-2025 goal. Your contributions to LCIF continue to make a difference in our district and all over the world.

Speaking of making a difference, with the recent hurricanes, District 25B has been leading the way in the relief effort. The Auburn and Stroh Lions clubs have organized collection and transportation efforts to get needed supplies to the affected areas. I'm not even sure how many shipments have been made, but I know it started almost immediately after the disaster struck. Way to pitch in Lions! Following the same instincts, several Clubs have donated funds to LCIF for disaster relief. Thank you for caring and making a difference!

From LCIF, the latest information is that your donations have helped fund \$365,000 of LCIF emergency relief and recovery grants so far. I'm sure that there are more grants coming, but can't speak to anything until they're approved. With the amount of destruction, I know this will be a concern well into the future. Giving Tuesday is December 3rd 2024. If you're holding off on donating to LCIF, this could be a good day to act and Make your Mark with an LCIF donation.

Additional opportunities to participate in LCIF giving are coming soon. We have a board started to draw for a Melvin Jones Fellowship for a \$10 donation, and soon we'll have I Love LCIF pins available for a \$10 LCIF donation.

Our district goal is to have 100% club LCIF participation and an increase in individual LCIF donations this year. Please consider making

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an individual contribution to LCIF today. If you're already making a donation, please think about leveling up.

Thank you,

Jim Bush

LCIF Co-Chair



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

FROM THE IT CHAIR

Over the past few weeks, a number of issues have been raised. One of those issues is the posting of information on social media that is for use internal to Lions. Remember, before you post any document or report on social media, that goes out to the world and not just to Lions. Please, if there is a need to inform clubs or specific lions what is in reports, e-mail it or send it in the mail.

Another issue that has arisen is the posting of personal information and political items on the various social media sites. Each social media site should have an administrator to review any post to your site and make sure it conforms to LCI's guidelines. Also, watch that we do not violate the privacy act.

Now for the bigger concern. Club secretaries and presidents, it is imperative that you ensure that every member of your club has a good e-mail address in LCI. You ask why is this important. Many are not getting the Hoosier Lion, information on happenings within the district, the district newsletter or information from LCI.

Also, secretaries need to be putting in the club's activities each month, so we know they are still active. Also, secretaries this is something you agreed to do when you accepted the position. If you are having difficulties with accessing the Portal or not sure what to report, please contact the district IT or Administrator for assistance.

PDG Roger Cash, IT Chair

NEWS FROM THE GMT

Let us start with some good news. Some of the clubs are bringing in new members and we have a new Branch club in Warren. However, as I look at the cumulative report, I see we have dropped more than we brought in.

Are we talking to those who are leaving and finding out why they are leaving? Are we looking at the communities we serve and adjusting our service to its needs? Or have we just lost the Lion Spirit?

We have many resources to help clubs maintain their membership and to gain new members. LCI has many brochures that let people know about Lions. Also, the local papers will publish press releases you send them. If you want, we have the capability of customizing these brochures to fit your club and your community.

Remember, we are here to help you in any way you need.

PDG Roger Cash,
District GMT



IN MEMORY OF LION JERRY WOODWORTH

Jerry Woodworth, age 84, of Topeka, IN passed away on Saturday, November 9, 2024 at home as the result of natural causes. He was born on March 17, 1940 to Lloyd & Helen (Fought) Woodworth in Kendallville. On November 15, 1963 he married Carol Ann Colby. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Carol Ann Woodworth; and a sister, Joella Hunter.

A private graveside service was held at Maple Grove Cemetery where Jerry was laid to rest and military honors was rendered. Pastor Harold Gingerich officiated.

Editor's Note: Lions Jerry and Ann Woodworth from the Topeka Club were very active prior to Lion Ann's passing from cancer. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.



Working for a
Sound Quality of Life

Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc. Annual Holiday Luncheon

You are invited to attend! The Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc. Board of Trustees will have our annual holiday luncheon on Sunday, December 15, 2024, at the Indiana School for the Deaf Brown cafeteria, 1200 East 42nd Street, Indianapolis, across from the State Fair Grounds. Activities will begin at 12:30 p.m. Plan to arrive early to check in at the registration table and visit with friends. The cost per person is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

Our special guests will be the deaf high school students, your donations helped sponsor, who attended the Deaf Youth Leadership Camp for four weeks in Stayton, Oregon last summer. As a highlight of the luncheon program, the students will report on their experiences while attending the Leadership Camp.

Also attending will be staff members of the Indiana School for the Deaf, staff members from the Riley Children's Hospital Audiology & Speech Department, and Riley Children's Foundation. Faculty representatives from our four state universities as well as scholarship recipients will be in attendance.

In support of your project, the Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing trustees hope you will join us for this inspiring occasion. We encourage you to bring other Lions and friends to experience the excellent work we do in fulfilling our motto "We Serve." Please complete the form below and return it with your check to arrive at the address shown below no later than December 7, 2024. Thank you for your support.

We will be having a silent auction, if you have an item you would like to donate, please bring with you on December 15th.

Please reserve _____ dinners at \$25.00 each. (Children under 4 no charge)

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Make check payable to Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc.

Name Title District _____

Club _____

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MONROEVILLE LIONS CLUB

The Monroeville Lions Club opened their November meeting with honoring the Club's



Armed Forces veterans: Bob Johanns, Jerome Kill, Harold Jones, Jeremiah Kill, and Max Clem, who was unable to attend. A Certificate of Appreciation



for their service to our Country and to the Lions Club was presented. We thank all veterans for your service. Jeremiah Kill led the group in the Pledge of the Allegiance. Veteran Har-

old Jones said prayer and Country 'tis of Thee".

Kelly Brotherton, a spokesperson for "Clothes for Joe", a non-profit that supports North East Indiana veterans, shared ways Lions can SERVE veterans through their organization. "Clothes for Joe" collects and distributes clothing and essential items to veterans in need.



The Monroeville Lions are collecting items to bring to the December meeting as their Christmas service project. Refreshments with patriotic decorations were served.

The evening was topped off as the Lions voted to donate \$2,000 to Honor Flight of NE Indiana! (Profits from the recent pulled pork dinner.)

Lion Jim and Peggy Bush off to see the wizard at Roanoke Trunk or Treat



Lion Peggy demonstrates Sewing Task to HU Students at the sewing barn



Huntington University Students Serving and Celebrating at the sewing barn.





DISTRICT B AND DG JIM'S CALENDAR DECEMBER 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Zoom meeting Lions AI in- troduction see District 25B FB for details	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Council Christmas Party
15 Speech and Hearing Luncheon	16 Roanoke Li- ons Club	17	18	19	20 	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Years Eve 	Hamilton Li- ons Club Polar Bear Plunge 2 P.M. 			

HAMILTON LIONS CLUB

Late September through October Hamilton Lions were busy with school eye testing at Hamilton, DeKalb Middle School, DeKalb Eastern, MSD Angola, Garrett Schools, Prairie Heights, and Fremont Schools in coordination with other area Lions Clubs. A big Lions Roar to all those who helped with this!



In October former Hamilton Lions members Mark and Frances Gould were guest speakers at our general meeting and shared photos of family and travel.

November 14 we will finally get back to having Bingo at Laurels Nursing Home in Butler with the residents and sharing ice cream and fellowship and no doubt some laughter!

Planning is in process for the November 30 Horse Drawn Parade and this year we are doing crafts with children in advance of the parade at Hamilton's first Nutcracker Village event.

ZANESVILLE LIONS CLUB



Mike Okuly performed an induction ceremony for our 3 new members at our November 18 general meeting. The new members left to right are Ashley Ward, Corey Robbins, and Brittany Rauch. The Membership chair second from the left and sponsor of all three is Cheryl Tracey.

HOWE LIONS CLUB

The Howe Lions Club met at the Howe Methodist Church for dinner on Wednesday, November 20 and to host their District Governor Jim Bush of Huntington, IN. Lions Pat Davis and Jim Parker were on the committee.



Governor Bush honored Lion Jim Parker for his 60 years in the Howe Lions. Pictured is Bush on the left and Lion Parker



The Howe Lions Club met Friday morning **November 22, 2024** to put overhead lights across the streets plus garland on the street lights. They had help from many of the local town people plus the REMC Electric Co



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