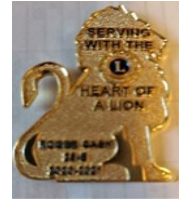


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## MUSINGS OF THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Here we are the first part of February and things are changing daily. It has been a year to forget. With the negative news always popping up around us many have basically gone into self-isolation. This has meant several clubs have stopped meeting and that the service they provided to their communities has stopped. This is not what Lions is about. We are about showing our best face when the world around us needs help. For over a hundred years Lions have been there to serve.

As we now move forward, we have some very exciting things happening in the future. We are planning for our 66<sup>th</sup> District Convention to happen on March 13, 2021 in Huntington. There is a flyer in this month's newsletter for you to register. There will be plenty of spay to social distance and to observe any other requirements by the health department. This will be a time to show the world that we are Lions and that we are here and ready to face any challenge put before us. Along the lines of the convention, we will not be holding an all-district dinner on Friday March 12<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, because of the fluctuating requirements by the health department there is no restaurant that was willing to host us.

Along the lines of the District Convention, there are a number of positions open in the District for the 2021-2022 Lion year. If you would like to stand for election as one of the state project directors or for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, you need to have your letter of intent to run and club indorsement to DG Roger Cash no later than February 12<sup>th</sup>. Also, if you are willing to fill one of the District's committee chairs, please let 1VDG Jerry Zeigler know. A reminder to clubs that you need to have your PU101 for your 2021-22 officers

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reported to LCI no later than May 28<sup>th</sup>. This means having your elections done by early May.

A note to the clubs who are holding fund raisers or doing service projects. If you will send me flyers beforehand and pictures afterwards, I will endeavor to get them posted on the District's web site.

As we look forward to the 2021-22 Lion year each club need to look at a couple of items. One is their goals in membership, service and fund raisers for the coming year. Another is a club budget that shows where the project money is going and where you expect to raise it. A club, just like a business, need to have a vision to know where it is headed. Remember, in setting your goals and budget it doesn't hurt to set them high for they need to challenge you to grow.

*DG Roger Cash*

### DISTRICT CONVENTION ELECTIONS

Election of trustees for state projects and election of district officers will take place at the District Convention on March 13. We need candidates for the following positions.

- Cancer Control – 2 openings
- Vision First – 1 opening
- Leader Dog – 1 opening
- Speech and Hearing – 1 opening
- School for the Blind – 2 openings
- IN Lions Foundation – 1 opening
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor – 1 opening

If you are interested, please have your club send a letter on nomination to DG Roger Cash by February 12. This letter needs to be signed by the club president. You will then be added to the ballot.

*Submitted by  
PDG Alan Arnold*



**We Serve**

## LAND OF LAKES LIONS CLUB EYEGGLASS RECYCLING

PDG Jim Wyatt announced that the recycling night has been canceled for March. It may be scheduled for later or next year. For more information please contact Lion Jim at 260-316-1777.



## INDIANA STATE FAIR

As of now, the State Fair is a go for this year. We will plan on taking a van load of people to work at least one if not two days during the fair.

Watch future newsletters for more information.



*Submitted by PDG Alan Arnold*

## TRI-LAKES LIONS FISH & TENDERLOIN DRIVE THRU ONLY

February 20, 2021  
2935 E. Colony Ave. Columbia City, IN  
4-7 p.m. or sold out  
Choice: Just Meat or Meal  
\$10 each





**DISTRICT 25B  
ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST**

The 2020-2021 Environmental Photo Contest is open to all Lions and Leos in District 25B.

There will be four divisions: Wildlife 18 & under, Wildlife 19 & older, Scenery 18 & under, and Scenery 19 & older.

All photos depicting a natural theme (such as plants, animals, urban or natural landscape, weather phenomenon, etc.) are welcome.

Photos must be original and unaltered.

Photos must be taken within the state the Lions or Leos serve.

Photos must be on high-quality photo paper and measure 8" x 10" (20.3 cm x 25.4 cm)

Photos need to be submitted with entry form on next page.

Photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing photos.

Contest photos become the property of the 25B Environmental Committee. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.

The photos will be displayed at the District Convention in March where the winners will be announced.

Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Place in each category: \$25 gift card

If you have a question please contact PDG Alan Arnold at 260-216-1101 or email [pamalarn@myfibersolution.com](mailto:pamalarn@myfibersolution.com).



**25B LIONS  
ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO  
CONTEST  
REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Age Category:

\_\_\_\_\_ 18 & under \_\_\_\_\_ 19 & older

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Photo Category

\_\_\_\_\_ Wildlife

\_\_\_\_\_ Scenery

Send completed registration form and photo to:

DG Alan Arnold

595 E. State Rd. 124

Monroe, IN 46772

Please address questions to DG Alan Arnold at 260-216-1101 or [pamalarn@myfibersolution.com](mailto:pamalarn@myfibersolution.com).

**PHOTOS MUST BE POSTMARKED  
BY MARCH 8, 2021.**



## How To Lose A Perfectly Good Lion Member

"Not another one!" a Board member complains when yet another resignation letter is received and presented for action. "This is the fourth one already this year!"

Sound familiar? Unfortunately, it is all too familiar in many clubs, that sinking feeling that another good Lion has decided not to stay in the club. Sure, there are perfectly good reasons why Lions leave: moving away, illnesses, job changes, even death, for instance. But sometimes we don't do much to help entice members to remain. We even encourage them to leave. The 2011 Lions Clubs International Study done by the IU Center on

Philanthropy found that the main reason people join a Lions Club is to make a difference in their local community (93% of men, 89% of women). Unfortunately, we don't always help maintain their motivation, and members leave. How are we encouraging Lions to leave?

1 . Conduct unproductive meetings. How often do we sit around and hash out obvious answers without coming to a conclusion, or appoint another committee? Lions leave the meeting feeling that nothing was accomplished, or that the two most powerful people in the club were competing again.

Underutilize the skills and interests of club members. A new Lion may join due to promises that the Club would follow up with his ideas, and nothing ever happens. Or worse, simply resisting the contributions or ideas of new members. Watch the YouTube video of a Lions Club pancake breakfast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6jJiaeuE-> . Recognize your own club there?

Create an atmosphere of club politics. Pressing the Lion to join one of the factions in the club if they want to get anywhere with their ideas. If you aren't for me, you are against me. Sit on my side of the room. Don't talk to those people.

Don't provide any more information than necessary. Board members may need to know, but

"ordinary" members don't need to know the details of what's happening in the club or district. They aren't part of the privileged few. Don't spend the money earned by sales efforts.

Create lots of rules for club members to follow. This allows tradition to rule, even though younger Lions may not be interested in tradition yet. And it gives lots of opportunities for Tail Twisters to fine unsuspecting members,

Keep with "the way we always do it." New members can't be trusted to make good pancake batter or sell tickets, but they can wash tables and dishes. Don't allow new members to take over jobs from older or infirm members. Make them observers while they gain seniority.

Allow Tail Twisters to get too personal or vicious. Tail Twisting should be fun, not punitive, offensive, or allowed to fine for personal infirmities. Keep it light, informative, and good for laughs.

Provide criticism instead of constructive feedback. It's always easier to be critical than grateful or constructive. But if you continually undercut or criticize the efforts of Lions members, why would they want to stay?

I can think of even more reasons and examples, and I know you can as well. Instead of business as usual, let's concentrate on keeping Lions rather than allowing them to exit from the back door almost as fast as they enter the front door. Let me know what's working for you.

Have a great holiday season.

PCC David Eisen

Global Leadership Team



## INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING: LIONS IN GERMANY

There are 52,000 Lions members in Germany in 1,500 Clubs. German Lions are in Multiple District 111 that has 19 individual districts. The first Lions Club in Germany was in Dusseldorf. In MD 111-Germany there are five committees: for statutes and organization, long-term planning, finance, information technology, and for communication/magazine "LION". They each have their own rules of procedure and usually meet two or three times a year. They support the Governor's Council by processing orders or by means of their own proposals. Since 2016, the Multi-District Assembly of the German Lions Clubs has been held as part of a congress.

The Congress of the German Lions (KDL) wants to be an attractive and informative conference, where the Lions can deal with current social issues, learn about projects and offers in the multi-district 111-Germany and exchange ideas with other Lions about the Lions organization worldwide and club activities. Public meetings and workshops and discussions illuminate the framework theme from different sides and provide impulses for the daily club work.

Lions Club projects and fundraisers are very similar to those here in the US, such as Rose festivals, golf tournaments, coronavirus support, supporting local police, elder care, selling advent calendars, and playgrounds but everyone has an Oktoberfest. All district and country-wide projects are now managed through the Foundation of the German Lions. German Lions are very supportive of Lions Quest, Youth Exchange, and the Lions Youth Music Prize (an instrumental music competition throughout Europe). More information on individual club projects can be read at <https://www.lions.de/clubberichte>.

German Lions meetings are a little more formal than here in the US with men wearing suits and skirts/dresses for ladies. Most clubs have friendship banners to present to guests. German Lions and their meeting speakers are more political than what we are accustomed to. An excerpt from the MD-111 website describes German Lions flavor as:

“We stand for a liberal, social and cosmopolitan society. Free from all party political, religious and national considerations, we have always been committed to maintaining peace, understanding between peoples and promoting a good sense of citizenship. This also applies, and in particular, to the 'European project'.

We, the German Lions, see the growing renationalisation and the risk that Europe will no longer be able to take advantage of the advantages and future opportunities that have already been gained. We see European integration as a great project for the benefit of all citizens and we will support it with all our possibilities. These include increased activities of local Lions Clubs, the appointment of European representatives in the districts and cross-border cooperation with the approximately 250,000 Lions in Europe at conferences and meetings, to the strengthening of the annual European Forum, where contacts are established across Europe, issues discussed, youth exchanges and other projects agreed.”

When traveling to Germany, be sure to have your passport. No VISA is required. Once you enter a European country like The Netherlands, and go through Customs, you do not go through customs again until you leave a country of the European Union. The Euro is the currency. Be sure to visit Berlin if you have never been there to see the Checkpoint Charlie and museum, The Reichstag, the Brandenburg Gate, the remnants of the Berlin Wall, and then go to Potsdam where Truman, Churchill, and Stalin met to finish the World War II and where Truman gave the order to drop the atomic bomb. You will learn more about US involvement in WW-II history than you did in school.

*Submitted by PID Doug Lozier*



# DG ROGER AND DISTRICT B CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2021



Sun

Mon





Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6 Gat Meeting Zoom 
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 	15 	16	17	18 Harlan LC Chili Supper 	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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## Purdue University: INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM

(If any Lions Clubs are located by a College or University, you might check to see if they have a program like this, that you could get involved in.)

Lafayette Lions Club has 3 members and 1 non Lion, PDG Pat Short, PDG Charlie Short, Lion Larry Fisher and his wife Esther, busy with Purdue International Friendship Program by being hosts' to foreign students attending Purdue University. Here's what's involved. Purdue University has a program called Intercultural Learning/International Friendship Group.

No funds are provided by the Lafayette Lions Club. Students generally have their own funds. The hosts' are not there to support them financially, but are actually non official "parentis in loco" for these students...there to share our culture, and learn about theirs and also be someone they can call for assistance. The hosts' can take them places and pay for admission or meals. PDG Pat & PDG Charlie Short are currently hosting 2 new PhD students, one from India and one who is studying remotely from Moscow. They continue to host a student from Colombia, South America. It's a great program through Purdue...



Intercultural Learning-Office of International Students & Scholars. Here is the link to check it out... <https://www.purdue.edu/IPPU/ISS/Student/Programming/IFP/events.html>.