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District Governor Column

Thoughts from Your District Governor

By: DG Sandy Zeigler

After spending this afternoon and most of the evening on the article, "Official Visit to Kendallville Lions Club," I was thinking again about how PCC Jerry and I work together.

As many of you remember, IPDG/PCC Jerry Zeigler was your District Governor last year. IPDG means just that, Jerry was the Immediate Past District Governor for District 25B. I was his photographer shooting the photos during his club visits. I was also his proofreader. As you probably remember, I taught fifth grade for 36 years. I also have a minor in language arts and a minor in social studies. Social studies is basically history, geography, and political science.

When I have an official club visit, I write about that visit, and since "a picture is worth a thousand words," it helps to have great photos to compliment my story. That is where IPDG Jerry assists with my articles.

Both IPDG/PCC Jerry and I have been photographers for longer than the two of us have known each other. In case you do not know, this year we will be married for thirty years. That is a lot of photo shooting. We used to photograph a lot of weddings with both still cameras and video cameras. We were called not just photographers, but also videographers.

We now both use the same IPHONEs, which have three built in cameras. That is why we no longer need to lug around big camera bags with all kinds of cameras and different lens.

Because IPDG/PCC Jerry is not shooting video, I can not go back and replay the meeting. I

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have to look at the pictures and let them bring to my mind the story that I want to tell you regarding the highlights of a meeting.

Those articles are very different from the one you are currently reading. My characters in my story about a club visit are the members of that Lions Club that I just visited. That is why I try to include the names of the members who are in the photos. I think it makes the stories more interesting.

I would like to see more Lions Club members also submitting articles about their club happenings. What service projects are you doing and what are your fundraisers? You can send your club happenings to our "District Newsletter and Public Relations, Lion Jean Howard." Her email is: lions25bnews@gmail.com
Thank you! (And) don't forget the photos and the members' names.

P.S.
I love being your District Governor!

District Governor Sandy

OFFICIAL CLUB VISITS

By: DG Sandy

Many, many thanks to all of the clubs who have had their Official Club Visit. I have loved the opportunity of getting to meet so many GREAT LIONS! That rumor is true, District 25B is the BEST!!

If you haven't had your Official "Domino Effect" Lions Club Visit, you need to give me a call & set something up.

I think you'll be glad that you did!

1-260-403-3092

Thanks!
DG Sandy

District 25B Cabinet Meeting

WHEN: May 27, 2023
WHERE: American Legion
322 S Main Street
Kendallville, IN

We Serve

Doors will open at: 8:30 A.M.
Registration will begin immediately.
PDG Meeting at: 8:45 A.M.
Call to order will be at: 9:00 A.M.
WHO: Open to ALL Lions & guests.

All Lion Club Presidents and Secretaries ARE expected to attend.

Zone Chairs, Trustees, and Cabinet Positions are also expected to attend.

If Project Chairs have anything to share, time will be allotted for this.

If you have a report but cannot attend, please send report to: DG Sandy Zeigler
1121 Ridgewood Lane
Bluffton, IN 46714

There will be coffee, tea, lemonade and donuts for free
10:30 a.m. Coney Dogs will also be available fpr free.
Pop is available, but must pay for the pop.

Please bring a gift for a door prize!
Thanks!

There will be a 50/50 Drawing to Benefit "Leader Dogs for the Blind"

Important Dates in Our District

Bloomington, Kendallville, and Boston Dates to Remember:

May 12-13: Indiana State Convention, Bloomington. Information can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

May 27th: District Cabinet Meeting 4, Kendallville American Legion, Kendallville, IN

June 30-July 3: International Convention, Boston

Indiana Lions Foundation State Fair Project Needs a Golf Cart

If you have worked for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the Indiana State Fair in recent years, you know that our project team members use golf carts to transport volunteers around the fairgrounds. In recent years, the State Fair provided a 6passenger cart and a 4 passenger cart. This week, we were notified that the State Fair will be able to provide us with only a 6-passenger golf cart this year.

Consequently, we hope to find someone who will donate the use of a 4-passenger golf cart for our use during the Indiana State Fair. If you know an individual or organization that might be willing to donate the use of a 4-passenger golf cart or rent a cart for a nominal fee, please make the initial contact with the potential donor to confirm they are willing to work with us, then contact Lion Rose Russell (RoseWRussell@gmail.com or 574-250-0125) with the donor's contact information.

We have less than 100 days until Opening Day of the 2023 Indiana State Fair. If you have not already signed up to work, please do so today at http://IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org/.

25B Day at the State Fair

Please join us on August 2 as we travel to the Indiana State Fair to sell and scan tickets. We will work the 2:00 – 8:30 shift.

We will be leaving by van from the Kroger parking lot at the corner of Coldwater and Dupont at 10:30. We will also be stopping at McDonald's at Exit 278 about 11:15 to pick up there. Lunch will be at Culver's in Anderson.

I have reserved eight spots as of this time. More can be added if necessary. Please contact PDG Al Arnold if interested in working that day. Phone is 260-216-1101 or email at pamalarn@myfibersolution.com.

There is no cost to ride the van. You will just need money for food or any other extras. We would like as many people as possible from 25B to work that day. Feel free to drive yourself to the fair. If you want me to sign you up, just let me know. You will receive credits for a W. P. Woods Fellowship by working.

Officers Training

Here are the dates for officers training.

May 23, 2023
Huntertown at the UMC 16021 Lima Rd .
6:30 P. M.

May 25, 2023
Bluffton Library 6:00 P. M.

May 31, 2023
Pleasant Lake Fire Department 6:30 P. M.

Bippus Lions Club Celebrating 75th Anniversary

Bippus Lions
Community Building
Bippus, IN
Sunday, June 4, 2023
2:00- 4:00 PM
Open house with light refreshments.
Awards will be given out during the day.

THOUGHTS FROM FVDG TERRY MARKER

Greeting District 25 B members. Time is beginning to fly for me and maybe for you. Indiana Lions State Convention is over Mother's Day Week-end and what a convention it will be. The main hotel is booked up and they are placing people in alternative hotels in Bloomington. I know that it is a long drive, unless you are a Hoosier fan, but it would be worth the time just to hear our International President Brian Sheehan speak. He is from Bird Island Minnesota, and he is on fire for Lions. We need some of that fire in Indiana, and in District 25 B.

As I look forward to this next year I want it to be a year of growth. I can't do that on my own. I need people who are willing to serve, and sometimes that might be serving out of your comfort zone. We need to grow a lot in membership – we are still 200 members from where we should be. The last Club Health Assessment I got said we were at 1,025, down 31 members from last year. If every 5th member would bring in a new member we could make up the deficient. Can it be done? Yes, one member at a time. There are clubs out there that have become stagnant and need some new blood.

A number of years ago I took a trip to Israel. While there we went to the head waters of the Jordan River. Mt Hermon. Flowing from this Mountain was fresh spring water and runoff water from the mountain snow. Down through the Sea of Galilee and then on south in the Jordan river to the southern part of Israel where it pools into a Lake called the Dead Sea. It was dead because it did not flow anywhere from there. That is what is happening to some of our clubs. We are becoming stagnant instead of flowing into our community and making room for new people and new ideas.

We need to really work on building leaders who are willing to serve beyond the local community. I know we are not the only one with this problem. But it amazes me to look back at the lives of some of our past leaders and what they were willing to give up in order to serve their

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community, their district, their state and some the Lions International. (Notice I said Lions International. That is the new name of our organization).

Last, we need to grow in new ways of serving. Diabetes is one of the many ways we can do that. We are moving more and more into the area of childhood cancer also. Think books and Kate's Cart project. What more can we do for the environment?

As you can see growth is going to be on the front burner of my year. Growth in all ways. As you start your year in your clubs take time to dream and vision what could be possible as we all come together to serve.

Secretaries, please get the new officers entered into Lions International, so I can get our directories done with as little mistakes as possible. If the club president or secretary does not have a e-mail address, please appoint a club administrator who can receive e-mails, like the newsletter and other correspondence.

I'm still looking for a zone chair for Zones A and E. If you have been a club president and out interested please contact me. My number is 260-636-0165. Call me or text me. Or e-mail me at tmrkr@yahoo.com.

Looking forward to serving you and serving with you.

DGE Terry L. Marker

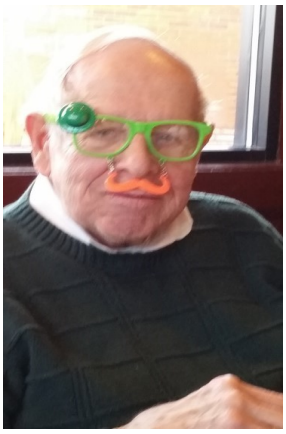
50th Anniversary Charter Celebration

Anthony Wayne Lions Club Fort Wayne, Indiana

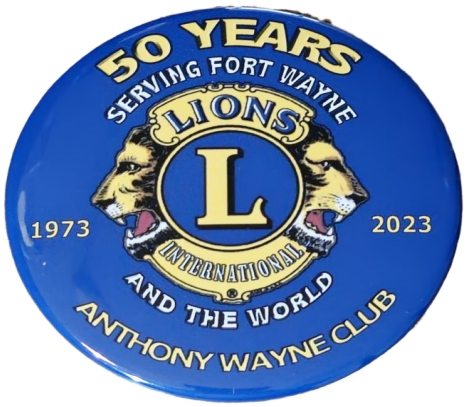
May 2, 2023 6:00 p.m. Tuesday

Join us at Salvatori's southwest, 10337 Illinois Road

Help us celebrate 50 years of service to the Fort Wayne community. Call (260) 437-5355 for reservation



A fun night with entertainment by the world famous Lion Dick Stoner!



Salvatori's
AUTHENTIC ITALIAN EATERY
OUR FAMILY SERVING YOURS

$16.00 per person

Special three course Dinner with choice of Soft Drink, Ice Tea or Coffee, including tax and gratuity.

First Course: Salad with Garlic Bread
Choice between Classic House Salad and Classic Caesar Salad with fresh Garlic Buttered Ciabatta Bread

Second Course: Main Entree
Choice between the following Entrees:

Classic Lasagna Fettuccini Alfredo* Classic Spaghetti*
Chicken Pasta Primavera* Vegetarian Pasta Primavera*

*Available Gluten Free, upon request.

Third Course: Dessert
Choice between Cheesecake and Berry Tiramisu Cake.
The Berry Tiramisu is a Salvatori's signature dessert.

ISBVI WORKDAY

ISBVI WORKDAY IS BACK ON TRACK AFTER AN ABSENTS DO TO COVID.

This is an opportunity to show others our motto WE SERVE.

INDIANA SCHOOL for the BLIND and VISUALLY IMPAIRED will once again start up its annual workday for Lions and anyone that wants to participate. This event is held at the school in the spring on the weekend before graduation. Coffee and donuts along with lunch will be provided. If you want to bring a covered dish to share that would be appreciated. This event is free we will not be asking for donations or hitting you up for funds.

All we need is your help to clean windows, pick up grounds, pull some weeds in main entrance flower beds and maybe place some bark chips in playground areas. We give certificates to any college or high school student that helps this certificate will look good on a college application form or job interview resume. Work starts at 8:30 am with registration and donuts/coffee (of course) Work hours 9am- 1pm. Lunch 1pm (provided by the school)

After lunch tour of school for those interested. (This is worth taking)

After lunch Afternoon work session until done or you are worn out.

Event will be Saturday, MAY 20th 2023.

If interested contact your ISBVI District Trustee or contact

Mike Okuly
260-519-3541
mokuly52@yahoo.com

This is your Indiana's Lions State Project

BLUFFTON LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISER

Good until 12/31/2023

By: DG Sandy Zeigler

Each card is $10.00
Contact DG Sandy Zeigler or Any Bluffton Lions Club Member. Pizza Hut Cards Can Be Used Until 12/31/2023

Each listing can be used 4 times.
There are 6 different offers

Cards can be used throughout IN:
Fort Wayne & Allen County:
Canterbury Northwood West State
Coventry Pine Valley New Haven
East State Southgate Waynedale
Illinois Rd. Lima Rd.

Elsewhere in Indiana:
Angola Decatur Lafayette
Auburn Fishers Lebanon
Berne Frankfort Ligonier
Bremen Garrett Logansport
Bluffton Hartford City Noblesville
Columbia City Huntington Plymouth
Crawfordsville N. Manchester Portland
Kendallville Wabash Warsaw
Syracuse. W. Lafayette Westfield

MD25 Women and Family Event

From: Lion Wendy Semens

Official Visit to the Kendallville Lions Club

By: DG Sandy Zeigler

I received a request from President Andy Bell, inviting me for my Official Visit of the Kendallville Lions Club. Monday, April 19th, was an agreeable date.

After a delicious meal, there was a roll call using nicknames, and then it was my turn to do my presentation.

For each club's official visit, my husband, PCC Jerry Zeigler, sets the stage by passing out the dominos, so that every Lion has one domino.

The Lion to my right in the yellow vest was taking notes, because Lion Robert Farmer is the secretary of the Kendallville Lions Club.

Dear to both PCC Jerry's and my heart are "Leader Dogs for the Blind. "Shown here, I am using a little stuffed toy Leader Dog to tell a little about "Leader Dogs for the Blind."

Lion Dan Blackman, in the black sweatshirt, and Lion FredIninger, in the yellow Lions vest, seemed to be enjoying the evening.

I explained to the Kendallville Lions Club my membership incentive plan. When a member brings in one new member, the sponsor of the new member receives a "Domino Effect" keychain. When that same member brings in the second new member, that Lion receives a "Domino Effect" cup like the one that I am holding in the photo.

Here, I am awarding Lion President Andy his "Domino Effect" keychain for bringing in his first new member, and a "Domino Effect" cup for bringing in his second new member.

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Official Visit to the Kendallville Lions Club Continued

On the right is the sponsor, Kendallville Lion Club President Andy Bell; and in the center of the photo are the two new Kendallville Lions Club members, Chris and Laura Merriman.

Also in attendance at Monday's meeting were Lion Greg Krueckeberg, Lion Bob Krueckeberg, and Lion Randy King.

Lion Richard M. Anderson, in the blue & gray sock hat, was awarded his chevron for 35 years as a Lion. He also received a letter from our Lions International President Brian Sheehan and a framed certificate from me in appreciation for these 35 years of faithful service. To show his true character as a special, top notch Lion member, instead of gloating about his recognition, Lion Richard was sharing with me that he thought there were a couple other Lion Club members who needed that same recognition that was being awarded to him. That just shows so much about Lion Richard's character.

Presenting Kendallville Lions Club President Andrew Bell my Official District Governor's Pin

2023 Indiana Lions 102nd State Convention

Hosted by District 25E

May 12,13,14, 2023

Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center with special guests:

International President Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR OWN LODGING BY APRIL 11, 2023

Courtyard by Marriott Convention Hotel (attached to Convention Center)

310 South College Avenue, Bloomington, IN 47401 (Free Parking available at Convention Center)

Room Rate: $109.00 per night, plus tax, until April 11, 2023.

Call 1-812-335-8000 for Reservations and mention LIONS CLUB 2023 in making the reservation

Hyatt Place Hotel: 217 S. Kirkwood Avenue, $119 per night w/ breakfast

Hyatt Hotel does charge for parking; 1 ½ block north of Convention Center & free parking Call 812-339 -5950 and use block code LION for the reservation.

Come and visit several Lions project tables and related booths including a USA/Canada Forum apparel vendor. Friday Golf Outing to be at Stonecrest Golf Club – 18 holes at $39. Meet in the hotel lobby.

Scooter rental is $120 for Friday thru Sunday.

Friday, May 12th 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, MONROE COUNTY LIMESTONE PRESENTATION

Registration Form (one per person)

Register Online and pay with PayPal: www.indianalionsconvention.org

Deadline: All Registration Forms must be post marked by April 30, 2023. Please print name/Lions Title as desired on name badge:

Name and Lion Title: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

District: _____ Club: _____ Email: _____

Is this your FIRST Indiana Lions State Convention (circle one) **Yes** **No** Attend the Friday morning Monroe County Limestone Presentation (circle one) **Yes** **No**

Friday Evening BBQ Dinner at Monroe County Fairground Sponsored by Ellettsville Lions Club

Choose pulled pork: _____ or pulled chicken: _____ $ 18.00= _____

Saturday Lunch: sandwich bar: chips, seasonal fresh fruit, pickle spear & drink

Choose warm beef & swiss sub w/ lettuce & tomato: _____

Or grilled ham & cheese on sourdough bread: _____ $ 20.00 = _____

Saturday Night Banquet: Choose 1 Entrée below

Choose: citrus glazed pork chop _____ mushroom chopped steak_____ $ 28.00 = _____

Sunday Brunch: fried chicken, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, bacon, french toast $ 20.00 = _____

Saturday Strides Walk T-shirt Size (S to 3XL, other) _____ $ 18.00 = _____

2023 Indiana Convention Pin $ 4.00 = _____

Scooter Rent (Friday thru Sunday) **$120.00 = _____**

Total Registration Paid: $ _____

Special dietary needs, list here: _____

Mail this Registration Form and Your Check, payable to

Indiana Lions State Convention 2023 to

CT Debbie Ellis, 8262 East Center Road, Sullivan, IN. 47882

Contact Info: 1-812-798-2096 or ellisdebbie259@gmail.com

Congratulations to Bluffton Lions Club Member Lion Doral Smith

By: DG Sandy Zeigler

On Tuesday, April 18th, Lion Doral Smith was recognized at our Bluffton Lions Club Meeting held at Milli's Restaurant in Bluffton, Indiana. Lion Doral had been a Bluffton Lions Club member before, then he decided to drop out for a number of years. A problem is that Lions International do not have records for his first Lions service. At least for now, those old records for lots of Lions are unobtainable off of their microfiche archives in Illinois.

The good news has two parts. The first part of the good news is that with some gentle persuasion from his good friend, Lion Doral Smith had decided to return to the Bluffton Lions Club.

The rest of those good news is that Lions International in Illinois has Lion Doral Smith's new records.

Again, we understand that Lion Doral Smith had been a Lion for years before, but we do not have an accurate account for those earlier years. Moving forward, we know that Lion Doral Smith has been an active Lions Club member now for 25 consecutive years! On April 18th, 2023, Lion Doral Smith is shown as he was congratulated by our District 25B District Governor Lion Sandy Zeigler.

I was honored to present Lion Doral Smith with a signed "Letter of Congratulations" from our Lions International President Lion Brian Sheehan. This letter congratulated Lion Doral Smith for his 25 years of service. I also presented Lion Doral Smith with his 25 year chevron for him to wear proudly under his Lions pin.

Lion Doral Smith is shaking hands with Lion District 25B Governor Sandy Zeigler who is proudly congratulating Lion Doral for twenty-five years of faithful service as a Bluffton Lions Club member.

The Howe Lions Club

The Howe Lions Club met on April 19, at the Wings Etc. in Sturgis for a dinner and a presentation on The Farm Place by Jackie Myers. This is a place on State Rd. 9 LaGrange where a house has been built for foster children and the barn is being completed as we speak. Jackie Myers brought her special dog "Tucker" who has 3 legs and is in training to help out at the Farm Place. Lions Roger Fenstermaker and Alice Watson were on the committee.

The Howe Lions met on April 15 to clean and paint the shelter house on the Square in Howe, IN. This is In preparation for the opening of the Farmers Market on Saturday, May 6 from 7 a. m. - 12 noon. For information Call Dave Gunter at 260-562-2098.

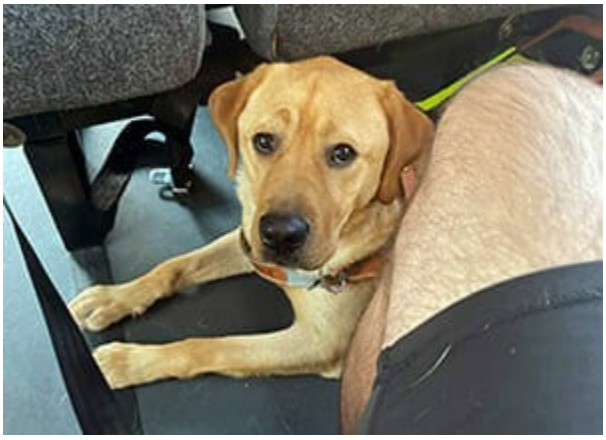
MEETING MY MATCH: A LEADER DOG DIARY
CONTINUES

By Joey J., Guide Dog Client

Day 9

Tuesday. This day brought another step forward in our training and another small adventure. We started out by loading the buses through an obstacle course and headed to the downtown location. Once there, we were told we would be "routing," which basically is walking a route alone without the trainers. However, they were stationed periodically throughout the route to watch over us "blind folk" and distract the dogs a little. We went first as they all know how fast Tucker likes to walk. We did very well as a team, it wasn't perfect, but mistakes are expected, no worries. Took us 13 minutes, which I'm sure is a new Leader Dog record. Then we loaded back up and headed back for a lesson on heartworm prevention and flea and tick medicine. Thrilling, I know! I gave Tucker his medicine and the generosity of Leader Dogs for the Blind provided us with a year's supply of heartworm medicine and four months of flea and tick.

After lunch, we loaded up AGAIN! This time we headed to Birmingham, Michigan, which has an area with a much busier street and lots of distractions by people walking pet dogs. Tucker didn't flinch, he doesn't care about those "untrained dogs." Bad thing was it was more sitting on the bus waiting for everyone to get a turn than anything else. We both want to walk and practice more. But that's not how it works. Still enjoying talking to all the people here. We all get along very well. It's like the United Nations. Five from the UK, two Canadians, and us Americans. Can't wait to see what tomorrow holds.



"Dad, can we go for another walk"?

Day 10

As I am posting this, Tucker is at my feet, as usual. It seems like he's always been there. No matter what room I am in, Tucker is there. Hard to believe we are officially halfway through training. Today started out with our first trip in a store. We went to Target and it was quite educational. I learned the proper techniques to handle Tucker whether I am pushing the buggy, pulling the buggy, or just carrying a basket. Also, how to "follow" someone in the store, like my wife, relative, store employee, etc. I will have to teach whoever Tucker is supposed to follow the right way to do it. It's neat to watch Tucker and the other dogs obediently follow someone in the store.

All the dogs waiting in Starbucks to take their turn in Target.

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MEETING MY MATCH: A LEADER DOG DIARY CONTINUES

After lunch we went to a new neighborhood and did a walk with our trainer, and then did another solo walk without. And they threw in a random "traffic check" to test Tucker to see if he'd stop for traffic. (He did.) Once back at the residence center, we got a lesson on brushing the dogs' teeth and how to train them to allow us. Newsflash, they don't like your fingers in their mouth. We also had a meeting with client services. They explained our exit interview and contract, how our trainer will touch base with us 30, 60, 90 days and 11 months after we leave. Oh, and after one year… Tucker is legally ALL MINE. All in all, today was a fun and fascinating day at Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Day 11

Mixed Emotions. That's the best way to describe today. I noticed that Tucker's left ear was REALLY bothering him this morning. Luckily today is vet day. We loaded up after breakfast and went to do a downtown route again. This time consisting of a couple really busy street crossings, maneuvering through lots of sidewalk traffic (crews installing Christmas lights) and encountering an overhead obstacle, which is a difficult discipline for a dog as they don't naturally worry about obstacles above their head. Tucker did great. He never ceases to amaze me.

After lunch, we had interviews with the marketing dept. as they wanted to know more about us, our stories, thoughts on Leader Dogs for the Blind, etc., then me and Tucker had our pictures taken and we also took group photos. Then we had our visit with the vet. Tucker is very healthy EXCEPT for his ear. He in fact does have an infection. They thought they would just administer a "one and done" antibiotic into his ear. Unfortunately it hurts him too bad and he will now go under anesthesia in the morning. So me and Tucker will lose a day of training. I'm not so much worried about the training, more concerned about the ear. Please keep him in your thoughts as I will be worried sick until they bring him back tomorrow afternoon. Going under anesthesia worries me.

Day 12

So today's post is earlier than usual as of course me and Tucker didn't get a full day of training. But… we did get to train in the morning as his procedure was delayed until after lunch. We loaded up and went to a neighborhood that didn't have sidewalks and learned the techniques of travel in these situations. This was a good lesson to get as most of the neighborhoods around [my] house don't have sidewalks. Then we came back to the residence center and had a seminar (believe it or not) on dog toys and treats. There are toys and treats that they deem acceptable and ones to avoid. And with a $50,000 dog I can see their utmost caution. They just want the dog to stay safe and heathy as he is my way of independently traveling. Also, don't want any harm to come to Tucker. It was at this time they came and got Tucker. He was away for roughly 3 1/2 hours. The only thing we missed was some harness work on the practice

But Dad! Do I have to go to the vet?

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Day 13

End of the second week! Hard to believe. Only five official training days left. This morning we went to the mall and practiced stairs, elevators, and general navigation in congested areas. Funny thing happened: we were in Eddie Bauer and unbeknownst to me, Tucker picked up a pack of socks off the lower rack and was walking with them! Luckily Mary saw it or Tucker could have been charged with shoplifting!

After lunch we went to a park and did a route on the bike/walking path. There are actually different techniques for different environments. Fun walk! It is also "wine down the week" day, which consisted of pizza and beer or wine. Yes!! It's also puppy raiser day. Unfortunately I won't be able to meet the family that raised Tucker, they declined or couldn't make it. I can understand if it's too hard to see him and say bye again. Had to be hard. But… the day isn't over as later tonight we will do our first night walk. This is what I really need as my night vision is almost nonexistent. Will be good experience. Very fun and exciting day! Final week, here we come.

It wasn't time to eat yet. He was trying to intimidate me.

Day 14

The last Sunday. Today was of course an off day for the trainers. But we had plenty of things we could do on our own. I have to work on Tucker's "pace and pull." He could pull a sled. So today (with tips from Mary) I worked on heeling him and working in harness at a slower pace and ways to encourage him to not pull so hard. We also practiced stair and elevator travel on site and of course he played in the play area a few times. Really a laid back day as we prepare for the home stretch. This time next week—we will be home!

Day 15

This morning we had our one-on-one "touch base" meeting with Mary. This consisted of a discussion on what she thinks we should work on, what I think we need to work on, what environments I'd still like to try before we leave, and any issues that I want to address. We also practiced alone while the other students had their meetings. We hit the practice track, worked the stairs and elevator, and then we all learned how to go through a revolving door. And I will tell you, we ARE NOT gonna use a revolving door! It's too awkward and can be avoided most of the time. Then after lunch, we loaded up and went to downtown Detroit! There, we went to the casino (no gambling), used their "facilities" and then proceeded to board and ride the elevated train. Also learned how to navigate through the turnstiles. Once off the train, we walked several city blocks and crossed many busy streets. Very fun watching Tucker work. Mary asked me this morning if I felt safe with him. That's a resounding Yes! After our long day in Detroit, we were rewarded with a steak and shrimp dinner with cheesecake. I'd say it's been a pretty good day!

Me and Tucker on the train. He's wearing his Gentle Leader, which is good for these stressful moments.

Missing Silent Auction Bowl

By: DG Sandy Zeigler

During the District Convention Host Club's wrap-up, regarding how everything had gone concerning the District 25B Convention, it was brought up that the handmade wooden Christian bowl, that was an item in the "Silent Auction," is missing. This bowl made and donated by Lion Tom Wolf of the Heritage Lions Club is about 8 inches across and about 6 inches tall. There are crosses integrated into the design.

The Bluffton Lions Club's hope is that somehow the bowl ended up going home with the wrong person or maybe someone during clean up thought that the bowl belonged to the church where the convention was held. Thinking that the bowl belonged to the church, maybe that person might have put the bowl away into one of the cupboards. We would just like to know where the bowl is, so it can be returned to the highest bidder.

Please contact Bluffton's Lions Club First Vice President Don Smith, who was the "Silent Auction Chair," if you have any information. FVP Don Smith's phone number is: 260-748-4548. The church where the convention was held has been contacted.

Registration is Open

Dear Lion Leader,

I would like to share some exciting news with you. The Leos & Lions of **ILLINOIS** are hosting the 6th USA/ Canada Leo Leadership Forum on August 2nd to August 6th, 2023 at the Rockford Raddison Hotel & Conference Center in Rockford, IL. Registration is now OPEN! This 2023 Leo Leadership Forum will bring Leos together from across the United States, Canada, and the Caribbean. During the course of the week, we have seminars in various areas of leadership and community-organizing as part of our core curriculum toward the diploma earned at this Forum. We also have elective seminars prepared by Leos. It's our goal to also empower our Leos to educate each other in areas of interest to them related to leadership.

International officers will be in attendance as guest speakers which will give our Leos the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about our association and the legacy that our Founder Melvin Jones left for the world. Leos also get the opportunity to network and bond with other Leos, Leo-Lions, Lions, and LCI Staff Members. We provide a full day of fun touring the host city area and a day of community service planned by the Leo Host Committee. We have an Opening Ceremony/Dinner together with a Closing Night Dinner Gala that includes the presentation of diplomas and concludes with an entertaining night of dancing. Our Leos return home more knowledgeable about our Association, the Leo Club Program, and ways to continue building up their own clubs while bringing bright new ideas for service projects and fundraisers. This Leo Forum will help Leos become great leaders ready to serve their community and continue to grow as individuals while feeling proud to be Leos. We welcome Leo Club Advisors, Lions and parents to attend the Forum and enjoy the experience as well.

Please share this email with your Leos and Lions interested in learning more about the Leo Club Program. If your Leo Club is school-based, our team is happy to speak to principals or faculty advisors to better explain our Leo Forum or answer any questions. Our contact information is listed below. We look forward to welcoming all Leos and Lions to Rockford, IL.

Sincerely,

Leo-Lion Pablo Romano
President, USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation
Illinois, USA

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My Official Club Visit to the Hamilton Lions Club

By: DG Sandy Zeigler

On April 20th, I made my official club visit to the Hamilton Lions Club. I had been told that it was a dinner meeting. After the usual opening, lead by Lion Club President Janet Albright, Jerry and I were dismissed to go to the table set up with pans containing our dinner. In the first big aluminum pan was baked spaghetti. I had the honor of removing the first scoop of spaghetti. Set up next were the pans of salad, with three choices for the salad dressing. Finally, there were thick slices of Texas toast. Everything was just SO yummy.

When dinner was completed, Lion PCC/IPDG, Immediate Past District Governor, Jerry Zeigler passed one domino out to each person.

We were seated at long tables which were set up to create one big rectangle. It was now my turn to share "The Domino Effect."

It was easy to walk around and talk.

As I rounded the corner, I came up behind our dear friends, my "District Newsletter and Public Relations Lady," Lion Jean Howard and her husband, Lion PDG Bob Howard.

When I ended my "Domino Effect" talk, I switched gears to talk about the Lions state projects including cancer control, then the eye program, which begins with the testing of nursery school and preschool children to the eyeglasses collection, and ended with me talking about "Leader Dogs for the Blind.

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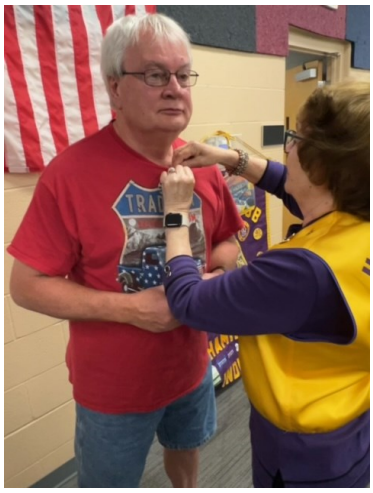
Using a small stuffed toy "Leader Dog," purchased from their items available at the Lions International Online Store, I discussed the at home training involvement that "Leader Dog," required from the puppy raisers. I explained how it was a job that IPDG/PCC Jerry and I could not undertake. We would just get too attached to the puppies. Hamilton Lions Club President Lion Janet Albright and Tail Twister Lion Melody Metcalf listened attentively.

April 20th was a very special day for Hamilton Lions Club as 2 members had decided to share with others about Lions. These two Hamilton Lions Club members had asked three individuals to become Lions, and all three had accepted. The two sponsors are shown on the right of the photo in their yellow vests.



Shown in the photo is returning Lions Club member, Lion Randy Church who was pinned by his sponsor, Lion Caroljean Abraham.

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Sponsor Caroljean Abraham had the honor of also pinning returning member, Carol Church, with her newly acquired Lions Club membership pin.

As their District Governor, I explained to this lineup the importance of their newly made commitments. Starting on the left was Hamilton Lions Club member in the yellow vest, Lion Dr. Teresa Smith who sponsored Judy Jones; then Carol Church was with her Hamilton Lions Club sponsor, in her Lions Club yellow vest, was Lion Caroljean Abraham, who also sponsored Randy Church in the red shirt.

At the conclusion of my presentation, I extended my hand in friendship to the President of the Hamilton Lions Club, Lion Janet Albright.

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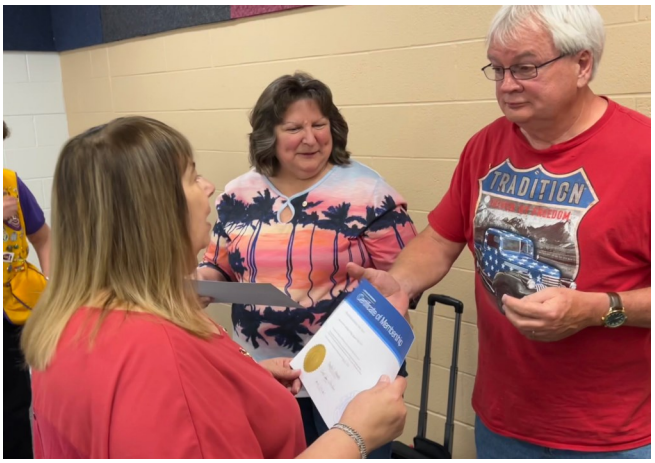

As the Secretary of the Hamilton Lions Club and also their Zone Chair, Lion Beth Kohli, in her red shirt with her back towards the camera, helped to welcome the returning Lion Club members, Carol and Randy Church, back to the Hamilton Lions Club.

Lion Zone Chair Beth Kohli assisted Dr. Teresa Smith, in her yellow Lions vest, in giving new Hamilton Lions Club member Judy Jones her Hamilton Lions Club membership certificate.

DG Sandy and District B Calendar
May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Anthony Wayne L.C. 50th Anni-versary	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Council Meeting 	12 Indiana Lions State Convention 	13 Indiana Lions State Convention
14 Mother's Day Council Meeting 	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 4th Lions Cabi-net Meeting
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			

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