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One Summit Reached

What a way to start of the year! One of my first functions as District Governor was to attend the Charter Night for the Logansport Lions Club on July 9th. Although the club has been active since April, they have been busy with club activities and recruiting new members.

"Great job!" goes to Past District Governor Dick McKellar and his extension team. For their efforts, PDG Dick recognized PDG Pat Short, the District 25C Global Membership Team (GMT) chair, Lion Doug Eversole, and Lion Karen McKellar with club extension awards for their work with getting this new club up and running.



My part of the evening was to give a short welcoming speech on behalf of our district. Although the welcome was directed to our newest club, I also was able to talk about Lions Clubs International President Bob Corlew's theme, "New Mountains to Climb" which was directed towards our extension team.

During the Charter Night, we were able to set our flag on top of the Logansport mountain, and now we have new mountains to climb. There are mountains in Monticello, Clayton, and just to name a few. The challenge has been issued and accepted to climb another mountain before the end of August, and we have our work cut out for us.

These new mountains come in other forms other than new clubs. Maybe your new mountain is a new service activity or outreach into your community. Maybe your mountain is working on rebuilding your club and bringing in more members. Maybe you should be looking at a legacy project in your community to showcase Lions and our Centennial Year of Lionism. The great thing about these mountains, they come in all sorts of shapes and sizes. All you have to do is strap on your climbing gear and start climbing.

The 1st Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2016 and is being Hosted by the Young America Lions Club. I will be officially appointing Lion Doug Eversole as our 2nd Vice District Governor, and we will be celebrating last year's successes under PDG Dick.

Lastly, the District 25C Banner Night is scheduled for Sunday, September 25, 2016 in Martinsville. The celebration will be in the afternoon, and the committee is working hard to make this a fun and memorable time. Details will be coming in the next

few weeks.



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Have you ever thought about....?



Are you thinking of getting more involved in Lions? Are you thinking about getting your Lions Club more involved with your community? These are things that we constantly think about as Lions.

Sometimes our work schedule makes it hard to participate in everything we'd like to do or our finances don't support individual events that we'd like to go to. Each person is different in their involvement in their local Lions Club, or their involvement with District or International. What one person has the time to do does not detract from what another person does. All members are important. Staying involved with your local club makes all the difference in the world as to how your club functions.

As District Governor Ross mentioned to me once however (paraphrased), *it's not how many meetings you make, but how many you miss*. If your club meets once a month, and you aren't able to make a meeting, there's two months that you are

without Lion companionship, unless you have a project in between that you participate in. It's important for us to feel a part of our local Lions Club. If we don't participate in some way, we have the tendency to lose interest.

In order to jump start your interest, and maybe that of your club, have you asked your local Lions Club to consider taking on a new project that you are interested in or feel there's a need for? Invite your members to brainstorm and find a project that hasn't been done yet that can benefit the local community. Sometimes all it takes is one person to mention to someone else, "you know, what if ..." or "too bad we don't do ...".

There are several programs throughout the year that might be of interest to you to increase your own level of participation in Lions Clubs International, in addition to our district and state conferences.

- The USA/Canada Forum is going to be held in Omaha, Nebraska September 15-17, 2016. Among other items, this Forum focuses on training, education, motivation, exchange of information and discussion of service activities.
- The Emerging Lions Leadership Institute is going to be held January 21-24, 2017. This focuses on building the skills of Lions members for leadership opportunities at the club level, including the position of club president.
- The Advanced Lions Leadership Institute is going to be held November 12-14, 2016 in Houston, Texas. This institute focuses on building the skills of Lions leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibilities at zone, region and district levels.

Please visit the District 25-C website at <u>www.e-district.org/sites/25c</u> or the Lions of Indiana website at <u>www.e-district.org/sites/md25</u> or Lions International website at <u>www.lionsclubs.org</u> to find out what's going on that you might be interested in.

Yours in Lionism,

1VDG Chloe Weyrauch District 25C



District 25C

Cabinet Meeting



Saturday, August 13, 2016

Hosted by the Young America Lions Club 13531 Grove Street, Young America, Indiana

Registration begins at 9:45 am with the PDG Meeting beginning at 10:00 am.

Cabinet Meeting to begin at 10:45 am.

2nd Vice District Governor Appointment

As part of the Cabinet Meeting and per Article II, Section 6 of the District 25C By-Laws which states, "Any vacancy in office except that of district governor and first and second vice district governors shall be filled by appointment from the district governor for the unexpired term. In the event of a vacancy arising in the office of first or second vice district governor, the district governor shall convene a meeting of the members of the existing cabinet as provided for in the International Constitution and By-Laws and all past international officers and past district governors who are members in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in the district. It shall be the duty of the attendees at this meeting to appoint a qualified club member as first or second vice district governor, or if not available, the most recent past district governor who is available, to send out invitations to attend said meeting and it shall also be his/her responsibility to preside as chairperson of the meeting." the vacancy of the office of 2nd Vice District Governor will be filled.

Lunch to be provided by the Young America Lions Club at a cost of \$10/person (children 12 and under get free hotdogs).

LUNCH MENU: Smoked Pork Chop, Cheese Potato, Green Beans, Dessert, Drinks

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Hello Lions!

As DG Ross' appointment as 2nd Vice District Governor, I want to take a few moments to introduce myself.

Life started for me September 15, 1948, in Hazard, KY, and I'm number nine of ten children born to John and Amy Eversole. My father was a coal miner, and we all worked the farm until September, 1955 when Dad followed the mining jobs to southern West Virginia.

In 1966 I graduated high school and in 1968 was drafted into the Army. I spent a tour of duty in Vietnam, and I'm proud of my service to our country. In 1970 I started my mining career with a local coal company where I performed many jobs and held management positions for twenty-five years. I went to Southern West Virginia Community College, attending evening classes where I earned an Associate Degree in Mining while working the midnight shift in the mines. I have spent many hours in Dale Carnegie courses, leadership and management courses. In addition to mining, I am also a certified as a Master Electrician.

I joined the Wharton Lions Club in 1982 and served as President and Sight Chairman. The first thirteen years in the club my career took preference over my Lions work. In 2011 I married Shelia Meek of Deer Creek, Indiana, and lived in Deer Creek. In 2012 I joined the Young America Lions Club and later asked Shelia to join the club. I became club president in July, 2015, and I'm currently on my second year as President. In 2016 I was appointed as Zone 2 Chairman.

I look forward to serving our district as 2nd Vice District Governor. Lion Shelia and myself look forward to meeting our fellow Lions and working hard to help improving of our district.

Thank You,

Lion Doug Eversole, Zone 2 Chair

You and LCIF

We were the only District in MD-25 to have 100% club participation and we were able to do this through the generosity of the District Convention Silent Auction.

The District Convention raised \$2,100 for the Measles Initiative and ID Robert Littlefield's measles pin generated another \$1,200. Our total dollar commitment to LCIF during the 2015-2016 year was \$19,020.70. Give yourself and your club a big "pat on the back."



Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**

We also welcomed 11 District Lions as Melvin Jones Fellows through the Melvin Jones Fellowship Program. Let's try to make that 15 this year. Many clubs have unused credits in their LCIF bank that can be used to designate a MJF Fellow. Remember both personal and club contributions count toward becoming a Melvin Jones Fellow. These donations can be made in installments throughout the year. Sign up to be a "continuing member" using automatic deductions. The District also has 23 Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows (1 for each \$1,000 donated in their name). What a great way to recognize someone special in your life!

This year for the first time, LCI is asking each club to designate a Lion in their club to act as the LCIF Chairperson. These names will be entered into the LCI computer with the other club officers and directors and will be my contact as we work toward our goal this year. Please send me the name of the person chosen from you club ASAP so that we can begin our efforts for the 2016-2017 year. This is a new and important position.

Last year as the Governor and I traveled to each of the clubs we emphasized the importance of the work LCIF is doing throughout the world including our own Multiple District. District C was awarded two matching grants last year through the efforts of several local clubs totaling \$51,000. These are paid directly from the contributions your club is making to LCIF.

Let's have another banner year under the leadership of DG Ross!

Karen McKellar, LCIF Coordinator, District 25C

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HOW WAS LOGANSPORT CHARTERED?

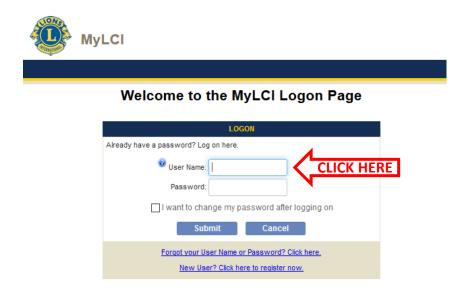
Someone recently asked how we started the Logansport Lions Club – the 1st new club in 25C in 8 years – and how they could apply this successful campaign for growing their own club. There was no magic and no secrets, just a planned drive to let others know what Lions do and simply "Ask" them to join the other Lions on this fabulous journey of service to others. So here is the story of the birth of the new Logansport Lions Club.

<u>Community Needs Awareness</u> For close to 18 months, monthly meetings of the local United Way agencies were attended to determine the community's five critical needs and to introduce the world of Lions and how Lions could help these agencies. It was amazing how little most knew of our various missions even though there had been two prior Logansport Lions Clubs in the area over the past 40 years. They were excited about the thought of receiving help from a local Lions Club.

<u>Community Support</u> Prior to the Extension Team hitting the pavements with the ASK, meetings were held with the Mayor, Chamber of Commerce, City Council and other key community leaders to let them know Lions were coming to town and soliciting their support. They expressed solid support for a new Lions Club and some even signed up as Charter Members.

<u>Community Media Publicity</u> The local media (newspaper/radio) were contacted to inform them about the plan to charter a new Lions Club in town. They jumped on this idea, and the newspaper became one of our main advocates....certainly a full front page article on who the Lions are and how we help communities really paved the way. Then the Extension Team started hitting the streets, everyone in town knew who we were and why we were there. Even when about 3 dozen donuts were picked up one day, we were asked if we were with the Lions trying to start a new club and told how much the community needed a Lions Club there.

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Remember to file your Monthly Membership Report (MMR) and Service Activity Report (SAR) before the end of each month.

Club	Name	Sponsor
Battle Ground Lions Club	Lion Mark Koopman	-
	Lion Robert Williams	Lion Arthur Shumard
Clinton Lions Club	Lion Bryan Holland	Lion D. Foltz
	Lion Joseph Holland	Lion Bryan Holland
Delphi Lions Club	Lion Janice Roe	Lion Mike Shockley
Logansport Lions Club	Lion Phil Alter	Charter Member
	Lion Chelsea Cates	Charter Member
Michigantown Lions Club	Lion Norma Marcum	Lion Harold Marcum
Monrovia Lions Club	Lion Suni Steward	Lion Jeff Honaker
Riley Township Lions Club	Lion David Dittman	PDG Vern Tincher
	Lion Felicia Stewart	Transferred Member
Rossville Area Lions Club	Lion Bill Abbott	Lion Gene Mellinger
	Lion Brendon Bright	Lion Joyce Jones
	Lion Carrie Bright	Lion Joyce Jones
	Lion John Hendrickson	Lion J. Rausch
	Lion Craig Michael	Lion Ronald Gascho
	Lion Kathy Michael	Lion Ronald Gascho

WELCOME TO THE DISTRICT 25C PRIDE

IN MEMORIUM

Flora Lions Club	Lion H. W. Slade
Michigantown Lions Club	Lion Ralph Webb
Riley Township Lions Club	Lion Charles Weddle



District 25C BANNER NIGHT Sunday, September 25, 2016

South Central Indiana REMC Community Room 300 Morton Avenue, Martinsville, Indiana



Bring your Banner!

In celebration of the Martinsville Noon Lions Club's 8th District Governor, you are cordially invited to an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship as we take time "Planning the FUTURE by Surveying the PAST" with 2016-17

District Governor Ross Drapalik

The festivities kick-off with a reception beginning at 2:00 pm, followed by sit-down dinner at 3:00 pm catered by







MENU INCLUDES: Choice of Roast Beef or Famous Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Vegetable Medley, Tossed Salad, Rolls, and choice of Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water, and Coffee. A special dessert is also planned for the evening.

All clubs are asked to bring an item for the Silent Auction benefitting District 25C Vision Screening. Business Dress (coat and tie) is suggested but not required.

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Number attending:	@ \$25.00 per person.	Total Amount enclosed: \$			
Children 10 Years and under only \$10.00	Please RSVP by September 19, 2016 to MARTINSVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB P.O. Box 1062, Martinsville, Indiana 46151 or via email to <u>jennifer.drapalik@sbcglobal.net</u> or telephone 765-346-1231. Make checks payable to the MARTINSVILLE NOON LIONS CLUB .				

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<u>Community Publicity</u> Posters and small handouts were placed around town stating a new Lions Club was being chartered and asking people to call if they wished to be a charter member of a new Lions Club.

<u>The ASK</u> At that point the Extension Team, comprising of PDG Charlie Short, PDG Pat Short, ID Linda Tincher, PDG Vern Tincher, DG Dick McKellar, Lion Karen McKellar, Zone Chair Doug Eversole, Lion Shelia Eversole, and PDG Nick Xinopoulos, hit the streets, going door-to-door. The results were a total of 34 Charter Members signed up in just 2 ½ days. The following were what seemed to work best:

- <u>2-Person Teams</u> are most effective.
- <u>Keep it brief.</u> A 3 minute "elevator" speech works best. This is difficult when you know so much about something and are so passionate about the cause, but it can be done.
- <u>Ask if them what they know about Lions.</u> Tell the story of 1.4 million men, women, families and young people who want to make a difference in their communities and the world.
- <u>Tell them what we do</u>. Share a couple of key missions: helping children (Reading Action Program, School Vision Screening, Dictionary Project).
- ASK if they would like to help their community by joining the new club
- <u>Initiation fee and annual dues.</u> This is <u>very important</u> so that there are no surprises.
- <u>Hand them an application and ask for their initiation fee.</u> If they don't have a check/cash right then, make arrangements to go back the next day and collect form/fee.
- <u>Organizational Meeting</u> Charter members were invited to attend a luncheon to welcome them into the club. At this meeting, the Charter members chose their club officers and were given a brief 20-minute review of who Lions are, what we do, and what a great organization they were joining. The club was officially chartered on April 14, 2016.
- <u>Club Meetings/Charter Night</u> Prior to Charter Night on July 9, 2016, members of the Extension Team attended the Logansport Lions Club's meetings to provide guidance on process and procedures, and encouragement.
- <u>Guiding Lions</u> Zone/Chair Doug Eversole (Young America Lions Club) and PDG Bill Penn (Delphi Lions Club) have been assigned by DG Dick McKellar as the Guiding Lions for the Logansport club. They will be attending meetings to observe and provide guidance whenever necessary.

These steps are not just for chartering a new club. You can use parts of this process to help recruit members for your own club. LCI has many recruiting tools and webinars available online at:

http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/

As your GMT, I am available to come to your club, talk about membership, and how you can bring new members into your club!

PDG Pat Short, District 25C GMT Chair

A Note from your District 25C Secretary



I have sent the State and District dues invoice for the period July 1-December 31, 2016 to either your club secretary or club treasurer by July 18, 2016. For those that I send by e-mail, please look for them under <u>liongretchen@outlook.com</u>. Sometimes this can end up in your spam or junk mail so I ask that you take a look in those folders for your invoice if you did not receive it in your inbox. If you prefer that I snail mail you the invoice, please let me know soon as possible so that I can mail you a hard copy of the invoice. As always, please pay your dues in a timely manner. For those clubs who have paid dues already....Thank you!

CS Gretchen Xinopoulos

The 2016-17 club officers for the Logansport Lions Club pose with the club's Charter during their Charter Night on July 9, 2016. Welcome to the Pride!





VDG Chloe Weyrauch presented books to the principal at Hoosier Prairie School for graduating 5th graders.



Zionsville Lions celebrate July 4th! Lion Steve Gayheart (Chair of July 4th Fireworks), Lion Tom Robbins, Uncle Sam Cassidy Sampson, Miss Fall Festival Brianna DeCamp, Miss Indiana, Linda Johnson and Lion Darryl Johnson (Voice in the Park)

Lafayette Lions Club enjoyed a baseball outing. Pictured L-to-R: PDG Pat Short, Ace, Lion Dave Ehlers, Norma Clark, Lions Vicky and Bob Hrdy. Front row: Lion Carl Landskron and Chris Landskron. Unfortunately, their team lost but everyone had a great time!





DG Ross installed the 2016-17 club officers of the Monrovia Lions Club and the Mooresville Lions Club during the joint meeting of the clubs on July 18, 2016. Pictured left to right are President Jeff Honaker of the Monrovia Lions Club, President Alan Kramer of the Mooresville Lions Club, and DG Ross.



Lion Leroy Postel of the Martinsville Noon Lions Club presents a check for \$1,650.00 to PDG Paul Russell of the Cancer Control Fund. This is part of the proceeds from the club's annual golf tournament. For the past 21 years the Martinsville Noon Lions Club has contributed over \$25,000 from this outing to the Cancer Control Fund.



Pictures of the 2016-17 Council of Governors recent trip to LCI Headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois. Pictured above are (1st row) Cub Danielle Drapalik, (2nd row) DG-A Patty Cooke, PCC Sue Topf, PID Linda Tincher, CC Vic Fisher, Lion Jennifer Drapalik, Lion Pam Arnold, Lion Katherine Holtzleiter, (3rd row) DG-G Peg Van Nevel, PDG Vern Tincher, DG-F Wayne Karanovich, DG-C Ross Drapalik, DG-B Al Arnold, DG-D Steve Holtzleiter. Picture to the right is the 2066-67 International President Danielle Drapalik sitting at 2016-17 International President Bob Corlew's desk.



Sharing the Gift of Hearing Beyond His Practice



Interpreter Martha Ceballos, Kathy Wass, and Duane Wass, BC-HIS, with Cony and her parents

By Duane Wass, BC-HIS

IHS member Duane Wass, BC-HIS, and The Hearing Lions travel to Mexico each year to help people hear better. Read and be inspired by Wass' story of how one IHS member mobilizes a team of hearing healthcare professionals across country borders to spread the precious gift of hearing annually.

y 20 year quest to expand and improve hearing beyond the reach of my hearing aid practice began in 1995 when I was invited to join an eyeglass mission, run by a group of Indiana Lions Club members. Another Lions' member challenged me to bring along hearing aids. I started by contacting a manufacturer's representative who joined me on my first mission to Mexico. We brought hearing aids, supplies, and batteries. After a three day delay at the border, haggling with officials to bring our hearing aids and glasses into the country, we were

allowed to do so and were eventually hailed as heroes by the local people of Rio Verde, San Luis Potosi. They welcomed us and our mission with open arms. Since then, I've been travelling every year to Mexico on hearing missions and we have now fit over 9,000 hearing aids to the needy hard of hearing in Mexico.

The mission is now called The Hearing Lions and has come quite a long way by being more organized every year. It has advanced so much that we now have hearing healthcare providers in the Mexican Lions

Club testing citizens and making impressions ahead of time and sending those impressions to a U. S. manufacturer to be custom made. Then they are shipped to us (along with all the necessary supplies) and we bring them with us to Mexico. I am pleased to report that this year, three people joined us from Starkey Hearing Foundation in Mexico City and will be providing follow up care to the people we fit during our last visit

Money must be raised each year and our goal this year was to raise \$36,000 for 360 hearing aids. We get discounted analog hearing aids through the Starkey Hearing Foundation. Often times, local individuals will donate hearing aids and we will fit those as well. However, this project would not be possible without additional support from the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF). For the past several years, we have received a \$10,000 grant every year from LCIF. I also get donations from other Lions Clubs throughout the country and every professional who joins the mission donates \$2,000 and provides their own airfare. It is also common for friends, family, and churches to contribute when their relatives or friends join our mission. The Mexican Lions Club pays for our hotel, food, and travel once we arrive in Mexico.

When we arrive in a city or village with our hearing aids, we typically set up several stations. The first station is where patients' information is collected and entered. Then they are given their earmolds and we perform a trial fitting and then buff the hearing aids, if needed, and cut the tubes. Then people move to the next station where we teach them how to use and care for their hearing aid. Every person is given a bag with caregiving utensils, and instructions. There are

population. If anyone is interested in organizing a mission, I encourage you to first go on a mission and then you will get the bug! Then, talk with your manufacturer or supplier and they

"There is a crying need for more hearing aid help in Mexico. Due to the heat and humidity, the hearing aids break down quickly and hearing aids are too expensive for most of the population."

-Duane Wass, BC-HIS

typically ten people who come to the mission with me (many of which are hearing aid specialists). While it is not necessary to speak Spanish to help, we do always have Spanish-speaking people in our group. And, the local Mexican Lions Club supplies us with local interpreters.

There is a crying need for more hearing aid help in Mexico. Due to the heat and humidity, the hearing aids break down quickly and hearing aids are too expensive for most of the may have a person or system in place to help you. As project chairman of the Hearing Lions, a week doesn't go by when I don't think about our hearing missions, either reflecting on what has passed or planning for the next trip.

We are always looking for donations to be able to help more people. Anyone looking for information on how to help or donate can contact me at dlwass@aol.com.



Patients wait to be fitted with their hearing aids

Check out our State Fair videos by clicking on the link below. Several Lions throughout the state are featured in these videos.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP0zQdRE1nqA-CcR XRBHFA.

Indiana Lions Foundation Needs Your Help Please volunteer to work at the Indiana State Fair

The Indiana Lions Foundation provides ticket sellers and ticket scanners at four gates at the Indiana State Fair. **The fair runs Friday August 5th—Sunday, August 21st.** Over 600 shifts need to be filled over this 17 day period. This is the single largest fundraiser for the Foundation and the money is used to provide Foundation Grants to individual clubs.

Working at the State Fair as a ticket seller or scanner is much easier than it has been in the past. The computer terminals worked very well last year and selling tickets requires pushing only three buttons. Scanning tickets requires only that the worker hold the hand held scanner over the bar-coded ticket and press the trigger.

Most positions are sitting and two of the four gates have air conditioned booths for the ticket sellers. Only the Tunnel Gate may require standing, although that is not normally a busy gate.

Two shifts are available to work. The morning shift is 7:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.. The afternoon shift is 1:30 p.m.—9:00/9:30 p.m..

In return for working the Indiana Lions Foundation is offering W.P. Woods Fellowship credits for workers—one credit for the morning shift and two credits for the afternoon shift. It takes 10 credits to earn a regular W.P. Woods and 12 credits for the Centennial Plate. Bring a car load of Lions and friends and join us at the Fair this year.

You may use the Foundation website to volunteer. Click on the link below

http://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/

For more information contact:

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