

# District 25 **C**hronicles



## Indiana is the Birthplace of Lionism

We have all heard the story about how Melvin Jones started a letter writing campaign and how the first organizational meeting was held at the La Salle Hotel in Chicago on June 7, 1917. We know about the first convention was held in Dallas, Texas in October of 1917 and about how Dr. W.P. Woods of Evansville, Indiana was elected our first International President. We have all heard about Helen Keller's charge to the Lions to be the "Knights for the Blind" at the 1925 International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio. All of these events have become the foundation on which our organization has been built.

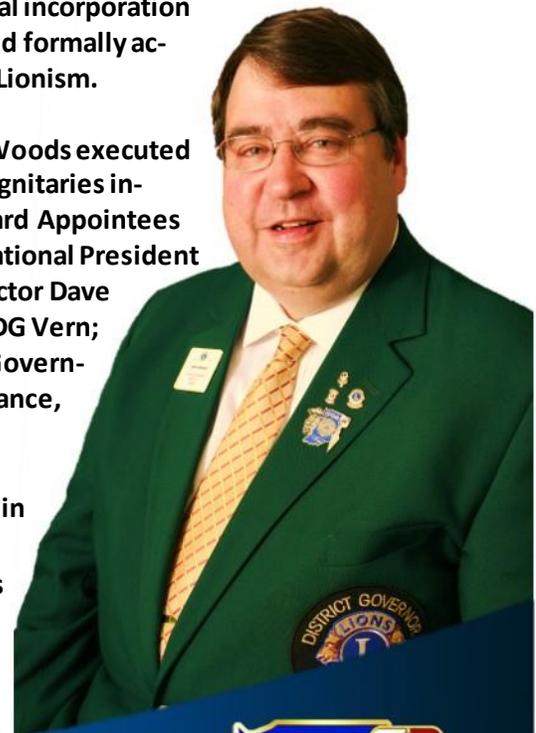
In this centennial year of Lionism, my message to the clubs has been based around my theme of "Planning the FUTURE by surveying the Past". The clubs have been challenged to think back about the stories of the past and the impact that their club has had in their own community. Lions do have a proud history which is symbolized by that Lion looking to the left on our lapel pins.

For the Lions of Indiana, October 24, 2016 will become one of those milestone dates. It is the day that International President Bob Corlew came to Indiana and went to the Secretary of State's office and reenacted the signing of the original incorporation papers of the International Association of Lions Club and formally acknowledging Indiana's claim as being the birthplace of Lionism.

The ceremony, 100 years to the day of when Dr. W.P. Woods executed the original document, was attended by several Lion dignitaries including: International President and Lion Diane; LCI Board Appointees PID Doug Lozier and PID Joe Marcheggiani; Past International President Wayne Madden and Lion Linda; Past International Director Dave Fiant; Past International Director Linda Tincher and PDG Vern; and an assortment of District Governors, Vice District Governors, etcetera. All in all, around 20 Lions were in attendance, including 1VDG Chloe Weyrauch and myself.

There were three members of W.P. Woods' family also in attendance to witness the ceremony, including: grandson William Woods Deems, granddaughter Judy Deems Nussbaum, and great-granddaughter Maggie Tittle Bowden.

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One of the most moving parts of the ceremony was the delight that the family has seeing how our organization has grown in these past 100 years from just a handful of scattered clubs to over 1.4 million members worldwide and knowing how proud their grandfather would be.

It is time for the birthday celebration to begin. So, let's get ready to party in Chicago! It's going to be a blast.



DG Ross Drapalik



*Seated is Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson and International President Bob Corlew signing a copy of the original incorporation papers. Standing (left to right) is PID Linda Tincher, PDG Vern Tincher, Past International President Wayne Madden, PID Dave Fiandt, PID Doug Lozier, and PID Joe Marcheggiani.*

## What's up with the Trophies on Page 1?

Did you notice the trophies on page 1 of the newsletter? You may need to look a little closer. Are you wondering what their purpose is? Well the answer is really pretty simple:

**The clubs of District 25C achieved**  
**100% Monthly Membership Report**  
**and**  
**100% Service Activity Report**  
**for the second consecutive month in October.**

For each month that the clubs achieve this incredible feat, another trophy will be added. Hopefully by the end of the year, we'll be running out of space.

Special kudos go out to all of those filing these reports and to 1VDG Chloe Weyrauch and 2VDG Doug Eversole for making all of the follow-up telephone calls. The momentum is really starting to build.

Recently I was asked, "Why so much emphasis on filing rather than doing the service of Lions?" The answer was pretty fundamental...our clubs are doing the service and they need to get the credit for what they do. I am fortunate this year to be passing out 44 Centennial Service Challenge Award banner patches earned last year, and I hope the 1VDG Chloe will be passing out over 50 next year. Maybe even all 57 or more. - DG Ross

**2016-17 International  
Peace Poster Contest/Peace Essay Contest  
“A Celebration of Peace”**

Each year, Lions Clubs from around the world encourage the youth in their communities to share their ideas about peace by means of the visual arts and by penned essays through LCI Peace Poster and Peace Essay contests. **This contest is open to children 11-13 years of age on November 15, 2016.**

One winning poster and essay will be awarded with the international grand prize. The winner is also awarded \$5,000 plus a trip to a special award ceremony. Twenty-three (23) merit award winners will each receive \$500 and a certificate of achievement.

- Kits must be purchased from the LCI Store by **October 1, 2016** at a cost of **\$11.95 + taxes and S&H**
- Clubs may submit one (1) poster delivered/postmarked to DG Ross Drapalik by **November 15, 2016**
- International contest winners will be notified by **February 1, 2017**



For more information, contact Lion Jennifer Drapalik at [jennifer.drapalik@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jennifer.drapalik@sbcglobal.net) or 765-346-1231.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/how-we-serve/youth/peace-poster-contest/index.php>

## MD25 to have an International Director Candidate

At the Council of Governors Meeting on October 22, 2016 Past International Director Linda Tincher advised the Council that the Lions of Indiana will again have the opportunity to put forward a candidate to serve on the International Board of Directors to be installed at the 100<sup>th</sup> Lions Clubs International Convention in 2017.

All eligible Lions will be receiving an invitation to submit their name for consideration and details on the process within the next week or so. Each district may endorse only one candidate from their district, and then the delegates at the 2017 MD25 State Convention in Evansville, Indiana, will then narrow the field down to just one candidate from Indiana. This endorsed candidate will then proceed to the election process at the 2017 Lions Clubs International Convention in Chicago.

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## Training and Screening, Screening and Training

October was full of all sorts of events in the district: training for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, club visits with DG Ross, the 2<sup>nd</sup> District 25C Cabinet Meeting in Martinsville, the 2<sup>nd</sup> MD25 Council of Governors Meeting in Indianapolis with a visit from International President Bob Corlew, and vision screening.

The knowledge gained from all these events is valuable for the growth of me personally and for members of our clubs. Lions training is one of the most underutilized aspects of Lions. All of the training classes and seminars should have waiting lists for those interested, BUT this is not the case. How do we fix this? Here are some ideas:

1. Invite a Lion to training. Arrange to bring them with you and show them you care about their future as a Lion. The Indiana Lions Leadership Conference in Plainfield this weekend is the perfect opportunity.
2. Invite members to attend Zone Meetings. This enables a member to hear about what other clubs are doing and helps build relationships.
3. Invite members of the Global Leadership Team (GLT) to your club for some one-on-one training.

Maybe you have some other ideas. Send them to me at [deversole@tds.net](mailto:deversole@tds.net)

Vision screening as a zone project can produce great results. Volunteering with other clubs is very rewarding, and the little thing that kids say makes your time worth it all. As I was screening with charts, I pointed to the shape of a house, and the kindergarten kid replied, "Pizza Hut!" The kids today just associate these shapes with everyday objects in their lives, and you just never know what they will say next. For me, vision screening is one of the most rewarding programs I've ever been associated with.



If you haven't been a part of school screenings, I urge you to team up with members of your club and other clubs. You will be rewarded. Helping a child may just change a child's future.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Doug Eversole



Just a reminder that your club's IRS 990-N form is due by November 15, 2016.

<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-electronic-filing-requirement-for-small-exempt-organizations-form-990-n-e-postcard>

The Indiana Department of Revenue form NP-20 is also due by November 15, 2016.

<http://in.gov/dor/3506.htm>

## **Reading Action Program**

The Zionsville Lions Club has initiated its RAP and it is going well. I was wondering how many of our 57 clubs do books for underprivileged children? If you do not and you have an interest, RAP is a good way to get involved. The program is simple to operate. It just takes someone who is interested in furthering the education of young children and being of service to the community, and helping children that cannot help themselves. So far doing the Zionsville/Frankfort Lions clubs program takes about 2 hours/month.

The program is an extension of a partnership negotiated between Lions Club International and Scholastic Books (SB), whereby authorized clubs can purchase books at a greatly reduced price. Two rules – 1) the books cannot be placed in public or school libraries, 2) the books MUST go to children that are not capable of purchasing or obtaining their own. This is actually the thrust of the program. Usually a sticker is inserted into the cover of the book with the lion's logo and the statement – "courtesy of the (club name)". There is also a line for the child's name. The book is then owned by the child.



If you are interested, I will upon invitation, be willing to come to your club and give a 5-7 minute presentation. Contact me at [macagcon@tds.net](mailto:macagcon@tds.net) or 317-769-2427.

Dick McKellar  
Immediate Past District Governor  
Multiple District 25C

## Is it really November!

From all of the announcements being sent to us by PDG Sarah Provines, none of us are getting our fall yard work done yet. It seems as if we are all out helping others and providing fun and great food....the true missions of Lions. You are all visible right now, and I hope you are using these opportunities to let others see how rewarding what we do is. Talk it up and actively publicize what you are doing. Reporting what you are doing is important, and it must be worked into the plan for everything you do – local newspapers, club and district newsletters, radio stations, etc. - all these should be part of your outreach and membership recruitment. While most of us were raised to give quietly without fanfare or need for limelight, publicity is your clubs' lifeline and they should be



receiving credit for what they do. And don't forget to write letters to your newspaper thanking those community volunteers who help with your projects. They are potential future club members, and your letters recognize their efforts as part of your team while promoting your club activities.

And don't forget social media – it's a great, free resource that your club can use to increase awareness about your events and enable non-Lions to stay up-to-date on your club activities.... great recruitment tools. Check out SMiLE ('Social Media including Lions

Everywhere') ---- an LCI-sponsored group of Lions that provide information about social media on their website and help support Lions in their use of social media to serve their community.

<http://www.lionssmile.org/downloads/seminar-presentations>

Since the beginning of the year, forty-eight new Lions have joined our clubs...why? They've seen how much we help others and they want to be part of our success. Quality, fun programs and meaningful projects attract attention, interest and new members. Eleven of our clubs had net growth at the end of September, but congratulations go to the Camden and Brookston Lions Clubs who led the pack with net positive +4 and +3 respectively. However, thirty-one of our clubs remained static...if your club is one of these, why not invite friends/neighbors to your next service project, invite them to join your club and swing that needle to the positive side.

As the temperatures drop, leaves fall, and Thanksgiving approaches, keep up your good works and outreach. There are many who need an extra helping hand during the Holidays --- so see what is needed --- ask your friends to help you help others --- showcase the generosity and dedication of Lions to be there for others. Remember that good hearts, club activities and publicity are a team. Together they'll enable your club to do more for your community by stimulating membership growth.

Happy Thanksgiving!

PDG Pat Short – District 25C GMT Chair

## Vision Services Committee and Updates

Wow! Were we ever on the prowl in October!

- Logansport Lions, backed up by Lions from Young America, Walton and Zionsville's IPDG Dick and CT Karen McKellar, completed screening the Logansport schools in the club's first service project! 1800 kids and front-page coverage for the Logansport Lions. **Great Job!**
- Crawfordsville Lions were amongst the first clubs to screen in this year's season, and have only one school yet to screen: on Halloween! A **great fun** activity for the club and Crawfordsville schools.
- Zone 6 screeners led by PDG Ray Collins continue to work through the Vigo and Morgan County schools. **They are well on their way to screening another 5500+ students this year.**
- **Clinton, Cayuga, and Cloverdale Lions** all have been hard at it, too!
- Lafayette Lions have **Over 4000 screens complete** with another 1500 still to go in the Lafayette and Tippecanoe School Corporations.
- As of October 20<sup>th</sup> and not including pending Zone 6 results, **District 25C Lions have screened 9,667 students and referred 1,592 for 16.5%.** This is better than the 20%+ referral rate of years past, but still far above the 10% national average.
- We are on track for another record year of service with a forecast of 23,000 based on current schedules and enrollments.
- The State Vision Services Committee Policy Manual language has now been approved by relevant committees and will be presented at the Council meeting for action. This would update the manual to authorize the committee to support Lions vision screening, education, and treatment for impaired vision.

District 25C Lions- YOU are the leaders in the fight against blindness. "WE SERVE" and "WHERE THERE'S A NEED, THERE'S A LION" aren't slogans. It what you do. It is who you are.

That's why it's great to be a LION and not a TURKEY!

Happy Thanksgiving!

PDG Charlie Short



*The Lafayette Lions Club performed vision screening at Wea Ridge Middle School. Pictured (left to right) are Lions Keith Bundy, Carl Landskron (president), Chuck Scholer, Anna Willson, PDG Charlie Short and Ron Castleberry.*



#### NOVEMBER UPDATE: Lions Clubs International Convention and 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

The Indiana International Convention Committee has chosen a parade uniform for our Indiana Lions. The expectation is to unveil the shirt and hat at the November 5 Indiana Leadership Conference. The parade gear will represent Indiana with a racing theme. Also at the November 5 Leadership Conference is a session presenting more information about how to attend LCIcon and how to experience and negotiate Chicago.

As always, you can go to the LCIcon web site at <http://lcon.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php> for more information.

Look for the next ICC update in your December newsletters.

PDG Dan Wilcox, ICC Chairman – [danwpu@comcast.net](mailto:danwpu@comcast.net)

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## PDG Nicholas “Nick” Xinopoulos for International Director



On October 22, 2016, the Council of Governors announced that Multiple District 25 will have an opportunity to endorse a candidate for International Director at the 100<sup>th</sup> International Convention in Chicago, Illinois. This candidate will be endorsed by the Indiana Lions at our State Convention in Evansville, Indiana on April 30, 2017.

I would like to take the opportunity to announce that it is my intention to run for International Director.

I have been a Lion for 26 years and have held offices in my Club, District, and State and I have also worked with the International Convention Credentials Committee. I am looking forward to visiting with you during a club meeting or service project so we can get to know each other.

**WELCOME TO THE DISTRICT 25C PRIDE**

Club	Name	Sponsor
Brownsburg Lions Club	Lion John W. Fletcher	PDG Billy Chastain
Cloverdale Lions Club	Lion Alexis M. Branneman	Lion Jenna Lewis
Flora Lions Club	Lion Shawn Keihn	transfer
Michigantown Lions Club	Lion Patrick A. Corwin	Lion Don Blanch
Poland Community Lions Club	Lion James Chester Crocker	Lion Ann Stigler
Rossville Area Lions Club	Lion Mary E. Thompson	Lion Ronald Gascho
Spencer Lions Club	Lion Jeanne Litten Lion Renos Litten Lion John R. Loveland Lion Susie K. Mauder Lion Anna M. Woodruff	Lion Shirley Dunigan Lion Norman Dunigan Lion John Rogers Lion James P M Query Lion James P M Query
Zionsville Lions Club	Lion Jayne Stone	Lion Michelle Shepherd

**IN MEMORIUM**

Clinton Lions Club	Lion James Muciarelli
Gospport Lions Club	Lion John King
Pierson Township Lions Club	PDG Coan Whitlock

**Legacy Project Idea – Plainfield Lions Club**

In celebration of the Indiana Bicentennial Celebration, the Plainfield Lions Club donated several Lions items for the Hendricks County Government Center time capsule. The time capsule is scheduled to be opened during the Indiana Tricentennial Celebration in 2116!

Items included are the Plainfield Lions 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banner, a 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program, a club pin, a Lions recruiting pamphlet, one of District Governor Ross Drapalik’s 2016-17 governor pin, and a signed banner with congratulations from Lions Clubs International President Bob Corlew along with IP Bob’s “New Mountains to Climb” pin.



**“A PERSON IS A PERSON NO MATTER HOW SMALL - AT ISBVI WE RESPECT ALL!”**

2016-2017 ISBVI school theme

First of all, a *huge thanks* to all of your Clubs who donate money to the Lions for the ISBVI State Project --- funds that benefit our State's blind and visually impaired students assisted by the school. We continue to need your financial support and hope you will encourage your clubs to continue their generosity.

**ISBVI Demographics**

- ISBVI currently serves 424 students ages 3 to 22 years of age living in all areas of Indiana.
- 141 students on campus (residing in 37 different counties) and 283 outreach students
- 1,224 individuals served through outreach training programs/workshops in 2015-2016
- 739 blind/low vision students received materials/equipment through the In. Education Resource Center in 2015-2016

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SCHOOL**

- **Services expanded/improved** to visually impaired students w/additional disabilities, including dual-sensory impairment (deaf/blind)
- **October 24 – International President Corlew will be visiting the ISBVI to meet with students and tour the school.**
- **3-D Printing** – students are learning to use 3-D printing with technology purchased by the Lions
- **Cane Quest** – October 22 at ISBVI... challenging orientation/mobility contest for students grades 3-12
- **Upcoming events** – Christmas tree sales (December 3) and Holiday Concert (December 23 – 10:00 am. All welcome)

**WHAT ARE YOUR TRUSTEES DOING?**

- **LEO Club** – 6+ members - 2 ISBVI teachers act as liaison; advisors are Washington Township Lions
- **Brian's Trike Race** – Sunday, October 2, 2016- 25 clubs participated. Winners were the Ben Davis Lions (adults) and the Westfield Leos (students).
- **Lions-Anthem Volunteer Day - Fall ISBVI Workday – November 12** – sponsored by the Speedway Lions Club – two on-site houses used for intensive independent living experiences for students will be updated – new appliances/desks/blinds, interior/exterior painting/repairs and landscaping/fall clean up. **Initial grant was for \$1,000, but once LCIF/Anthem saw the scope of project, grant increased to \$2,000!**
- **Club Visits** – please encourage your clubs to contact your district trustees to arrange a club visit to learn more about how they can assist this state project through donations or gifts of time.

A BIG THANKS from **Jim Durst, ISBVI Superintendent**, for the continued support of the Lions of MD-25 through its ISBVI Trustees.

PDG Pat Short, Indiana Lions for the ISBVI Chair





**Riley Township Lions Club**



**New Goshen West Vigo Lions Club**



**Martinsville Noon Lions Club**

*Upper Left – Cub Danielle and PDG Ray Collins having fun during a visit.*

*Upper Right – New Goshen West Vigo Lions signing the Centennial Banner.*

*Middle Left – Lion Tom Williams working the ticket booth at the Morgan County Fall Foliage Festival.*

*Middle Right – Lion Gracie Parker accepting Centennial Service Challenge banner patch from DG Ross.*

*Bottom – Lion Larry Bemis announcing the Newport Hill Climb*



**Eminence Lions Club**



**2016 Newport Antique Auto Hill Climb - Newport Lions Club**

**Please send your photos/articles to**

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**by the 20th of the month.**

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