

District 25 **C**hronicles



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People "COUNT ON" Lions

The last few years since first becoming your 2nd Vice District Governor, I have told the story about one of my family's traditions each year is going to the IMAX theater at the Indiana State Museum each Christmas and watching "Polar Express." In my article a couple of years ago, I wrote about believing without seeing and the boy whose ticket was punched "BELIEVE."

Last year I wrote about the girl who loved the spirit of Christmas and was the leader of the group. When the conductor punched her ticket, it said "LEAD." Her immediate thoughts were lead like a lead balloon when in fact it meant lead as in leader or lead the way.

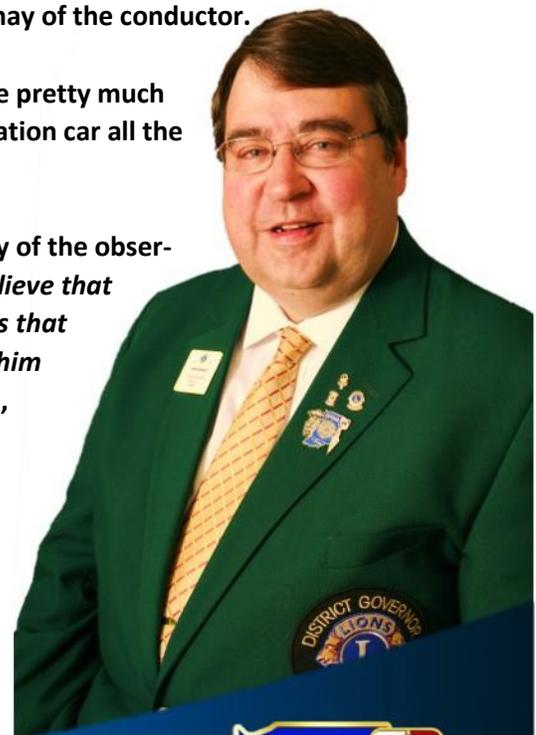
This year's story is about Billy. Billy was the only child on the train whose name we know, and he was from the other side of the tracks, living in a beaten down house with a large hole in the roof. Billy was initially hesitant to even get on the train. That is until the train starting pulling away and his curiosity got the best of him. He ran and ran, as hard as he could, and the only way that he was able to get on the train was when one of the boys on the train pulled the emergency brake, much to the dismay of the conductor.

You see, Billy didn't fit in with the other kids. In fact, he pretty much kept to himself, being the only one riding in the observation car all the way to the North Pole.

We really learn about Billy as he was out on the balcony of the observation car singing, "I wish upon a star...and trying to believe that even though it's far, he'll find me Christmas Eve. I guess that Santa's busy 'cause he's never come around. I think of him when Christmas comes to town." Billy wants to believe, but in his own words, "Christmas just doesn't work out for me...never has."

A few years ago, Lion Kent Williams of the Martinsville Noon Lions Club came and asked our members to consider sponsoring Christmas for some children under the custody of the Department of Child Services (DCS).

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Most generally, our club does not openly solicit donations from our members, but the Board of Directors approved taking up a free-will offering from the membership. In that first year we collected nearly \$900 to sponsor three children.

The DCS suggested that the gifts be limited to around \$100 per child, and the extra money rolled over into the following year's Christmas drive, and so it began.

Lion Kent was a few years younger than myself, and he unexpectedly passed away a couple of years ago. Our club chose to honor his commitment to these children by naming our annual drive the "Lion Kent Williams Memorial DCS Christmas Fund." Each year, our club members continue to reach into our pockets and help sponsor a "Billy" in our community who just wants to believe.

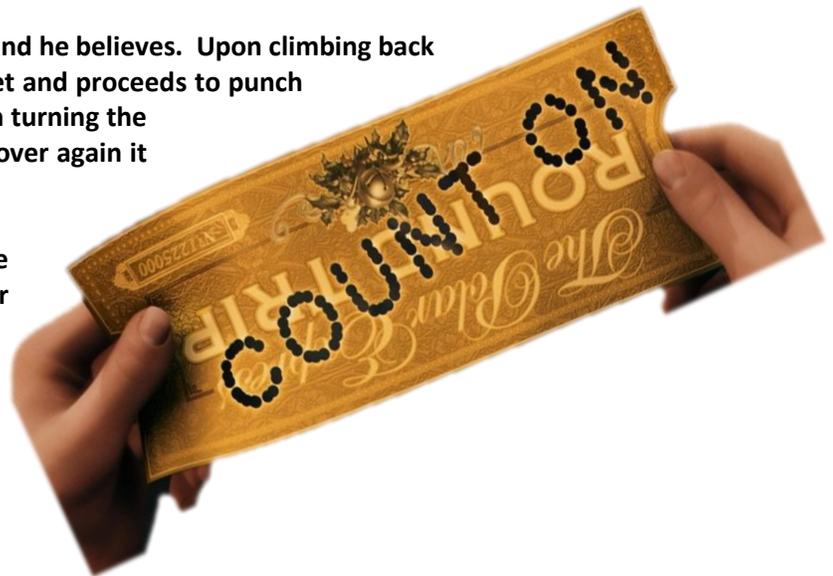
By the end of the movie, Billy has met Santa, and he believes. Upon climbing back onto the train, the conductor asks for his ticket and proceeds to punch the words "DEPEND ON" into Billy's ticket. On turning the ticket over, it reads "RELY ON" and turning it over again it reads "COUNT ON".

My question to the Lions is simply this: Can the Billy in your neighborhood "COUNT ON" your Lions Club this Christmas?

From my family to yours,

Merry Christmas

DG Ross, Lion Jennifer, and Cub Danielle



The "Other" Time

To be a Lion one should give of his Time, Talent and Treasure. No one told you in the beginning that you might have to make some sacrifices to be a Lion. Once you have taken care of your family, your work and your church, you need to consider what you will do with your "other" time. One does not have to give up recreational, hobby or sporting time, but maybe just break off a little piece of your "other" time and use it in a Lion service. Little pieces can be brought together and made into a larger piece, a piece that serves the community in which you live. I had an older friend that used to say "people can live long and well if they just balance their lives". I think there is something to that statement! Maybe he was talking about balancing family, work, church and Lions?

PDG Dick McKellar

P.S. Everyone has thoughts about something. Maybe we ought to express them just a little more with a short "say" in the district newsletter?

Oh, What Fun!

The weather has finally turned cold, and we have had our first frosts! I've even seen snow flurries, but thank goodness, we haven't had any measurable snow.

October and November have been busy with Multiple District 25 Council meetings and First Vice District Governor Training. Indianapolis was the site for the Council meeting on October 22nd and 23rd and I also attended the reception dinner for International President Corlew the evening of the 23rd. It was great being able to meet my second sitting International President. I also attended the reenactment of the 1917 signing of the Lions Club incorporation papers at the State of Indiana Secretary of State's office on October 24th, where IP Corlew sat down with Connie Lawson at the Indiana State House. Although no news coverage was accomplished, there were many photos shared on Facebook. I was also fortunate to accompany the tour of the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, during which IP Corlew presented a check from Lions Club for a new "smartboard". There was a demonstration later on an existing one, which I thoroughly enjoyed! I also had the opportunity to see a 3D printer in use. Technology is so wonderful!



1VDG Chloe Weyrauch greets International President Bob Corlew at the meet and greet dinner at the Clermont Lions Club on October 23, 2017.

The actual training for First Vice District Governors takes four weekends out of your year, but is very enjoyable. I attended training in Plainfield on October 29th and 30th, and November 18th through the 20th, and will attend training in Indianapolis on February 4th and 5th, and then again in Plainfield on February 18th and 19th. As I mentioned, it's very enjoyable and gives Lions a chance to get some one-on-one time with leaders in the Multiple District.

It was wonderful to see our third month of 100% MMR and SAR reports (September, October, and November), and I believe that we will be able to keep the trend going. Have you as your club Secretary thought about doing your MMR reporting as soon as you have your last meeting? And it would break up your time spent in one sitting if you did part of your SAR reporting around the 15th of the month, and the remainder a few days before the end of the month, with final items added at the end of the month. I don't know of any clubs that meet the 5th Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday, so why not try to do your MMR after your last meeting of the month? I realize, however, that Thanksgiving might have thrown a wrench in the mix in November.

For those of you who are interested in being involved more in the Zones and District, it is time to start thinking of what you would like to do next year. The plan for my District Governor year is to start contacting Lions shortly in the different areas to fill positions for next year. If you are interested in working on a particular project or committee, please don't hesitate to give me a call to discuss what the expectations are and how much time it will take.

Have a wonderful Christmas season, and a very Happy and safe New Year.

Yours in Lionism,

1VDG Chloe Weyrauch

Travels and Training



Winter season changes our travel routes fast and unexpected. As the ice, snow, and freezing temperatures arrive, we need to bundle up and proceed with caution.

Speaking of travel, I recently had the opportunity to attend the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) in Houston, Texas. This training was great, and the knowledge gained along with all the reference material is valuable for any Lion. I can't praise the instructors and the LCI team enough for all their hard work. "OH, YA!!" the food was great.

Being a student for many years of Dale Carnegie courses, I was amazed how the Lions Leadership classes were more effective and more direct to the students. I strongly urge anyone to take advantage of the ALLI training.

Another valuable asset is the forming of new friendships while at ALLI. I made friends with Lions from all over the world. Great comrades! My club and a club in Georgetown, Guyana, have submitted paper work to LCI for approval to "TWIN" with each other. Both clubs are excited about future projects.

We all should be involved with training, whether at the club, the district, the state or the national level. Training only improves our leadership and ability to assist others.

Please stay safe as winter takes control.

2VDG Doug Eversole

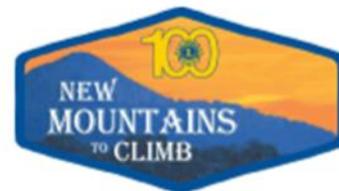


Twenty-five Lions from District 25C posed for a group picture with International President Bob Corlew during his recent visit to Indiana in October. Pictured left to right are: PDG Charlie Short, International President Bob Corlew, Lion Gerald Metzinger, PID Linda Tincher, PDG Vern Tincher, PDG Pat Short, PDG Jim Query 2VDG Doug Eversole, Lion Sheila Eversole (back row), Lion Charlotte Query, IPDG Dick McKellar, Lion Jennifer Drapalik, PCC/Comptroller Vernon Provines, Lion Jim Query, DG Ross Drapalik, PDG Sara Provines, Lion John Archer, C/S Gretchen Xinopoulos, Lion Gloria Hoppe, Lion Roberta Roth, C/T Karen McKellar, PDG Charles Roth, PDG Nick Xinopoulos, 1VDG Chloe Weyrauch, Z/C Jenn Weiss, and Z/C Worth Donaldson. The 25C Lions know how to travel.



District 25C

3rd Cabinet Meeting



Saturday, January 28, 2017

Hosted by the Lebanon Lions Club

Freedom Church, 2016 Indianapolis Avenue, Lebanon, Indiana

Registration begins at 9:30 am with the PDG Meeting beginning at 9:45 am.

Coffee, juice and famous Titus doughnuts

Cabinet Meeting to begin at 10:45 am

Lunch to be provided by the Lebanon Lions Club at a cost of \$10/person
(children eat free)

**LUNCH MENU: Chili or cream of potato soup with toppings,
veggies, desserts and beverages**



Names / Titles: _____

Club: _____

Number attending: _____ @ \$10.00 per person (12 and under free)

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to Lebanon Lions Club and mail to
Lion Margi McConnaha, 906 Harney Dr., Lebanon, IN 46052 by January 20, 2017

(WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS IN JANUARY EDITION OF *District 25C Chronicles*)



DECEMBER UPDATE: Lions Clubs International Convention and 100th Anniversary Celebration

The parade shirts and hats have been revealed!



We have a few shirts remaining, but will have more available in late January 2017. The hats are in plentiful supply. You can order for late January delivery to your home (a small delivery fee will be included) from this website: <http://www.promotionsplus1.com/showrooms.htm>

Or you can wait until you see a Committee member in January.

Don't forget to register for LCIcon. You will save money registering early and increase your odds of getting in the Indiana Delegation Hotel (The Palmer House Hilton).

Go to the LCIcon web site at <http://lcon.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php> for more information and to register.

PDG Dan Wilcox, ICC Chairman danwpu@comcast.net

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS THE 2017-18
2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR
SHOULD CONTACT DG ROSS, 1VDG CHLOE, OR 2VDG DOUG
FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

WELCOME TO THE DISTRICT 25C PRIDE

Club	Name	Sponsor
Camden Lions Club	Lion Camilla Downing	Lion Jill Moudy
	Lion Monica L. Scott	Lion Jill Moudy
Delphi Lions Club	Lion Krista Watson	Lion Mike Shockley
Earl Park Community Lions Club	Lion Marty J. Lewis	Lion Ronald Hasser
Flora Lions Club	Lion Jane Beck	Lion Norman Beck
	Lion Joseph Boggs	Lion Patricia Meade
Prairie Creek Lions Club	Lion David K. Piper	Lion Larry Ridge
Spencer Lions Club	Lion Marcy A. Marksberry	Lion Gloria Hoppe
Young America Lions Club	Lion Brandon Smith	Lion April Mullinax-Davis
	Lion Marisa K. Smith	Lion April Mullinax-Davis

IN MEMORIUM

Royal Center Lions Club	Lion Max Metzger
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More Legacy Projects



(Right) Zionsville Lions Club has installed their new "Centennial" sign outside of their clubhouse. (Above) Members of the Lafayette Lions Club dedicated a Centennial Legacy Bench to former Lion Robert Dale. The bench is located in Land Trust Park at Clegg Gardens in Lafayette, made possible in part by a Indiana Lions Foundation grant.



Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**

WHAT'S NEW AT THE FOUNDATION?

LCI has created a new club position to help promote LCIF. The role of the Club LCIF Coordinator is:

- Educate Lions about the mission and success of LCIF and its importance to Lions Clubs International
- Make at least one presentation to club about LCIF and work with the club leadership to set a budget for the club's annual donation to LCIF
- Implement LCIF development strategies with club
- Collaborate with the District LCIF Coordinator to promote LCIF

Each Club President needs to appoint a Club LCIF Coordinator as soon as possible and send the name to the District LCIF Coordinator Karen McKellar at kadica@tds.net. This person will be entered into the LCI Computer and will begin receiving information to help them with this position directly from LCIF.

Many clubs have already made a donation to LCIF for the 2016-2017 Lions Year, but we are lagging behind last year. District C had 100% participation from clubs last year with the assistance of our District Silent Auction proceeds at the District Convention. Let's make it another \$100% year. We also more than met our goal of \$15,000 last year. LET'S DO IT AGAIN!

Do you have credits in your account toward a MJF Fellowship? Did you know that you can honor someone from your club or community with a Melvin Jones Fellowship by accumulating \$1,000 in your club's LCIF account? I receive updates each month. If you wish to know how much your club has waiting to be spent, just email me and I will give you the latest information. Each time a club makes a donation to LCIF the bank grows.

I have been asked if individual members can make donations. The answer is YES. Some clubs have a "contributing member" program. The Club Secretary accumulates those gifts and send them to the District with the name of the person and the amount given and they are submitted to LCIF under the "Contributing Member Program." These gifts must be a minimum of \$20.

Also, remember if you have a "special person" who you just don't know what to give at the holiday time, a Melvin Jones Fellowship is a wonderful gift. These can be purchased by individuals as well as clubs. Last year the district had three awarded from individual donations. These can be done on line at LCIF or through the district. Allow at least 4 weeks for the paperwork to be processed.

Lion Karen McKellar

District 25C LCIF Coordinator

Vision Services Christmas Report 2016

The start of Christmas season means a lot of things, but it is also the traditional end of our school vision screening effort for the year. You should be very proud to be a District C Lion. We have had another record year of helping children, families, and schools have improved sight.

This year continued to see the school vision program expand to a new record of children and families served. We added four new school corporations and over 3000 additional children to our list of those served. Logansport was able to add their schools in their first year as a new club. Crawfordsville substantially expanded their reach, and Clinton Lions continued to do their usual, excellent job. It's a great story of service, quality, and dedication that is bringing new life to old clubs and old values to new ones.

Others noticed too: Indiana Lions were honored with the Coffman Friends of School Nursing Award last month by the Indiana Association of School Nurses. This followed up honors from the National Association of School Nurses earlier in the year. Your state council of governors voted unanimously to expand support for vision screening, education, and support programs.

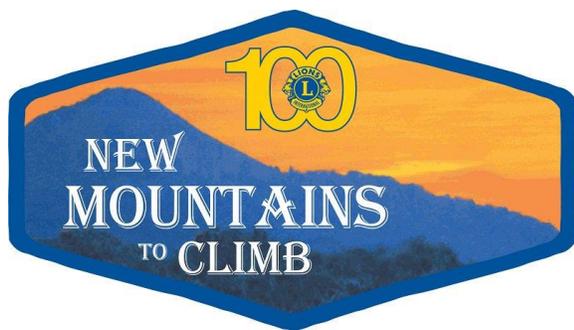
25C Lions will screen over 23,000 school-age students in this Lions year. Our efforts have had an effect: we are seeing referral rates start to decline in the schools that we have been serving. More kids are wearing their glasses in school. Broken and lost glasses are being replaced or repaired faster. This part we can see and measure. We can't see the better behavior, the better grades, the better performance in sports, or the happier families, but we know they are out there too.

Lions of 25C will refer about 4,500 students for further care this year. The work will not stop. But by our service, a few more kids who never saw a star in the night sky will now be able to do so, and might also keep a sharper lookout for Santa.

What a gift we bring! What a great group of Lions. Merry Christmas and the best of New Years to all.

PDG Charlie Short, Chairman
Vision Services Committee





AND NEW TRICYCLES TO RIDE



(Above) International President Bob Corlew enjoys a spin on a tricycle during his tour of the Indiana School for the Blind on October 24, 2016. Lions race to raise money on these treacherous three wheeled vehicles every Fall.

(Lower left) Lafayette Lions at the "Stand Down for Veterans" conducted vision screenings and provided free popcorn. L-to-R: Carl Landskron IV, Lions Ron and Vera Castleberry, Lion Diane Haby and Lion Bob Goldberg. Also assisting were Lion Dave Ehlers and PDG Pat Short.

(Lower right) Prairie Creek Lions prepare to deliver 95 dozen roses in their community. L-to-R: Lion Bill Pearman, Lion Alayna Jackson, Lion Marvin Mericle, Lion Barbara Mericle, President Larry Ridge, and 1VDG Chloe Weyrauch. (Not pictured: Lion Mary Monroe, Lion Kim Payton and Lion Kim Waggoner)



Please send your photos/articles to
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by the **20th** of the month.

Please send your event flyers to
District 25C Public Relations Chair
PDG Sara Provines
sjprovines@att.net
for distribution between the newsletter publications.

To submit your photos for possible
Publication in the *HOOSIER LION*,
please send them to
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Santa DG Ross will be checking his list and checking it twice, so make sure to file your December Monthly Member Report (MMR) and Service Activity Report (SAR) early and stay on the nice list.

Merry Christmas

Indiana Lions Multiple District 25 State Convention

Old National Events Plaza, Evansville IN – April 28 – 30, 2017

MEALS MENUS & ACTIVITIES:

FRIDAY NIGHT – ABOARD LST 325: Whole Roasted Pig or Grilled Chicken; Scalloped Potatoes; Baked Beans; Sweet & Sour Slaw; Pickle & Onion; Cookies & Brownies; Iced Tea, Lemonade, and Coffee.

SATURDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET - Chilled Fruit Juices, Seasonal Cut Fruits; Flaky Croissants; Danishes; Muffins; Gluten free Muffins; Butter and Fruit Preserves; Coffee, Tea, and Milk.

SATURDAY AWARDS LUNCHEON BUFFET - FEATURED SPEAKER: EVANSVILLE MAYOR LLOYD WINNECKE

Country Ham and Oven Roasted Turkey, served with Wheat Berry and White Breads, Appropriate Sandwich Condiments (lettuce, tomato, onion, mayo, and mustard), Swiss and American Cheese, Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, and Creamy Cole Slaw, Angel Food Cake w/whipped topping and garnish of fruit, Gluten Free Cookies, coffee, tea, and water. **CHILDREN'S MENU:** Knee High Buffet - Grilled Cheese, French Fries, Raw Carrots w/Ranch Dressing & Cream Cheese; Fruit Cup; Apple Juice. *Entertainment by the Sleepy Hollow Dulcimer Band*

SATURDAY ALL-STATE BANQUET – KEYNOTE SPEAKER: INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT ROBERT CORLEW

Seasoned and sliced Roast Beef in Succulent Gravy or Pork Loin w/onion and mushroom gravy; Caesar Salad w/Ranch & Caesar Dressings; Duchess Potatoes; Vegetable Melody; Dessert; Iced Tea, Coffee, and Water. **CHILDREN'S MENU:** Chicken Tenders w/ Ranch & Honey Mustard Sauce; Mac & Cheese; Green Beans; Chocolate & Vanilla Pudding; Apple Juice.

SUNDAY BRUNCH BUFFET – Orange, Cranberry, and Apple Juices, Crisp Bacon, Season Scrambled Eggs, Assorted Muffins, Fried Chicken, Cheesy Lyonnaise Potatoes w/Crimini Mushrooms, Green Beans Almandine, Fresh Fruit Salad, Iced Tea, Coffee and Water. **CHILDREN'S MENU:** Knee-High Buffet – Corn Dogs w/Mustard & Ketchup; Mashed Potatoes; Raw Carrots w/Ranch Dressing; Apple Sauce; Apple Juice

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Golf Outing - Friday 9:00 AM at Fendrich Golf Course.

Tour #1 - LST 325 Tour (\$10.00) - USS LST 325 is a decommissioned tank landing ship of the United States Navy, now docked in Evansville. Like many of her class, she was not named and is properly referred to by her hull designation. Tours are available Monday – Saturday from 10:00 am – 4 pm and Sunday 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm departing on the hour. Each tour lasts about one hour. 5 special tours for Lions will be available on Friday from 3:00 pm – 3:40 pm. Each tour, consisting of about 12 Lions and children, will depart in 10 minute intervals beginning at 3:00 pm with the last tour leaving at 3:40 pm. If you wish to go on one of these 5 special tours on Friday please check the box following Tour #1 on the reverse side of this form. There will only be time for about 60 Lions and children to go on these special tours. So its first come first serve. If you would like to go on a regular tour and pay ahead of time, check the "on my own" box on the same line. The LST staff is preparing a commemorative ticket stub honoring Lions 100th Anniversary. If you do not purchase a ticket ahead of time and wish to tour the LST, you must pay at the LST Office. Tell the staff at the ticket window that you are with the Lions so you can receive the special Lions commemorative ticket stub.

Tour #2 - Children's Museum (\$8.00) – The Koch Family Children's Museum of Evansville is an interactive children's museum in Evansville. The museum educates and inspires children about the world.

Tour #3 - Mesker Zoo (\$9.50) – The Mesker Park Zoo and Botanic Garden is a zoo that opened in 1928 in Evansville. It is one of the oldest and largest zoos in the state.

Don't forget your item for the Silent Auction!



2017 Indiana Distinguished Lion Award

The Indiana Lions Foundation, Inc. is again sponsoring the Indiana Distinguished Lion Award to recognize an outstanding member of the Lions of Indiana. The award will be presented at the 2017 State Convention. The award is a standing Lion replica for the recipient's desk and their name will be placed on a plaque in the Lions State Office.

The qualifications for this prestigious award are:

1. The nominee must be a member of a Lions Club in Multiple District 25 (Indiana)
2. The nominee has been a Lion in good standing for at least 25 years prior to the nomination.

Nominations may be submitted by a Lions Club, the sub-district cabinet with the approval of the sitting District Governor, or the Council of Governors with the approval of the Council Chair

The Nomination Application form must provide as much information as possible concerning the nominee's service. Nominations must be received by January 31, 2017. Only one applicant per club per year.

Apply online through the website: https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/?page_id=42

Or mail completed applications to: PCC L. Robert Booher, Jr.
Chairman—Indiana Lions Distinguished Lion Award
4920 West 15th Street
Speedway, IN 46224-6506

Nomination From: (check one)

Lions Club _____ Sub-District Cabinet _____ Council of Governors _____

Nominee Information:

Title LAST Name FIRST Name MIDDLE Name

Address

City State Zip Code

Home Phone Number Cell Phone Number

Lions Club District

Number of years in good standing in local Lions Club Number of years in good standing in Indiana

Please provide a narrative of the service that the nominated Lion has given to:

His/Her Lions Club _____

His/Her District _____

The Lions of Indiana—Multiple District 25 (State Organization): _____

Lions Club International: _____

Other Organizations and/or the community: _____

If nominated by a Club, signature of Club President. If nominated by a District, signature of District Governor. If nominated by the Council of Governors, signature of Council Chairperson.

Signature: _____ Title: _____