

District 25 hronicles



25C Shines at State Convention

Despite the torrential downpours and flooding in Evansville during the 96th Indiana Lions Convention and the rumble of thunder and rumble of the monster truck rally going on next door to the convention hotel, the spotlight was on the Lions of District 25C.

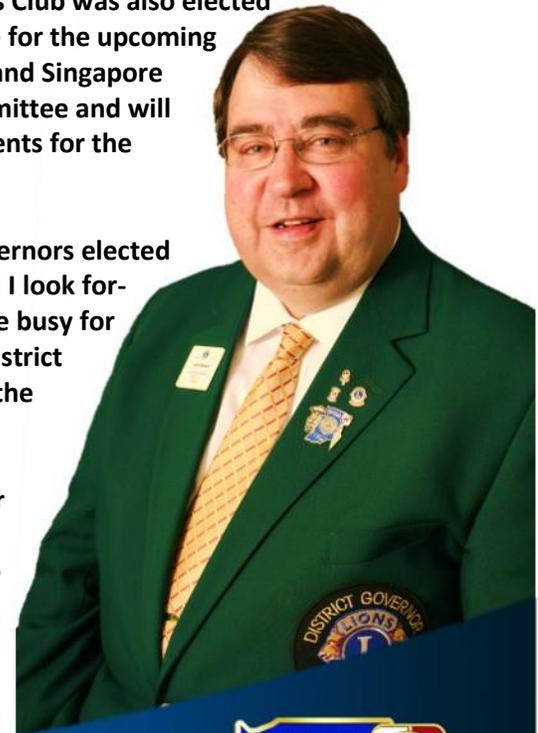
In the same way that we celebrated the winning of the MD25 Peace Poster Contest, the winning of the MD25 Environmental Photo Contest, and the winning of the MD25 International Convention Pin Design Contest at our District Convention back in March, the Lions of 25C had much to celebrate at the close of the 2017 State Convention on April 28-30, 2017, taking all of the elective positions.

PDG Nick Xinopoulos of the Brownsburg Lions Club was officially endorsed by the Lions of Indiana for International Director, and he and Lion Gretchen are moving on to Chicago for the International Convention next month. This is even more reason for Indiana Lions to go to Chicago to support our candidate.

Immediate PDG Richard McKellar of the Zionsville Lions Club was also elected to a 3-year term of the MD25 International Committee for the upcoming conventions in Las Vegas in 2018, Milan, Italy in 2019, and Singapore in 2020. IPDG Dick will be a great addition to this committee and will be working hard to make these fun and memorable events for the Indiana delegation.

To round out the weekend, the 2017-18 Council of Governors elected myself to serve as their Council Chair for next year, and I look forward to this new adventure which will actually keep me busy for the next four years. I wish to thank all of next year's District Governors for their trust and support as we enter into the second century of Lionism.

One of the most difficult tasks for any District Governor each year is recommending deserving Lions to receive Lions International Presidential Certificates, Leadership Medals, and Presidential Medals. At this year's State Convention, three Lions from our district were presented with medals from International President Bob



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Corlew. Lion Leroy Postel and Lion Tom Williams, both being members of the Martinsville Noon Lions Club, were each awarded with a Lions Clubs International Leadership Medal, the 3rd highest award presented by our organization. Lion Owen Matz, Jr. of the Frankfort Lions Club was presented with a Lions Club International Presidential Medal, the 2nd highest award that a Lion can receive. All three of these Lions were more than deserving of these awards, and they were long overdue.

It is now time to mark your calendars for May 20, 2017. This is the date that we set for the 4th Cabinet Meeting to be held in Brownsburg, Indiana. This Cabinet Meeting though is going to be like no other Cabinet Meeting that you have ever attended. Just as with any other Cabinet Meeting, we will be going over some business, but the plans are to be finished in no more than 20-30 minutes. The rest of the day will be devoted to one thing and one thing alone. We're going to have a

District 25 Celebration

We're going to celebrate 100-years of Lionism. We're going to celebrate our accomplishments. We're going to celebrate our victories. We're going to celebrate being LIONS!

DG / CC-Elect Ross Drapalik

2017-18 Club Officer Training Schedule

One of the reasons why we are able to celebrate our successes starts with club officer training. In 2016, District 25C trained 92 club officers representing 30 of our clubs, and with a new batch of club officers coming on board in 2017-18, now is the time to start training up these officers to help keep the ball rolling.

Club Officer Training will be offered throughout the month of May at five (5) locations around our district. Incoming officers or to anyone interested in becoming an officer or anyone just interested to see what being a club officer involves are encouraged to attend.

Each training session will offer instruction for: President/Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Membership Chairs. All training sessions will begin at 6:00 pm with a light supper.

May 8, 2017	Church of the Nazarene, 54 West Water Street, Cloverdale
May 18, 2017	Zion's Hill Baptist Church, 5050 Turkey Track Road, Martinsville
May 22, 2017	Indiana United Methodist Children's Home, 515 W. Camp St, Lebanon
May 23, 2017	Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 6075 US Highway 150, West Terre Haute
May 25, 2017	Faith Presbyterian Church, 3318 State Road 26 West, West Lafayette

If you have questions, please contact GLT PDG Jim Query at 812-829-4496 or jequery@bluemarble.net

Thank You Lions of Indiana

Thank you so much for the honor of endorsing me as your Indiana Lions Candidate for International Director. It was a pleasure to visit with many of you at our State Convention. Lion Gretchen and I are looking forward to representing you, the Lions of Indiana, at the International level.

We want to thank those members of our Campaign Committee: Co-Chairs, Treasurer, Multiple District Campaign Coordinators, and all volunteers who helped us to make our campaign a success. We are looking forward to *“Working Together for a Better Tomorrow.”*

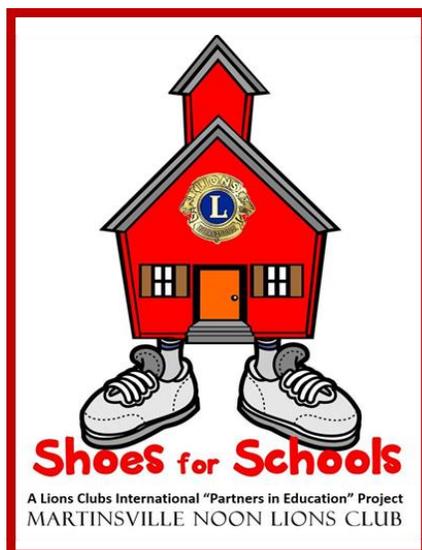


Sincerely,

PDG Nick and Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos

New Program Officially Launches

Earlier this Lions' year, Lion Jennifer Drapalik wrote about Lions Club International First Lady Lion Dianne Corlew's challenge to the spouses of the District Governors to become "Partners in Education." The challenge was to find a need within your local schools and then fill that need.



The story behind this challenge was a boy named Stanley. When Stanley was growing up, it was discovered that he really wasn't doing all that great in school and really needed to go to the Tennessee School for the Blind. The problem was that he wasn't eligible, not because he wasn't visually impaired but because his family couldn't afford a week's worth of clothes for him, a requirement for enrollment at the school. That is when a Lions Club stepped in and purchased him a suitcase and a complete weeks' worth of clothes.

Stanley went on to graduate from the school and later went on to college, receiving Bachelors and Masters degrees before eventually going back to serving as the Head Master of the Tennessee School for the Blind.

This one act of service by a single Lions Club not only affected Stanley's life but also an untold number of lives of visually impaired children as well.

In meeting this challenge, First Lady Lion Jennifer, District Governor Ross, and the members of the Martinsville Noon Lions Club have partnered together to create the "Shoes for Schools" project. This project is to provide

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District 25 **C**elebration



Cabinet Meeting & Picnic



Saturday, May 20, 2017

Hosted by the Brownsburg Lions Club and the Martinsville Noon Lions Club
Bundy's Lodge - 200 N. Green Street, Brownsburg, Indiana

*Please plan to come and celebrate the
endorsement of International Director Candidate*

PDG Nick Xinopoulos

*and all of the successes of the Lions of District 25C
during the 2016-17 Lions' year.*

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

Cabinet Meeting to begin at 10:45 am and lunch served at 11:30 am.

**Free hamburgers and hot dogs and all the fixings
provided by the Martinsville Noon Lions Club.**

Please bring a side dish or dessert.

Please RSVP by May 18, 2017 to C/S Gretchen Xinopoulos
via email at liongretchen@att.net or telephone 317-440-6711.

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shoes for needy children within the Metropolitan School District of Martinsville, and this project was officially launched on May 3, 2017 with an initial donation of 22 pairs of shoes being donated in sizes Y12 through 5.

Patti Ostler, the Family Service Coordinator for the MSD of Martinsville, and Karen Mimna, attended the Martinsville Noon Lions Club's meeting and May 3 to receive the shoes and talked about the "Lunch Buddy" program where adults can just go in once a week and eat lunch with a child.

This project was funded by the generous donations received from Lions around the district and members of the Martinsville Noon Lions Club and the proceeds of the Indiana Centennial Medallion sales.

Tax-deductible donations can be made to the Martinsville Noon Lions Foundation, P.O. Box 1062, Martinsville, Indiana 46151. Please make sure to include the note "Shoes for Schools" in the memo line.



Karen Mimna, Lion Jennifer Drapalik, and Patti Ostler, Family Service Coordinator for the Metropolitan School District of Martinsville, are each holding shoes donated as part of the "Shoes for Schools" program of the Martinsville Noon Lions Club.

One Word Sums Up State Convention



WOW! That's my comment about the Indiana Lions State Convention in Evansville. Although the weather did not cooperate completely, the weekend was great. The committee did a great job, and the rain stopped long enough for the dedication of the tree planted in honor of William Perry Woods on the grounds of the Ford Center. I was not able to attend the banquet on Saturday night due to my great-niece making her First Communion at Our Lady of Lourdes in Indianapolis, but I understand it was very nice.

I also had to leave early from the Awards Luncheon on Saturday, in which Prairie Creeks Lions Club's very own Marvin Mericle was awarded a Melvin Jones from our club. Marvin has worked tirelessly and continuously for the continuation and betterment of the Prairie Creek Lions Club, and this was well deserved.

The next gathering on the horizon is the Lions Clubs International Convention in Chicago. As I've mentioned before, this will be the closest location to Indiana for the next few years. If you have the opportunity to go, it will be a great adventure.

This month is set for Officer Training. All Club Secretaries have been notified of the dates, locations and times. If you haven't received information from your Club Secretary, there is information in this newsletter as to the information. Please have your newly elected (or returning) officers attend one of the training sessions. If you can't make the one in your area, you are welcome to come to one of the others.

I am in the process of filling Committee assignments for the 2017-2018 Lions year. If you are interested in serving on a committee, I would appreciate hearing from you. There are several that I haven't confirmed yet, and a few new ones that have been created.

In the next few weeks, I would like the clubs to consider a push to encourage new members before the end of the year. As a new member is added, their dues are prorated for the remainder of the year. One of the awards that are given to clubs include a requirement that the club end the year with a +1 in membership. Don't wait until next year to add that new member! If you have someone who is interested in becoming a member and helping your club, don't wait!

There are still 4 clubs who have not yet filed their Club Officer Report (formerly the PU-101 form) using the MyLCI website to report their new officers for the 2017-2018 year. I need this information in order to complete the 2017-18 District 25-C directory. So secretaries, if you haven't filed the PU-101, please do so as soon as possible.

Thanks to all Club Secretaries for getting your MMR's and SAR's filed in April!

Yours in Lionism,

DG-Elect Chloe Weyrauch

Let's Change a Negative to a Positive



Our state convention was well represented by each district, and all of the Lions I met and talked with really enjoyed convention. International President Corlew and First Lady Dianne were also at the convention and were well received by all.

Every Lion needs to be involved in club activities. For me, my passion is working with the vision screening of our young. I encourage all Lions to get trained and help with screening our young children. The rewards are great.

Another area is seeing all that the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) does throughout our world. Each club can help our foundation by contributing funds in order to insure that when a disaster strikes, funds will be available.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who filed their Monthly Membership Reports (MMR) and Service Activity Reports (SAR) the 8th month in a row. WOW!!! Great job everyone!

As summer approaches, everyone will be busy working fairs and other projects. Please protect yourself from the sun and heat, drink plenty of fluids, and take breaks as needed. Enjoy your events as we serve our communities by raising funds for those in need.

Although our overall membership is down for the year, we as a group can change the negative to a positive by asking our friends and family to join our club. We have until the end of June to make our membership grow. With all of the successes that we have had this year, let's add this to the list.

1st Vice District Governor-Elect Doug Eversole

Happy Birthday Lions - June 10, 2017

As announced earlier this year, there is going to be a 13th edition to the *District 25C Chronicles*, a picture edition of nothing but pictures celebrating how our communities are celebrating along with us our Centennial Year of Lionism.

The goal is for the Lions of 25C to get as many businesses to put something on their message boards promoting the Lions Clubs International 100 years of service on Saturday, June 10, 2017. If they would put it up for even longer that would be great as well. Here are some examples:



Your challenge is to go around to as many businesses around your community and ask them to put up the message for at least one (1) day, preferably June 10. Take a picture of the sign and send it to me for inclusion in the special edition of the newsletter.

Get creative. Maybe even get a message on the Jumbotron in Ross Aide Stadium, the scoring pylon at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, or the IPL Building in downtown Indianapolis. Maybe a contractor on one of the highway projects or a digital billboard. Anywhere will work.

A Lions flag flying above the courthouse or at the golf course. It doesn't have to be just a sign.

What about prizes? The club that submits the most photographs will receive a \$50 LCIF donation in their club name to jumpstart their 2017-18 contributions. The club that submits the most "unique and interesting" photo will receive a \$25 LCIF donation.

All photographs must be received by DG Ross Drapalik by June 20, 2017, and prizes will be awarded at the 1st Cabinet Meeting in 2017-18.

W.P. Woods Account Sunset Policy

During the fourth year of inactivity of W. P. Woods accounts of credits and donations, the Foundation Trustees of each district will be notified in August by the W. P. Woods State Chair to make contact with each of the inactive account owners, or with the presidents of the clubs in which those owners are members, to explain the options for the inactive accounts. The method of use of credits or donations recorded in an account for a deceased Lion should be determined by his or her club. If an account owner cannot be located and his or her club has been dissolved, the appropriate District Governor shall be consulted for resolution.



The options include:

1. Using the credits and donations for a W. P. Woods Fellowship; or,
2. Making an account active again through additional credits or donations; or,
3. Identifying recipients, other than the current owners, to receive the credits or donations toward W. P. Woods Fellowships; (recipients may be clubs and districts) or,
4. Permitting the Foundation to apply the credits or donations to the districts in which they were earned.

Each year on July 1, W. P. Woods credits and donations in accounts that have been inactive for five years or more will be moved to the account of the district in which they were earned.

Your District 25C trustees are:

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WELCOME TO THE DISTRICT 25C PRIDE

Club	Name	Sponsor
Brownsburg Lions Club	Lion Keri K. Arthurton	Lion Gretchen Zentz
	Lion Jennifer A. Foy	Lion Ray Furner
	Lion James C. Hill	PDG Nick Xinopoulos
Lafayette Lions Club	Lion Michael F. Oats, Jr.	PDG Pat Short
Logansport Lions Club	Lion Velma Johnson	Lion Nichole Brown
Rossville Area Lions Club	Lion Mark A. Mitchell	Lion Ronald Gascho
	Lion Wanda L. Mitchell	Lion Ronald Gascho
Spencer Lions Club	Lion Christian B. Freeman	Lion Russell Freeman
Wolcott Lions Club	Lion William Emond	Lion Joyce Terwilliger
Zionsville Lions Club	Lion Sean Patrick Sullivan	Lion Keith Shepherd



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

As of May 1, 2017, there are only be 59 days left before the start of the 100th Anniversary Celebration in Chicago. It's not too late to register and attend. Registration is open; there is even a day-of registration option. Remember, if you plan to march in the parade with your fellow Indiana you must be registered for the LCI Con and wear the official Indiana parade uniform.

There is still time so, please come join us! Please come join us!

For information and to register go to <http://lcicon.lionsclubs.org>.

PDG Dan Wilcox, ICC Chairman – danwpu@comcast.net



<http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/about/centennial-coin.php>

Vision Services Report to Evansville State Convention

The formal reports that were provided to both Council and State Convention are a matter of record, and will be available online. In presenting the committee's report, it was verbally extended to include the following comments and recognition of exemplary Lions service:

- Thanks were extended to members of the committee for their work.
- District 25C special mentions were given to VDG Doug Eversole (Young America) for his work in forming an effective screening team in Zone 2. Lion John Wilson of Lafayette was a key member of the club's screening team until his death, when his wife Anna joined the club to continue his work. PDG Charles Roth was recognized for his skill and dedication in creating a statewide database that will help record screening efforts by school and grade for many years to come.
- Awards made to Indiana Lions this year from outside the Association were the Coffman "Friends of School Nursing" award from the Indiana Association of School Nurses and the Community Partner Award from the National Association of School Nurses.
- Indiana Lions have completed another record year of school vision screenings with Project SchoolSight. We screened 116,842 students to date, and District C screened 23,422 of them.
- Indiana Lions are now helping screen over a third of all students in screening grades state-wide. We are approaching a major milestone next year, so stay tuned!

I concluded remarks by thanking and recognizing pioneers for the screening effort around the state. PDG Ray Collins of Riley Township extended screening from 25F into the former 25E1. He was the textbook definition of an "early adopter" of founder PDG Jack Salsbery's brilliant vision to help schools and families.

PDG Charlie Short
Chair, Vision Services Committee



The Prairie Creek Lions Club 12th Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 8. Members pictured from left to right are: Marvin Mericle, Marissa Lacher, Kim Waggoner, DG-Elect Chloe Weyrauch, President Larry Ridge, in front of him Linda Pearman, back is Bill Pearman, in front of Bill is Kim Payton and Neil Hunt. The 3 bikes were awarded to top prize winners in each age group.

LIONS/ INDIANA STATE POLICE LAW CAMP

Indiana Lions Law Camp is quickly approaching, and now is the time to be looking for that special boy or girl who would like to learn about becoming a police officer and just what they do. The Indiana Lions / Indiana State Police Law Camp applications are available online at www.trooper.org. There is also a list as to what the child should bring and NOT bring to the camp.

The camps are located at Anderson University and Vincennes University. Cost is \$150 and applications should be submitted two weeks prior to camp.

The Vincennes Camp date are June 14-17, 2017 and the Anderson Camp dates are June 28-July 1, 2017.

The Indiana State Police also support a Career Camp for students entering 9, 10, 11 and 12th grades which costs \$250 and runs for a week. This camp is follow up to the Lions /ISP Law Camp and much more involved and age appropriate.

The Indiana Lions have partnered with the Indiana State Police for over 30 years and the Law Camp has proven to be a fun action filled camp that teaches 6th, 7th and 8th graders to gain respect, you must give respect.

In addition to traditional sporting games, the students learn about volunteering, Leader Dogs and service to others. There are interesting law enforcement speakers which introduce the youth to the FBI, Secret Service, State, City, County and Conservation Officers and explain what those individuals actually do for the citizens of Indiana. Students participate in mock investigations, learn about internet safety, watch the swat team rappel off of nearby buildings, learn how police dogs apprehend suspects and how robots are used in dangerous situations such as opening suspicious packages that might contain explosives.

The camp allows the youth to realize the men and women trooper counselors are friends, who want only the best for them. Lions participate by providing scholarships, cases of water, snacks, helping with registration and providing vision screening to all.

If your club has a candidate or would like a program for your club, please call for more information.

PID Linda Tincher
25C District Law Camp Chair
812-240-0545



ISBVI Work Day Planned

Your ISBVI Lion Trustees are sponsoring a **work day** at the school in Indianapolis on **Saturday, May 20, 2017**. This is a great opportunity for you/family/friends to walk the walk and put our **"We Serve"** motto into action. Our schedule for the day will be:

- 8:30 am Registration and donuts (of course!)
- 9 am – 1 pm Morning work Session
- 1 pm Lunch (provided by the school)
- After Lunch **Tour of the School** for those interested
- After lunch Afternoon work session until done



Come and help us beautify and improve this campus! Send the registration form below by mail or email to:

DG Alan Arnold, 595 E. State Rd, Monroe, IN 46772 • Email: pamalarn@centurylink.net

It's a great day of fun, hard work and camaraderie and a chance to meet other Lions from around the state as well as visit this beautiful campus. This is one of **your** Lions State Projects.....take a few hours to help beautify and improve it. You'll get great satisfaction from doing so....and of course, a **free lunch!** See you there.

PDG Pat Short (Lafayette) • PDG David Parker (Riley Township) • Lion Becky Mannan (Cloverdale)

You Don't Have Because You Didn't Ask!

You have all heard it before, "Just Ask". But how often do we forget or hesitate? For example, I worked with a lovely woman for two summers at the Summer Food Service Program feeding children 18 years old and younger in Spencer at the Lions building before it dawned on me to ask her if she would like to join our Lions Club! Her answer: "I wondered how I went about joining!"

OK, I can offer a good excuse (at least in my mind!)...this lady and I were childhood friends over 50 years ago, and it was so good to meet again. But the excuse I made for her was that she was raising her grandson and was so busy with a first grader that she wouldn't have time to be a Lion. Sound familiar? Do we make excuses for others so we don't have to ask?! It was the end of the second summer that my son asked me if I'd ever asked her to join our club, and I realized I was again making excuses for her instead of letting her make the decision! Yes, late last summer after the food program for children was over, she joined our club and I stood proudly by her side. She had patiently waited for me to wake up and ask.

I also had spoken with a former Lion who had moved to our area. She just happened to come by our building while I was cleaning one afternoon. I gave her the time and dates of our meetings, chatted briefly and she left. In fact, I didn't hear from her for 3 years! She couldn't remember my name, and our Lions building doesn't have a telephone since "everyone carries a cell phone" so she couldn't contact Lions that way. Her solution? She asked a local pharmacist, who happened to know several Lions and got her a name and number. Yes, I proudly stood next to her as she re-entered Lions. Now look how hard she had to work to re-connect with her Lion roots!

Lion Charlotte Query, Women's Membership and Development

State Convention in Pictures



The Friday Night Dinner aboard the USS LST-325 decommissioned tank landing ship of the United States Navy docked on the Ohio River in Evansville, Indiana.



DG Ross, Lion Jennifer, and Cub Danielle getting ready for the receiving line before the 2017 All State Governor's Banquet. As the 2016-17 Vice Council Chair, DG Ross chaired the banquet and talked about the governor's themes and how they could all be summed up in two words, "WE SERVE!"



International President Bob Corlew (left), accompanied by Past International President Wayne Madden (right) presented Leadership Medals to Lion Leroy Postel (top picture) and Lion Tom Williams (bottom picture).





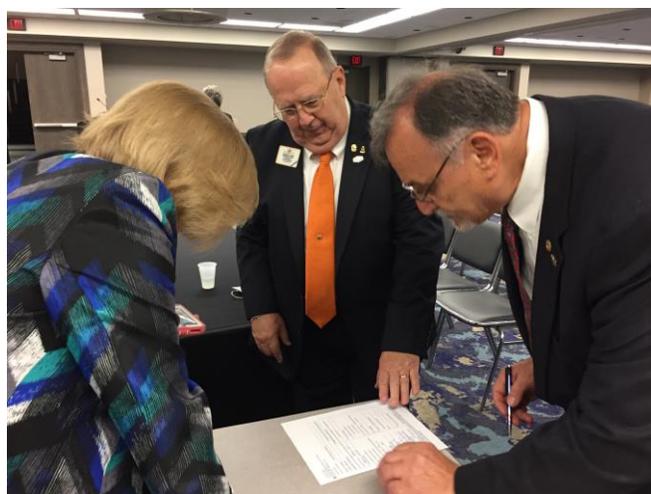
Left - "And the recipient of a Lions Club International Presidential Medal is Lion Owen Matz of the Frankfort Lions Club in District 25C."

Lion Owen Matz.....I know he was here.

Lion Owen had just left the banquet about 5 minutes prior to the presentation to open up the Hospitality Room. Pictured to the left is Lion Marge Matz pinning the Presidential Medal on Lion Owen.

CONGRATULATIONS LION OWEN!

Right - PDG Nick Xinopoulos (right), the Multiple District 25 endorsed candidate for International Director signs the official endorsement form at the close of the 96th Annual MD25 State Convention on April 30, 2017. Also pictured at State Administrative Secretary PCC Sue Topf (left) and Past International Director Doug Lozier (center). Next stop: the 100th Annual Lions Clubs International Convention in Chicago, Illinois.



Below – Cub Danielle Drapalik and International President Bob Corlew chat for a few minutes about seeking his endorsement for 2066-67 Lions Clubs International President during the Sesquicentennial Year of Lionism. Already has PID Joe Marchegiani's.



DG Ross Drapalik was elected the 2017-18 Council Chair at the conclusion of the State Convention. Pictured are PID Linda Tincher, CC-E Ross, 1VDG-Elect Doug Eversole, and DG-Elect Chloe Weyrauch.

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