



# District C Newsletter



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Hello, Lions All!

So far my Journey as Governor has been interesting and busy. Meeting Lions is always a good thing. I encourage each club to visit clubs in your zones. This will make for a stronger district. As Lion Shelia and I continue this journey, it would be great to find clubs making visitations. We accomplish more as a group. Every club can use more hands on projects. Support your Zone Chair by attending the scheduled meeting. It's never too early to register for the USA/Canada Forum in Columbus, Ohio.

We finished July as a +1 member. If all put forth a little effort we can increase our member count. The more hands the more and better service to our communities. Specialty Clubs and Branch clubs are great ways to increase our numbers. We have Lions in the district willing to help canvas your towns.

Why do members drop?

1. *Lengthy & boring meeting.* Have speakers or trivia questions to create a better atmosphere.
2. *Club politics & cliques.* We all have witnessed one or both of these problems. I know no good answer for this. Best advice is to not get involved in this type of behavior.
3. *Lack of Involvement.* Once a new member is inducted, assign them to work on a project to keep them interested. Clubs, like life, are full of trap doors. Each member needs to avoid any and all things that hurt our clubs.

With the first cabinet meeting completed, Indiana State Fair finished and banner night behind us, it's time for each club to continue its local projects. A big THANKS to everyone who attended the cabinet and banner night. We had club members as first timers to both events. It was great meeting PIDs, PDGs and club members I had never meet. This type of support is needed to make the district strong. Thank all of you so much.

One request: Club Presidents send in pictures of your projects, new member inductions and other things of interest and a short note about what your club is doing. Send to Charlotte Query at [jequery@bluemarble.net](mailto:jequery@bluemarble.net) for the newsletter and Cary Green at [cngreen2@live.com](mailto:cngreen2@live.com) for the Hoosier Lion.

Several clubs still haven't sent me a date for a visit. If you want a certain date, send soon as the calendar is filling up!

Thanks for all you do as Lions. Please keep up the good work!

Thanks to all!

District Governor

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VDG Tom Robbins makes a point with DG Doug at the Lebanon Lions Club picnic while Lebanon Lions smile for the camera. Yes, Lions, the District Governor is traveling quite a bit already, so get his visit to your club scheduled as soon as possible!





Hello Lions,

"There is so much to do and so little time to do it".

That is why Lions are always moving quickly -- we have thousands of people to serve! The State Fair drawing to a close was an indicator that our clubs' summer events are coming to an end. The good news is that we are all energized to begin our support of schools! Vision screening begins in September and so does student mentoring, reading programs and delivery of books and dictionaries. Wow, you just have to move fast and with the Lions organizational skills there, isn't much wasted time.

New club officers are "in the saddle" by now and the teams are working together to improve our membership numbers. Remember, many hands make the work lighter for all so let's ask a friend, new resident or that "old neighbor" when they are going to become a Lion.

Last month I shared a couple of DG Doug's goals for our district, and now we are going to share two more with you. Well, the next two get just a bit tougher and will require some strategic planning by the club leadership team.

1. We plan to increase District net membership by 100 members. Big number, sure but some clubs have added 5 or more members in the last month. Don't wait until you have a member move out of the area or end their service days before you get your membership team going forward. Playing catch up is hard to do, so let's get out front (kind of sounds like football).
2. Next we want to increase our female membership to 35% of our total. For some clubs, again not so tough, but for others, it's a big hill to climb. Let's start now with a plan and if you need some help, call me or call a close by club that does well with female membership. Some clubs will have to be in the 40% range to help boost those that are below the number, but you can make a big change *if you just do it.*

OK, it time for me to "lighten up" a bit. We will have zone meetings, district meetings and a State Convention in Fort Wayne. Those will be fun get-togethers for all. Also the USA / Canada Forum is in Columbus, Ohio, this September 20-23, and there is still time to get a reservation. Many training / educational workshops take place at the forum. Lastly, I'd like to encourage you to attend the October 4th golf outing in Pittsboro benefiting Special Olympics.

That's it for this month and hope to see you soon.  
Yours in service,

Lion Tom

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*Tom Robbins*

*1 Vice District Governor*

*District 25-C Zone 3 Chair*

*Leader Dog Associate*



2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Jim Query

Recently I saw a magazine that the feature article entitled, “Reasons to Smile.” As Lions I think we always have many reasons to smile, but here are a couple if you are having troubles turning that frown upside down!

Ah, the turning of the seasons! The days are starting to cool down a little, and the sun starting to set a little earlier at night. Anybody know what that means? It’s Festival Season!!!! That’s right, it’s the time of year when just about every weekend in some town near you, there will be a festival. With the cooling weather it is an excellent time to get out and explore Indiana.

It’s also the beginning of football season, high school, college, NFL, which opens up another avenue for Lions to serve. Contact your local school and see if there is anything that your club can do to help them out. Maybe you can run a concession stand, maybe they need help with ticket sales; whatever it is, it will give your club exposure in your community and may help gain you some new members!

These projects do take time, and they are a lot of work, but they are a lot of fun! We join Lions to serve other people, but why not have fun doing it? As Lions we work together to make the world a better place!

When we smile and have fun with our projects and fundraisers, people see that happiness and want to be a part of the team!

There is always a reason to smile. Find it! Pass it along! You never know what your smile can mean to someone who is the middle of his own battle.

Isn’t it great to be a Lion!

2VVDG JIM P.M. QUERY

Zone 5 Chair

## 2019 Indiana Lions State Convention

April 26 – 28. 2019

The Fort Wayne Hilton is the headquarters hotel for the Indiana Lions State Convention. The Hilton has been our host before when the Convention comes to Fort Wayne. Located in the center of the city, the Hilton is connected to the Grand Wayne Convention Center where all meetings, seminars, exhibits and meals will take place.

It's never too early to make your hotel reservation. Our special rate for this four star hotel is only \$115 per night, plus tax. The first floor of the Hilton has been beautifully remodeled. You will want to take advantage of the free breakfast buffet negotiated for Lion guests in *Features Bar & Restaurant*. The buffet includes a made to order omelet bar. If Starbucks is more your style, there is a fully licensed Starbucks off the main lobby. Looking for a place to meet friends for a drink, *Features Bar* provides a relaxed atmosphere.

Why wait? The Convention begins Friday, April 26. Make your reservation now for Friday the 26th and Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> by calling the Hilton at 260-420-1100. Mention Group Code LOI or "Lions of Indiana" to receive the special room rate. You can find a direct link to the Lions Hilton reservation rate by visiting [www.IndianaLionsConvention.org](http://www.IndianaLionsConvention.org) Go ahead and make your reservation now to be sure you are in with the group. If you need to, you can adjust your reservation later, up to 72 hours before the date.

We look forward to seeing you this spring!





# 2019 Indiana Lions State Convention

Fort Wayne, Indiana (26-28 April 2019)



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## Helen Keller – ‘A Life Nearly Lost’

In the late nineteenth century a little girl struggled out of the depths of fear. At the age of two, Helen experienced a life-threatening illness. She was plunged into a dark, silent world. Anne Sullivan, a determined young teacher, would find the key to unlock Helen’s prison. Through Anne’s diligence and perseverance, Helen would become a world-renowned speaker and advocate for the disabled.

This program, originally commissioned by the Lion's Club International, Northern Illinois Division, begins with the blind and deaf Helen being led to the podium where she recites excerpts from the 1925 speech Helen gave to the International Lion's Convention. The program continues in third person as Jessica tells the audience of Helen's life and experiences.

Jessica Michna, recipient of the Presidential Service Center's Distinguished Service Award, has become widely known for her riveting portrayals of First Ladies, notable women of history and fictitious characters. She has entertained groups throughout America including guests from as far away as New Zealand, Japan and Brazil. Audiences ranging from young children to senior citizens have been equally enthralled. She has had the honor of performing at the National Churchill Memorial, Lincoln Boyhood National Monument and other esteemed venues. She has appeared before historical societies, schools, libraries, living history museums, senior centers, churches, and has been guest hostess at parties and weddings.

Mrs. Michna’s performances are compelling and emotionally enthralling. Audiences laugh along with her humorous anecdotes. They share in her tears as she relates how the horrors of war have impacted families. She has a powerful effect on an audience.

Audiences have left her performances impressed with her knowledge of Helen Keller and educated about her life’s contributions to society. This is a presentation you won’t want to miss! Jessica’s presentation will be featured at the Saturday luncheon at this year’s Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference, January 12.





Prairie Creek Lions Club Lion Larry Ridge congratulating Luke Ridge with a \$500.00 scholarship. Luke has enrolled at Ivy Tech in Terre Haute.



Prairie Creek Lions Club welcomed a new Lion on August 6<sup>th</sup>. New member Jolynn Kuhlman is pictured with Sponsor Marvin Mericle. PDG Ray Collins, Riley Twp. LC, helped with the induction.



The Battle Ground Lions Club presented 10 iPads to Little Star ABA Autism Therapy in Lafayette. Pictured left to right; Mark Hammer, Little Star Scheduler/Floater, Lion Jim Roth, Dawn Sanders, Carroll Consolidated School Corporation teacher, Lion Ed Geisler, Krissy Wippermann, Little Star Program Manager, Shelly Will, Little Star Center Manager. Little Stars is a treatment facility for autistic children and adults. Dawn Sanders, Carroll Consolidated School Corporation teacher and wife of a Lion, said that Carroll County Schools are changing from I-pads to Chrome computers. The school district is selling their old I-pads. Little Stars uses I-pads for training autistic children to speak. The BG Lions Club paid \$ 1,000 for 10 used I-pads from the school district and donated them to Little Stars.



YMCA Back 2 School Bash Event with Brazil LC Lions Kim Gard, LeAnn Martin, Lora Fenwick, Patti Foxx, Sonya Sampson and Fred Nevils (not pictured). Screened school children for back to school. They screened 50 children, 14 preschoolers and 1 adult.





Lafayette LC participated in the local "Backpack Splash" event for at-risk families in the Tippecanoe County School Corporation for the new school year. TSC expected 200 children – 900 children showed up with parents/grands and siblings. Lions conducted Schoolsight/Kidsight screenings. Students were provided with free immunizations, athletic and new enrollment physicals, vision screenings, hearing screenings, a backpack full of school supplies, a new pair of gym shoes, a haircut, a family portrait, a bag of groceries, and pizza lunch. Event ran out of backpacks (600) and pizza (1,000 slices). Next year is expected to be even a bigger event. Tippecanoe Co. School Corporation has already asked the Lafayette Lions to be partners in this event in 2019.



Spencer LC recently sponsored a new Cub Scout pack. This happy scout is cooking his meal on a gallon fruit can, which the club had saved from its Summer Food Service Program that fed children 18 years and younger. (Recycle and reuse!) The Lions also provided 2 cases of hot dogs, buns, slaw and soft drinks for the Scouts' family outing. While this group is very new and started out small, over 40 youngsters have applied to join them this fall!



DG Doug and Lion Shelia Eversole welcomed 50 Lions and guests to the cabinet meeting at Deer Community Center.



Martinsville Noon Lions attending the cabinet meeting included PCC Ross Drapalik, Cub Danielle, Lion Jennifer Drapalik, and club President Lee Postel.



No, it isn't a wanted poster on your Post Office wall! Vice Governor Tom Robbins (Zionsville), Cabinet Secretary Charlotte Query (Spencer), Karen McKellar (Zionsville), District Governor Doug Eversole (Young America) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Jim P. M. Query (Spencer) were ready for action at the first cabinet meeting at Deer Creek Community Center. Don't miss the next cabinet meeting, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at Riley Township Lions Club.



Cyber Lion Laura Moss operates a ticket scanner at Gate 12 during the state fair.



The Lafayette Lions Club provided a lunch for the homeless in August and served about 80 people. President Vicky Hrdy is pictured on the serving line.



The Lions Club entertained the 2017-2018 Clinton Lions Club Scholarship recipient April Coyler and her mother Angie Davern at their August meeting. April was awarded a \$2,000.00 scholarship for the 2018-2019 school year. April will be attending ISU and studying nursing. From Left to Right is Lion Jerry Spurr , Lion Dennis Jones, Lion Charles Rutan, April Coyler, April's mother Angie Davern, Lion Dean Strohm, and Lion President Steve Thompson. (Thanks to Lion Harry Jones for photo.)



A State Fair work crew took a few minutes off the clock for a group photo. L-to-R PDG Pat Short, Lion Bob Hrdy (+leader dog Finn), Lion Vicky Hrdy (Lafayette LC), Lion Laura Moss (IN Cyber Lions), PDG Charles/Lion Roberta Roth (Brookston LC) and PDG Charlie short (Lafayette LC). They worked gates 11, 12 and 18.



DG Doug and President Janet Babb, Young America LC and a little friend are caught by the camera selling ice cream at Cass County Fair from the club's ice cream truck.





DG Doug speaks with Lebanon Lion Cindy Russell during the Lebanon Lions picnic. DG Doug is visiting all around the district so be looking for him!

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Flyers will be sent separately.

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