

DISTRICT 25C NEWSLETTER

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Hello District C Lions,

As we get our new year rolling many projects come to the forefront. What is your club's focus? What are you really working on that makes your club an asset to the community? One thing is for sure, Lions started out serving their local communities and today, more than ever, that is important.

For many it will be supporting local schools with vision screening, others a backpack program, some conduct "meals on wheels", work at food pantries and serve warm meals to those less fortunate. Why? Because that's what Lions do and that's what many of our communities need. In addition to local services, Clubs are reaching out, supporting our Lions State projects and further, many choose to support Lions worldwide efforts through LCIF.

Whatever you do, it all starts at home. Take good care of your community, gain their support and you will find it just might become easier to reach beyond local boundaries.

Wishing you all a great September,

DG Tom





Hello, everyone! I would like you to meet Shannon. Take a moment and look at the picture while I give you a little information about this young lady. She's your average all American girl next door, ready to graduate from college in the spring and enter her chosen career in the State Park system in Wisconsin. In the last year she was given a choice of doing an internship, in her words, in "the tick infested woods of Wisconsin" or a trip to Europe. Like any smart young lady, she went to Europe!

Six years ago, she did not see this future. Actually today, she can't SEE much. You see that beautiful dog beside her. Yep, that is her Leader Dog, Frasier.

Last month I had the pleasure of taking a tour up in Rochester and meet Shannon and several other people who want to thank you for your gifts to Leader Dog. Why do they want to thank you for your gifts? Glad you asked!

You see, it's because of your clubs' generous gifts that Leader Dog can help so many people. They can bring people in and teach them how to use a white cane, free of charge. It is because of people like you that Leader Dog can pair people with a Leader Dog, free of charge! Other places charge north of \$30,000 for a dog. Because your club cares enough to support our state projects, people's lives are changed! YOU make a difference! Every dollar that you give to the state projects makes a vital difference in a person's life.

I encourage you to continue in your giving and continue in service. Sometimes we do not get the pleasure to see the end result, but it is there!

Continue to reach out and help those around you. Together we can build better clubs, better communities, better districts, better states, better countries, and a better world!

It all starts with you!

Jim P.M. Query
VDG District C



Feeding the World through Service

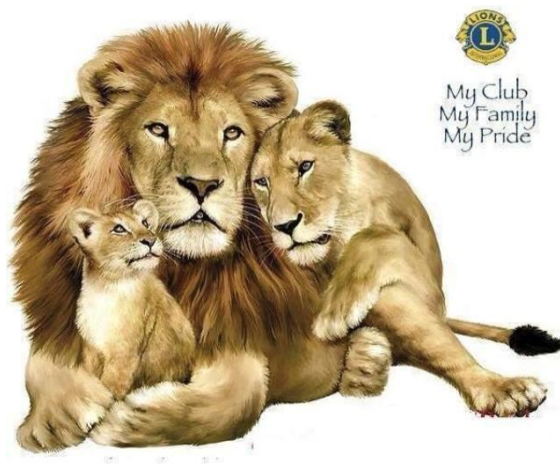


Some Random Thoughts about Why Newer Lions Drop Out of Lions Club

There is a spoof of the Lions pancake breakfast. A new Lion suggests changes to the menu, but each time the other Lions put down his ideas without a thought because it has always "been done this way." (You can watch it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6jJiaeUE-Q>.) The big lesson for me is that in the video the new member is given no reason to stay a Lion. He sees that he does not "belong."

The more you do something, the more you take some of the necessary details for granted. If I tell you to bake a cake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes, but you don't know to preheat the oven, the cake will not be done in 30 minutes. If I have driven somewhere 100 times, I cannot tell you if the sign that I used the first time is still there. Sometimes the GPS gets you to the wrong entrance for the rest of the directions that you were given to make sense. You pass a slow car that turns left into you without using its turn signal. You get no sympathy because everybody knows that Joe lives there. Do any of the above descriptions fit you as a Lion? I know I have been guilty many times of giving incomplete directions or information that added more work or anxiety for someone. I apologize for that. I will try to do better, will you?

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SAVE THE DATE

September 15	ISBVI: Brian's Trike Race & Disc Golf
September 19-22	USA/Canada Forum, Spokane
September 20-22	Spencer Lions Club Apple Butter Festival
September 27	Prairie Creek Lions Club Hobo Stew Night
September 29	Open House for IPID Nick and Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos
October 10	Peace Poster Deadline: Posters must be to Lion Roberta Roth 11179 S 100E, Battle Ground, IN 47920
October 12	District Meeting , Lafayette
November 16	Deadline for International Pin Design to Lion Chris Landskron
January 25, 2020	District Meeting , Martinsville
April 25, 2020	District C Caucus , Bloomington Convention Center
June 6, 2020	District Picnic , Zionsville Lions Park

Conventions

March 7, 2020	District Convention , Zionsville Town Hall
April 24-26, 2020	IN Lions State Convention , Bloomington Convention Center
June 26-30, 2020	Lions International , Singapore

Have your event listed here!

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When you recycle those eyeglasses, don't forget those hearing aids!

Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing is collecting hearing aids to support our Hearing Aid Loaner Bank. Lions should give the hearing aids to Club Presidents, Zone Chairmen, and District Governor or take them directly to the State Office on Purdue Road in Indianapolis. Donate them, even if they don't work. Donate them if they are in a drawer. Donate them, if you don't need them any longer. But donate them!

I will provide a program on hearing loss to any club in the District.

If there are questions about this collection, contact me at 317-852-8087 or furner@ameritech.net.

Thanks for your help.

Yours in Lionism,

Ray Furner

Janet Fish is a member of the Indiana Cyber Lions Club, District 25F. Some Lions might remember doing this project years ago. Apparently it is still used and could use some more help! Any clubs out there ready for the challenge???

(Picture provided by Chris Landskron, Indiana Cyber Lions Club President, christylandskron@yahoo.com)

Today I received from a local pharmacy 150 empty pill bottles with lids, for the ICLC service project for Matthew 25 Ministries, empty pill bottles to Haiti. I also received 62 empty pill bottles without lids. Those two words "Just Ask" can make a lot of good things happen.



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It's Fall Roundup Time!!



Yes, it's time to get out there and **ROUND UP** all the new Lions we want to build our great clubs! It's time for our Fall Membership Drive!

How are we going to do this?

- **Find** new member *prospects* at fundraisers, fall festivals, news articles, TV news, Facebook, wherever you meet people! **Refer** prospects if you're not comfortable making the approach.
- **Tell** them that you think they are doing great and have they ever considered being a Lion? You may get their permission to ask them to be a Lion quicker than you think!
- **Follow up** on your *contacts* with a message inviting them to talk more about being a Lion if they want to hear more, later.
- **Make the ask.** "So, would you like to be a Lion?" is a great suggestive ask. Fill out the paperwork, and get their card or check.
- **POST YOUR SUCCESS.** Welcome your new members on your club facebook.
- Facebook page and website with photos and their permission. Their example will bring their friends and family! Send pictures to the newsletter and Hoosier Lion! See our Facebook **District 25C Recruiting Forum page** for new updates too!
- **Make them your newest recruiter.** Once sworn in, ask them who else they would like to bring along to the party!

When: September 1 through October 31st

Goal: 100 new members logged into MyLCI by 10/31

Clubs with websites: We have an online application form available that you can use on I-pads and larger smartphones in the field, and will accept member applications on PC or Mac. Contact me for download information.

If your club does not have a website, we will support clubs that want to be found and add new members online! Easy to maintain and effective.

For more information, support, and materials, contact PDG Charlie Short, Membership Chair at (765) 491-3355 or charlesshort45@yahoo.com

25C Membership News

Let's all say congrats to these clubs who posted ten new members in July!

Indiana Cyber +2
Lafayette +3
Michigantown +1
Mooreville +2
Plainfield +1
Riley Twp. +1

September 2019

July Month end showed District C Clubs holding flat at -1 net overall, with 1,466 members in fifty-six clubs. July is historically not a strong recruiting month, with a ten-year average of nine new members in this period. For more timely information, see District 25C Recruiting Forum on Facebook. The new fall membership drive, Fall Roundup will start September 1 and run through Halloween on October 31st. Information on that campaign is in a special article in this newsletter. **We have some awesome prize packages for this event**, and I don't mean banner patches.

PDG Charlie Short

I have been speaking with many club presidents and membership chairs over the last three weeks on their club goals for the year. To be frank, we need to step up our game in recruiting. It's the most important thing we can do right now to strengthen our ability to serve. **Ten thousand Hoosier Lions is a goal we can achieve, if we set our minds to it and act.**

Your club leadership and District leaders are here to help you succeed. Let's make this Fall Roundup successful and make Lions roar!

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Flyers will be sent separately

Items for the Hoosier Lion should be forwarded to Gail Robbins,
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Zone 4 Lions worked the Pork Producers Tent, Saturday, August 3, at the Morgan County Fair. (Thanks to Lion Worth Donaldson for picture.)



During a Lafayette Lions Club Saturday Parkrun event, a lone fawn was found alongside a running path. It was rescued by two runners (vets) and taken to a rescue shelter. It has survived and thrived. So this was a diabetes, opioid prevention and “environmental” event for the club! Way to go! (Photo provided by PDG Pat Short)



Lafayette Lion Bob Goldberg is the trail safety officer. He rides the course to check for standing water, tree limbs down, etc. He is also our “last” man who rides the course to ensure no one is left behind at end of a run. (Photo provided by PDG Pat Short)



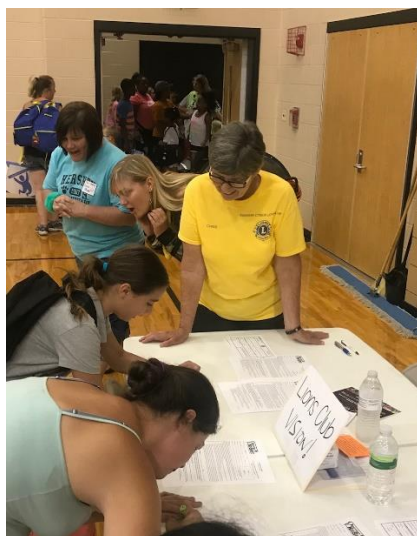
Spencer Lions Club has been the location of the Summer Food Service Program in Spencer for 16 years and has provided cooks, servers and a program administrator for all those years as well. This year they also took over as sponsor. Over 2,700 meals were served from June 3 through August 2. (Photo provided by PDG Jim Query)

These smiling young people comprise the new Zionsville Leo Board for this year and were just inducted by Zionsville Lions Club 1st Vice President Jeff Papa. Pictured (back row, starting on left) are Regan King, Madeline Dollins, Robert Campbell, Ethan Perry, Conrad Waller and Jeff Papa. Front row includes Camille Sidebottom, Hannah, Wilhite, President Gigi Giralte, Lily Nault and Mia Wilhite. (Picture by Lion Gail Robbins)



Bainbridge Lions Club celebrated the 75th year anniversary of the club. In the photo from left to right are: Duane Wass, Kathy Wass, President Ed Dewes, Treasurer Brent McColgin, and Jeff Kiger. Absent was Secretary Ken Carrington. (Sent in by Ed Dewes)

Congratulations, Bainbridge Lions!



(Left) Cyber Lion Chris Landskron assisting the Lafayette Lions Club with Vision Screening by helping parents fill out paperwork. (Picture provided by PDG Pat Short)



Lion Carl Landskron (pictured) with Lions Anna Wilson and Larry Fisher conducted School Sight Vision Screenings with the Lafayette LC. (Pic by PDG Pat)



Upper Left Pic: (Yellow shirt with hat) Lion Mel Prince, customers getting their corn and (in yellow shirt Lion) Blake Johnson. Upper Right Pic: (Left to right) Lion Bob Fisher, Lion Steve Gayheart and volunteer Jim Russell. Lower Left Pic: Left to right Lion Mel Prince and Lion Mike Austin. Not pictured are ZLC Membership Chair Dan Dumbauld and Park Director Lion Gene Thompson. Zionsville Lions Club had so much fun working at the Zionsville Farmers Market. They soaked, grilled, peeled and buttered 40 dozen ears of corn, all a gift from the organizers of the Farmers Market to their hungry guests.

(Pictures sent by Lion Gail Robbins)



Shootout-fore-Sight “Hole-in-One” contest on Battle Ground Golf Course. Pictured L-to-R are PDG Charlie Short, Lions Bob Hrdy (w/Finn) and Keith Bundy. Beautiful day... we sold out of chances (\$10 each) for an opportunity to win \$10,000 with a hole-in-one! (Picture by PDG Pat Short)

Lions Mary (pictured) and Eldon Hood handed out backpacks and school supplies for the Lafayette Lions Club at the Tippecanoe County School Corporation Backpack Splash event – close to 800 attendees at event. (Picture by PDG Pat Short)



Indiana Leader Dog Trustees and Associates met at the State Building. Working Leader Dogs and learning puppies always make the meeting have a little more meaning. (Picture provided by Lion Gail Robbins)

Karen Bohling walks with white cane while District Governor Tom Robbins, a Leader Dog Associate, films.



Lions Clubs International was challenged by Hellen Keller to become “Knights of the Blind” in 1925. Today, 1 of the 5 State Lions Projects is Indiana Leader Dogs for the Blind. Indiana is divided up into 7 districts, with each having 3 elected Leader Dog Trustees. The Trustees duties vary from talking to a variety of clubs and organizations to educate and to raise funds for Leader Dog, to helping the visually impaired get qualified for a Leader Dog. This includes questions and filming. The applicant demonstrates his independent travel skills and readiness for training. He will have paper work from his doctors and interview with Leader Dog, after a review of paperwork and video. If qualified, he is brought to Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan, for a 27 day stay at the facility to meet and work with his new partner. There is no cost to the client for the travel, room & board or dog. If you have any questions on a Leader Dog you may contact Gail through the Lions. www.zionsvillelions.com

DG Tom and for PDG Charlie Short are shown preparing for Tom’s Banner Night. (Note the shopping cart!) Great food, great company and a great speaker, Jeff Hawkins. The evening ended with a great light show (lightning everywhere!), but even the torrential rains did not dampen District C’s enthusiasm to cheer on DG Tom and Lion Gail! (Picture provided by PDG Pat Short)



Share your club's activities and pictures with District C.

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