

DISTRICT 25C NEWSLETTER

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Greetings District C Lions,

Hello Lions, and welcome to Harvest Season. I could have called it fall because that's what the leaves are doing, but as we travel the byways of Indiana what we really see are very large harvesters at work, and often when we are returning home late into the night, you are still out there. It's really easy to see why this is the season of Thanksgiving. Many of those men and women operating these machines and driving the trucks are the same people we know as Lions. Many of you jump off the machines to get to the Lions meeting to hear success stories of service in your community. Yet others get to that meeting to offer a friendly and warm welcome to the District Governor who has traveled just for a chance to visit with you. We break bread together in small clubs and large ones and other than the number of people, Lions Clubs are much the same. It is remarkable to Lion Gail and me that though you do things differently, the results are often very similar. Small Schools are helped with vision screening with the same care and love that medium and large Schools receive. The children and the school nurses are all happy when they see the women and men in yellow shirts coming to their school for another season of screening. It is crystal clear that through vision screening of our school children, YOU ARE CHANGING LIVES for many of them.

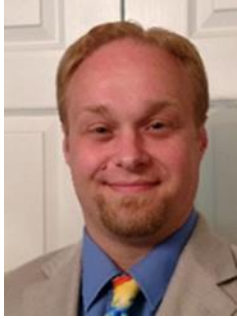
Much the same as the harvest comes to an end, so does vision screening but the work isn't done as there are backpacks to fill, warm lunches to serve, eyeglasses and hearing aids to collect. *Lions just keep planting seeds of service* in our communities, providing those things that are needed when someone needs a hand or a bit of help through a tough spot.

As much as we enjoy sharing the Lions International message with you (I hope you're really listening), we actually enjoy the feedback and the ideas we collect along the way. In the end, it's what happens at club level that really counts and your commitment to service and hard work is second to none.

Lion Gail and I look forward to seeing you at your Lions Club and don't forget to have a little fun along the way, it's good for the soul.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving,

DG Tom



Life...

In case none of you have noticed, I'd like to make this announcement: Life is hard. I know, I know...I'm preaching to the choir.

Schedules get messed up, people get sick, people take off work, deadlines fly by, and time disappears.

As we enter the season where we think so much about other people, I encourage you to not forget what our most valuable asset is...Time.

The time we spend with other people is far more valuable than any amount of money we could spend on them. Look around at your club meetings; who is not there that had been? Take time to call or visit them. You never know how important, how precious just a few minutes can be.

Even more important is taking care of ourselves! I know it's hard but try to dial back on the sweets and eat a little healthier. Make time in your schedule for a brisk walk or engage in a light workout! Got that flu shot yet? You can't take care of others if you don't take care of yourself!

Service begins in the Heart!

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PS: Thanks to all who came to the Spencer Lions Club 90th Anniversary party. We had a blast! Great food, great people, great speaker—and the torrential rain stopped!



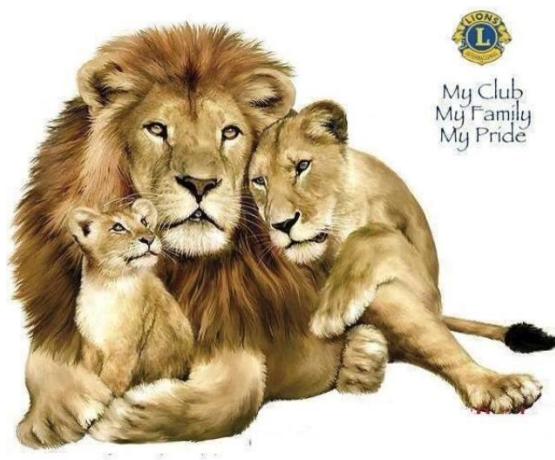


Together We Serve

TOGETHER WE SERVE. We joined a Lions Club to serve. How often do we say that? Actually we joined a Lions Club to serve with fellow Lions. When the need is still there, but the Lions Club members are few, Lions from other clubs help out. There is a very informal network bringing members of different Lions Clubs together. Smaller Lions Clubs help each other out so that needs are met and funds raised. Vision screening in a school often involves more than one club. Our club gets help from other clubs to screen, and we help other clubs screen. Lions Clubs volunteer extra help when another Lions Club could use the help. Lions Clubs also have developed a network of non-Lion volunteers to also help. This informal network of volunteers and Lions helps make Lions Clubs greater than each club standing alone.

TOGETHER WE SERVE. You may notice the picture of a Lion Family at the end of my article each month. Women make up a large part of our membership and our leadership. This is a reminder that in our Lions Clubs we have male Lions, female Lions, and Lion cubs (Leos), each serving and making a difference. I see the same Lion Spirit and willingness to serve in all the Lions that I have met. Many Lion families serve together and we belong to a family of Lions. I want to celebrate that.

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Feeding the World through Service

SAVE THE DATE

November 2, 2019
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November 7, 2019
November 15, 2019
November 16, 2019
January 10-11, 2020
January 25, 2020
April 25, 2020
June 6, 2020

Lucerne Lions Club Fish & Tenderloin Dinner, 3 – 7 pm
Peace Posters Due: Send to Lion Roberta Roth
Zone 2 Meeting: 7:00 pm, Lucerne Lions Hall
990N Due
International Pin Design Deadline: Send to Lion Chris Landskron
Mid-Winter Conference
District Meeting, Martinsville
District C Caucus, Bloomington Convention Center
District Picnic, Zionsville Lions Park

Conventions

March 7, 2020

District Convention, Zionsville Town Hall
Could each club send 4 members to our convention?!! (How about even 1 from each club!! You meet such great Lions here!)

April 24-26, 2020
June 26-30, 2020

IN Lions State Convention, Bloomington Convention Center
Lions International, Singapore



HAS YOUR CLUB FILED ITS 990N?
DUE NOVEMBER 15

Have your event listed here!

Send to Charlotte Query
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LIONS OF INDIANA FOUNDATION, INC.

YOUR FOUNDATION!

I will say it again “The Lions of Indiana Foundation serves all the Lions in the state of Indiana whether or not all of you realize it.” The Foundation does a number of things to help make “Lionism” better for everyone.” The foundation has several fundraisers during any one Lion year:

Lions working at the state fair

- Through purchase of a special Lions state license plate
- Through purchase of a W. P. Woods Award
- Lions direct contribution to the permanent endowment fund
- Lions direct contribution to the general fund
- Receipt of a small percentage for handling of pass through funds
- Through purchase of brick pavers for the brick plaza



Lions Working at the State Fair –

Funds are raised through volunteer work contributed by the Lions of Indiana and their friends by selling tickets, scanning tickets, or other jobs at the Indiana State Fair. For each shift worked at the State Fair, each Lion earns the current scale in dollars which will be paid to the Foundation, or as \$10 to his or her Lions Club, or to any State Project, or to a charity of his or her choice, or will be accumulated as credits towards W.P. Woods Fellowships.

Any Lion who works the early day shift receives one W.P. Woods Fellowship credit. A Lion who works the second shift receives two credits. The maximum number of credits for one day is three (first and second shift in one day). It only takes 10 credits to earn a W.P. Woods Fellowship to be presented to some worthy member of your club.

This fundraiser is not being adequately supported by the Lions of Indiana. District C worked 75 shifts out of **387** available vs one district that worked 271 shifts out of the 387. Only 10 clubs out of 56 in District C participated and only **13 lions** out of 1490 in District C filled the 75 shifts. Certainly, more of you can afford to give a day at the fair to support the Foundation. Make it a point to join in the next time around. It is easy and fun.

PDG Dick McKellar

Feeding the World through Service

Please send pictures and news items for the newsletter to Charlotte Query,
jequery@bluemarble.net

Flyers will be sent separately

Items for the Hoosier Lion should be forwarded to Gail Robbins,
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Put the March 7 District Convention on your calendar!

(And bring some friends with you!)

Feeding the World through Service



Lion Gail Robbins sends a special Thank You to the Riley Lions Club for her amazing roses and a night filled with so much laughter. "We had so much fun!!" she said.

Brownsburg Lions Club celebrated Halloween during DG Tom's visit. Many came in costumes: Princess to Pirate, Kitty Cats to a Farmer. "Thank you for a fun night," from Tom and Gail! (Picture by Lion Gail Robbins)



Brownsburg Lions Club President David Moore presented DG Tom with their annual contribution to Lions State Projects. (Picture by Lion Gail Robbins)

DG Tom got instructions on following Membership Chair Dave Bedwell to the Newport Hill Climb, the 2nd largest spectator motor sport in Indiana, 2nd only to the Indianapolis 500! (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)





Spencer Lions Club & Gosport Lions Club joined together for their DG visit. "Yes, Charlotte made a feast plus her Fudge & Buckeyes. Thank you to both clubs. We had such a great time." (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)

Zionsville Lions have started a new service project. They are restoring a 176 year old pioneer abandoned cemetery residing in the woods of a new development. The land owner wants to preserve it and has given us permission, we started Sunday. Top is the group that worked for 2.5 hours to clear a path to the cemetery and then removed debris. Pictured left to right are Gregg Anderson, Lion Theresa Anderson, Lion Sue Bowron-White, Tom Kelly, Lion Ruth Kelly, and Gordon White. Missing from the picture are Lion Gregg Barth and Lion Dick McKellar. Bottom is the pile of debris carried out. (Photo by PDG Dick McKellar)





Front row: Secretary Karen Martin, Treasurer Larry Pierson, Lizton Lion Club President Kathy Frederick-Caldwell & Sponsor, New Members Alison Johnson, Lowell Pruett, Keith Asbury, and DG Tom. Back row: Dave Groover, Charles Graham, Sam Goldsbury, Sponsor. "Thank you, Lizton Lions, for a great night at your club and welcome new members!"
(Pic by Lion Gail Robbins)

Melvin, Lafayette Lions Mascot, with prospective new Lion "Elvis" at a car show in the parking lot of Digby Place Nursing Home. (Picture from PDG Pat Short.)



What a great looking group gathered to work Oct. 5&6 Feast of the Hunters Moon in West Lafayette. (Pic submitted by PDG Pat Short)

Lafayette Lions: PDGs Pat/Charlie Short, Lions Larry Fisher (club president), Diane/Steve Haby, Bayleigh Wade, Carl Landskron, Tim Lawlor
Prairie Creek – PDG Chloe Weyrauch
Oxford Lions: Lions Karen Ahlbrand, Dianne Brown, Gigi Sims
25F Lions –PDG Melissa Baker/Dan Baker
 Purdue Students sponsored by Lafayette Lions Members.



Adults (L to R) Lion Bob Fisher (Zionsville), Lion Gregg Barth (Zionsville), Lion Annie Del Pozzo (Zionsville), Lion Lee Ann Balta (Zionsville), Tish Barth (Zionsville) and Lion Margi McConnaha (Lebanon). Just outside pic to left is Lion Dan Dumbauld (Zionsville and co-chair) and PDG Dick McKellar (Zionsville and co-chair). Started the last week in August and have screened over 7,000 school-age children. At the end of the second week in December we will have screened over 15,000 children.

(Picture by PDG Dick McKellar)

Zionsville Lions are hard at work clearing shrubs away from the front of the Clubhouse. They are getting ready to have the outside of the clubhouse remodeled. (Picture courtesy of Lion Gail Robbins)



Gene, Larry, Tom and Gordon removing the front shrubs!



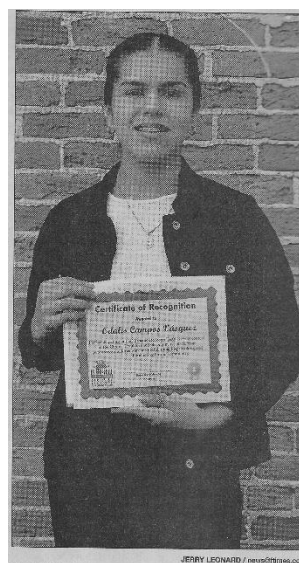
Newport Lions Club Treasurer Larry Bemis working away while DG Tom talks to the fans about the Lions at the Newport Hill Climb. (Picture by Lion Gail Robbins)



Cabinet Treasurer/LCIF District Coordinator Karen McKellar is shown giving her reports at the October 12 Cabinet Meeting, hosted by the Lafayette Lions Club.

(Picture by PDG Pat Short)

In advance of the October 5 Hispanic Heritage Festival, Frankfort High School students were asked to participate in an essay contest sponsored by the Frankfort Lions Club. The students wrote what they believed are the benefits of being part of a multicultural community. The winner was junior Odalis Campos Vasquez, pictured here receiving her award after reading her essay to a crowd of more than 750 people. The essay was printed in newspaper in both English and Spanish. (Photo provided by Pres. Mike Nichol, Frankfort LC)



Lafayette Lions Club President Larry Fisher, Membership Chair Charlie Short, and Secretary Pat Short welcome new members Lauren Reed, Jennifer and Brian Smith, who were inducted by DG Tom Robbins. (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)





The commander of the Sons of the American Legion Tyceson Gehring (L) and The Riley, IN, American Legion Commander Dave Whitesell (2nd) presented 14 new flags to the Riley Twp. Lions Club to replace the flags that are used to line SR 46 on Veterans Day. Tyceson is the son of Lion Jack Gehring (3rd) who is standing next to Riley Twp. Lions Club President Bob Steele.

(Photo by PID Linda Tincher)

The YETI Orphanage is in Rampur, Chitwan District, Nepal. It was started in 2003. The Founder & President is Zionsville Lions Club's 1st VP and our State Chair of International Understanding, Dr. Jeff Papa. Currently YETI Orphanage has 17 orphans. They have a maximum of 20 at a time. Several have successfully aged out and finished bachelor's degrees, one has started a barber shop and has 5 employees, and a few others went together and started a plumbing business. (Photo provided by Lion Gail Robbins)



Flora Lions Club made us feel so welcomed for the District Governor visit. Thank you, Flora! (Photo provided by Lion Gail Robbins)

Flora Lions Club President Shawn Kelhn and Lion Tom Kressle welcome new Lion Steve Wheeler after DG Tom Robbins inducted him into the Flora Lions Club. Welcome, Steve! (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)





Congratulations to PDG James Brown's daughter! Leslie Brown is now a Prairie Creek Lions Club member. DG Tom inducted Leslie into Lions, with the assistance of her sponsor, President Kim Peyton. (Photo provided by Lion Gail Robbins)



Lion Worth Donaldson, president of the Plainfield LC, had the help of his son Spencer in replacing the Lions signs in Plainfield. He said, "If anyone has a need for 4 old cracked and fading signs, they can contact me." (Photos provided by Lion Worth Donaldson)



Monon Lions and volunteers Judy Mohler, Devon Querry, Linda Moncel, Lion Dick Stimmel, Judy Wood and Lion George Wood (club president) are shown with a group of 3rd graders they screened at Monon Elementary School with the help of Lafayette Lions Anna Wilson and Pat Short. (Photo provided by PDG Pat Short)



Thank you Spencer, Lafayette & Riley Lions Clubs, plus those that bought food or placed money in the food cart, at the District Cabinet Meeting. This is our second load today going to a Food Pantry. "Feeding the World though Service", certainly is happening with your help! (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)

Lafayette Lion PDG Pat Short, volunteer, Lion Anna Buckley Turner (also prepared food), volunteer and Cyber Lions Edi Short and Chris Landskron serve their monthly lunch to those less fortunate. (Photo sent by PDG Pat Short)



There is more to the Newport Hill Climb than just cars! Cayuga Lions Club cooked and served ribeyes, tenderloins, sausage, and bologna. Makes your mouth water just to read about it, doesn't it! (Picture sent by Lion Bob Dixon)



Zionsville Lions Annual “Pumpkins & Hayrides” event. The picture shows just a partial number of the over 700 pumpkins that were painted by the children attending. Pumpkin painting, hayrides, food, games, music, S’mores (yummy!) and more. It is the largest crowd to ever attend this event and why not? The weather was perfect! (Sent by PDG Dick McKellar)

Here is a picture of the Cayuga Lions Club’s donation of 9 new coats for needy children in the Head Start program of the North Vermillion School Corporation. Pictured is Rhonda Arrasmith, director of Head Start, happily accepting the club’s donation. (Picture sent by Lion Julie Dixon)



Thorntown Lion Jeff Welty, Sponsor to new member Garrett Kelly, new member John Stookey, new member Dustin Garrett, Sponsor & Thorntown Lions Club President Michael McKenzie, DG Tom Robbins. Welcome, New Members! (Photo courtesy of Lion Gail Robbins)

Thank you, Thorntown Lions Club & Stookey’s Restaurant for a great evening from DG Tom and Lion Gail. (Picture by Lion Gail Robbins)





PDGs Pat/Charlie Short visited the Lebanon LC on Oct 23 at the invitation of Club President Brad Bailey. PDG Pat thanked the club for their continued support of the ISBVI State Project and shared how these funds helped improve the lives of our states blind/visually impaired children. PDG Charlie focused his talk on encouraging the club to host a fall membership drive and providing them with ideas/thoughts on marketing to attract new members. (Photo by PDG Pat Short)

Clinton Lions Club's newest member John Cenotto with Sponsor Chuck Gedrick. After John was inducted each member came up to him, shook his hand and welcomed him to the Club. (Pic by Lion Gail Robbins)



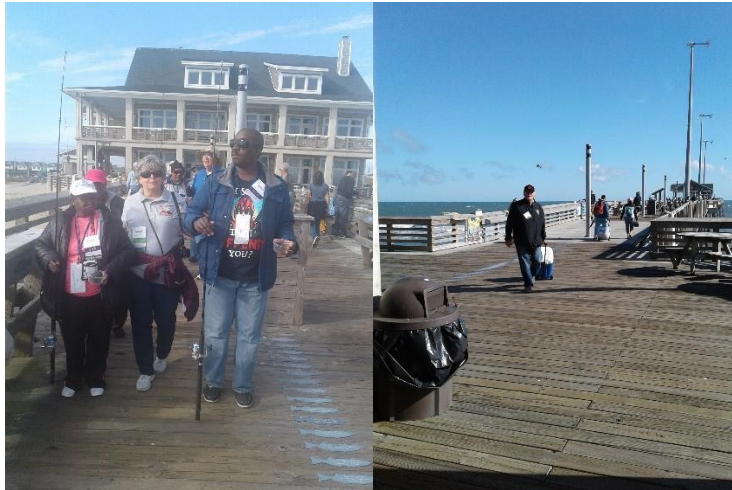
Clinton Lions Club President Steve Thompson, DG Tom Robbins. (Pic by Lion Gail Robbins)



What an amazing Basket of Goodies... full of wine, cheese, sausage, cookies, candy, sweet bread and items not shown were enjoyed on the way home! Thank you, Clinton Club. The District & State Convention will be asking Clubs to make up some great baskets for the Silent Auctions in March & April, 2020. See how creative your club can be on items around your area. (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)

Lafayette Lions Club continue to sponsor the ParkRun. This particular Saturday was a damp one and only 10 runners participated. However, the runner on the left, new to the course, not only persevered but demonstrated that having only one leg was not a handicap. His name is Juan, and on his shirt in tiny letters on the "N" is the word "leg." Yes, his shirt proudly says "Juan Leg." (1 leg) (Photo by PDG Pat Short.)





IPID Nick and Lion Gretchen participated in the North Carolina Lions VIP fishing tournament on the Outer Banks. Gretchen baited hooks and casted for the VIPs. IPID Nick helped serve lunch and made sure water was available for the VIPs. (Photo sent by Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos)

Backrow: Pierson Township Lions Club President Tom Mitchell (his Chili was so good!), Lion Sheila Mitchell, VP Connie Poleski, Lion Mike Poleski. Front row: Secretary Sharon Earl-Wright. Thank you for being such a friendly fun group to DG Tom and Lion Gail. (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)



Members of the Plainfield Lions Club conducted free vision screenings to pre-kindergarten and preschool children on Monday, October 28th at Saint Susanna School located in Plainfield. A total of 31 children were screened with 2 being referred. Though the camera has a smiling face, this little one isn't so sure! (Photo provided by Lion Thomas Iles)

PDGs Charlie and Pat Short sponsor Indian students through PU Intl Friendship Program. Part of their efforts are to promote International Understanding. Here they were invited to join the students in celebrating Diwali, a five day festival of lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. The festival, which coincides with the Hindu New year, celebrates new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. (Photo provided by PDG Pat Short)





PID Linda Tincher was the featured speaker at the Spencer Lions Club when members recently celebrated its 90th anniversary. Just days prior to the party PID Linda and PDG Vern were involved in an automobile accident, which left Linda with bruised ribs. VDG Jim P.M. Query presented PID Linda with a roll of bubble wrap to ward off further damage and a box of band aids! PID Linda is also showing a jar of Spencer Lions special apple butter from a box of 6 presented. (Photo by Lion Anton Neff)



Lion Jack Laymon, a 54 year member of the Spencer Lions Club and son of a charter member, is greeted by PDG Vern Tinchler during the social hour of the Spencer Lions 90th anniversary party. (Photo by Lion Anton Neff)

PDG Jim Query (Spencer) and PID Linda Tincher wish PDG Ray Blunk (Martinsville Noon) a Happy 90th Birthday at the Spencer Lions Club's 90th anniversary...and both are still going strong! (Photo by Lion Anton Neff)



Thank You 

for sending such wonderful pictures!

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

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