## DISTRICT 25C NEWSLETTER





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### February 2020

Greetings, Fellow Lions!

I'd like to use this newsletter to recognize the "Unsung Heroes" of the District C Leadership Team. Yes, you hear from them often, they offer their time to lead educational sessions three or four times per year or they may be the person who prompts you each month to submit your membership and activity reports.



Meet Zone Chair #1, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Jim Roth. Jim has been serving 9 clubs in the northwest part of the district. In addition to his Zone Chair responsibilities he is serving as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor and learning the process for his next assignment.

Meet Zone Chair #2, Paul Scheetz. Paul is also President of his home club, Lucerne Lions Club and serves 9 clubs in the North East part of our district.





Meet Zone Chair #3, Owen Matz Jr. Owen, like many, has been President of his home club and currently serves as Secretary of the Frankfort Lions Club and he is responsible for 13 clubs in the center of the District.

Meet Zone Chair #4, Tom Iles. Tom has been President of the Plainfield Lions Club and currently serves as Secretary. He is responsible for 8 clubs in the south center of the district.



Meet Zone Chair #5, Patti Foxx. Patti is currently President of the Brazil Lions Club as well as Zone Chair. She is responsible for 8 clubs in the southern part of the district.





Meet Zone Chair #6, Larry Ridge. Larry has been President of Prairie Creek Lions Club. He is responsible for 8 clubs in the west / southwest part of the district.

These Lions are dedicated to helping make your club and our district a strong organization. They have the skills to help you with monthly reporting, providing education on LCIF, Lions of Indiana State Projects and general problem solving for the clubs. They even have ideas to help your fundraising, so if you haven't been attending the zone meetings, well, you just don't know what you are missing.

I sincerely appreciate their efforts, individually and collectively.

Best regards and Thank You for "Feeding the World through Service"

Best Regards, DG Tom Robbins



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No matter who you are, how old you are, or where you are from, somebody somewhere told you "the older you get, the faster time goes!" Chances are you have also heard "if you want something done, ask a busy person." As a Lion I'm sure that you know how true those sayings are.

It seems like yesterday I stood before everyone at the District Convention in Terre Haute, thanking you all for your vote of confidence in being elected second vice district governor. Hard to believe that's been almost two years ago, but it has been! Which means it is time to start gearing up for another great year in District C!

What does that mean for YOU? Great question! Like every year we need everyone to pitch in and help out—just like you do in your club.

One thing that each club needs to be working on *Right Now* is getting your club's nomination committee running. Get your slates filled in February and elected in March so you can have your new officers reported before April 1. It is extremely important that the officers are reported by April 1. I need your club's officers in order to create next year's District C Directory as accurately as possible. Thank you all for helping out!

District Convention is coming quickly on March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Zionsville Town Hall. In addition to holding elections, we have the pleasure of hosting International Director Gary Brown and his wife Barb. ID Gary will be our featured speaker that day. If you have not been to a district convention—why not??! There is no better time than now to make it your first!

I would also like to extend an invitation to all of you to come to the state convention in Bloomington this April. Nestled in the gently rolling hills between Nashville and the burgeoning metropolis of Spencer, Bloomington is ready for the Lions of Indiana. The convention committee is hard at work to make it a wonderful weekend for all. With affordable meals, educational seminars, exhibition hall and a Strides Walk, there is a little something for everyone. We work together—let's celebrate together!

Together we are Lions! Together we are Family!

TOGETHER WE SERVE!



### We are Different

Many year ago, when there was a need, a group of people would gather to meet the particular need. This was a group passionate about helping the neighbor whose house burned down, etc. They come together to meet an immediate need. Over time, many of these people formed first a loose organization, and eventually a formal organization. The organizations became tied to grants and other large funding sources. The burning sense of need that led people to be involved slowly became funneled into fundraising or very structured volunteer tasks. Professionals were hired to do what the volunteers wanted to do when the group began. Organizations applied for grants and shaped their outreach to the terms of the grants received.

When Lions Clubs International was formed, its Code of Ethics included, among others, that clubs were "to take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community and to unite clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding." These are required to be at the core of each and every Lions Club.

Lion Clubs each look around its community and matches needs with the ability and willingness of its members to tackle those needs. There are always more needs than resources. The relationship of the individual clubs to Lions Club International is different. Each club is still autonomous and does its own fundraising and its own local projects. Clubs are free to choose their local charitable projects and their own local fundraising. This difference makes Lions more motivated and innovative because of their ever changing local community's needs and its opportunities for service.

Together We Serve. Let's keep us together to serve.

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### **SAVE THE DATE**

February 8, 2020 Riley Twp. Lions Club, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Prom, 6:30-10 pm, Terre Haute

March 28, 2020 New Voices Symposium, Zionsville Town Hall. Bring a non-Lion!

April 25, 2020 **District C Caucus,** Bloomington Convention Center

Strides Walk

May 16, 2020 ISBVI Work Day,

June 6, 2020 **District Picnic**, Zionsville Lions Park

September 13, 2020 ISBVI Trike Race/Disc Golf

### **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!)

Silent Auction for Childhood Cancer, Contact PDG Pat Short

(Lionpatshort@aol.com)

April 24-26, 2020 IN Lions State Convention, Bloomington Convention Center

Strides Walk

June 26-30, 2020 Lions International, Singapore

Have your event listed here!

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### Hearing Screening: How do you know that you have a hearing loss?

### Part II

The three steps required to address hearing loss are: first determine that hearing loss exists; second, diagnose the extent and cause of hearing loss; and finally, treat the hearing loss.

Identifying hearing loss may be called screening, and frequently there is no formal procedure at all. Your wife, children or someone close to you may tell you directly that you "flat-out" have a hearing problem. Others may say you frequently ask them to repeat what has been said. You may turn up the TV or stereo volume such that it bothers others. You respond to questions or comments inappropriately. Your thought may be: "It's not my problem. If you would just speak up and stop talking like you've got a mouth full of gravel, I could understand you quite well." That may earn you a laugh or two. But, it may be the embarrassment that convinces you to get a "non-biases" opinion.

Denial doesn't work. It's just the first step in the five stages of hearing loss. These steps include: denial—it's not my problem; anger that others don't share your opinion--resulting in a loss of friends; bargaining--praying to hear a grandchild or understand the preacher; depression--realizing that your friends are leaving and your prayers have not yet been answered; and finally, acceptance--understanding that you have hearing loss and vowing to use every tool available to hear as well as possible. On average it takes an individual five to seven years to move through these stages. Getting an opinion about your hearing from someone you trust is the beginning of acceptance. Make no mistake! Acceptance will not necessarily improve your hearing. However, it will improve your attitude, and allow people to start liking you again.

Screening may be done by a physician, an audiologist or virtually anyone who has access to appropriate equipment. One device used is the Ero-Scan, which depends upon auditory acoustic emissions. It requires no responses from the individual, which makes it effective for all ages. An "ear-bud" delivers a calibrated tone to the ear, which

### Hearing Screening: How do you know that you have a hearing loss?

### Part II, continued

triggers a response from hair cells in the cochlea. Hair cells respond to this tone, and if a response is not detected, the tone was not "heard".

Remember, hearing screening suggests only that a hearing problem exists. It should nudge you to seek professional help, to determine if your hearing loss is caused by congestion from a cold, wax in the ear, ossification of bones in the middle ear, loss of hair cells in the cochlea, a tumor on the 8<sup>th</sup> cranial nerve, or something else. These conditions should be treated by a specialist.

Remember, screening is focused on identifying a problem and motivating an individual to address that problem. Diagnosis is left to a professional clinician such as an ENT, otologist or an audiologist. We will explore some treatments for hearing loss next time.

### **Important Notice to all Clubs**



Notice to Lions Club Presidents and Treasurers:
The January 2020 State and District Dues must be paid prior to February 21, 2020 in order for your club delegates to vote at the District Convention on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Invoices have been sent to all Club Treasurers via electronic message on or about January 8, 2020.

For eight years in a row, LCIF has been honored to receive Charity Navigator's top rating of four stars.





### **Emergency Grants**

Thanks to Lions' ongoing support of LCIF, Emergency Grants are available to provide for immediate needs including food, water, clothing and medicine. We have learned from experience that when disaster victims receive aid quickly, it can help provide the strength needed to survive shock and loss—offering hope for the future.

### **Major Catastrophe Grants**

Lions are connected to the community and remain active in relief efforts long after immediate needs have been met. After immediate needs are met, victims of disasters are not forgotten. We remain committed to the important process of rebuilding homes and lives through Major Catastrophe Grants. LCIF helps with long term reconstruction projects allowing people impacted by a disaster to return to their lives.

Has your club made a donation to LCIF's Disaster Initiative? If not, please consider donating today. Have you made a personal contribution to LCIF to fight the current disaster in Australia? If not please consider going to <a href="https://www.lionsclubs.org">www.lionsclubs.org</a> and clicking on the LCIF link. Then click on donate and follow the steps to make a special donation to the disaster fund. More than \$200,000 in aid from Lions around the world has already been sent to help fight the fires and comfort the people enduring this disaster.

Have you given it any thought yet?



"Boy! When I grow up I am going to the Lions State Convention."

Do something for your health and at the same time support "Diabetes Awareness"

Join us at the Indiana State Convention in Bloomington, Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> for a

"STRIDES WALK"

The route will be a ½ mile up and ½ mile back on the B-Line
You can register using the Indiana State
Convention registration form
Questions or comments contact me at

macagcon@tds.net

R. L. McKellar, Strides Walk Chair



"Feeding the world through service."

District Governor Tom and Lion Gail Robbins And the Zionsville Lions Club invite you to join them at our

District 25C District Convention - Saturday,
March 7, 2020
Zionsville Town Hall
1100 W Oak Street
Zionsville, IN 46077

Friday, March 6, "Let's Get Acquainted"

Meet our International Guests: ID Gary F. Brown and Lion Barbara of Cape Vincent, New York

> Zionsville Lion's Den, 115 South Elm Street, Zionsville, Indiana 6:00 PM Social Hour - 7:00 PM Dinner

\$15.00 per person # = \$
Saturday, March7, 2020 *Saturday, March7, 2020. Diabetes screening, starting 7:30am, please fast.  *Registration and Breakfast (compliments of Zionsville Lion Club) 8:00 – 9:00 AM
Opening Session begins at 9:00 AM
Saturday, March 7, 2020
<i>Lunch</i> \$12.00 per person # = \$
Club:
Name/Title
Name/Title

\*\* Please Make Checks Payable to District 25C Lions\*\*
Mail to: C/T Karen McKellar, 8805 E 200 S Zionsville, IN
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**Silent Auction** - Proceeds to go to LCIF Childhood Cancer Initiative Contact: PDG Pat Short for information on how you/your club can donate an auction item. <a href="mailto:lionpatshort@aol.com">lionpatshort@aol.com</a> 765/743-3160



GARY F. BROWN INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

### District Convention March 7, 2020 International Guest

Gary F. Brown, from Cape Vincent, New York, USA was elected to serve as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 101st International Convention, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, June 29 through July 3, 2018.

Director Brown has worked in the field of investment management for the past 37 years. He has owned his own branch and mentored several successful reps. He is currently an independent contractor and registered representative for Essex Securities.

Director Brown first became a Lion in 1984 in Monroeville, Pennsylvania, but has called the Brockport Lions Club home since 2016. He has held a number of offices within the association including club president, district governor, and district leadership development chairperson. He has also served as council chairperson, multiple district convention chairperson and multiple district GLT chairperson.

In recognition of his service, he has received many awards including the 100% President's Award. He is also the recipient of the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award, three International President's Awards, an International President's Leadership Award, as well as four International President Certificates of Appreciation.

In addition to his Lions activities, he is an active member of the Boy Scouts of America and former board member of the Boy Scouts of America East Valley Area Council in Pittsburgh.

Director Brown is a Melvin Jones Fellow. His wife, Barbara, is also a longtime Lion and a recipient of the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service.

# Please send pictures and news items for the newsletter to Charlotte Query, <a href="mailto:jequery@bluemarble.net">jequery@bluemarble.net</a>

Flyers will be sent separately

Items for the Hoosier Lion should be forwarded to Gail Robbins, gail45robbins@gmail.com



### Put the March 7 District Convention on your calendar!

(And bring some friends with you!)



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The Plainfield Lions Club hosted a
Dementia Friend Workshop at the
Plainfield-Guilford Township Public
Library. Helee Adkins of Hendricks County
Senior Services was the presenter. Here
President Worth Donaldson welcomed
the group to the workshop. (Photo by
Lion Tom Iles)

IPDG Doug Eversole presents a \$497 check to Emmaus director Jason Mitchell from the Young America Lions Club. Emmaus shelters homeless and operates a food pantry for those in need. (Photo by PDG Doug Eversole)





Lion Jay Lowe, Greencastle Lions Club President and sponsor Trish Lowe, new member Vicki Oliver, new member Larry Oliver, DG Tom, new member Darcy Stahl, sponsor L.T. Taylor (Photo by Lions Gail Robbins)

Greencastle Lions Club presented DG Tom with a \$1,000 Check for our State Projects and LCIF. We had such a great time, thank you! (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)





DG Tom with his Zone Chair and President of the Brazil Lions Club, Patti Foxx, at the Mid-Winter Conference. (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)

DG Tom congratulates Jane Werner on her 10 year Chevron and Zone Chair/ Club Secretary Owen Matz on his 35 year Chevron. Other Chevron winners not pictured are; Dana Myers 10 yrs., Scott Werner 10 yrs., Aaron Cearly 10 yrs., Kevin Myers 20 yrs. and Mary Henry at 35 yrs. Great job everyone! (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)





DG Tom being presented an outstanding letter opener by Frankfort Lions Club President Mike Nichols. They also gave him an amazing check for all the projects and LCIF. So appreciated. (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)

Frankfort Lions Club do so many Community projects. Thank each of you for being Lions! (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)





Ladoga Lions Club, thank each of you for such a great visit and thank you for that great check for the State Projects & LCIF. (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)

DG Tom congratulating some great Ladoga Lions for their service: Marcus Light, 10 yr. Chevron; David Reeves, 10 yr. Chevron; Brian Hedge, 25 yr. Chevron; Carl Clark, 55 yr. Chevron; Larry Burnett, 55 yr. Chevron . Not pictured: Brad Monts, 25 yr. Chevron and Keith Keck, 35 yr. Chevron. (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)





Martinsville Evening Lions Club takes good care of their community. Look at all the future young Lions here! (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)



Lebanon Lions Club gathered around their gift for another Food Bank. The Governor will donate it to The Caring Center-Project Help, in Lebanon. The box of Donaldson's candy went home on Lion Gail's lap. (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)

PDG Alyn McConnaha and DG Tom chat away about District C and what it's like to be a governor. (It's GREAT, by the way!) (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)





DG Tom congratulated Secretary Tom Rumple for his 40 yr. Chevron, shown with Lebanon Lions Club President Brad Bailey. Not pictured Margaret McConnaha with her 15 yr. Chevron and Ed Schillings with his 40 yr. Chevron. (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)

DG Tom with Lion Leo Shaw receiving his 30 yr. Chevron and Lebanon President Brad Bailey. (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)





This is what we love "Serving Others"! Young America LC surprised the Governor with a Home Depot cart full of food. DG Tom ask that the food be given to the Emmaus Mission Food Bank in Logansport. (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)

How nice is this! Thank you, Young America Lions Club. (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)





We had some great laughs with the Young America Lions Club. Dinner was outstanding! (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)

Lion Janet Babb received her 15 yr.
Chevron from DG Tom at her Young
America Club. Missing from picture are
Lion Allen McCloskey, 60 yr. Chevron)
and Lion Charles Henry, 20 yr. Chevron.
Congratulations and thank you for
being Lions. (Photo by Lion Gail
Robbins)





This is a picture of students and members of the Prairie Creek Lions Club that had entries in the Peace Poster Contest. We had a presentation on Jan 17 in the auditorium at Hoosier Prairie School, presenting all 25 students with their posters and each were each given a certificate and a \$5.00 gift card to McDonalds, for participation. One of the students won second at the district level, Gabe Cooprider and was given a \$25.00 check as well. (Photo by Lion Kimberly Waggoner)

Monrovia President Dianne Olleman and Membership Chair Janice Brummett surprise IPP Jeff Henaker with the 1st Melvin Jones Fellowship that their club has ever given! DG Tom had a ball watching them pull this off. Well deserved, Jeff! Congratulations! (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)





Steve Reeder an Alumni and current Monrovia High School teacher was the guest speaker at Monrovia's Winter Banquet. He filled all the guests in on the history of the town and showed slides of some of the items being shared with the school. (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)

Lion Jennifer Blanford, Speech and Hearing trustee, addressed Lions at the January 25 cabinet meeting, hosted by the Martinsville Noon Lions at Zion's Hill Baptist Church. (Photo by PDG Pat Short)





L-to-R: Lion Cindy Russell (Lebanon LC), ZC Larry Ridge (Prairie Creek LC), ZC Owen Matz (Frankfort LC) and DG Tom Robbins. This is a preview of FUN in the works for Silent Auction at our March 7th District 25C Convention! Zone Chair Larry Ridge (Prairie Creek LC) donated Valentines Baskets which raised close to \$200 during live auction by PDG Pat Short! Amazing group of Lions with heart, giving to support DG Tom's mission to help children with cancer. Valentine's Basket raised \$60 initially, was then donated back by ZC Larry Ridge and ZC Owen Matz, split and re-auctioned with Lion Cindy/DG Tom having the winning bids (w/a little help from their friends). Lion Vicky Hrdy (Lafayette LC) added half of her 50/50 winnings to the pot all funds to go into March 7 Silent Auction kitty. (Photo by PDG Pat Short)



Lions come for a mixture of sharing, learning and fun at the District C Cabinet Meeting. Thank you Martinsville Noon for making the arrangements and feeding everyone. (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)



DG Tom presented District Convention Silent Auction Chair PDG Pat Short (Lafayette LC) with her 25 year Chevron! (Pic by Lion Gail Robbins)

Monrovia Lions Club President Dianne Olleman congratulated sponsor Diana Catt and new member Maria Catt. DG Tom had the honor to do the induction. (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)





### Last but not least....

a special thank you to PDG Doug and Lion Shelia Eversole and DG Tom and Lion Gail Robbins, who have donated bags and bags of sugar to "the Fudge Lady" so that she may continue to make the sweets that Indiana Lions have come to love. Please know that "the Fudge Lady" AND all Lions who indulge appreciate your thoughtfulness!



Love those Lions!



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