

# District 25 hronicles

## Take a Step Back and Breathe

Okay, perhaps this article is not meant for everyone, but away we go anyhow!

As the year starts to wind down, all too often this becomes a very hectic and stressful time of year: Thanksgiving dinner, with family that may not always get along; the pressure of buying gifts for people, whom you may not know well and funds being low; businesses looking to cut budgets by eliminating positions.

There are so many things that can create stress and turmoil, especially with Covid-19 still causing problems. At this time of year, it is especially important that we take a step back and breathe...slowly and deeply.

Truly open your eyes and look at the world around you. The colorful leaves! The sun's early rays reflecting on the clouds. Frost on the pumpkin. The smile in the eyes of someone as you pass by. This indeed is our time to be thankful, for as we look around, we have so much to be thankful for. This season, slow down and think about all the blessings that surround you.

I know of one person that needs this message...ME!

If you haven't scheduled your club visitation, I encourage you to get that squared away.



Have a Blessed Thanksgiving,  
Together We Serve,  
Because Kindness Matters.

DG Jim P.M. Query



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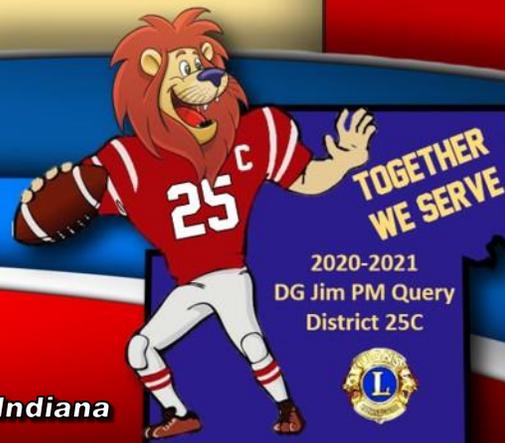
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## Upcoming District Events

### **Spencer Lions Club "Tour of Italy"**

November 7, 2020 - Noon - 5:00 pm in Spencer, Indiana



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**Dates to Remember**

- Nov. 3- DG’s visit to Young America LC
  - Nov. 7- Spencer LC \$10 Tour of Italy Drive by, Noon – 5 p.m.
  - Nov. 11- DG’s visit to Clinton LC
  - Nov. 16- DG’s visit to Prairie Creek/Pierson Twp.
  - Nov. 18- DG’s Zoom visit w/Lafayette LC
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All Peace Poster entries must be postmarked to my address (2408 Shepard Patrick Rd, Spencer, IN 47460) by November 15, 2020. Any entries with a postmark later than that will not be considered for the contest.

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Jim P.M. Query  
Vice Council Chair MD 25  
DG District 25 C  
Spencer Lions Club



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**Connecting with Kindness**



Lion James Roth  
District 25C 1<sup>st</sup> VDG

When we wear masks, our encounters have a very impersonal haze over them and muffled speech adds to the difficulty of sharing comments. We often rely on facial expression to help understand the comments of others. Misunderstandings can happen much more easily.

I felt less comfortable and confident in the doctor that I only have met once while he and his staff all wore masks. We “read” a person by facial expressions. Lacking those clues, it is harder to build a relationship. I felt a little empty about him. Update: Today while the doctor was working on my eyelids, we talked about Lions, Lions Eye Bank, school vision screening, Cyber Lions and the effect of how he sees that wearing masks has changed him and his relationship with patients. He is now more of a person to me, and we have a strong doctor-patient relationship.

How about the new Lion member that has only met with the club online or with all wearing masks? Doesn’t that require us all to put a little more effort into welcoming the new member? We can chat with the new Lion to learn about that person. These may contain clues about the new Lion’s interests, experiences and motivations that will help the other club members help that Lion to grow.

Having a habit of talking about (not bragging about) what we are doing as Lions may just be the thing to interest someone to think about being a Lion. Having the habit of being kind and taking an interest in each person we meet has an obvious benefit of making ours and that person's day a little brighter.

But, also, you never know if it might lead to something greater. Several years ago, my wife and I went to a little gift shop near Seattle. We mentioned that we were from Lafayette. She said that her dead husband's family was from there. After her husband died years ago, she had lost touch with his family. She mentioned the name of a lady at our church, who was thrilled to be able to get in touch with her long lost relative.

So, the take away is this: Be kind and engaging with the people you meet. Make the effort to treat them as you would have if we were not wearing masks or meeting by Zoom. This current situation leads us to be more transactional (just get the job done) interactions rather than connecting with the humanity of the other person. So be kind. You never know when one short encounter might lead to something worth so much more!

Helping Lions serve!

Lion Jim Roth  
District 25C 1<sup>st</sup> VDG



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## Feeling Blessed

November usually brings thoughts of Thanksgiving – in the world we are living in, many may find it difficult to find reasons this year.

To me growing up as an “Army Brat” the first reason that comes to mind is our many Veterans. Their willingness to put others before themselves is a blessing to all of us. As Lions this inspires us and reinforces our dedication to our Motto: “We Serve.”

I just spent a weekend that was planned as a family gathering of both our children, their spouses and our 2 granddaughters, something that does not happen often as our daughter and son-in-law live in New Hampshire and our son, daughter-in-law and 2 granddaughters live in the Chicago area.

First there was Covid-19, then Chicago put in place a quarantine for anyone traveling to Indiana. Now it was down to the NH clan, with a quick visit to our son at work. Then there was rain, clouds, and snow. Our plans changed so often-- like the hurricanes we went thru the entire alphabet. It was frustrating, but we enjoyed the time we did have, and I realized at the end how blessed we are to have a happy, healthy family, who are safe, employed and loved!

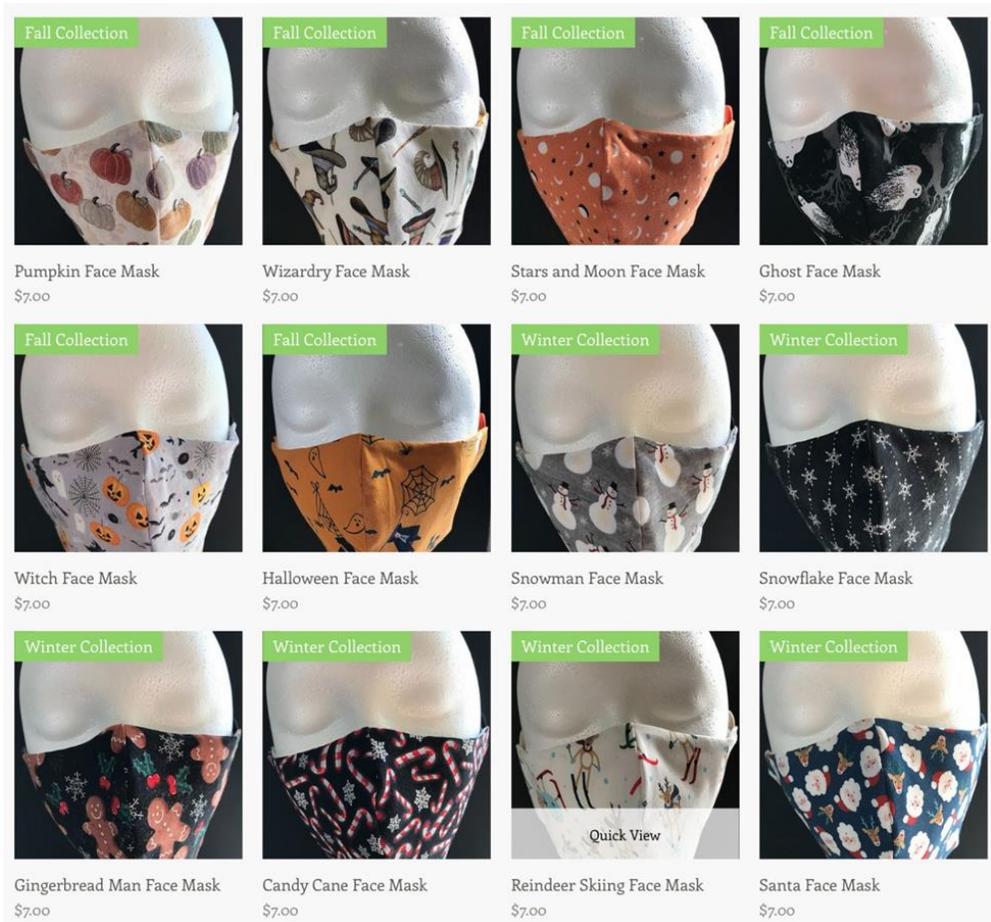
As you go through your day, I hope you can look for small opportunities to serve and feel blessed.

From the Hrdy family: Thank You to all of Veterans and a Happy Thanksgiving!

Lion Bob Hrdy

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### Check it Out

The Indiana Cyber Lions have been making masks with proceeds going to Leader Dogs.

The proceeds of our Autumn and Winter Collection will go to Special Olympics.

Checkout their website:

[indianacyberlions.org](http://indianacyberlions.org)

### E-Mail and You



Having an email account is a great way to communicate and stay in touch with club members during times when it is difficult to meet or for those members who cannot get out. Sharing information about club activities, meeting minutes, and newsletters are just some of the ways Lions are starting to use email.

Email is easy to use once it is set up. There are several free email providers that offer basic services to send and receive emails. Usually there are just a few steps to complete and your personal email account is ready to use. If you need assistance usually help is available from the email provider.

Make sure that you notify your club secretary about any changes with your email address so your club and LCI has your correct email address on record.

Here are a few tips you might want to remember to keep your account and personal information safe when using your email account.

1. **Make sure your passwords are unique and secure.** Use strong passwords that do not include any personal information and try to avoid dictionary words and common phrases. Many email providers recommend a mix of lower and uppercase letters, numbers, and symbols. In addition, never use the same password for more than one account.
2. **Use anti-malware software and other protective tools.** Be sure that your computer has some sort of trusted security software installed and set it to automatically update so that you are protected against the latest risks. Ask an expert or trusted tech-savvy person if you are unsure what to install.
3. **Do not download unknown attachments and software.** Never download documents, images, or software if you do not know and trust the source. Scammers and hackers will often disguise viruses and other malware as “free” software tools or interesting content to download.
4. **Consider authorizing a trusted friend or family member to access your accounts.** In case of emergency, it can be difficult or impossible for trusted friends and family to access online email, bank, and file storage accounts. Plan and work with an attorney to authorize someone you trust to access your accounts.
5. **Understand “spam” filters.** Spam refers to unwanted, unsolicited emails. Most email providers have spam filters that remove these emails from your main inbox.
6. **Know the signs of a scam.** If it is too good to be true, it usually is. Offers of low-priced or free big-ticket items such as vacations, electronics, and medicines are usually scam attempts. On the other hand, scammers will sometimes send you requests for money from friends’ personal accounts; never reply or send funds without first verifying the request with the person in some other way.
7. **Understand and avoid phishing attempts.** Be wary of links to sites that ask you to make a purchase or enter your payment information. One common scam, “phishing,” makes a phony site look like a trusted site, then gives your information to the scammer. Look for grammatical errors, spelling mistakes, and URLs that look different than you are used to. When in doubt, enter the web address you know to be correct directly into the URL bar.

Lion Billy Jones and the Indiana State Lions IT Committee

(Committee: Al Konieczka, PDG Jim Query, PDG Dan Wilcox, PCC Jeff Schafer, PDG Melissa Baker)

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*Be thankful for what you have:  
if you concentrate on what you don't have,  
you will never have enough.*

## **First Quarter Results from your Membership Team**

*PDG Charlie Short, MD25 Global Membership Team (GMT)*

We have added 22 new members this quarter and are hanging in there. Your membership committee has been busy!

Here's a quick review of all the work that your committee has been doing to bring new Lions to the pride!



New locations and branches being organized or developed include:

- 25A: Gary
  - 25B: Aboite Township
  - 25C: Avon, Terre Haute Nepalese, Subietown Branch
  - 25D: Muncie
  - 25E: Sullivan County, others
  - 25F: Indy Nepalese
  - 25G: Pending
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- Held weekly GMT team meetings on Google Meet for information and best practice sharing, planning and morale. These are open meetings.
  - Have a membership key? Be a part of the 25C Recruiting Roundtable!
  - Consulted with Leadership, Public Relations, and the IT ad hoc group on communications to plan the implementation of 70 new full-service club websites to aid visibility and recruiting, supported by Google Workspace for all Indiana Lions entities.
  - was achieved in Logansport on August 10th in partnership with the Logansport Kiwanis.
  - Planned in-person recruiting and information events, including sponsorship of the Indiana Attorney General's Drug Abuse Symposium on October 22nd, National Drug Take Back Day on October 24th, and Red Ribbon Week October 26-31st. We urge clubs to support Red Ribbon Week and National Drug Takeback Day as effective drug prevention programs that drive media, membership, and visibility.

Your membership committee is here to help you and your club sponsor new members, clubs, and club branches. We are contacting club secretaries and presidents with new member referrals weekly. So, despite the conditions, we continue to make progress for stronger clubs.

Thank you for everything you do for Lions.

# How Clubs Can Empower Lions Service



Club support of Campaign 100 and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) – your foundation – increases our ability to change the world. How will your club help?

### Encourage 100% Member Participation

Participation is key to our success! Inviting fellow members to make personal donations is one of the simplest and quickest ways you can raise significant funds for LCIF and Campaign 100.

### Become a 100|100 Club – 100% Member Participation of at Least US\$100

Clubs in which 100% of members donate US\$100 per year or more receive special recognition as 100|100 Clubs.

### Host a Fundraising Event

Fundraising events are a great way to bring many members of a club together – and have some fun! In addition, they're a wonderful opportunity to invite non-Lion members of the community to learn more about the great work of Lions and join clubs in supporting LCIF and Campaign 100.

### Make a Gift from the Club Treasury

Many clubs reserve funds in their treasuries for charitable donations and contribute from those funds to LCIF. These contributions are a great way for club leadership to support LCIF on behalf of their members.

### Invite Support from Local Businesses and Non-Lions

Many clubs already have good relationships with businesses and non-Lion individuals in their local communities. Inviting support from community members and groups outside of your club through an event or direct request is important to achieving our goals.

### Become a Model Club – Raise the Equivalent of US\$500 per Member

Model Clubs are leading the way for Campaign 100. Encourage clubs in your area to set their sights higher and become examples for others. All funds raised from all sources between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2022, count toward Model Club status. Access more information on Model Clubs by visiting the Resource Center on [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org) and then clicking on Campaign 100.



Donations to Campaign 100 are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellow (MJF), Progressive MJF (PMJF), and Lions Share credits. Donations also count toward limited-edition Campaign 100 recognition and ongoing LCIF recognition such as 100% MJF, 100% PMJF, 100% Lions Share Participation, and per-member-average banner patches.

## Thank You!

Many say the needs of the world are too great. More than 1.4 million Lions worldwide say, "We Serve." To each Lions club going boldly into a new era of service – an era where serving 100% is accomplished only when clubs both do and donate – thank you! The success of our campaign, association, foundation, and future starts at the club level, **today**. Together, we can.

Email [campaign100@lionsclubs.org](mailto:campaign100@lionsclubs.org) for campaign resources, additional information on recognition, or to be connected to your LCIF district coordinator.

[lionsclubs.org/campaign100](http://lionsclubs.org/campaign100)

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Attached is a QRS code for the Plainfield Lions citrus sale. We are trying something new this year and also offering gift boxes. Orders for fruit and gift boxes can be shipped anywhere in the continental US. The code can also be used to purchase Rada Cutlery, Terry Lynn Nuts and coffee. Questions? Please contact President Worth Donaldson: [worth.donaldson@comcast.net](mailto:worth.donaldson@comcast.net) , 317-796-9794 or Secretary Thomas Iles ([t.iles@sbcglobal.net](mailto:t.iles@sbcglobal.net)) for further details, if you need them.

Zionsville Lions Club joined up with Watch Us Farm for their Fall Festival. Watch Us Farm had games, prizes, pot belly pigs and pumpkins for their guests to enjoy! (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)



5 Lafayette Lions (Pat/Charlie Short, Diane Haby, Larry Fisher and Ron Hasser) did a 2-hour shift bagging loose spaghetti into 1# bags for distribution. In total we processed close to 400 # which will feed 400 families or from 1200 to 1600 individuals. Shown: Food Finders Coordinator, Catherine MacLeod. L-to-R Lions are Charlie Short, Diane Haby and Ron Hasser. (Photo by PDG Pat Short)

Lafayette Lion Larry Fisher - bag labeler! Two labels were placed on each bag: one listing ingredients and one providing information on SNAP for those needing additional food assistance. PDG Pat Short also assisted in the project, but someone had to take the pictures! (Pic by PDG Pat Short)





The Plainfield Lions participated in National Red Ribbon Week to promote drug abuse and prescription misuse awareness. They encouraged all to commit to a healthy drug free life by participating in the National Red Ribbon Week Photo Contest. (Photo sent by Lion Worth Donaldson)

Zionsville Lions Club recently honored Past President John Wilkins as Lion of the Year. Congratulation, John! (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)



4 New Members inducted at Zionsville Lions Club Awards Night!  
Tim Rinehart, sponsor to Daphne Bryant, new Harry Koch, new John King (transferred from Merrillville,) Gene Thompson , Harry's sponsor, and Dan Dumbauld, sponsor to Matthew Dinn were all inducted by PDG Tom Robbins. (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)

Prairie Creek Lions Club recently gave out 3 \$500.00 scholarships to students. This is a picture of Harlie Dycus accepting her 'check' from club president Lion Kim Payton. Harlie will attend St. Mary of the Woods. (Picture provided by Lion Rebecca Waggoner)





The Prairie Creek Lions Club also gave out this \$500.00 scholarship to Cruz Hayworth, presented by club president Lion Kim Payton. Cruz will be attending Ivy Tech Community College. Not pictured is Cody Harden who received another \$500.00 scholarship and will be attending Ivy Tech Community College as well. (Photo sent by Lion Rebecca Waggoner)

Michigantown Lions Club Drive thru Sunday Dinner held on October 11. They served 290 meals of ham loaf, beef and noodles, potatoes, green beans, applesauce, and dessert by free will donation. (Information sent by Lion Don Blanch)



It's time for Halloween in Brownsburg, and on Saturday evening, October 24, the Brownsburg Lions were ready. Lions John Fletcher, John Sabol, Susan Sabol, Cindy Hohman and Ray Furner showed up at Williams Park to put up our tent, string lights and prepare the candy. Special thanks To Lions Denise Mozingo, Gretchen Xinopoulos and Nick Xinopoulos for purchasing candy and delivering it for this event.

It was a beautiful fall evening with just the right amount of chill in the air, when we turned on the lights just west of the splash pad. Visitors started coming almost immediately, and by the end of the evening, I estimate about 1200 people passed our tent. We gave away nearly 900 pieces of candy. Adults outnumbered children by almost 2:1, and some of them got candy too. Mask wearing was required of all booth participants, and many of the adults also wore protective face gear. Lions wore protective gloves and masks--of course. A couple of participants are shown in the photo. By the end of the evening all Lions were "frozen stiff", and repacking the gear took place mostly in the dark. (Photo and information provided by Lion Ray Furner)



Spencer Lions Club adapted to local Halloween practices by pre-bagging candy for trick or treaters instead of stopping their long tradition and disappointing children. (Photo by PDG Jim Query)

Mooreville Lions Club recently met outside for a bonfire at Lion Randy Haymaker's place. Just the perfect thing for an October evening! (Picture by Lion Treg Hopkins)



PID Linda Tincher, MD GST, presenting last year's 25C GST DG Jim Query with a Presidential medal for placing in the top 10% of all US Districts for filing. He received the honor on behalf of all the secretaries who are responsible for the honor. Congratulations District C!! (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)

The Plainfield Town Council presented a proclamation to Plainfield Lions Club President Worth Donaldson for the Lions work in promoting Red Ribbon Week, a program reminding people to be drug free. (Photo by Lion Thomas Iles)





Members of the Plainfield Lions Club conducted Operation KidSight preschool vision screenings during three days in October. A total of 86 children were screened and there were 5 referrals. Children were given a book, "What Does It Mean To Be Kind?" (Photo by Lion Thomas Iles)

The Brownsburg Lions Club presented a Richard T. Miyamoto Fellowship to Dr. Jessica Tooley, the audiologist associated with Connect Hearing in Avon, Indiana. Dr. Tooley exemplifies the highest qualities of service to those who are locked in a struggle to understand speech and other sounds that are critical to our daily lives. Dr. Tooley has worked with Lions Speech and Hearing for a number of years by providing critical services to those who receive hearing aids through programs sponsored by Speech and Hearing. (Photo by Lion Ray Furner)



Prairie Creek Lions Club had their annual Rose Day fundraiser. Pictured are from left to right: Kim Waggoner, Neil Hunt, Larry Ridge, Linda Pearman, Melissa Strole, Bill Pearman, Marvin Mericle, Barbara Mericle and Jolynn Kuhlman. We sold 123 dozen roses and delivered within the community. (Photo provided by Lion Rebecca Waggoner)



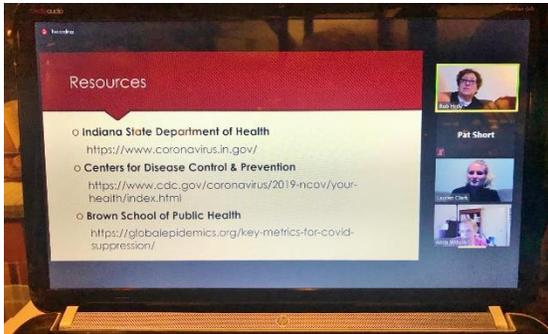
D G Jim seriously studies the new Indiana shirt modeled by PDG Billy Chastain. You could see this in the International Parade in Canada this year, worn by all the Indiana Lions. Order this "football type jersey", and wear it whenever you like. S through XXXL at \$35.00 apiece. Get in touch with PDG Billy Chastain... [billchastain@comcast.net](mailto:billchastain@comcast.net) (Photo provided by Lion Gail Robbins)

Indiana Cyber Lions collected blankets to donate to Lafayette's "Cover Lafayette" project. The projects accepts new and gently used blankets to help ANYBODY that needs one. (What a great idea!) (Photo by Chris Landskron)



PDG Charlie Short (Lafayette LC), Lion Sam Robbins (Zionsville LC) and MD25 Council Chair Mitch Semans attended a one-day symposium hosted by the Indiana Attorney General on Drug Abuse with about 250 attendees. The Lions booth celebrated our LCI Partnership with the US Drug Enforcement Administration. They talked about Red Ribbon Week for drug free communities and introduced Quest, Lions award-winning drug prevention program for grades pre-K through 16 years. They also signed up two new Lion members for the Bedford LC! (Photo by PDG Pat Short)





Lafayette Lions Club had its 2nd meeting of the month via Zoom with 16 attendees. Our speaker was Lauren Snyder (niece of Lion Vicky and 2VDG Bob Hrdy). Lauren has a Masters in Public Health and currently serves as Infection Preventionist at IU Methodist Hospital. She previously was an Infectious Disease Case Manager for the Indiana State Department of Health. Lauren spoke about Covid-19. Following the presentation the club discussed upcoming meeting and service projects, including vision screening. (Photo by PDG Pat Short)



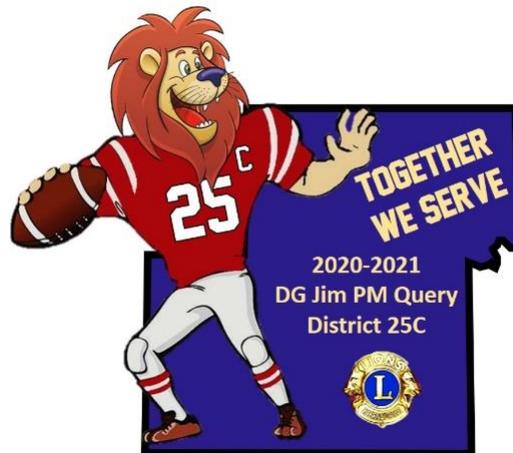
PDG Charlie Short is shown addressing the governors at the state council meeting held in Spencer. He was discussing a program that would unify the e-mail process for Lions statewide for consideration. (Photo by PDG Pat Short)

PID Bill Phillipi of Marysville, Kansas was the guest speaker at Martinsville Noon Lions Club 95th year celebration. He took the guests through the club's 95 year milestones as compared with the International timeline. (Photo sent by Lion Gail Robbins)



District C Cabinet Treasurer Karen McKellar was the only district LCIF coordinator in the state to be recognized by LCIF for her achievement in exceeding 10% of last year's district LCIF contributions

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