

# District 25 hronicles

## The Dash

First, I want to take a moment to thank you all for your cards, and loving words over the last month, in the passing of my father PDG Jim Query. On behalf of my family, with thank you so much for all of your love and kindness. As a District, we have lost many wonderful people over the last month, and although this is but a small token, we remember their Dash and strive to better our own.

In loving memory of PDG Jim Query and all of those we have lost this past year:

*"THE DASH" by Linda Ellis, Copyright © Inspire Kindness, 1996*

*I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning... to the end.*

*He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears,  
but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.*

*For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth  
and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.*

*For it matters not, how much we own, the cars... the house... the cash.  
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.*

*So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left that still can be rearranged.*

*To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more  
and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.*

*If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile...  
remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.*

*So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash,  
would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?*

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## Upcoming Events

**3<sup>rd</sup> District 25C Meeting via Zoom Conference**

January 16, 2021 • PDG 9:00 am • Meeting 10:00 am

**2021 Virtual Mid Winter Conference**

January 23, 2021 • 9:30 am - 3:15 pm



I have decided that with COVID and FLU and so many other nasty bugs out there that it would be best to move our next Cabinet meeting from Prairie Creek to an online ZOOM Meeting. Details are in this newsletter. Thank you to all of those who diligently worked at getting things ready, it is greatly appreciated, we just need to keep everyone safe.

God bless us, every one!

DG Jim P.M. Query

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> District 25C Meeting via Zoom**

PDG Meeting 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 A.M.

Zoom Meeting room open to PDG's at 8:45 A.M.

Then open to all at 9:45. A.M.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83831360961?pwd=NTY1VmhhSN1Nmd2NNK2cvWnhVRlVSZz09>

Meeting ID: 838 3136 0961 • Passcode: Lions25C

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Meeting ID: 838 3136 0961 Passcode: 79582370



## What's keeping you from this great offer?

Think about this for a minute - FOUR great seminars to help you and your club's officers (and even all your members!) improve their proficiency and knowledge of items of interest.

PLUS, there is NO travel involved. You can attend one or all of these sessions from the comfort of your own home.

PLUS, PLUS, you can spend as much as you want or as little as you want for your lunch, as it's on your own.

PLUS, PLUS, PLUS there is NO COST to participate.

This year the conference will have four seminars, including:

- 1) Conducting Online Meetings and Seminars - Lion Jennifer Drapalik, a seasoned organizer and moderator of several online meetings, including Zoom, will de-myth the mysteries of setting up, hosting and handling other details in holding a successful online meeting.
- 2) Everything You Want to Know About Recruiting New Lions - PDG Charles Short will moderate this panel discussion, featuring winning programs and tactics from successful club marketers, area specialists, and recruiters from around Indiana and the Great Lakes Region. Special guest Dave Wineman, LCI's North American Membership Initiative Regional Chair will be on the panel.
- 3) The 'Magic' of Membership Retention - PCC Ross Drapalik will talk about the two most significant reasons Lions leave our organization: they are either 'pulled' away or we 'push' them away. This open discussion will help us develop strategies for retaining our members.
- 4) Putting 'FUN' in FUNdraising - Even with restrictions imposed on clubs by the Covid-19 pandemic, PDG Mary Jane Bodnar will moderate this discussion that will feature several innovative fundraising projects that have proven to be profitable as well as FUN. MWC participants are encouraged to share their experiences.

ALL ATTENDEES must pre-register for the conference, and egistration is also quick and easy...simply click on a link, provide your name and email address.

Registration forms may be accessed at

<http://e-district.org/sites/md25/>

or the MidWinter Conference Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/IndianaLionsMidWinterConference.>

All registrants will receive emailed information with login instructions and the required password.

A graphic titled "MWC Schedule" with a blue background and a keyboard at the bottom. The schedule lists: 9:30 am- Opening session with message from LCI special guest; 10 am- Seminar #1; 11 am- Seminar #2; Noon- Lunch (of course, on your own!); 1 pm- Seminar #3; 2 pm- Seminar #4; 3 pm- Closing remarks; 3:15 pm- Adjournment, in plenty of time for everyone to return home! Below the schedule is a large red "VIRTUAL" text overlay, a "JAN. 23 2021" date stamp, and a "Mid-Winter Conference MD25" logo. At the bottom, it says "Register at- https://bit.ly/in-lions-mwc-2021-reg".

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

## We find a way or make one....

Where there is a need, there is a Lion figuring out how to meet it. Our goal is to find various ways that we can serve, some old and some new.

My preparation to be your next district governor is a good example. The weekend trainings for the multiple district has been replaced by Zoom meetings, one hour at a time. VDGs have a "seat but no voice" at the Council of Governors' meeting for MD 25. We listen and learn. There are training assignments on the LCI web page. The four days at the Q Center near Oak Brook, IL have been replaced with many Zoom meetings. Our group leader is PID Kembra Smith. The 28 member group includes FVDGs from 25A, C, E, and G, four other states, Hungary, Slovak Republic, Republic of Bangladesh, India, and Nigeria. Our 7 P.M. meeting is at 5 A.M. in Bangladesh! We also have a closed Facebook Group.

Training in Montreal still is uncertain due to various countries having COVID restrictions. I believe the most important part of my training is getting to know the district, its clubs and members. This has been a real challenge with COVID, etc. District cabinet meetings, district and state conventions, zone meetings, some club meetings and conversations with many knowledgeable Lions have helped. I miss the in-person interaction. I have always felt that I learned almost as much in the hall between sessions than in many meetings. The telephone, Zoom and email are my tools now.

Many will be getting calls from me this month.

Our Battle Ground Lions Club has met outside and once at church which is closed now. I have learned Zoom and set up my first Zoom meeting as a dry run social meeting for a possible club meeting next month. I marked that others could join before the host (me). My daughter was late getting dismissed from S1. V, and I joined the others at the social meeting late.

Lions find a way to get it done.

Helping Lions serve!

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





Lion Bob Hrdy  
District 25C 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG

## **Good-Bye (riddance) 2020: Hello 2021**

2020 was a struggle for everyone, both personally and as we worked with our local Lions Clubs to stay engaged in our communities.

I know January 1st did not really change anything, except give us hope of a better year ahead.

We all will have to work together to re-energize our Clubs once we are able to meet in person again.

At this time, we have no idea when that will happen, but start reaching out to others now, maybe plan a service project for spring, or celebration for summer. Let others in your community know the great work you have all done even through a pandemic.

We still have some struggles ahead, but there is a light at the end of the tunnel (and it's not a Train 😊)

As DG Jim says, Be Kind!

Hope to be able to see you all at the State Convention this spring.

2nd VDG Bob and Lion Vicky Hrdy

### **2021 Indiana Distinguished Lion Award The Indiana Lions Foundation, Inc.**

Nominations must be in by JANUARY 31, 2021.

Apply online through the website:

<http://IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org/>

Or mail completed applications to:

PDG Don Cooper  
1922 Kelley's Landing  
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Phone: 260-615-5350

Please complete all information on the application form before submitting.







## Peace Poster Winner

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.

“PEACE THROUGH SERVICE” was the theme for the 2020-21 contest, and Lions continue to provide a constant reminder to the world that, through service, we can give and receive so much—joy, kindness, hope and PEACE. This year, young people have the opportunity to express their visions of peace through the lens of service.

The District 25C winning Peace Poster was submitted by Delia Stoian from Zionsville West Middle School, sponsored by the Zionsville Lions Club.

In addition to winning our district competition, Delia’s poster also won the state (Multiple District 25) and has advanced to international competition in Oak Brook, Illinois.

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## Lafayette Lions are World Class

The Lafayette Lions Club recently received a *World Class Centennial Club Award* from LCI.

During Lions Centennial Celebration, clubs had an opportunity to become a World Class Centennial Lions Club by meeting both of the following criteria:

- Inducting at least three new members (who remained active throughout the Centennial Celebration) each of the three years of the Centennial Celebration
- Sponsoring a new lions club that remained in good standing for a year and a day. (We sponsored the Indiana Cyber Lions Club.)



World Class Centennial Lions Clubs are recognized with a *limited edition* banner patch and plaque, as well as a special certificate for each member of the club. **CONGRATULATIONS LAFAYETTE LIONS CLUB!**

## Indiana Lions State Convention 2021



Hosted by Speedway Lions Club

April 30 – May 2

Wyndham Hotel  
2544 Executive Drive,  
Indianapolis 46241  
(317) 248-2481 (855) 214-4563



Call hotel directly for reservations. \$130 for single (1 breakfast) \$140 for double (2 breakfasts)  
Rooms are held under Indiana Lions block. Rooms will be released after March 1st  
Cannot guarantee meals on reservations received after April 15<sup>th</sup>

User registration form for no more than two people

Person 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(first name) (last name) (title)

Person 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(first name) (last name) (title)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Meals:	Qty	Price	Total
100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Friday night	_____	at \$15	\$_____
Saturday lunch	_____	at \$15	\$_____
Saturday Banquet	_____	at \$25	\$_____
Choose steak or chicken	Person 1 _____ 2 _____		
Sunday Brunch	_____	at \$20	\$_____
Convention pin at	_____	at \$5	\$_____
Strides walk	_____	at \$10	\$_____
		Total	\$_____

Special meal requirements: Vegetarian or non-gluten Person 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Make check made out to: Lions of Indiana Inc. or register and pay on-line at [www.IndianaLionsConvention.org](http://www.IndianaLionsConvention.org)



Dear Lion,

As the holidays approach we are all looking forward to spending time with our families. Many of us will be celebrating with our children and grandchildren. We can all agree that our youth is an extremely valuable resource and that it our responsibility to help them grow into responsible adults. Good Leadership skills help everyone be more effective and successful in life.

The USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation does just that. The foundation sponsors the annual USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum held each summer. The fourth annual forum will be held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada from July 21- 25, 2021. The forum is open to all Leos from the USA, Canada and the Caribbean. Attendance has been in increasing year over year and our foundation would like to make the forum available to as many Leos as possible.

With your support we will be able to do just that. Your support will help the foundation keep the cost of attending the forum down so more Leos will be able to afford to participate. We are asking all Lions clubs and individual Lions to please be as generous as possible to help us teach our young people effective leadership skills.

A donation of **\$75 USD** or more will qualify you for your choice of a Banner patch or the 2021 Leo Forum Pin.

If you would like to learn more about the USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation and the annual forums please visit our web site at [www.leosforum.org](http://www.leosforum.org)

I am proud to be an Advisor to this foundation that is having such a powerful and positive influence on so many of our Leos. I hope you will join me in supporting this worthy cause. Click on the blue button below to open the donation form.

Yours in Lionism,

**N. ALAN LUNDGREN**

Past International Director

Member, USACLLF Advisory Board





Lafayette Lions were caught ringing the bells for the Salvation Army at a local shopping mall. 8 club members and 1 dog rang bells to help raise funds local Salvation Army efforts. Lions were Lion Jerry Metzinger, 2nd VDG Bob Hrdy/Lion Vicky with Leader Dog Finn, PDGs Pat/Charlie Short and Lion Alice Anderson. Lion Dave Ehlers was the committee chair. They all believe that Leader Dog Finn raised the most money! (Picture provided by PDG Pat Short)



Lafayette Lions Club elf...PDG Charlie on the left! Lafayette Lion Alice Anderson ringing the bell for Salvation Army on the right. (Pictures by PDG Pat Short)



While Lafayette Lions rang bells inside, Brazil Lions Lora Fenwick and Patti Foxx braved the cold outside elements to ring those bells for the Salvation Army before Christmas. (Photo sent by Lion Patti Foxx)



Spencer Lions Club bagged 415 bags of candies for Santa to hand out during the Christmas Drive-Through on the Square. The Spencer Lions Santa has been on duty for over 70 years. Santa listened to the kiddies' wishes as his helpers passed out the candy. (Photo provided by Lion Anton Neff)



The Plainfield Lions Club collected and signed 365 Christmas Cards which were then taken to the following local nursing homes/assisted living facilities to be handed out to the residents of those three facilities: Cumberland Trace Senior Living, Sugar Grove Senior Living and the Plainfield Health Care Center. In addition, gift boxes of fruit were taken with the cards to be shared by the staff at those three facilities. The Plainfield Lions Club held their annual fruit sale fundraiser and navel oranges that were not sold were donated to the following: Mooresville VFW to be passed out at their Children's Christmas Party and to members of the VFW, to the Active Grace Food Pantry, and to members of the Plainfield Parks Department who assisted the Plainfield Lions Club in unloading the fruit boxes from the semi-trailer. (Photos provided by Lion Tom Iles)





Lafayette Lions Cherrie Buckley, Stephani Robertson and Anna Turner prepared boxed lunches for about 40 individuals. Boxed meals and Christmas gift stockings (containing large candy cane, knitted hats, gloves, mug/coffee) were distributed from SUVs by Lions Pat, Charlie Short and Dave Ehlers. (Photo provided by PDG Pat Short)

Pictured are Frankfort Lions Owen Matz and Tom Dickerson donating coats to Susie Michaels of the Frankfort Boys and Girls Club. (Photo provided by Lion Mike Nichols)



Community Service Award presented to Shane Ray Brownsburg Radio Station FM 98.6. Left to right: PID Nick Xinopoulos, Lion President John Fletcher, Shane Ray and Lion Ray Furner. Shane has provided support and publicity for the Brownsburg Lions for many years through advertising our events and promoting activities in the community. Congratulations, Shane. We appreciate all that you do. (Pic provided by Lion Ray Furner)

PID Nick Xinopoulos and Lion Ray Furner delivered dictionaries to nearly 400 Brownsburg 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in December. We delivered to Cardinal, Delaware Trail, Brown and St. Malachy schools. Normally, the presentations would have been made to individual students, but the pandemic prevented that this year. (Photo sent by Lion Ray Furner)





For a bit of whimsy this is a happy chair. If you sit in it for just a bit, a smile will come over you. We could all use more smiles, and if you happen to have a surplus, give them away. They are more infectious than any virus! (This idea was brought to you by the Brownsburg Lions Club.)

Zionsville lions Club joyfully put together Gift Bags for Crawford Manor. The Zionsville Food Pantry donated some snack items, Zionsville Alpha Leos supplied the festive holiday tissue paper and beautiful ribbons, many Lions signed 110 Christmas cards and many made donations to pay for the gift items. The ISBVI students also joined in with cards the students signed for each resident. (Photo provided by Lion Gail Robbins)



Lafayette LC delivered Christmas gifts to the 48 permanent residents of the local LTHC Homeless Services. The gifts included personal hygiene items, small items of clothing (socks, gloves/scarves, etc.) as well as at least one personalized gift requested by each resident....from a rug, to Crock pots, brooms, pans, books, toasters, and in one case a screen door (mesh). Each resident also received a card with encouraging words, and a pewter ornament which signified that a tree had been planted in his/her name in a national forest. Several other local organizations assisted with this project. (Picture taken by PDG Charlie Short)





2nd meeting of the month of the Lafayette Lions Club resulted in announcements of upcoming Christmas and January service events, followed by presentation by Lion Vicky Hrdy. She regaled us with information on Christmas traditions around the world and then club members shared their own family traditions. In addition, we had an ugly Christmas sweater contest....Lion Vicky was the unanimous winner with 2VDG Bob running a close 2nd and PDG Charlie's cat, Mr. Spot coming in 3rd. (Mr. Spot looks unhappy with his placement!) (Photo provided by PDG Pat Short)



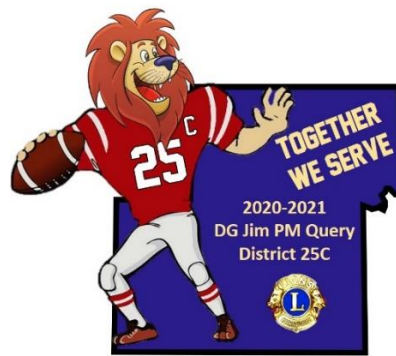
Bob Steele, Riley Township LC president and PDG Ray Collins accepted a check for the club from the Terre Haute Savings Bank for the amount of \$1,000.00. In addition PID Linda Tincher started a FACE Book giving page and collected \$150 for LCIF. (Photo by PID Linda Tincher)



Lafayette Lions received a hearing aid to recycle from Cynthia McKinney, who wrote, "I hope you can use these to help someone that really needs them. Thank you for helping others." See! Our work does not go unnoticed! (Photo by PDG Pat Short)



Please send your photos/articles to  
District 25C Newsletter Editor  
**Lion Charlotte Query**  
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by the **20th** of the month.



**2021**

Please send items for the  
*HOOSIER LION* to  
**Lion Gail Robbins**  
[gail45robbins@gmail.com](mailto:gail45robbins@gmail.com)