District 25C



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March Newsletter

I write this a week before our district convention. I have been bombarded with details coming from all directions. But I have been flooded with more help from so many Lions.

When you read this, our convention will be over. It happened. I survived. It was a good convention. Many Lions helped it happen.

1VDG became DGE Bob Hrdy. 2VDG Patti Foxx became 1VDGE Patti Foxx. Zone Chair John Waymire became 2VDGE. New trustees for the projects were also elected. I am very happy with the new leadership for next year. I am confident that next year will be a great year. They have my support and that of the Lions of 25C.

Our district has a very strong "bench" of Lions who are getting ready to be able to serve as a DG one day. This is not by chance, but an ongoing effort of many district Lion leaders who are mentoring Lions.

We are now getting ready for our local Lions Club's elections. We need to both encourage our fellow Lions to step forward, but also to provide a strong support base for each of them. We need to tell our fellow Lions who might step forward that we have their back, and we will not let them fail. One of the goals of Lions Clubs is to develop our members to take on more roles if they wish to do so. That means sometimes, things do not go as smoothly as we would like. We must accept "rookie mistakes" and reassure those who are coming behind us that we learned for our mistakes and grew into a better Lion and better team member. Lions Clubs are different from many other service organizations because we have clubs free to find and meet the needs of their community, not just a list of goals handed down from above. Each club raises its own money, and any grants are obtained the help the club in what the club wants to do. Some organizations change their goals to match whatever big grant they can qualify to receive. That is not the case with our local Lions Club. Lions Club's officers are a force for good in their communities. They are attuned to the needs of their community and the resources available both in money and in volunteer commitment. With. the Lion spirit to serve, they lead the charge to meet their community needs.

One more thing. Just because our district convention is over, we still have four more months to get all those things done that we want our district to accomplish. I have many clubs who will see me on my Official Visit. Let us keep up our efforts



DG Jim



Fellow Lions, Welcome to March!



1st VDG Bob Hrdy and Lion Vicki

I Hope you had a chance to attend the District C Convention the end of February. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend – I was too busy snuggling my new Grandson: Adam Robert Richard Loudon of Farmington NH.

I am honored to serve as the next District Governor, and I look forward to getting to know more members in our district during my club visits.

March ushers in signs of spring; March Madness and St. Patrick's Day. It is also the month of District Conventions, if you couldn't attend our District Convention, you might try attend the conventions of another district near you. It is always interesting to see what is happening in other districts.

In closing, I want to thank DG Jim Roth for shepherding our district thru this past year with its continued challenges. Let's finish strong and I hope to see you all at the State Convention in Indianapolis April 29th through May 1st.

DG-E Bob O'Hrdy (I am ¹/₂ Irish, and we can all use a little Luck of the Irish!)



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It's March!

It's March time! Spring time! March madness time!!! Have you done your March madness bracket? I play for fun!! Sometime I do awesome and other time not so well. Which team to pick to win... decisions decisions...

Hope everyone enjoyed the District Governor Convention. Hoping the Indiana weather will corporate for us.

Spring time means warmer weather is coming. My daffodils are popping up along with my other plants!! We get to spring forward. I only have a few more months as being your Second Vice District Governor. Time is flying by in which I have absorb so much information, meeting new Lions, and still learning so much more.

Don't forget it is also St. Patrick month (AKA St Patti Day) lol.

Serving with a Smile,

Patti Foxx 1st Vice District Governor - Elect



State Administrative Secretary Position Still Open

The Indiana Lions 2021-2022 Council of Governors is seeking applications for the position of Multiple District Administrative Secretary. The Administrative Secretary serves as State Council Secretary, MD Convention Secretary and is responsible for making the Secretary reports required by the Constitution of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

A qualified candidate is a Lion in good standing with his or her club who possesses leadership skills and supervisory experience to carry out the duties assigned. The Administrative Secretary reports directly and only to the Council Chairperson.

Duties include, but are not limited to: Liaison with the State Office Holding Corporation, maintain office hours in the State Office, serve as a resource person for special projects, attend all Council Meetings as Administrative Advisor and Recording Secretary, develop and reproduce the Indiana Lions State Directory, as well as duties relating to State and International Lions Conventions. A complete listing of duties can be found in the Indiana Lions Policy Manual, Article X.

To apply for this position, please submit a resume, along with your letter of intent to seek the position of Indiana MD-25 Administrative Secretary to: Council Chairperson Jim Query, 2408 Shepard Patrick Road, Spencer, IN 47460. Applications may also be sent via email to: jpmq77@yahoo.com . All applications need to be received by March 25, 2022.



Lions KidSight USA Foundation PO Box 833 Corning, New York 14830-0833





Welsh Allyon Spot

Top Ten Sub-District Winner

Congratulations on being a Lions KidSight USA Top Ten Sub-District Award Winner. Your district has shown exemplary dedication to ensuring the children in your area receive the quality vision screening for which Lions are known. Your achievement is especially notable as the Lions in your district stepped up to screen during the challenging COVID recovery. Many children have had their lives positively changed by being identified by you as needing professional eye care. These children will nove have the visual tools to achieve their full potential in school as well as their future adult lives.

Your achievement has earned your district a special trophy, banner patch and check for \$350. The awards have been generously co-sponsored by Hillrom/Welsh Allyon Spot, one of the dedicated corporate sponsors of Lions KidSight USA Foundation. Your awards will come in two mailings. One will include the trophy and banner patch and another will be sent by our treasurer, PID Ed Farrington.

Again, on behalf of the entire Lions KidSight USA Foundation board we thank you for the great work you are doing and congratulate you on your achievement.

Yours in a heart of service, Ed Dr. Edward V. Cordes, PID Chair, Lions KidSight USA Foundation





VISION SCREENING

As you all should know, Vision is one of the most important service projects Lions International is known for. In 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to be "Knights of the Blind". We work hard to keep that promise to her. BUT....How are the people of the world going to know this if we do not report the number of people we serve. Vision screening is a very easy service project to complete and is very rewarding. SO...DO YOU...

1) Contact your local school systems to set up screening dates?

Best time to do this is about a month after school starts. The school nurse has to have these mandated test figures by a May deadline to the State of Indiana.

- 2) Supply the information form to the school nurse or each student to be completed and presented at the time of screening?
- 3) Is your Vision Screening team properly trained?
- 4) Do you have a standard team that screens?
- 5) Do you wear your Lions Club gear (shirt, vest or hat)?
- 6) Do you work with social media (Facebook, LC newsletter, local newspaper) to present a completed service project to your community?

MOST IMPORTANT!!.....

- 7) Report this service project to MyLion -- preferably as soon as it is done.
- 8) Do you report your numbers to your District Vision Screening Chair? Which is me PDG Charles Roth by either e-mail: <u>lioncroth@comcast.net</u>, text to 765-412-0553 or call me at home 765-563-3204.
- 9) The vision screening data reported should include:
 - a) School name.
 - b) Number screened in each grade.
 - c) Number referred, and of course.
 - d) Your Club name.
- 10) It is important that Lions of Indiana get these numbers. We need to know that these programs are working, and that vision screening is being offered to your local schools. Since I am State Vison Services Chair, I will pass these School-Sight numbers to Lions International KidSightUSA database so they can report to the public what our 1.3 million Lions are doing. This helps bring in donations for a much-needed service project for children all around the world.

If you are doing prekindergarten vision screening under the Operation Kidsight program then these data should continue to be reported to Sheila Christoff of Operation KidSight at 317-220-8486 or <u>www.kidsight@att.net</u>.

The Lions of our District 25C should feel great pride for a job well done (but with still room to improve), when it was reported that District 25C screened 22,210 children between July 1 and December 31, 2021 which was second only to District 21S who screened 22,331 in CA 1 (United States). Our own MD 25 was second only to MD 36 in the number of children screened.

PDG Charles Roth

CAMPAIGN 100



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CAMPAIGN 100!

THE 50/50 RAFFLE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

THANKS TO THE LIONS THAT ATTENDED THE DISTRICT CONVENTION ON SATURDAY, WE COLLECTED \$400 FOR CAMPAIGN 100, AND THANKS TO THE WINNER, CINDY RUSSELL OF THE LEBANON LIONS CLUB FOR DONATING HER HALF TO THE CAUSE. WE ARE QUICKLY APPROACHING THE END OF THIS FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN. AS OF THIS WEEK THE CAMPAIGN HAS RAISED OVER \$278 MILLIONS DOLLARS WORLDWIDE.

IF YOUR CLUB HAS NOT MADE A CONTRIBUTION THIS LIONS YEAR, PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONA-TION PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 2022. ALSO PLEASE CONSIDER A PERSONAL DONATION TO THIS CAUSE.

THANKS ALSO TO LIONS MARJ SCHULTZ AND SHELIA EVERSON FOR HAWKING THOSE TICKETS AND TO PDG VERN FOR STANDING TALL TO BE MEASURED. EVERYONE WHO PURCHASED \$20 WORTH OF TICK-ETS RECEIVED A LONG STRING.

LET'S BE A 100% DISTRICT AGAIN!

Karen McKellar, LCIF

You Want it Easy? ... You Got it!



Register for the 2022 Indiana Lions State Convention Online!

Visit our website at www.indianalionsconvention.org

Register and pay online or just fill and print the form to be mailed Find out all the exciting details about the upcoming convention at the end of April. Seminars * Keynote Speakers * Book your Hotel * Take out an Ad * Register Online * Golf Outing Blood Mobile * Diabetes Screening * Service Projects and Much More Don't delay...Take Action Today as We Serve from the Heart!



PID Nick Xinopoulos began the discussion at the District C Spring Convention in Lafayette about Indiana Lions Eyeglass Missions to Mexico, with other Indiana Lions contributing their experiences during their trips. L – R: PID Nick, PDG Chloe Weyrauch, PCC Sue Topf, PID Linda Tincher, Lion Lora Fenwick, PDG Billy Chastain and PDG Vern Tincher. (Photo provided by PID Linda Tincher)



JUNE 24-28, 2022 | PALACE DES CONGRÈS DE MONTRÉAL

We're excited for you to join us in beautiful Montréal at LCICon 2022! Lions and Leos can reunite with each other and experience the plenary sessions, service activities, entertainment and much more.

- Enjoy music and live entertainment acts featuring top performers from all over the world.
- Celebrate cultural diversity by marching in the Parade of Nations with fellow Lions and Leos.
- Learn and grow your skills in expert-lead seminars.
- Hear from world-renowned speakers.
- Meet and chat with Lion Clubs International staff about how to enhance your service, create new opportunities, access key resources and more.
- Participate in the exciting conclusion of Campaign 100, our Foundation's historic effort to ensure our future of service.
- If you're a delegate for your Lions club, and your club is in good standing, you'll be able to cast a vote in the International Election.

Check back later for more information on what's going on at LCICon 2022 Montréal!

The Registration fee of \$175 has been extended until March 31, 2022. On April 1, 2022 through on-site registration, the fee is

\$250.

Due to COVID, there are a few more travel rules to check. For entry to Canada, you can find information on the Lions Clubs website - <u>https://lcicon.lionsclubs.org</u>. Click on LCICON and then follow the link for current facts on COVID restrictions or other basic information.

Also check the CDC website for COVID travel restrictions for your return to the USA - <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/</u>

If you plan to drive to Canada, please check your car insurance policy – a waiver might be needed.

The Indiana delegation hotels are the Monville and Omni Mount Royal. Since the Monville is next to the Convention Center, it would work best – no buses.

Please check out the LCICON website for all the facts and plan on going to Montreal!!

Hoosier Lion Survey

Lions, Please take the time to complete the Hoosier Lion Survey that you should have received with the February Newsletter. The survey will also be in the February Hoosier

Lion.

You can email your completed survey to Lion Carlyle Edward's carlyleedwards1957@gmail.com, or can mail it to his home address 532 Riga Pl, East Chicago, IN 46312. Please try to submit them as soon as possible.

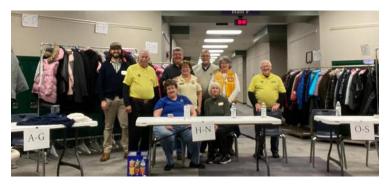
Surveys, help by letting us know what you want! It will only take a couple of moments of your time and will result in a positive impact on our Hoosier Lion!



The Prairie Creek Lions Club donated \$1,000.00 to assist with students purchasing books from the book sale at the school. Presenting the check for the club was Treasurer Marvin Mericle to the principal of Hoosier Prairie School. (Picture sent by Lion Kimberly Waggoner.)

Yes, that is one big Lion! He could be yours if you win the Campaign 100 50-50 at the State Convention! Get your reservations in soon—you don't want to miss this. (Photo sent by PID Linda Tincher)





Each year Brownsburg Parks Department holds a Father/Daughter Dance at one of the middle schools. It is a genuine formal event where young girls start and fathers celebrate together. Lions are in charge of coat checking, and this year we checked approximately 800 coats over a three day period. Coats are identified by a numbered ticket attached to the "checking-hanger". Chase Cotten, a new member, used his considerable talent to get a group photo. Volunteers for Saturday night were: Back row- Chase Cotten, Steve Holman, Nick Xinopoulos; Middle row-Ray Furner, Cindy Holman, Gretchen Xinopoulos, President John Fletcher; Seated-Amy Sabol, Susan Sabol.

We like to think of it as a "Youth-enizer" event! (Photo sent by Lion Ray Furner)



PDGs Charlie/Pat Short attended 25D Cabinet Meeting in Saratoga (not as warm as you think!). PDG Charlie talked membership and provided update on the start of a new club in Muncie. Pictured left to right are DG Scott Smith, MD25 GMT Charlie Short and 2VDG Julia Kozicki. (Photo by PDG Pat Short)

PDGs Pat/Charlie Short attended the Charter Breakfast Party of the new Gary NWI (**N**orth **W**est Indiana) Lions Club in District 25A. MD25 GMT Charlie Short is shown congratulating Gary NWI Lions Club Charter President MeLisa Crisler. New members, new clubs, new horizons!

(Photo by PDG Pat Short)





Jamestown Community Lions Club President John Waymire presented DG Jim Roth with checks supporting all Lions State Projects and LCIF during Roth's club visitation. (Picture provided by 2^{nd} VDGE John Waymire)

The Jamestown Community Lions Club presented DG Jim Roth with some of the glasses the club has recently collected. (Photo provided by 2nd VDGE John Waymire)





Pictured left to right are Clinton Lions Club Treasurer Dennis Jones, Jason Zucca, President of Clinton Little League, and Clinton Lions Club President Bob Spence during a check presentation for sponsorship of the Clinton Lions Club Little League Team. Also at the bottom of the photo is the framed Clinton Lions Club Team Jersey worn by Clinton Mayor and Lions Club member Jack Gilfoy Jr. when he played on the Lions Team in the late 1950's. Mayor Gilfoy recently donated his jersey to the club. The Clinton Little League was formed in 1954 and the Clinton Lions Club has been a proud team sponsor and supporter since that time. (Picture sent by Lion Dean Strohm)

Zionsville Lions Club welcomed 6 new members. New Lions: Ann Bellefuil, David Bellefuil, Jim Gattuso, Faith Hall, Brandon Bischof and Willy Ariste. You can meet them in Lions Park at the great Eggnormous Egg Hunt on April 16th. (Picture by Lion Gail Robbins)





DG Jim Roth presented chevrons to Lions of the Jamestown Community Lions Club (L to R) John Waymire (25 years), Arlan Johnson (25 years), DG Jim, and Ed Henry (35 years) membership awards. (Sent by 2nd VDGE John Waymire)



Lions joined forces to work a 2 hour shift at local Food Finders facility. Lafayette Lions PDGs Pat/Charlie Short and new Lions Marvin/Janet Taylor together with Brookston Lion PDG Charles Roth repackaged 700 # of uncooked bulk elbow pasta into 1# bags. These bags which will feed approximately 2,800 individuals will go into the Food Finders grocery for distribution. (Pic provided by PDG Pat Short)

Zionsville Lions Club had their big "Chili Cook Off Night" with 15 entries to test the clubs taste buds. Pictured are our grand prize winners: 1st VP Donna Fisher, "Best Overall"; Brandon and Catherine Bischof, "Best Chicken"; and Jennifer Blandford accepting "Best Red" for her mother Susan Blandford. Congratulations! (Photo sent by Lion Gail Robbins)





Abby James, Program Manager and Valerie McCain, Administrative Assistant of the Hoosier Burn Camp Office in Battle Ground presented the mission of the Center for the Friday tour of our Spring Convention. Unfortunately I.D. Larry Edwards and Lion Susan did not make it from Pennsylvania to Indiana due to weather, but the tour went on! PID Linda Tincher gave a great short presentation at the convention Saturday afternoon. (Picture provided by PDG Pat Short)

Stuck in Pennsylvania, luggage in Washington, D.C. and a convention in Indiana! What's an International Director to do? Zoom meeting to the rescue for I.D. Larry Edwards and Lion Susan. They were quite entertaining and informative! (Photo provided by PID Linda Tincher)





Waiting for food at Bruno's Friday night before Spring Convention. It was disappointing not to meet ID Larry and Lion Susan Edwards but their plane was cancelled. L-R: Oxford Lions Club Membership Chair, Clyde Pickens, Jr, Oxford LC VP Veronica Pickens, Brownsburg LC Secretary, Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos, Lebanon LC, President Cindy Russell. Standing: Spencer LC, CC Jim Query, Riley Twp. LC, PID Linda Tincher, Spencer LC, Cabinet Secretary Charlotte Query, and Brazil LC, 1st VDG Patti Foxx. (Pic by Lion Gail Robbins)

Spring Conventions are election times in the district. Here Lion Dave Ehlers (Lafayette Lions Club) seconded the nomination of 1st VDG Bob Hrdy to serve as DG during 2022-2023. (Photo provided by Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos)





PDG Billy Chastain, Chair of Nominations and Elections, gave instructions for the district voting of District C in Lafayette at our spring convention. (Pic provided by Lion Gail Robbins)

2nd Vice District Governor Patti Foxx of Brazil LC was all smiles after PDG Billy Chastain announced her being elected to 1st Vice District Governor for the next Lions' year. Congratulations! (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)





Meet the Hrdy Team! Lion Vicky Hrdy, District C Governor Elect Bob Hrdy, Lion Leader Dog Flynn.

Congratulations, we are looking forward to your leadership coming up July 1, 2022. (Pic by Lion Gail Robbins)

Lafayette Lion Steve Haby read DGE Bob Hrdy's acceptance speech. Normally Lion Bob would have given his own speech, however, he and Lion Vicky had to be out of town to welcome the birth of a grandson! It was a double celebration. Congratulations! (Picture by PDG Pat Short)





Lion John Waymire of the Jamestown Community Lions Club assisted Rev. Jennifer Drapalik, Martinsville Noon Lions Club, with the memorial service by lighting candles for each Lion who was remembered for service. Later in the meeting he was introduced as a candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor and was elected to that post. John is a retired educator, District RAP Chair and president of the Jamestown Lions Club. Welcome aboard, Lion John! (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)



After the convention Lions gathered to once again fill empty eyeglass cases with alcohol pads, burn ointment, band aids, and other needs to be sent to those in need. This is a small project each club could do in house for homeless people, shelters, camps, etc. On the left of the table is CS Charlotte Query (Spencer LC), skip, and Pres. Ruth Kelly (Zionsville LC). On the right is Pres. Lora Fenwick (Brazil LC), PDG Kathy Losier (Carmel LC), and smiling at the far end, Secretary Gretchen Xinopoulos (Brownsburg LC). (Photo by PID Linda Tincher)

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