Vision Through Darkness

Issue 1

JULY 2022

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- District Governor— DG Bob Hrdy
- 1st Vice District Governor—1VDG Patti Fox
- 2nd Vice District Governor—2VDG John Waymire
- Cabinet Secretary— CS Charlotte Query
- Cabinet Treasurer—CT Karen McKellar
- Global Leadership Team—GLT Ross Drapalik
- Global Marketing Team—GMT Jennifer Blandford
- Global Service Team—GST Cindy Russell

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District 25C Chronicles ?



From the Desk of DG Bob Hrdy

I am glad to say I "Graduated" and have been sworn in as the MD 25-C District Governor. We spent a wonderful week meeting Lions from around the world from Canada; India; UK; Ireland; to Alabama and Michigan. I loved hearing new ideas and making lifelong friends.

One of the things I learned is that we all face many of the same challenges: how to we share the stories of our good work; retain current members and attract new ones.

As we start this next Lions year journey together, I want to Thank you in advance for your support, cooperation and service in our Clubs, District and thru out our State.

As you will hear throughout this year from our International Lions President Brian Sheehan, "*Together We Can*". Working together is the only way we can grow and make this the great organization we want it to be.

My theme for this year is "Vision thru Darkness". As my journey has taught me to see the possibilities in a field of darkness, perhaps as we come out of the last 2 yrs. of struggle with many club meetings and service activities cancelled, we can move froward with a renewed vision of service together.

The following are my goals for our District:

- **Membership** my goal is to have all clubs in our District to be on the Plus side at the end of the year. Our Global Membership Team Chair (GMT) Tom Robbins will be taking the lead on this and will be your top resource. Your Zone Chair will also work with each club to achieve this goal. Be sure to file your Monthly Membership Report (MMR) as I would like to see 100% reporting.
- **Provide all club officers new & old with training** we are going to provide training via Zoom to decrease the need for travel. PDG Ross Drapalik, our Global Leadership Team chair (GLT) will facilitate this. We will have training for the Zone Chairs in person – anyone who is interested in this may attend.
- **Service-** My goal is to increase reporting of our Club service activities. As you are getting back to your many service activities – lets Celebrate this by reporting the great things you are doing. File your Club Activity report – my goal is 100% of clubs in our district filing these reports monthly. Let's show LCI the great things happening in our District! Our Global Service Team Chair (GST) Cindy Russell will be a great resource for helping you accomplish this goal.

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Our District Administer Gretchen Xinopolous is another outstanding resource if you have questions or need help filing any reports.

As we move into the future our State Lions Leadership will be working to transition to Google Workspace for all clubs in all districts. This will provide a free, consistent, platform to make it easier to hold online meetings/training; and standardize communication. With this in mind I would like to start this transition within our district by implementing what I like to call Ask Your DG. If you have a question; suggestion; concern or request, please email me at: dg.25c@inlions.org

In closing, I would like to welcome $1^{st}VDG$ Patti Foxx and 2ndVDG John Waymire along with the rest of your leadership team to

<u>TEAM C</u>

DG BOB HRDY "Vision Thru Darkness"





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BANNER NIGHT! with DG Bob Hrdy An evening of fun, good food and friends! Saturday, July 23, 2022 4-5 pm Social – 5-6 pm Dinner-Entertainment/Program 6:30-8:00 Dress: Informal COST **MENU PLACE Donation to benefit** Duncan Hall Salad SURF Club Laf. Chicken Breast 619 Ferry St (addiction recovery center) Rice Vegetable Rolls Lafayette, IN & Lions International 47901 Dessert Coffee Tea Foundation (What you'd pay to Cash Bar: Beer/Wine (Downtown) eat out) **REGISTRATION DEADLINE - - JULY 13** Make checks payable to Lafayette Lions Club

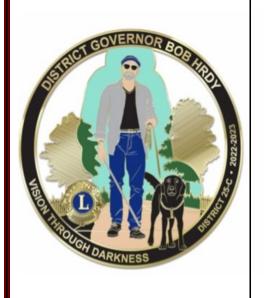
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District 25-C -- Banner Night -- Saturday -- July 23



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DISTRICT 25C BANNER NIGHT DG BOB HDRY Chinese Auction

July 23, 2022 Lafayette, Indiana.



So what is a Chinese Auction? In a Chinese auction, bidders buy tickets and place them in a basket in front of the item(s) they are trying to win. At the conclusion of bidding, a winning ticket is drawn from each basket, and items go to the holder of the drawn tickets.

Encourage your club to bring an item. Why not join with other clubs in your zone and pull together a zone basket for the auction with items from your area. Items from individuals are also very welcome.

Items of any value can be donated, but preferably with a value of around \$25 or more. Lesser value items will be grouped together.

Remember that not only will there be great items to bid on, but the funds generated will be donated to the Special Olympics and the Choroideremia Foundation. (Choroideremia is the inherited retinal disease that DG Bob has. It causes progressive vision loss.)

If you or your club would like to donate a gift or gift basket to the auction, please contact LION DIANE HABY PORCHGANG56@GMAIL.COM

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RDM Shrimp 101 N. 850 E. Fowler IN

http:// www.rdmshrimp.com/

Lafayette Lions

June 1, Lafayette Lions gathered for their 1st meeting of the month. Besides conducting business, we had the owners of RDM Aquaculture (Fowler, Indiana) in as speakers. Darryl and Karlanea Brown are the husband/wife duo who run RDM. Darryl is known as the "Guru of the Water" and Karlanea as the "Shrimp Queen." Since 2010 when they started the business, they have developed a process to eliminate the use of brine and just use an air system. This change revolutionized the process which previously (due to brine use) resulted in much downtime from corroded pipes, etc. It was a fun talk on how to go from hog farming to being the worldwide experts in raising/selling live shrimp. Their shrimp are hormone and antibiotic free. RDM is planning on diversifying by experimenting in raising oysters crawfish and tilapia with a new aquaponics system. Their goal is to make Indiana the shrimp capital of the world!



Karlanea presenting. To left with Lions Anna Wilson, Vicky Hrdy and DGE Bob Hrdy are three members of the Oxford Lions Club who did a club visitation with us.

(Photo credit: PDG Pat Short)



Clinton Lions

PICTURED LTO R ARE CLINTON LION BOB VER-MILLION, PRESIDENT BOB SPENCE , CLIN-TON POLICE CHIEF BILLY MACLAREN, CLINTON LI-ONS JERRY SPURR AND DEAN STROHM, THE CLINTON LIONS DONATED \$250.00 AS A SPONSOR FOR THE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 3 2022 IN CLINTON

(Photo credit: Unknown)



Martinsville Lions

Tuesday, June 7 --- PDGs Pat/Charlie Short (Lafayette Lions Club) joined IPID Nick Xinopoulos (Brownsburg Lions Club) at the Martinsville Lions Clubs "2022-2023 Officer Installation and Awards Banquet" in Spencer. IPID Nick and PDG Charlie presented a GAT (Global Action Team) **Certificate of Appreciation** to Past Council Chair Ross Drapalik (Martinsville Lion) for his leadership excellence in our Indiana/Ohio/Michigan Region. PCC Ross has served as 25C District Governor and MD25 State Council Chair, and as State and District Leadership Chair. In addition he has also served 10 terms as a Trustee of the Indiana Lions Eye Bank (Vision First). Thank you, PCC Ross!



L-to-R: IPID Nick, PDG Charlie and PCC Ross.

(Photo Credit: PDG Pat Short)

Lafayette & Brookston Lions

Five Lions from the Lafayette Club (PDGs Pat/Charlie Short, Lions Larry Fisher and Marvin/Janet Taylor) with two Brookston Club Lions (PDG Charles/Lion Roberta Roth) worked side by side at Food Finders. They checked, sorted and labeled close to 400# meat and misc. food items. In addition, 200# of open or unsuitable meat items were set aside to go to Wolf Park just north of West Lafayette for the wolves. All of this done in 1 1/2 hours!



L-to-R Lions Marvin Taylor, Larry Fisher and Charlie Short

L-to-R Lions Roberta Roth, Janet Taylor and Charles Roth

(Photos credit: PDG Pat Short)





https://www.foodfinders.org/



https:// wolfpark.org/

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A Message from 1st Vice District Governor Patti Foxx

SPRING TIME JULY TIME

Hello everyone!! I am your First Vice District Governor!! How exciting the coming months will bring. Its Fair, Fundraisers and Spring in the air. The celebration of the 4th of July with fireworks. Our Lions bring fireworks to serve the community. Let us know what your clubs are doing the rest of the year. We have new officers and repeating officers so I can't wait to meet everyone.

Serve with a Smile,

1VDG Patti Foxx

A Message from 2nd Vice District Governor John Waymire

Hello Fellow Lions,

Welcome to a new and exciting Lions year of Lions service. My name is John Waymire and thanks for the opportunity to serve as your 2nd VDG. I am married to Kristi for 47 years. She is a retired media specialist and served the students in South Montgomery High School and Lebanon High School. I have two boys: Johan is a drummer in a speed metal band and lives in Seattle and Tom is a landscaper and lives near Lebanon. I have a standard poodle, Cinnamon Sunshine, who rules the roost.

I am a retired elementary school teacher and principal. Literacy, education, and children are my passions. I am the District and State Chair of the Reading Action Program (RAP.) I see literacy – reading, writing and language – as the essential foundation for participation in our global society. Without literacy, the world cannot fight poverty and disease, reduce child mortality, achieve gender equality, and ensure sustainable development, peace and democracy. I like to say, "Reading is like chocolate. You cannot have too much!"

I am the president of the Jamestown Community Lions Club. And Regional Zone Chair. I believe in servant leadership – We lead by serving others. I hope to visit as many of my fellow Lions through Lions meetings and Lions activities as I can. If I can assist you in any way, please contact me.

Welcome to a new and exciting Lions Club year. A new year. A new set of officers. A new set of ideas. All the ingredients for a great Lions "WE SERVE" year!.

John Waymire

2nd VDG

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A Message from District Treasurer Karen McKellar

ATTENTION PRESIDENTS AND TREASURERS.....

Your 990 is due to the IRS. It takes about five minutes to process it on the IRS website. If you are required to file a NP20 with the Indiana Department of Revenue – you can also report that on line or print off the form and mail it.

A Message from GST Cindy Russell MD, 25C

Why did you join Lions?

What about Lions got you interested in joining? Had a local club helped you or someone you know? Maybe you grew up attending local fairs, carnivals, parades, or pancake breakfasts offered by the local Lions. Was there a service project or local cause that the Lions were involved in that grabbed your attention and you wanted to be a part of it?

Is your heart still there? Is your club able to implement the service projects and community programs the members want or are you looking for something new because the demographics of your club have changed? There are many individual Lions and Lions Clubs that are looking to be more involved with service opportunities, they just need to know where they can find those opportunities.

In June, the Lebanon Lions had cancelled their annual Hoagie sale due to fewer members being able to bring it to fruition. When the local Rotary club heard the news, they stepped up and filled in the gaps. For them, it was a service project but for Lebanon it was a blessing. Other than 2020, the Hoagie sale has been held annually for 64 years and they didn't want to see it end either. We can do this same thing for each other. MD25C has a Calendar (www.e-district.org/sites/25c) (or you can access it through the State website) and a Facebook page (Indiana Lions District 25-C). If you need to have anything posted, please contact Chris Landskron by email @ christylandskron@yahoo.com. Chris can post your events and needs in both locations.

We can let other clubs know what is going on and where, or who can use a few extra hands on a project. I mentioned several months ago that my dining room has four wheels, I just need to know where to find the fundraiser meals so I can have dinner. So please share your activities with Chris so she can share them with me (and everyone else), and I won't have to resort to cooking.

Oh, and don't forget to report your activities. LCI uses the information to show big contributors such as the Bill Gates Foundation, Johnson & Johnson and others that Lions are continuing to serve in a big way. Every hour you report adds up very quickly.

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Diabetes Awareness Day

Sunday, July 17th

Zionsville Lions Park 115 S. Elm Street, Zionsville 2 pm - 6 pm



Zionsville Lions Club, Inc. invites the community to join us for a free 1/2 day event in Lions Park and clubhouse. The event will include fun activities in Lions Park: children's playground, volleyball, basketball, cornhole and bingo in the shelter house. In addition, educational information will be available in the Lions Clubhouse by a team of diabetes medical professionals where free diabetes screening will be available.

Our "Strides for Diabetes" walk will take place at 5 pm starting at the Lions Park Gazebo. Finish your day by staying for the Free Sunday Concert in the Park at 7 pm at the Lions Park Gazebo.



DG Bob Hrdy and Lion Vicky recently attended (June 16-18, 2022) the International Conference of Choroideremia. Attendees were affected patients, family members, scientists and researchers. This is the disease that caused DG Bob's vision loss.

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Want to visit the Indiana State Fair and save money? Work at the State Fair for the Indiana Lions Foundation as a ticket seller, monitor, scanner or hand stamper and you do not have to pay either the admission or parking fees. Sorry, you still have to buy your own fair food! Work the morning shift and you'll be finished by 2:30, which is still plenty of time to visit the fair, or come in the morning, enjoy the fair, and check in at our booth at 2:00 for the afternoon shift.

Need a place to stay if you're volunteering for more than one day at the State Fair? There are two options this year. Three bedrooms are available for your use at the Indiana School for the Blind and 4 camping spaces at the Indiana State Fairgrounds are reserved for Foundation use. Both options are on a first come first serve basis. Call Lion Rose Russell, Indiana Foundation State Fair Committee member, at 574-250-0125 to make your reservation or for more information.

Who can volunteer to work for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the Indiana State Fair? A person need not be a Lion to volunteer at the Indiana State Fair. Ask your friends, your children, and grandchildren to volunteer – all are welcome who are at least 15 years old.

What are the starting and ending times for the shifts? There are four shifts available this year. The start time listed for each shift is the time you are expected to check in at our booth. These times have changed from previous years.

• 5:30 am—8:30 am Volunteers on this shift will earn 1 W.P. Woods credit.

· 8:00 am—2:30 pm Volunteers on this shift will earn 1 W.P. Woods credit.

· 2:00 pm—8:30 pm Volunteers on this shift will earn 2 W.P. Woods credits.

· 4:00 pm—8:30 pm Volunteers on this shift will earn 1 W.P. Woods credit.

Sign up today to make new friends and renew old friendships with Lions from all over the state.

http://IndianaLionsFoundationMD25.org/?page_id=50

Takes you directly to the sign up page

For more information, contact any member of the Indiana Lions Foundation State Fair Committee.

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17 Diabetes Awareness Day	18	19	20	21	22	23 Banner Night	
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31 District/State Dues due							

Our first District C Lions/Cabinet meeting Will be held on July 30 at the Zionsville Lions Club clubhouse. More details TBA.



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Zionsville Lions



The Zionsville Lions Club had their installation of Officers and Board Members plus Awards Night, to celebrate a year of dedication to Serving. They welcomed their new President, Dennis Tackitt, and thanked Past President Ruth Kelly for her outstanding year of leadership.

Past President Ruth Kelly being thanked by incoming President Dennis Tackitt.

Brookston Lions

PDG Charlie Short presented a GAT Certificate of Appreciation to PDG Charles Roth for his leadership in our Indiana vision screening programs at the July 5 meeting of PDG Charles Roth's own club in Brookston. He had previously been presented this award by Council Chair Scott Smith in mid-June.

(Photo by Pat Short)

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Clinton Lions

The passing of the gavel. Past President Bob Spence is passing the gavel to President Jerry Spurr during a recent meeting at the Clinton Lions Club.

(Photo courtesy of Lion Charles Rutam)



Zionsville Lions



Zionsville Lions Club Lion/ Leo Advisor, Samantha Robbins, is being Congratulated by future Lion, Joe VanRijk, for placing in the top 11 at the Miss Indiana & Miss Indiana Outstanding Teen Scholarship Competition. Congratulations Sam !

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Battle Ground Lions



The Battle Ground Lions operated an ice cream concession at the 50th Anniversary of the Indiana Fiddlers Gathering. This is a nationally renowned three day acoustic music festival featuring the worlds finest acoustic fiddle traditions on one stage. Funds raised support the clubs various missions.

List of folks working BG booth -Left to right Lion Lynn Rihn Lion Shirley Daulton Whitney -volunteer Amos - volunteer Connie - volunteer Lion Ed Geisler Warren - volunteer (Cashier from pink tee) Brenda volunteer

Lafayette Lions

July 4, 2022 - Lafayette Lions had a float (soft serve ice cream trailer) in the community parade.

Lion Aki Kamsali flirting with Ace, the Lafayette baseball teams (Aviators) mascot.





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Spencer Lions

Spencer Lions Club is all set to go for another year of service. PDG Tom Robbins did the honor of the installation of the Officers and Board of Directors at their Hobo Night .

Spencer Lions Club welcomes:

Back row L to R; PCC Jim Query as Secretary and LCIF Coordinator, PDG Tom Robbins, Doris Hammond 1st VP, Larry Huffman BOD, Rick Donella President, Chris Prine BOD, Norman Dungian Tail Twister , Susie Hoffman Lion Tamer

Front Row L to R; Anita Kay, BOD, Sandra Miller Treasurer, Shirley Dunigan BOD, Rita Delawter Lion Tamer, Charlotte Query Membership Director and Marketing Coordinator. Missing from picture Dave Davies 2nd VP.



Royal Center Lions



DG Jim Roth , at his last club visit, handed out Service Awards to members of Royal Center Lions Club.

Left to right: Royal Center Lions Club receiving their Service Awards, Richard Cottrell, DG Jim Roth, Mike Pufahi and Ed Nice. Congratulations Lions.

(photo by Paul Scheetz)



DISTRICT 25-C NEWSLETTER EDITOR Terri Delp leetd@hotmail.com Hello District 25-c and friends. Thank you for putting your faith and confidence in me to send out a timely and informative newsletter.

However, I am asking up-front for your assistance. I am requesting your ideas on a clever newsletter name! Let's put our thinking caps on and forward me your ideas for this.

Also, if there is anything you would like to see added or removed from the newsletter, please share that as well.

FINN'S TALE

Hello everyone... I'm Finn, DG's right hand...actually both right and left hand in keeping him safe. I work for him and he is a good boss and gives me lots of treats when I do well. Bribery always works! Bob's a kind of big deal now, especially when he wears his red jacket. I guess I need to get one of those so I can be a big deal too, but we are partners so I guess I am a big deal.

Boy was I surprised when we went to Montreal. I didn't see many other dogs there but those I did see spoke a different language...very sophisticated. And the great smells I experienced there were amazing...must be that gourmet French food.

Bob may be the big deal, but I think I was more popular in Montreal and I do believe I received more cheers when I strutted my stuff in the parade behind the MD25 Banner.

Being Bob's four-footed partner is an amazing experience and I know you will all feel his leadership and warmth when he visits your clubs. I'll be there too and I'll be looking forward to meeting you and introducing DG Bob to you. 2022-23 will be a great experience for Team Hrdy (DG Bob, Lion Vicky and me) and with him leading the way, for all of our 25C clubs. We'll be showing up EVERYWHERE and don't forget I like treats!

I'll be reporting back to you each month on how it's going and what the DG is up to. Oh, and the sooner you get on DG Bob's visit calendar, the sooner you'll meet me.

See you soon...Finn (the Famous!)

Ps: in case you don't know it, I am a fully paid up member of the Lafayette Lions so pleas address me as Lion Leader Dog Finn.

