

Indiana Lions District 25C

District Newsletter

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DG Chloe's Notes:

Namaste! and Merry Christmas!

During this season of Advent, the greeting of Namaste (paraphrased as "I salute the divine in you") is especially poignant to me. Each of us has our own belief system, and the respect for others' beliefs is paramount. However you celebrate this season, may you have a wonderful month as we finish out the calendar year.

Back to mundane items, thanks to the Secretaries and/or Presidents that have moved District 25C back to 100% filing on both MMR and SAR reports. As you know for the month of October, we missed being 100% in filing for SARs. As I have mentioned before, there is no reason that a partial report cannot be filed during the month, so that your workload isn't so heavy (for those of you with a lot of items to put in) at the end of the month. A reminder also that if you have problems with the myLCI system, you can contact our District Administrator, PID Linda Tincher, to ask her to help you get it into the system.

Just a reminder of the things coming up in January and February. We have our third **District Cabinet meeting on January 27, 2018 at the Zionsville Lions Club**. A registration form will be sent out shortly by the Zionsville Lions Club with information about the meal and who to send the registration to. We look forward to seeing you there!

In February, we have our **25C District Convention on February 24, 2018 in Terre Haute at the International Union of Operating Engineers**, which is located on Highway 41 south of Terre Haute. A registration flyer will be sent out later this month with details about the convention as well as a Friday evening celebration. For those of you coming from a ways north (since Terre Haute is almost as far south in the district you can get), there will be information on hotels should you want to come for Friday night as well. Our International Director in attendance this year will be ID Nicolin Moore. I met her at the USA/Canada Forum in Omaha in 2016, and feel that she will be a wonderful speaker.

I have been enjoying my official DG visits to the clubs these past few months, and am looking forward to the remainder over the next few months. It has been wonderful hearing about the things you do, and being able to give information regarding the new programs that have come from International. I know that we all see our clubs as our circle, and sometimes it is hard to see ourselves as part of a bigger picture. However, we should try to use the bigger picture to help our own clubs to mature and grow as much as possible. We can obtain a lot of ideas from other clubs—that's one of the reasons you could use to attend a Zone Meeting!

Regards, DG Chloe

P.S. I would like to see pictures from the more clubs such as what you see herein for use in the newsletter. Please send them to Charlotte Query (see address at left).



First Vice District Governor Doug Eversole

Hello, Lions!

The weather is still unpredictable. Our clubs continue to turn their MMR & SAR in before the deadline. Your district can be proud of all who give time to enter club information. We can do a better job on the hours spent on community activities.

It's here again, that wonderful time of year. As lions we all are working to make sure those in need are taken care of. We Serve is a fitting motto. Lions around the world are continuously working to see that every effort is made to help the hungry, vision impaired and those in need of warm clothing.

Our state convention is fast approaching, be sure and get your reservations in early. A tremendous amount of time and effort has been spent by the committee to make sure we all have the best room rates and meal cost. Start talking to clubs about getting involved at the state convention. Look for more information in future newsletters and e-mails.

We continue to screen a couple schools a week. This has been a wonderful year of screening. Our Optec machines have been a real benefit this year as we continue to pick up more schools. Our schedule has dates into January. The school nurses have been great to work with. About all these schools are first time users of the Lions program. A big thanks to the Lions on the screening team for all the time and effort given to make sure these children are screened.

Merry Christmas Lions

1stVDG Doug

IMPORTANT DATES

January 27, 2018	District 25C Cabinet Meeting, Zionsville
February 24, 2018	District 25C District Convention, Terre Haute
April 26-29, 2018	MD 25 State Convention, Muncie
June 29-July 3, 2018	Lions International Convention, Las Vegas

Official DG Visits Scheduled

December 5, 2017 Paragon Lions Club (to be rescheduled)	December 9, 2017 Walton Lions Club
December 13, 2017 Poland Lions Club	January 8, 2018 Terre Haute Evening Club
January 17, 2018 Battleground Lions Club	January 23, 2018 Zionsville Lions Club
February 19, 2018 Jamestown Lions Club	February 26, 2018 Cloverdale Lions Club
February 28, 2018 West Point Lions Club**	March 14, 2018 Logansport Lions Club
March 19, 2018 Pierson Twsp & Prairie Creek Lions Clubs	March 21, 2018 Bainbridge Lions Club

** Rescheduled from a different date originally published.



Second Vice District Governor Tom Robbins

Hello Lions of 25-C

As I greet you for the first time in this publication as your 2nd Vice DG, I am reminded of my first day on “the job” when working and I find that serving is not a lot different, but it is more rewarding.

Now to get down to business. We have many opportunities to serve but one that is garnering our attention at this time is diabetes awareness, and our district is off to a very quick start with this challenge.

While diabetes is near epidemic proportions, it is very clear that many people have very little knowledge of the topic. Lions will make a difference in helping our communities understand the disease and what can be done to educate people and to make a difference.

You see, Lions commitment to vision, hearing and speech all started out by answering the needs of the people we serve and look how this has grown. Lions are single handedly the resource for vision at all levels whether it be screenings or corneal transplants. Diabetes can and should be a “big deal” for Lions service. I would encourage you to become involved in diabetes education at your club and we have excellent resources at district level.

Now to “fast forward”, Zone meetings are conducted quarterly in our district and I would encourage you to attend whenever possible. If your “Zone” doesn’t have regular meetings, feel free to attend in another zone. We do conduct real business at zone meetings and the opportunity to share successes and learn from others is limitless. Yes, it’s another night out, but definitely worth it.

I look forward to serving you as your 2nd VDG and encourage your feedback.

Until next time, thank you for your service.

Happy Holidays,

Lion Tom

Just a reminder that one trustee from the Indiana Lions Foundation and each of the 5 state projects is up for reelection this year. If you are interested in running for Trustee of Indiana Lions Foundation, Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund, Vision First (Indiana Lions Eye Bank), Indiana Lions for Leader Dogs, Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Indiana Lions for the ISBVI (Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired), you will need to provide a letter of intent and an endorsement from your club to PDG Billy Chastain prior to January 25, 2018.

“Well ya comin’?”

Ever since becoming a 2nd Vice District Governor, my Christmas message has been about one of my family traditions. Each year we go to the Indiana State Museum to see Santa Claus and watch the “Polar Express” in 3-D at the IMAX theater.

The first message I wrote back in 2014 was about a boy who was struggling on whether or not to “BELIEVE” in Santa Claus. The next year, the message featured a young lady who emerged as the “LEAD”er of the group, and last year’s message was about Billy. Christmas just never worked out for Billy, but he came to realize that he could “COUNT ON” his newly made friends.

This year’s message is about the train’s conductor. At each stop he would get off the train and invite the child to get on by yelling “All aboard!” In each instance the child would just stand there in amazement, until the conductor would simply say, “Well ya comin’?” The child would ask, “Where?”, and the conductor would reply, ***“To the North Pole of course, this is the Polar Express!”***



In the movie we only see two pickups, and in both instances the boys shook their heads to say “No” to the invitation to climb on board. The conductor’s response was a plain and simple, “Suit yourself.” He then waived his lantern toward the engine, signaling for the train to pull out. Having their curiosity getting the best of them and seeing their chance to climb on board slipping away, the boys each started running after the train.

You can pretty much surmise that this type of exchange had happened time and time again between the conductor and children throughout the years, *“All aboard!...Well ya comin’?...To the North Pole of course, this is the Polar Express!...Suit Yourself.”*

So far this Lions year, we have experienced our ups and downs. One big positive note is that the clubs have reached the governor’s \$10,000 goal to sponsor the 2018 Special Olympic Winter Games in Lawrenceburg, Indiana on January 7-9. The Multiple District has welcomed a total of 350 new Lions so far this year. We had a great Indiana Lions Conference with PID Brian Sheehan, the endorsed candidate for Lions Clubs International 3rd Vice President, and the number of monthly membership and activity reports is on the rise in each district.

On a not so positive note, we have had a few cancelled clubs and our overall membership in Indiana briefly dipped below 10,000 members for the first time in many, many years.

Does the conductor’s comments sound a little bit like asking a prospective member to join Lions? *“All aboard!...Well ya comin’?...To the North Pole of course, this is the Polar Express!...Suit Yourself.”* As we conduct our business throughout our own communities each day, we are going to pass by people who would make good Lions. We just need to stop the train for them and invite them to climb on board. Some will gladly choose to do so while others will just shake their head “No.” For those that choose to not come along, then we just need to keep moving forward to the next stop. For those that do choose to climb on board, their lives will be forever changed.

“The thing about trains...it doesn't matter where they're going. What matters is deciding to get on.” Now is the time for every Lion to go out and ask, *“Well ya comin’?”*

From our home to yours...Merry Christmas and Happy Mid-Year Lions!

CC Ross, Lion Jennifer, and Cub Danielle



Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**

This year the Lions Clubs International Foundation Disaster Fund has been heavily used due to the disasters here in the United States and in other parts of the world. The good news is that Lions are stepping up their giving to the Foundation to assist those who lost so much in these storms.

Since July 1, 2017 District 25-C has sent \$13,046.00 to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) from 14 of our 56 clubs. **Thanks so much for stepping up.** One of our goals this year is to have 100% participation of the clubs in District C. If your club has not made a commitment to support LCIF financially this year, please talk with your club about making a gift to this very worthwhile program.

LCIF has again received the highest rating of any charity from Charity Navigator which rates not for profit organizations on the prudent use of their funds. 100% of the funds donated to LCIF go for assistance to humanitarian projects unlike many others. All of the expenses of the organization are paid through your annual international dues.

Let's make District C a 100% club before the state convention in April.

Please also remember that you may make a personal gift to LCIF. You may give by going to the Lions Clubs International website at www.lionsclubs.org and clicking on the LCIF button and following the instructions to donate or send a check directly to LCIF as instructed on the website. You will need your membership number (your club secretary can provide you with your number). If you need assistance contact Karen McKellar, District LCIF coordinator or you club LCIF coordinator.

IF EVERY LION IN DISTRICT 25-C DONATES \$1 PER WEEK OR \$52 PER YEAR WE WOULD SEND OVER \$80,000 TO HELP OUR WORLD WIDE HUMANATRIAN GOALS.

DO YOU WALK? HELP LCIF BY SIGNING UP FOR CHARITY MILES: Walk the World with LCIF

LCIF is proud to partner with Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Companies to provide **Sight for Kids**. Now, you can walk, run, or bike to raise money for Sight for Kids wherever you are in the world. Simply download the **Charity Miles** app on your smartphone, select "Sight for Kids," and take a walk! LCIF will receive a donation for every mile logged. Supporting this vital initiative has never been easier! To date, Lions have raised nearly US\$15,000 through Charity Miles! This equates to almost 150,000 miles biked or almost 60,000 miles walked or run. Keep going, Lions!



(Above left) PDG Alyn McConnaha, a Lebanon Lion, and past president of Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc., was surprised at a Lions meeting. Lion Ray Furner (L), Brownsburg Lion and member of the Speech & Hearing board, presented McConnaha with a Richard T. Miyamoto Fellowship in honor of his many years working with the Speech and Hearing Project. Dr. Miyamoto was a pioneer in the field of Cochlear Implants at Indiana University Medical Center. His initial research was funded in part by the Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing committee. The Miyamoto Fellowship was initiated when McConnaha was a member of the Speech and Hearing committee.

(Below) The Lafayette Lions participated in a local Veterans Stand Down - an Annual event to assist veterans with needed services. Lafayette Lions conducted vision screenings - referrals were sent to local optometrists for full testing/diagnoses. This and provision of glasses, if needed, are underwritten by the Lions. In addition, Lions provided free popcorn. Used eye-glasses were also collected for recycling. Among the Lafayette Lions participating were Bob Goldberg and President Jen Weiss.



(Right) Zionsville Lions' screeners at Christ Lutheran Church Preschool L to R back row, Mike Sweeney, PDG Dick McKellar, front row Martha Pappas and Sue Bowen-White. Mike, Martha and Sue are new to vision screening this year!



(Right) Plainfield Lions conducted screenings at ABC's and 123's Learning Center in November. Lion Tom Iles is shown at the right with one of the children. Of the 50 screened the first day, 3 needed additional attention.



Not all our Veterans could come to the **Zionsville Lions Veteran Celebration**, but those that did, learned one thing for sure: their Club loves them !



Front row: 1st Vice District Governor Doug Eversole, Lion Art Small, Lion John Williams, Lion Charlie Ewing, Lion Fred Hampton, Lion George Tikijian, Lion Ralph Stacy.

Back row left to right: Lion Tamer Bob Deever, Lion Gordon Mallett, Lion Ray Head, Lion Dr Don Spees, PDG Dick McKellar, Lion Larry Harris, Guest Speaker Veteran Chris Jackson, Treasurer Gerald Resler. (Photo provided by Zionsville President Gail Robbins)

Awardees Photo LtoR: PDG Charles Roth, Lions Bob Goldberg, Anna Wilson, Diane Haby, Curt Slyder. Next is Lion Ron Castleberry, Community Awards Committee Chair and Lion Jen Weiss, Club President. "President's Certificate of Appreciation" awarded to Lions Diane Haby, Melanie Brown and Anna Wilson for outstanding effort in service projects.

PDG Charles Roth also received a Certificate of Appreciation for his continued assistance with local vision screening and the club's booth at the Feast of the Hunters Moon. (Photo provided by PDG Pat Short.)



Lafayette Lions Club President Jen Weiss welcomed District Governor Chloe Weyrauch with flowers during her club visitation.



The Plainfield Lions Club conducted a food collection drive for St. Mark's Food Pantry in Plainfield at their regular club meeting on Monday, November 20th and those items were delivered to the St. Mark's Food Pantry on Wednesday, November 22nd.

Nov 4 Lions Leadership Conference in Plainfield: PDG Charlie Short conducting a seminar on "Indiana Lions Vision Services."

PID Linda Tincher and C/S Charlotte Query also were presenters at the conference.



(November 1 the Lafayette Lions Club held its Annual Community Awards Banquet . During the meeting The Roar of the Lion Award" was presented to Lions Bob Goldberg and Curt Slyder, commending their outstanding service to the club and advancing the objectives and ethics of Lions.



"The Robert L. Phillips Community Leadership Award" was presented to Katy Bundler, CEO/President, Food Finders Food Bank, Inc. since 2008, by the Lafayette Lions Club when it held its Annual Community Awards Banquet.

Gov. Chloe had the honor of presenting special awards to the Lions above. Lafayette Pres. Jen Weiss beams with pride.

Monarchs - from left to right: Lions Hugh Pence (55 yrs.), Steve Haby (15), Ron Castleberry (15), Bob Goldberg (10) and Guthrie Carr (60). Club President Jen Weiss and DG Chloe are to the right. Also receiving chevrons but unable to attend meeting were Lions Carl Landskron (15 yrs.), Denny Clark (50) and Larry Fisher (20). In all, these Lions have provided 240 years of service to the Lafayette community and they keep roaring!



School Sight Vision Screening Training at the Oxford Lions Club for both Oxford and Wolcott Lions. Photo from left to right: Lion Sheryl Oilar (Brookston LC Secretary), PDG Charles Short (25C Vision Services Chair), Lions Gigi Sims (Oxford LC), Joyce Terwilliger (Pres. Wolcott LC), Gretchen Garriott (Oxford LC), Diana Brown (Oxford LC Membership Chair), Michelle Terwilliger (Wolcott LC), Larry Wiley (Wolcott LC Treasurer) and Dave Thomas (President, Brookston LC).

School Sight Vision Screening at Benton County Prairie Crossing Elementary School on Nov. 15. 203 students were screened by the Oxford Lions Club and assisted by PDGs Charlie Short (Lafayette LC) and PDG Charles Roth (Brookston LC).

The Spencer Lions have provided candy (and Santa) for children at the Owen County Courthouse in Spencer when Santa Claus comes to town for over 60 years. Children have welcomed Santa and his Lion assistants for several generations as he enters the town square, courtesy of the local firefighters, their engine, flashing lights and blaring sirens. Lions stay after a short business meeting to stuff the bags. Some Lions bring their children to help out—and sample—the treats. The young lady shown here is Sadie Neff, daughter of Lion Anton Neff and granddaughter of Lion Tony Neff.



2018 Lions International Convention in Las Vegas has the Shows, World Class Cuisine, Shopping and much more!



Don't miss this one! The 2018 Lions Clubs International Convention June 29th – July 3rd, 2018 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The fun continues at this 101st Lions International Convention because it's in Las Vegas. Labelled as 'The Entertainment Capital of the World', the famous Strip is over 4 miles long and has something for everyone to complete in the days ahead. Home to world-class dining, upscale shopping, star-studded entertainment, themed hotels with synchronized fountains and replicas of the Venetian Grand Canal and Eiffel Tower, it's not a surprise Las Vegas ranks as one of the world's most visited tourist destinations in the United States!

Bulletin No. 4

by PDG Gary Ochs, Chairpe

Las Vegas will be hot during the convention so bring your sunscreen and cool clothing. The parade will be held in "Downtown" Las Vegas on 4th street in the morning to minimize impact of the summer heat. The parade terminates at the Fremont Street Experience which is a "must see". You may zip line down Fremont Street, visit the Mob Museum or, of course, take advantage of the many gaming opportunities located in the original Las Vegas.