

Indiana Lions District 25C

District Newsletter

May, 2018



MMR: 100% since 07/2016

SAR: 100% since 11/2017

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DG Chloe's Notes:

Thanks once again to the Secretaries and/or Presidents who filed their MMR and SAR reports. Your help, camaraderie and cooperation is always very much appreciated. *Although MMR reporting will stay the same for next year, SAR reporting will take a different form. The form this will take has not been fully put out by LCI, but is discussed in the Officer Training classes that have been scheduled for May. Please, Presidents and Secretaries, make it a point to visit one of the remaining training sessions listed on Page 4 of the Current News section of the newsletter.*

As you can see, the newsletter this month is divided into 2 parts, one for "Current News" and one for "Club News". The reason for this is two-fold: there are too many pages to all fit in one and be able to email or post to the district or state websites, and a comment was passed on to me that people want to see more current news than "old" news. However, I see a definite need for both. Viewing what other clubs have done can give a newer club ideas they might not have thought of.

One of the major changes that will affect individual members and clubs has to do with LCI's billing on membership listed on the LCI website as of July 1st and January 1st of each year. In the past, LCI would give a grace period where they would waive fees for those people dropped within the first 20 days of the new year. This was actually not part of the Constitution and ByLaws, but had been a practice. That is no longer the case. They are going back to where, as of July 1st or January 1st (i.e., June 30 and December 30th at midnight) they will be billing 6 months dues on anyone that is on your roster. The only exception will be for a death. As soon as you put in that a member is deceased, your account will receive a prorated credit.

You ask, "How does this affect me as a regular member since I am not a Secretary or Treasurer?" This is where you can be of great help to your club and district. You can pay your dues for the first half of the year before June 30th, so that you will not run the risk of being dropped from your club's roster. That way, the club will know that you fully intend to continue on as a Lion. The Club Excellence Award (a description of which can be found on page 11 of the Current News section) depends on your club maintaining a "Membership Maintained" or "Net Growth" status as of midnight June 30th. If you have not paid your dues and the club has to drop you and they end with a minus growth, the club will not qualify for the Club Excellence Award. So to be sure all clubs can have the opportunity to earn the award, we need everyone working to maintain or increase membership.

As of right now, membership is down 74 in District 25C. We lost 2 clubs in Terre Haute, and there are 6 clubs that are down 4 or more, and we had 25 deceased members over the year so far. Dr. Aggarwal, our International President, challenged the leadership of the Indiana Lions to make his year a +1, although he would like to see us at the 1.5 million members worldwide. It would help if every club in District 25C was a +1, but I know that will be very hard to accomplish. Do your best to make sure your dues are paid, and if you know someone who is on the fence about staying in, find out why and help them to realize you are part of the world's largest (and best, I think) service organization, and there is a place for them in it. Do your best to help make your club a +1.

Last, but definitely not least, there is information on page 12 of the Current News portion about a new relationship with VisionWorks locations for eye glasses and eye exams. As you may (or may not) have heard, the relationship we had with LensCrafters is no longer in place. They will honor existing coupons, but will not be issuing any more. This will be a welcome addition with a fixed fee.

Thank you so much for your membership and service to the District and State.

Regards, DG Chloe

NOTE: Wonder why there aren't any pictures of the state convention from Muncie in this newsletter? It would have made it way too long. There will be a special edition coming out next week.



District Governor Elect Doug Eversole

Hello Lions All

Let's all hope that the bad weather is about done. With all the signs of spring showing, flowers and tree blossoms hopefully mean spring is finally here

SO! What does the above statement have to do with Lions?

1. Our lions adjust to conform to our community's needs, same as the seasons.
2. Our clubs become more visible as they start their spring and summer projects.

As I view the blossoms of spring, Lions begin another season of fundraising and giving.

Are you aware that in 60 days there will be a leadership change at all levels of our organization? If you are like me, I'm excited about Lion Gudrun Yngvadottir of Garoabaer, Iceland becoming our first female International President. Get ready to watch the women Lions grow across the globe. A lot of clubs have female officers in place with more stepping forward for 2018-2019 year. Leadership and service, along with membership growth, will sustain our future as Lions. Our district is at 73 members. Is it too much to ask each club take in (2) new Lions before June 30, 2018? It can be done by just asking a potential candidate to join the world's largest service organization.

The state fair will be happening before long. You can sign up now and lock in the jobs you want to help with. Also, the international convention starts June 25 and runs through July 3. Get your reservations made to attend. It will be a long four years before the international convention will be back in the USA.

Our state convention in Muncie had International President Naresh Aggarwal in attendance. His message to the Indiana Lions is simple. Membership growth and community service go hand in hand. Membership stands at 1.45 million with the goal of 1.5 million by July 1.

Our new Council Chair Elect is DG Keith Thomas of District 25E. Congratulations CCE Keith. Big thanks to PID Doug Lozier, PDG Kathy Lozier, PDG's Jack & Betty Weist for all their hard work on the Muncie state convention.

Thanks for all you do for Lions

DGE Doug



First Vice District Governor Elect Tom Robbins

Hello Lions,

As the season brings us a time for tilling and planting, so to it brings us a time of renewal. A time to reflect on last season, our successes and our near misses. In life as it is in Lions we embrace the coming of new season of opportunity, growth, learning and responsibilities.

By now your elections should be completed and all new leadership information entered into the LCI system. Along with this selection of new leadership come the responsibilities of a new "job".

We can help make this transition somewhat easier for all with the training sessions that are planned for you. The schedule has been announced and now the only thing you have to do is commit.

Select a date and attend one of the leadership training sessions even if you have been in the leadership role before. Things are always changing in our Lions world and this is a way to refresh your skills and to learn new ones.

Hope to see you at the training session near you.

Best to all and Happy Lions New year!

Lion Tom

IMPORTANT DATE

June 29-July 3, 2018

Lions International Convention, Las Vegas (link @ <http://lcicon.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php>)

The District 25C newsletter is in need of club news and pictures of activities you are doing. We can only publish what we receive from the clubs.

Club Officer Training Sessions

All officers elected for next year are invited and encouraged to attend training for your new (or continuing) position. Each training session will begin with a complimentary light supper at 6:00 p. m. A class for Presidents and Secretaries will be taught together and a class will be offered for Treasurers, all beginning about 6:30 p.m. The class for Treasurers will also begin about 6:30. All classes will be finished by 8:00 to 8:30 p.m.

May 4	Battle Ground	United Methodist Church	201 Tipton Street
May 8	Martinsville	Zion's Hill Baptist Church	5050 Turkey Track Road
May 14	West Terre Haute	Emmanuel Methodist Ch.	6076 US 150
May 23	Camden	Camden Fire Department	173 North Church Street
May 31	Jamestown	Christian Church	900 North Lebanon Street

RSVP to attend any session:

Email or call PDG Jim Query (jequery@bluemarble.net), (812)829-4496.

Be sure to bring your I-PAD, your cell phone, or your laptop computer, all sites will have WiFi, so you may practice doing reports.



Time to think about Law Camp!

Law Camps: boys and girls entering 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades

\$150 Wednesday afternoon - Saturday afternoon

June 20th - 23rd Vincennes University Law Camp

June 27th - 30th Anderson University Law Camp

Career Camps: \$250 week long

July 8th - 13th Trine University Career Camp

July 8th - 13th Vincennes University Career Camp

July 15th - 20th University of Indianapolis Career Camp

More info at www.Trooper.org

Note: click on camps (this site is for students paying their own way....using this link will cost an additional \$5.

For students being paid for by a Lions club please use link below or print a PDF version of the Camp application at www.trooper.org but please note: There has been a problem with this site printing the PDF version. It requires a google email address and an account password to get it to print! The ISP is working to correct this issue.

Lions Law Camp applications for printing are available by clicking on printable forms on the Indiana Lions MD25 web site. <http://e-district.org/userfiles/602/file/ISP%20Law%20Camp%20Registration%20forms.pdf>

In addition:

Some scholarship monies are available to Lions clubs wanting to send students. Please contact PID Linda Tincher or PDG Betty Weist....as always we ask that parents contribute something (if they can). Their financial contribution, even if only \$20, ensures the child attends.

By sending the application and payment with all checks made out to

MD25 and the child's name in the memo along with name of camp attending

to PDG Betty or PID Linda, we can also assist you in getting your money back if the child you sponsor doesn't attend! We will process the application for you and your club will receive credit for participating in the Law Camp program.

All applications should be received 2 weeks prior to Camp.

This is a great Camp for all age groups. Be sure to attend the seminar at Lions State Convention April 28, 2018 or call if you have any questions.

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ISBVI FUNDRAISERS - TRIKE RACE AND DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT

APRIL 22 EVENT RESCHEDULED TO

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

Due to an unseasonably long spring, your ISBVI Trustees are rescheduling our annual fundraiser from this spring to mid-fall --- for better weather and to give you more time to practice!

We have received feedback from several prior participating schools that they would like to participate, but that a Fall date would better suit their current school schedules. Moving the event to the fall will also provide a more suitable date for students from the ISBVI to participate.

We have capacity for approximately 25 Trike teams and 25 Disc Golf teams so we hope your clubs will continue to promote these valuable events to support the mission of your State Project and the ISBVI's statewide outreach services to our blind and visually impaired students in all your districts.

If your club has already sent in registration forms for the trike race/disc golf originally scheduled for April 22, we would invite you to carry your sponsorships and team registrations forward to the fall event date. We will be contacting you for confirmation of carry-forward to the fall event.

If you have any questions in the meantime, contact Chair Pat Short (lionpatshort@aol.com) or Event Coordinator Lion Pat Henninger (lwtlions@gmail.com).

Thank you for your continued support of the ISBVI Lions State Project.



Indiana Lions for the ISBVI

WORK DAY

Your ISBVI Lion Trustees are sponsoring a **work day** at the school in Indianapolis on **Saturday, May 19, 2018**. This is a great opportunity for you/family/friends to walk the walk and put our **"We Serve"** motto into action. Our schedule for the day will be:

8:30 am	Registration and donuts (of course!)
9 am – 1 pm	Morning work Session
1 pm	Lunch (provided by the school)
After Lunch	Tour of the School for those interested
After lunch	Afternoon work session until done

Come and help us beautify and improve this campus! Interested?

Contact...

Lion Charlie Crawford

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It's a great day of fun, hard work and camaraderie and a chance to meet other Lions from around the state as well as visit this beautiful campus. This is one of **your** Lions State Projects.....take a few hours to help beautify and improve it. You'll get great satisfaction from doing so....and of course, a **free lunch!** Hope to see you there.

PDG Pat Short - Chair



Save the Date

January 12, 2019

30th Annual Mid Winter Conference

That's Right! Going back to the original name and month!

Once known as Mid Winter Conference
Formerly known as Indiana Lions Conference
Now known AGAIN as Mid Winter Conference!

Find Us On Facebook for Updates
Indiana Lions Mid Winter Conference

Hi Lions All,

In case you haven't heard The former Mid Winter Conference that was changed to Indiana Lions Conference and moved to November is now back to being called Mid Winter Conference and has been moved back to January. The next Conference will be January 12, 2019. Please post the attached announcement in all your media's and spread the word! Updates will be sent as known.

Thank you All and any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Connie Roe

Mid Winter Conference Publicity Chair

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THIS EXCITING WEBINAR SERIES
PRESENTED BY



Plan to participate in this dynamic membership webinar series created which will provide you with the insight you need to grow membership in our district and offer some great resources. Speakers will discuss specialty clubs, new club development and cyber clubs....all of this advice can also benefit your club membership growth. Check it out!

May 7, 2018 - 7:30 p.m. CDT	What Unites Us? – Specialty Clubs
May 14, 2018 - 7:30 p.m. CDT	Tactics to Starting a Club: New Club Development Workshops
May 21, 2018 - 7:30 p.m. CDT	Futuristic Thinking of Service: Cyber Clubs

Join fellow Lions to learn new tips and techniques to jumpstart your clubs' membership growth!

PDG Pat Short - GMT

Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing Used Hearing Aid Collection



The ILSH has designed and produced a new sticker to be placed on eyeglass recycling boxes encouraging the donation of used hearing aids. This stickers are available from any of your district trustees. Please contact them and let them know how many you will need. ***The used hearing aids are vital to the continued success of the Hearing Aid Loaner Bank, since inception over 6300 hearing aids have been loaned.***

Membership Satisfaction -- How do you keep your members happy and coming back?

You need to ensure that your Lions club remains healthy and vital. Find out what the experience and expectations of belonging to your club is for your members. If you went to a restaurant and it did not meet your expectations, would you go back? **The same goes for a Lions club!**

Along with welcoming your new members, it is important to make sure they begin participating in club activities right away. If your club members feel welcome, comfortable and are involved in community service, they will remain part of your club for a long time.

There are many reasons for people to join a Lions Club - the most common are:

- To serve their community
- To be involved with a specific service or cause
- To be with friends
- To become a leader in the community
- To be with other family members who are Lions

So how can your club provide the experiences your members are seeking?

Keeping your club efficient, productive and meaningful to your members results in many benefits:

- A club that is vital and a respected part of your community.
- The ability to provide service locally and globally.
- The ability to offer personal and professional growth opportunities
- A club that provides enjoyable fellowship.

Does your club feel unified, or is it just a collection of individual Lions?

Be sure your club has a club mission statement, objectives and defined goals. Communicate these to your members clearly and openly.

If a club is not thriving, it cannot serve.








The first step to ensuring your members have a positive experience is to know what they want from membership in your Lions club. Understanding what your members think about being a Lion will help you direct your efforts. Making changes based on your club members' needs and desires is the key to a good experience for them.

Losing members is an issue for many clubs, but the reasons why members leave are often the same. The five general issues former Lions cited most often as reasons for leaving are:

- I. Unproductive meetings (not enjoyable, too hierarchal and formal, didn't like customs))
- II. Personal reasons
- III. Membership issues (not engaging newer members)
- IV. Club culture (egos, minds closed to new ideas)
- V. Service (lack of meaningful service)

More information on how to fine tune your club's ability to keep happy/engaged members can be found at www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/me301.pdf.

PDQ Pat Short - QM7

	WIN THE LCI CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD!		
<p style="color: red;">Clubs that excel in community service, membership growth, communications and organizational operations may qualify for the prestigious Club Excellence Award</p> <p><i>Where does your club stand? Are you in the running? Is this what your club's check list shows?</i></p>			
IN GOOD STANDING (Dues paid)		THREE SERVICE ACTIVITIES	
LCIF CONTRBUTION		MARKETING/COMMUNICATION i.e. newsletter, local papers, social media	
MEMBERSHIP MAINTAINED* OR HAD NET GROWTH <small>*Based on June 30, 2017 membership</small>		OFFICERS PARTICIPATE IN LEADERSHIP TRAINING at the district, state, intl. levels, or thro webinars.	
IMPROVEMENT IN CLUB OPERATIONS		Suggested possible improvements? Membership/Activity reports filed Club e-mail newsletter to members Club meeting agendas Facebook page Fully-staffed leadership team Website upgrades Club "business" cards to hand out to public	
<p><i>We are in the final 30 laps of the race. This is your last pit stop!</i></p> <p><i>If your club's spluttering to the finish, get your pit crew on the job NOW!</i></p>			
<p><i>Go for that checkered flag~you've earned it!</i></p> <p><i>PDG Pat Short - GM7</i></p>			

NOTES:

2017-18 Club Excellence Award Application is available at www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/da1-2017-18.pdf. It can be filled out on line and then submitted to and be signed by District Governor Chloe Weyrauch

August 31, 2018 is the deadline for District Governor to send to LCI

News from Your Lions Vision Services Committee

PDG Charlie Short, Chair

We are happy to announce a new, negotiated managed-care relationship with VisionWorks locations in Indiana.

Under this district agreement, referred patients would receive a full professional eye exam and a suitable pair of glasses *at a fixed price to the club*.

Standard glasses with single vision lenses:	\$45 (\$85 with exam)
Standard glasses with bifocal lenses:	\$55 (\$95 with exam)
Full eye examination:	\$40

The eye exam is optional in circumstances where the patient has a current prescription provided by a licensed eye care professional.

This relationship is not exclusive. It is not an endorsement of VisionWorks. It's just another way to help your club serve the vision needs of your community, should you decide to use it.

District C VisionWorks locations include stores in Lafayette and Terre Haute, with other stores nearby in Indianapolis and Bloomington. Vouchers will be accepted at all eleven VisionWorks Indiana locations.

More news and updates on this program will be forthcoming. For more information, contact

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Indiana Lions Trip to Leader Dogs for the Blind June 15 & 16 2018

Including a visit to Frankenmuth

“Michigan’s Little Bavaria”

Bronner’s Christmas Store

Motor coach Transportation

1 night lodging, 2 meals

\$165.00 per person

based on double occupancy

Departure from Big R parking Lot

South of Hwy. 20 on Hwy 421

Michigan City, Indiana

Departure time is 7:30 A.M. C.S.T.



Cost per person based on
double occupancy.
Payment in full by
May 10, 2018
No refunds after May 15.
2018
No trip insurance available
Single occupancy \$60.00
more.

Day 1: Depart 7:30 AM CST in a comfortable Motor Coach to Leader Dogs for the Blind. We will have lunch there and a guided tour of the facilities. The gift shop will be open for everything Leader Dog. We will continue to on to Birch Run, Michigan for dinner on your own. There are several restaurants in the area along with a shopping Mall. That evening we will stay at America’s Best Value Inn in Birch Run.

Day 2: After enjoying a continental breakfast we depart at 8:30 A.M. for a day at Frankenmuth shopping and exploring the local fare. This includes time at Bronner’s Christmas Wonderland for all your Christmas needs. Lunch will be on your own at Frankenmuth. We will leave Frankenmuth and head home at approximately 4:00 P.M.

***All times in Michigan are E.S.T.**

Dinner will be en-route. Arrive home is estimated to be between 9 and 10 P.M.



The Ed W. Clark High School Marching Band from Las Vegas, Nevada

Bulletin No. 12 By PDG Gary Ochs and PCC Reed Fish

"A parade is not a parade without music". Our band is from Las Vegas and will be in front of the Indiana Lions no. 73 playing "Back Home again in Indiana" and be shared and follow the Lions of Illinois no. 72 in the parade. Their awards have been judged superior ratings in all events they have marched in as well as having performed at Carnegie Hall on two occasions. Their school colors are Black & Gold, so the band uniforms are mainly black with gold across the front. The school itself is about 3 blocks west and 6 blocks north of the Luxor Hotel & Casino. Remember, to wear your Indiana parade shirts and/ or hats to be in the parade.

Due to the climate, the parade route is shorter than normal and LCI is taking extra steps for our attendee's safety including providing cooling tents and more. The parade starts at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning July 1, 2018 and will take place in the Old Las Vegas section of the city and shuttle service will be provided for attendees from our official hotels. See you there! *"Here we come Las Vegas"*