

# District 25 **C**hronicles



## 30 Days Left to Finish Strong

There are just thirty (30) days left in this Lions' year, and now is the time to finish strong. Looking at our goals, we are just short in two categories...membership growth and adding one new club to our pride.

### **NEW MEMBER FEES WAIVED**

Lions Clubs International has announced that new member application fees will be waived through June 10, 2017.

Now is the perfect time to add members to our Pride as we celebrate 100-years of Lionism.

Here's the best part, Lions Clubs International is waiving the application fees for new members now through June 10, 2017. Now would be a great time to invite that friend you've been meaning to ask or maybe your spouse.

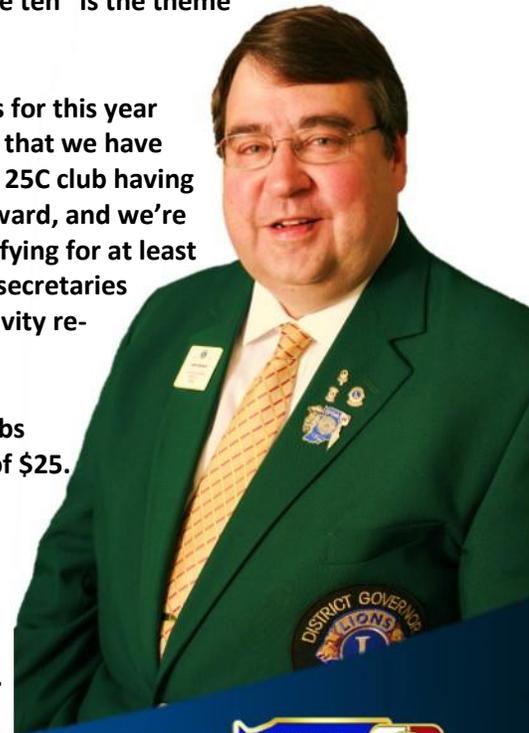
Finishing strong also includes filing those Monthly Membership Reports (MMR) and Service Activity Report (SAR) each month. Looking above at the trophies, you can see that we made it to nine (9) consecutive months of 100% filing. "When we do it again, that will make ten" is the theme for this month.

One of the surprises for this year has definitely been that we have 100% of the District 25C club having qualified for the 1-gem Centennial Service Challenge Award, and we're less than a handful from having 100% of our clubs qualifying for at least a 2-gem award. This is entirely due to the job that our secretaries and others (Punky at Cayuga) have done filing their activity reports each month.

We're also on pace to have 100% of our District 25C clubs participate in giving to LCIF with a minimum donation of \$25. This will mark the second year in a row that our district will have met the challenge of all of our clubs making a contribution to our Foundation.

At the Cabinet Meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>, there was only enough business conducted to call it a cabinet meeting.

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We approved the minutes of the January Cabinet Meeting, we reviewed the financial report, and then we celebrated and recapped the year. We have so much to be proud of and so much to brag about ourselves. Maybe the worst trait that Lions have is that we are way too humble.

We celebrated our wins in the MD25 Peace Poster Contest (Meghan Chagdes, sponsored by the Zionsville Lions Club), the MD25 Environmental Photo Contest (Lion Jenny Meek, Delphi Lions Club), and the MD25 International Pin Design contest (myself), completing the sweep of the big three contests in the state.

We celebrated the fact that we had seven (7) of our Lions receive LCI Presidential Certificates of Appreciation (Lion Norman Beck, Flora Lions Club; Lion Sheila Eversole, Young America Lions Club; Lion Paul Morrison, Brownsburg Lions Club; Cabinet Treasurer Karen McKellar, Zionsville Lions Club; Lion Dave Roloff, Martinsville Noon Lions Club; 1VDG-Elect Doug Eversole, Young America Lions Club; and DG-Elect Chloe Weyrauch, Prairie Creek Lions Club).

We celebrated the fact that we had two (2) Lions receive LCI Leadership Medals from International President Bob Corlew (Lion Leroy Postel and Lion Tom Williams, Martinsville Noon Lions Club), and we celebrated the fact that Lion Owen Matz, Jr. (Frankfort Lions Club) received one of the two LCI Presidential Medals presented by IP Bob Corlew for the entire state.

We celebrated our MMR and SAR filing, we celebrated our Centennial Service Challenge Awards, and we celebrated our pathway to 100% LCIF participation.

We celebrated the MD25 endorsement of the District 25C candidate for International Director, PDG Nick Xinopoulos, and we celebrated PDG Richard McKellar being elected to the International Convention Committee for a three-year term. We also celebrated myself being elected by the 2017-18 Council of Governors as next year's MD25 Council Chair.

And just when you thought the celebration was over, we went over to Nick and Gretchen's and celebrated a little more.

One of the words that I have personally grown to dislike this year has been the word "team". Not because of the concept of the word itself but the fact that too many times it becomes over used and underutilized. Just because someone says that you're a team doesn't make it a team.

Many times, throughout this year, I have referred to Lions as a pride as in saying to a new member, "Welcome to the pride." Simply stated, a pride is a family of Lions. As your governor for the past eleven months and pushing forward for these last 30 days, I can honestly say that I am so proud of our pride.

This is definitely a year when we will all be able to look back and say, "Remember when...?"

DG/CC-Elect Ross, Lion Jennifer, and Cub Danielle



Thank you

LIONS!

## Happy Birthday Lions - June 10, 2017

As announced earlier this year, there is going to be a 13<sup>th</sup> edition to the *District 25C Chronicles*, a picture edition of nothing but pictures celebrating how our communities are celebrating along with us our Centennial Year of Lionism.

The goal is for the Lions of 25C to get as many businesses to put something on their message boards promoting the Lions Clubs International 100 years of service on Saturday, June 10, 2017. If they would put it up for even longer that would be great as well. Here are some examples:



Your challenge is to go around to as many businesses around your community and ask them to put up the message for at least one (1) day, preferably June 10. Take a picture of the sign and send it to me for inclusion in the special edition of the newsletter.

Get creative. Maybe even get a message on the Jumbotron in Ross Aide Stadium, the scoring pylon at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, or the IPL Building in downtown Indianapolis. Maybe a contractor on one of the highway projects or a digital billboard. Anywhere will work.

A Lions flag flying above the courthouse or at the golf course. It doesn't have to be just a sign.

What about prizes? The club that submits the most photographs will receive a \$50 LCIF donation in their club name to jumpstart their 2017-18 contributions. The club that submits the most "unique and interesting" photo will receive a \$25 LCIF donation.

All photographs must be received by DG Ross Drapalik by June 20, 2017, and prizes will be awarded at the 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting in 2017-18.

## “Our Year” Begins in Chicago



I want to thank everyone for filing their Club Officer Report. This will make my job a lot easier in putting together the new District 25C Directory!

Have you heard the good news?? From June 1 to June 10, 2017, entrance fees for new members to Lions Clubs International are being waived. As of July 1, 2017, entrance fees go up to \$35.00 per member, so this is a significant savings for those who hesitate because of the entrance fee. There will not be any retroactive waiver, so if your secretary has already entered a new member into the system, it does not apply. And if you wait until June 11, it also will not apply—no exceptions. Take time to talk to those people who may have been sitting on the fence about joining.

Have you had someone say, “Well, why should I have to pay dues and an entrance fee to do volunteer work?” Do you know how to answer that question? We have two different kinds of funds. Administrative, and public. Any money obtained from the public, i.e., fundraisers, etc., must be used for helping the public, i.e., scholarships, donations to food banks, eyeglass vouchers, etc. Where does our money come from that pays for our building, our supplies for our club, or money to send people for training? That needs to come from something other than the public. In addition to members working concession stands from private companies and other things, it has to come from local dues. District dues go for things done by the district, one of which is the District Convention. State dues go for things done by the state, one of which is the State Convention. International dues go for things done by International, which are many. The training and accompanying lodging and food that is offered for a very minimal charge has to be paid and/or subsidized for some way, as well as the cost for maintaining the International offices. The minimal cost for the International Convention itself is also a steal! The International dues and entrance fees are the funding source for these costs.

Training for new club officers for the 2017-2018 year took place in May. If your club was not able to send your officers to one of the five sessions throughout the District, there will be other opportunities throughout the next few months, possibly at Zone Meetings and other happenings, on a smaller scale. If your President, Secretary, Treasurer or Membership Chair is in need of a refresher or short lesson, please do not hesitate to give me a call or send me a message, and I will work on arranging something in the first few months of the year. It’s important for your officers to know how to do required reports!

I am looking forward to the Lions International Convention in Chicago. As District Governor Elect, I will be spending the three days prior to the convention in training, which I understand is intense. However, with the knowledge that we are going to have a good year in 2017-2018 in District 25C, it will be worth it.

As I’ve said several times, this will be “Our year.”

Take care, have a good summer, and I hope to see you in Chicago!

Yours in Lionism,

DG-Elect Chloe Weyrauch

## Adapt and Be Flexible



What a great year we have had! Just as Governor Ross has been guiding and leading our district this year, next year's governors have selected him to serve as their Council Chair to continue to guide and inspire our clubs state wide.

Incoming Governor-Elect Chloe Weyrauch is getting set to take over District, and she has been preparing for the last few years to lead our district to even greater heights. She has ideas that will help our district grow and continue leading the state.

We are blessed with great leadership in our district and how willing our Lions are to step up when needed. Governor Ross highlighted the district's accomplishments and handed out several individual awards and beautiful gifts to his cabinet members at our final Cabinet Meeting on May 20, 2017.

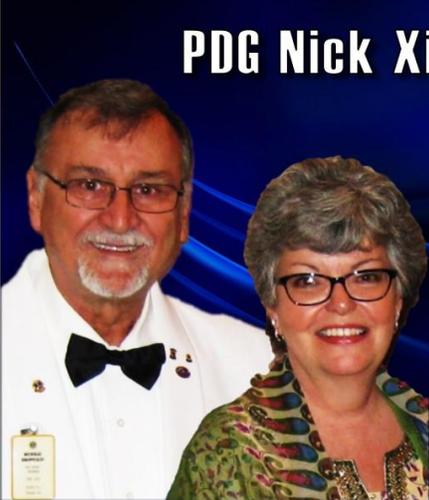
The meeting was hosted by the Brownsburg Lions, and what a good job our hosts did. Thanks to the members of the Martinsville Noon Lions Club who provided a wonderful cookout through the cool damp and stormy day.

On my way home from the meeting, the heavy rain really came down by the time we got to Kirkland, and as we approached the exit for Forest, a tornado took out the fire station! That is Indiana weather for you! Just like the weather, all Lions must be flexible enough to adapt to any situation.

We have until the end of June to finish with a positive membership growth. In order to finish positive for the year, each club in our district needs to grow by adding (1) one new member with no drops in membership for the month. Wow, what a comeback story that would be to "Remember when...?" about.

Take the time and ask those in your community to become a Lion. I know we can do this. Also, don't forget to get the "Happy Birthday, Lions" signs on your electronic boards and flyers around town.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor-Elect Doug Eversole



## PDG Nick Xinopoulos

*for* International Director

- Past District Governor 2009-10
- International Convention Committee 2011-14
- State Convention Committee 2014
- International Understanding Committee
- Indiana Lions Eye Bank Inc. Chairman
- Operation KidSight / School Age Vision Screener
- Mexico Eyeglass Mission Team
- Indiana State Fair Volunteer

Stick With Nick



**JUNE UPDATE:** Lions Clubs International Convention and 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**LAST CALL! LAST CALL FOR LCICON! Don't let the sun set on this opportunity.**

It's not too late to attend, but some things have changed regarding registration. You can no longer register online, but you can only register when you arrive. **Onsite registration is available at the Onsite Registration Booth located at McCormick Place South, Room S 102 starting Friday, June 30th at 09:00 AM CDT.**

The International Parade is on Saturday, July 1. If you plan to march with Indiana Lions in the parade, you must be registered for the convention and wear the official Indiana Lions parade uniform (parade shirt, parade hat (if wearing a hat), black pants (trousers, skirts, or capris) and black shoes. We are a juried entry and must look cohesive to have any chance of an award.

To follow events while at the LCIcon or from home, on Facebook look for INDIANA LIONS LCICON. Updates will be posted there.

For information and to register go to <http://lcon.lionsclubs.org>.

PDG Dan Wilcox, ICC Chairman – [danwpu@comcast.net](mailto:danwpu@comcast.net)



**WELCOME TO THE DISTRICT 25C PRIDE**

Club	Name	Sponsor
Brookston Lions Club	Lion Paula Crossett	
	Lion Melissa A. Martin	Lion Jeremy Martin
Brownsburg Lions Club	Lion Faith Haggard	PDG Billy Chastain
	Lion Amy Jo Sabol	Lion Susan Sabol
	Lion Sean P. Tillotson	Lion Gretchen Zentz
Colfax Lions Club	Lion Gary Ostler	Lion Scott Davis
	Lion Melissa Ostler	Lion Brooke Davis
Delphi Lions Club	Lion Gene McKinney	PID Bill Schooler
Flora Lions Club	Lion Sally Schmidt	Lion Mary Redmon
Lafayette Lions Club	Lion Alice R. Anderson	PDG Pat Short
Prairie Creek Lions Club	Lion Rick K. Monroe	DGE Chloe Weyrauch
	Lion Melissa Strole	Lion Cheryl Wright Hammersmith
Young America Lions Club	Lion Carla J. Anderson	1VDGE Doug Eversole

**IN MEMORIAM**

Brownsburg Lions Club	Lion Richard S. Wallace
Mooresville Lions Club	Lion Maurice E. Hensley
Rossville Area Lions Club	Lion Jill E. Charles

**LIMITED TIME OFFER – Entry Fee Waiver**

In celebration of our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 we are **waving entrance fees for all new members added between June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>**. Not only will new members help us make an even bigger impact, they will belong to a distinguished group of "Centennial Lions," in recognition of this unique moment in our history.

So, how does it work? As you celebrate the founder's anniversary of Lions on June 7<sup>th</sup> and induct new members, as they're entered into MyLCI, subsequent billing will reflect this special promotion. This is a limited, one-time offer that does not apply to new members added prior to June 1st or after June 10th of this year. No exceptions will be approved. Charter and transfer charter fees do not qualify for this one-time waiver.

So, invite family, friends and colleagues to make history with us. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our Accounts Receivable Department via phone at 630-203-3810 or via email [accountsreceivable@lionsclubs.org](mailto:accountsreceivable@lionsclubs.org).



If your clubs do business with your local Walmart for your eyeglasses, there is grant funding from Walmart. My store has approved a \$2000 grant for the past 2 years. I applied this morning for the max of \$2500. The site is Walmart Foundation, I suggest you contact the facility manager by phone after you apply. The application process is very simple. I have spoken with some Lions at conventions and understand that local Optical shops are taking care of your needs and some of them are in your clubs and that is great. Think about where our needy shop?? Walmart? As a 20 optician, I am asked frequently from people who cannot afford glasses where they can get help. Most Lions Clubs do not have a phone number in the phone book so I didn't know where to send them for help before I became a Lion. I would say contact your local Lions club. Most elderly do not know how to use a computer to visit Lions Clubs International site to apply for help. My vision center is used for 4 different clubs for help with eyeglasses and I or another optician in our clubs interview the people inside the store. The process works great. Also, Walmart has a program with the Lions clubs for recycled eyeglasses. We box them up and send them on a Walmart truck where they are sent to Lions sorting centers. EASY! I now send glasses from another optical shop on our truck.



Your local Walmart Opticians make great Lions. Lion Joie Mills and John Lewis stumbled into my vision center one afternoon wanting to talk with me and the optometrist about the Kid Sight Program. 6 months later they started a new club in our community, and that is when 4 people in our office joined that club. Walmart has a program called Volunteerism Always Pays. For every 25 hours volunteered by an associate, Walmart pays the organizations \$250 up to 5 times per year. That money can be used in your business account! Think about a convention on a Friday and Saturday--25 hours can add up fast.

GMT 43E Lion Missy Towell (via GMT 25C PDG Pat Short)



*Spencer Lions Club honored Owen Valley High School Senior Scholarship finalists with a Taco dinner at a May meeting. Each student also received a couple books to aid them in their college studies. Pictured are: (front row) Tori Floyd, Hannah Kiefer, Emili Longardner. (back row) Dylan Fluet and Elijah Markland. Hannah, Dylan and Elijah were also awarded monetary scholarships. Hannah is the granddaughter of PDG Jim Query and Editor Charlotte Query. Hannah is a 3rd generation Spencer Lions scholarship winner, with her mother, uncle and grandfather having also been recipients.*

## Cabinet Meeting / District 25C Celebration



The Martinsville Noon Lions Club is getting ready to fire up the grill before the rains started falling. They were troopers and the food was fabulous. Pictured are (front row) Lion Ed Edwards, Lion Tom Williams (back row) Lion Roger Chalkley, Lion Pam Roloff, Bonnie Edwards, and Lion Leroy Postel. GREAT JOB LIONS!



District Governor-Elect Chloe Weyrauch was presented with an Lions Clubs International Certificate of Appreciation during the May 20, 2017 Cabinet Meeting / Celebration. As 1VDG, Chloe was an integral part in helping push the district to 100% club participation in MMR and SAR filing, working with Zones 4, 5, and 6.



Nearly 50 Lions from District 25C gathered to celebrate all of the successes that our district has had this year, **and more are certainly to come before the end of the year.** 100% LCIF participation, 100% 2-gem Centennial Service Challenge Award, a new club are all possibilities in the coming weeks. May even an International Director! Good luck in Chicago PDG Nick.



1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor-Elect Doug Eversole was also presented with an Lions Clubs International Certificate of Appreciation during the May 20, 2017 Cabinet Meeting / Celebration. 2VDG Doug covered the northern part of the district in Zones 1, 2, and 3.

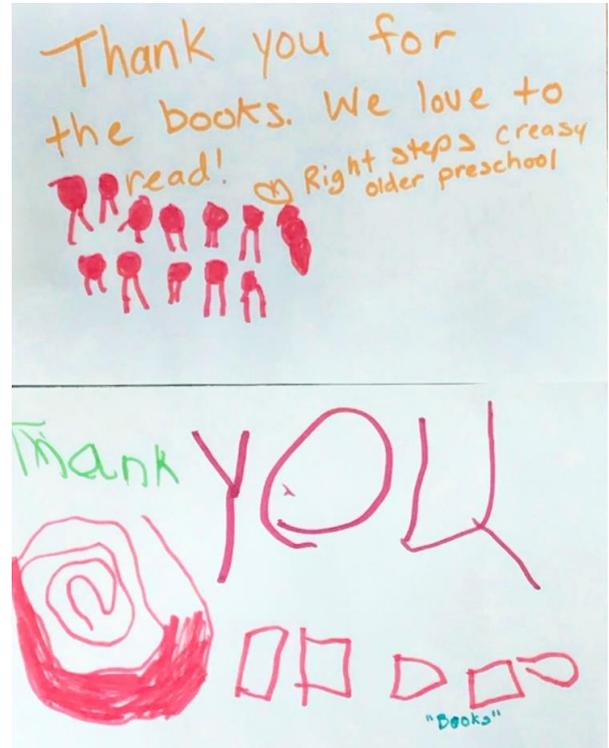
## More from Around the District



Lafayette Lions Club scholarship awardees left to right: Nathan Smith (West Lafayette), Rachel Wolf (Harrison), Kaitlyn Phillippo (McCutcheon), Emily Szendrey (Lafayette Jeff), Jacob Normington (Central Catholic) and Ken Johnston (Faith Christian).



President Gail Robbins, who is a Leader Dog trustee, gave a program about Leader Dog to the Zionsville Lions Club with the proceeds of a 50/50 drawing going to LD! We played the Prison Raiser DVD, then had Puppy Raiser Alaina Rudin speak on the joy and heartache of raising a puppy to let it go, followed by powerful story of Pauline's life and Satchmo standing ( well actually, laying ) by her side. The very Dog Alaina had taught! To add to the night, our cooks treated us to a meal laced with fun dog- looking items to eat, including our biscuits that looked like dog bones!



A handmade (and heartfelt) thank you from the preschoolers at Creasy Creek for the books donated by the Lafayette Lions Club. It doesn't get any better than that, folks!

Please send your photos/articles to  
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by the **20th** of the month.

Please send your event flyers to  
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for distribution between the newsletter publications.

To submit your photos for possible  
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## 2016-2017 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

To qualify the club must be chartered for 6 or more months prior to the end of the fiscal year, further the objectives of the association, adhere to the association’s constitution and by-laws and policies, and meet the requirements noted below during the fiscal year.

Club Number	Club Name	Date
2016-2017 Club President’s Name		Member Number

**SERVICE** – The club has conducted at least three service projects. Briefly describe the service activities that were conducted:

Date: _____	Activity: _____
Date: _____	Activity: _____
Date: _____	Activity: _____

**CONTRIBUTION** – The club has made a contribution to LCIF.

**MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** - The club achieved a net growth in membership (including Branch club members when applicable) or charters a new club or charters a Leo club. New members attended an orientation and were properly inducted into the club.

Net Growth in Members: \_\_\_\_\_  Name of sponsored club, Leo club or Branch club: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNICATION** – The club has publicized the club’s service activities to the public through local media and effectively communicated activities to club members.

Please explain briefly how the club service activities were publicized.

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**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** – All officer positions were filled in accordance with the constitution and bylaws by qualified Lions, the club was represented at zone meetings and a majority of the club officers participated in a leadership training program. The training program could include training offered at the zone, district, multiple district or International level. Online courses from the Lions Learning Center, participation in a Club Quality Initiative (CEP) Workshop or completion of the Certified Guiding Lion course also count toward the award.

**CLUB ACTIVITY** – The club has hosted regular and meaningful club events and reported Membership, Service Activities, and the New Club Officers in a timely manner.

**CLUB IN GOOD STANDING** – the club is not in status quo and International dues and new member entrance fees have been paid in full. No more than US\$50 in any other expense due to LCI is outstanding beyond ninety (90) days.

Date	2016-2017 District Governor’s Signature*	District	Member No.
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\* Applications received from the District Governor’s registered email address will be considered signed by the district governor. In undistricted areas the coordinating Lion or provisional zone or region chairpersons should sign the completed form.

The completed form must be mailed to the English Language Department at International Headquarters, or email to clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org, or fax to (630) 706-9273 to arrive by August 31, 2017. Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club shall be considered only if received at International Headquarters within 12 months after completion of the fiscal year, provided that the original application form is already filed at International Headquarters. The award will be mailed to the 2017-2018 district governor for presentation. In undistricted areas the award will be mailed to the coordinating Lions or directly to the 2016-2017 club president.

# PizzaPartyNews



## You Are Invited!!!

The Indiana delegation at the Lions International Convention will be experiencing real Chicago style pizza on Sunday July 2nd, at Gino's East, 162 E Superior St, which is the renowned pizzeria in Chicago.

Starting time is 4:30. Meal begins at 4:45.

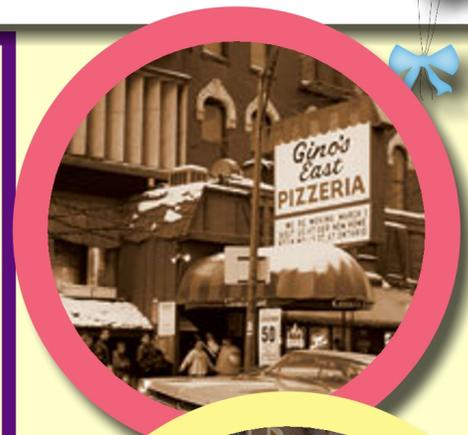
Menu will be:

*Deep dish or thin crust Pizza, salad, appetizers and unlimited soft drinks.*

*Cash bar available.*

Reservations limited to the first 200 hungry conventioners! Deadline is June 16th!

**Cost is only \$10 per person!**



Stop by the Indiana Hospitality room at the Palmer House to get your admission ticket.

**Make checks payable to Lions of Indiana. Send payment and reservation form to: Lions of Indiana, 8780 Purdue Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268 Must be postmarked by 6/16!**

Name (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

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