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WOW! That's all I can say...

I just returned from the Lions International Centennial Convention held in Chicago. The first week I was there, I attended District Governor Elect classes for my final preparation to become your District Governor for 2017-18. Through these classes, I was refreshed on my responsibilities but the most important, Lions International is promoting LCI - Forward. This means we have some new things to learn, promote and participate in. As times continually change, LCI (Lions Clubs International), is bringing the Lions programs up-to-date. We have been given new service framework. The framework divisions are as follows: Hunger, Environment, Vision, Pediatric Cancer, and Diabetes. Focus on Youth will be a sub-framework.

As you can see, LCI has added Diabetes because it has now become an epidemic. And Lions can do a lot of work to improve the problem with diabetes. Since it is a new program, we will be receiving all kinds of information about service projects, fund raising projects and the overall studies for this program throughout the coming year.

The classes were very informative and I did get a lot out of them, and I met some of the most interesting Lions. In our class, we had Lions from India, New Zealand, Texas, California, New York, Australia, Germany, and Mexico. It was so interesting to talk with them about the various activities, service projects, and their life in their country. I have made some life-long friendships with these fellow Lions that I will never forget.

After the week of classes, we held plenary meetings from 9-noon each day, encouraging us to promote Lions into the Second Century of Lionism. Our new International President, Lion Navesh Arrgawal, introduced the new theme song for Lions....*"The Power of WE"*. Through lectures, demonstrations, and dance/music, he showed us how *The Power of WE* will work. We stand together to serve those in need. Quoting IP Navesh, "It is a powerful expression. "We" symbolizes the power of our 1.5 million members, and "Serve" expresses our clear, decisive action to convert every dollar into service for the most urgent needs around the world. The "Power of We" underscores that my power comes from you, and your power comes from me. I cannot lift a car, but together we can. One person cannot educate a village, but a group of like-minded people can. As more of us come together, the world's problems become smaller. If all of us come together, the impossible becomes possible."

Each day, after the plenary meetings ended, the fun began. Saturday morning, Lions International presented the biggest parade Chicago had ever seen - *The Parade of Nations*. There were 120 units in the mile long parade. For the spectators, the parade lasted 5 hours. The native costumes of each country were beautiful. The Indiana Lions had a great entry with the Portage High School band marching with us. In fact, they won 3rd place in the band competition. Many thanks to the Indiana Lions International Committee to make this happen.

The Convention Committee earned their kudos for the entertainment. We enjoyed concerts from *The Beach Boys*, *Chicago*, *Charlie Daniels Band*, *Blue Brothers Revue* and *Patty LaBelle*. During the meetings, we were entertained by the African Children's Choir and David Archuleta (America's Got Talent finalist).

As they told the achievements of Lions, a few people that reaped the services of Lions were introduced to us. A very special guest speaker, the great-great grand niece of Hellen Keller spoke about how proud she was of the Lions going forward with Helen Keller's challenge for the Lions to become the *Knights of the Blind*.

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What an experience Rick and I had at the Lions International Convention! Praises and Kudos to the Convention committee. We are looking forward to next year's convention in Las Vegas.

**Now....I have some information for you.** *I have set my goals* that need to be accomplished during my year as District Governor. Of course, I have set the usual goals - form a new club, increase and sustain membership, trainings, etc.

My theme this year is: "Think Outside the Box." The goals I am really going to push are the following:

- 1) I want each club to work with other Lions Clubs and local organizations in their area on an event. Doing this will highlight our most important quality - connectivity.
- 2) I am really pushing Kids Sight First and Vision Screening. Training for each of these is readily available and easy. Each club is to contact the school nurse at schools in their areas and set up screening dates. Most are familiar with Kids Sight First, but Vision Screening is done with grades - One, Three, Five & Eight. Vision Screening is required by Indiana State Law and the school nurses are extremely overloaded. They are supposed to have it all done by February, but we found, by experience, that most are not even half way done. School will be starting in the next 30 to 45 days. Call the schools and get your dates set ASAP.
- 3) I would like to set a record for our District to club secretaries to get their MMR and Activities reports in by the due date. Those are the goals "outside the box" that I would like all clubs to achieve.

As you plan and achieve your service projects, fund raising projects, please turn in the information to Lion Sandy Price. She is my newsletter editor, for which I am very grateful.

We are entering the Second Century of Lionism. A lot of changes are coming down from Lions International - for the good and betterment of Lions. Read your newsletters, Indiana Lions newspaper and Lions International magazine. BUT.....most of all, HAVE FUN!!!

*Lion Cindy Wright*

25-D District Governor

SAVE THIS INFORMATION

1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting - Watch for Special Flier  
**Sept 16<sup>th</sup> – Banner Night** – Upland Lions Club  
Bring your club banner. Plenty of  
places to hang those not on poles.

**LIONS NEEDED AT STATE FAIR**

This year, in addition to staffing four gates for the entire 17 days of the State Fair, August 4-20, we will also provide volunteers to collect money on four State Fair tractor shuttles on weekends (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) afternoons and evenings.

In return for working for the Foundation at the State Fair, you can earn credits toward a W.P. Woods Fellowship, or a nominal cash donation to your local Lions Club or favorite Indiana Lions state project.

More than 400 positions are currently open. Sign up now at [indianalionsfoundationmd25.org](http://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org).



## VDG ISABEL SHARES INFORMATION

As I write, I am in the Chicago area with family. Tomorrow I will go downtown for the International Convention. I will give my impressions and reactions to the convention in the next article.

Lions have completed 100 years of service, and we are looking forward to continuing service to our communities. Our International President challenged Lions to serve 100 million people during the Centennial celebration which ends in 2018. We reached 100 million several months ago, and the challenge has been expanded. Currently, we have served over 159 million people, and counting. That is awesome considering only 2/3 of clubs are reporting.

Unfortunately, our district has many clubs who are not reporting service projects through online reporting which is how the report is generated. I would like to see clubs in District D increase our monthly membership and service project reporting.

By the time you read this, Cindy Wright will be our new District Governor. Be sure to support her this year with her goals.

*Lion Isabel Atcheson*

1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor

As your club makes donations, remember our district is challenged to raise \$1,500 to help the Special Olympics Winter Games on Perfect North Slopes, Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Mail your club or personal donation written to District 25-D, and on the memo line: Special Olympics Winter Games, to our District Treasurer Lion Bob Yunker, 924 East Auman Drive, Carmel, IN 46033.



### LIONS WHO HAVE ENDED THEIR SERVICE

Paul Becker	Anderson Noon
Edna Scott	Kempton
Patricia Bell	Montpelier

### LIONS WEBSITES

International: [Lionsclubs.org](http://Lionsclubs.org)

State: [IndianaLions.org](http://IndianaLions.org)

E-mail: [Indylions@indianalions.org](mailto:Indylions@indianalions.org)

District: [Lions25-D.org](http://Lions25-D.org)

[Indianalionsfoundationd25.org](http://Indianalionsfoundationd25.org)

Lions State Projects:

[www.lionscancercontrol.org](http://www.lionscancercontrol.org)

[www.indianalionseyebank.org](http://www.indianalionseyebank.org)

[www.leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org)

[www.indylionsspeechhearing.org](http://www.indylionsspeechhearing.org)

[www.inlionsforisbvi.org](http://www.inlionsforisbvi.org)

## IPDG STEVE STARTING CLUB REBUILDING PROCESS

Hello Lions of 25-D,

Lion Katherine and I wish to thank you for your welcoming fellowship and support during our 2016-2017 year as your District Governor and Lion First Lady. In case you are not aware, each time we visited a club or event with one of our two Leader Dogs for the blind puppies, Nanook or Yahzi, you were involved in helping us to train and socialize the puppy.

Although we were not able to charter any new clubs, we worked diligently to save or rebuild some clubs, even with that effort sadly we lost the Northwestern Club after the club's 48<sup>th</sup> year of Lions service. Also, the Daleville Club had their charter cancelled.

The good news is that I was able to rebuild the Kempton Club when I made my 5 hour official visit in June, sponsoring and inducting four new members and installing their new officers. Lion Katherine and I, along with the approval of now District Governor Cindy Wright, will be assisting the Kempton Club with the process of requesting a \$750 grant from our own Indiana Lions Foundation to offset the cost of having to install and connect to the town's sewer system.

The even greater news is that when I made my official visit to the Muncie Lions Club in June, I worked with their president and secretary/treasurer to update their membership roll and facilitate at their request, a very sizeable donation to the 25-D District General Fund in the amount of \$78,661.71. Their only request is that the monies be used to help the district serve the youth and communities of the district and Indiana as determined by the district officers and cabinet(s). To that end I directed that \$2500 be donated to the Lions of Indiana fund to support the 2018 Special Olympic Winter Games held in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Further, they agreed to support the district's effort to help rebuild the club in the Muncie area. This is extremely important since the 2018 Multiple District (State) Convention will be held in Muncie. I would also like to thank Past District Governor Jack Weist for his guidance and assistance in working with the Muncie Club.

I am asking for your club's and individual support as I travel around the southern half of the district as your LCIF co-coordinator, Past District Governor Frank Rush Jr, will be the co-coordinator covering the northern half of the district. We will be working to reach our district's goal for LCIF for 2017-2018.

Gratefully serving,

*Steve Holtzleiter*

Immediate Past District Governor

"Success always happens when preparation meets opportunity"

**Noblesville Lions** have inducted 6 new members so far this year + one transfer. Last year they inducted 10 new members.

Way to go Noblesville!

**Fowlerton Lions** inducted three new members and the sponsor was the same Lion who has sponsored several new Lions. I asked how he managed to keep bringing in new members and learned he asks people he sees at church. How many of us do that?

**Fowlerton Lions** made a donation to the rebuilding the James Dean Stage project that **Fairmount Lions** are doing.





**Pendleton Lions** sold out of corn and chicken sandwiches during "4<sup>th</sup> at the Falls". Pictured: Lions Penny Creger, Ralph Burns, Mike Ott and Dick Creger.



**Albany Lions Club** held a golf tournament and netted more than \$6,000. WOW!

The Howard County 4-H Fair, sponsored and run by the **Greentown Lions Club** is from July 10<sup>th</sup> thru July 15<sup>th</sup>. Two of the food venders there are the **Greentown Lions** and the **Russiaville Lions Clubs**. After eating your meal, look up the **Cassville Lions** Strawberry Shortcake trailer. Yum, Yum!

As your club makes donations, remember our district is challenged to raise \$1,500 to help the Special Olympics Winter Games in southern Indiana. Mail your club or personal donation written to District 25-D, and on the memo line: Special Olympics Winter Games, to our District Treasurer Bob Yunker, 924 East Auman Drive, Carmel, IN 46033.

<u>Lions Club</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Anderson Noon	Julia Dotson	Katherine Holtzleiter
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Fowlerton	Richard Hook	Laverne Coulter
Greentown	Ralph Wilson	Kim Patton
Greentown	Jason Wise	Jean Wise
Kempton	George Cambron	Steven Holtzleiter
Kempton	Jeri Cambron	Steven Holtzleiter
Kempton	Ralph Smith	Steven Holtzleiter
Kempton	Sharon Smith	Steven Holtzleiter
Lapel	Tracy Davis	
Lapel	William Davis	
Noblesville	George Long	David Marsh



Lions of District D,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of Law Camp. With your help we are able to provide scholarships, pizza parties, cookouts, transportation, gift bags, eye screenings, Leaderdog presentations, ice cream socials, lots of water and snacks, and extra hands to assist where needed.

We know that Law Camps have been outstanding camps that the campers love to attend, meet peers from around the state, and have a better understanding of the different aspects of Law Enforcement through the guidance of the best handpicked counselors who have a real dedication to the well being of the Camps.

The Lions of Indiana have been an important part of Law Camp and we appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

PID Linda Tincher and PDG Betty Weist, Law Camp State Co-Chairs



*Above:* Lion Kassie Lemons from **Anderson Noon Lions Club** talked with campers about Lions Leader Dog program.

*Center:* PDG Jack Salsbery District F, eye-screens one of the campers.

*Upper Right:* Ann (left) and Ralph Bowyer, former Markleville Lions and Linda Courtier of Pendleton Lions prepare an ice cream bar for the campers.

*Left:* Jalon Marbley-Evans from Indy and Robert Thornburg from Muncie are congratulated and given camp Lion Scholarships for 2018 by PDG Betty during Law Camp graduation on July 1.



*Right:* PDG and IN Lions Foundation Trustee Betty Weist presented Sgt. Tony Slocum with W. P. Woods Fellowship for his outstanding work with the Anderson University ISP/Lions Law Camp and for his dedicated service to the citizens of Indiana. "Thank you for a job well done."

# Indiana Lions Foundation Needs Your Help

## Please volunteer to work at the Indiana State Fair

The Indiana Lions Foundation provides ticket sellers and ticket scanners at four gates and we will be providing ticket sellers on the tractor shuttles on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Indiana State Fair. **The fair runs from Friday August 4th—Sunday, August 20st.** Over 700 shifts need to be filled over this 17 day period. This is the single largest fundraiser for the Foundation and the money is used to provide Foundation Grants to individual clubs.

Working at the State Fair as a ticket seller or scanner is much easier than it has been in the past. The computer terminals worked very well last year and selling tickets requires only pushing three buttons. Scanning tickets requires only that the worker hold the hand held scanner over the bar-coded ticket and press the trigger.

Most positions are sitting and two of the four gates have air conditioned booths for the ticket sellers. The Tunnel Gate may require some standing, although that is not normally a busy gate. The tractor shuttles requires the ticket seller to move along the inside the shuttle and collect money. When not busy there are seats available at the rear of each shuttle.

Two shifts are available to work. The morning shift is from 7:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.. The afternoon shift is from 1:30 p.m.—9:00/9:30 p.m..(10:00 on shuttle)

In return for working the Indiana Lions Foundation is offering W.P. Woods Fellowship credits for workers—one credit for the morning shift and two credits for the afternoon shift. It takes 10 credits to earn a regular W.P. Woods and 12 credits for the Centennial Plate. The Centennial plate will be offered for a limited number of years. Bring a car load of Lions and friends and join us at the Fair this year.

You may use the Foundation website to volunteer at

**<http://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/>**