

MANE EVENTS

in District 25-G



May, 2015
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May 2nd

Madison Twp. Blood Drive
8:00am—12:00pm
15660 Woodland Av., Wyatt
Free Breakfast for all who drop by
Appt: www.GiveBloodNow.com

May 9th

District Meeting
Greene Township Community Bldg.

May 9th

Lakeville Port-a-Pit
Chicken and Pork Chop sale
9:00 am—1:00 pm or until sold out

May 16th

Madison Twp. Pork Chop Sale
Fire Station, Wyatt, 11am-2pm
Carry out only—\$5.00 each.

May 30th

LaFontaine Tenderloin Fry
(Richvalley will fry)
4:00 pm—7:00 pm
LaFontaine Community Building

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Lions District 25-G



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John Krzyzanowski and John Preheim honored at the 2015 Indiana State Convention



Pictured left to right: District Governor Marty Juel, John Krzyzanowski, International President Joe Preston and Past International President Wayne Madden



Pictured left to right: District Governor Marty Juel, Lion John Preheim, International President Joe Preston and Past International President Wayne Madden

Two District G Lions were honored at the State Convention Awards Banquet. John Krzyzanowski received a Presidential Medal. This is the second highest award given by LCI. John Preheim received the Leadership Medal. It is the third highest award given by LCI. Congratulations to both Lions.

From the Gov-



Got your 'Flux Capacitor' ready?

A 1985 science fiction film with reference to another Marty and the year 2015 is my focus this month. Of course you remember it's a story about an aspiring musician (Michael J. Fox) and his friend 'Doc Brown' (Christopher Lloyd) turning back in time with their modified DeLorean. It's cute and today we look back from the time when film ends (2015) when Marty and Doc disappear into the future along with the DeLorean and Marty's girlfriend. A picture perfect ending.

We're at the time of year when clubs are electing officers for the upcoming year. They should be as charged up as when Doc's time machine uses a lightning strike on a clock tower to jump into the future, even if some officers are serving another year. We need to remind ourselves to forget about the past and plan for the future. Forget about the past mistakes and setbacks and use your experience to better anticipate the future. Get out your 'flux capacitor' and dare to chart a new course of action,

involving new members in the process. Without the 'flux capacitor' you'd still be using a crank to start your car (think 'club') and begin a new year.

The difference between a crank and a flux capacitor is a club's willingness to dream and dare to be different. It's our reluctance to step outside the box and make our clubs proactive in preparing to go 'Back to the Future', leaving less than stellar projects and programs behind. In my travels, I've seen many clubs report on upcoming projects and hearing, "So-and-so will take care of that, he/she has been doing it every year.....". My concern is whether or not the club has considered doing something different, to chart a new course to make things easier, more efficient and heaven-forbid, more profitable. Never mind the benefits of preparing newer members for future club leadership positions by allowing them to be mentored into chairing a project.

If your club is having trouble finding members to take leadership positions, ask yourselves what steps have you taken to encourage them? When I've been asked to induct new members during my club visits, the first thing I tell the new Lions is they are now members of the club's membership committee. Who better is in a position to identify prospects than someone who comes to the organization with a new circle of acquaintances to introduce to our

world of service? And I tell them not to ask people to join their Lions club, but to introduce prospects to the service projects their club is doing. We send the wrong signal if we preach service from one side of our mouths, and ask people to join a club from the other. Asking people to join us in service is not threatening to anyone. Asking people to join a 'club' may have a lot of unanswered questions and cause them to react negatively.

This is not contrary to the 'Ask1' campaign from LCI. That campaign focuses on service and introducing non-members to join us in our efforts. Once there is a comfort level between those prospects and our club, the non-threatening 'ask' can be accomplished. Those who participate with us in service often will ask how they can join us.

When Doc Brown's time machine ran out of the power required to operate, he said the only source that could provide the necessary 1.21 gigawatts of electricity to get it started was from a bolt of lightning. With Lions clubs, that 'bolt of lightning' comes from new members. All we need to do is attach the power cord to the clock tower and allow the charge to engage the flux capacitor. I'll leave it to your imagination to connect the dots and see how this relates to engaging your club's membership and get **back to the future**.

DG Marty Juel

Experiencing the Service Together

Greetings Fellow Lions!!

I wanted to share with you another one of those soul stirring experiences we Lions can all relate to. DG Marty, Lion Jeanine and I had the privilege of visiting the members of the LEO club based at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. We were invited by the LEO's to talk about the nuts and bolts of how things work in Lions and share with them what the clubs in our district are doing.

Topics ranged from meeting agendas, officer responsibilities, constitutional inquiries to Leader Dog programs. They also explained what it takes to sharpen their mobility skills out in the world. We were shown their computer centers and equipment along with what it takes to convert a book to Braille.

We were equally interested in their service projects and what they are accomplishing. Keep in mind, these young folks, like many LEO's, are very energetic, creative, and really intelligent. One service project example is they work with people at the local senior care facility doing various activities to enrich the lives of the residents. They also have fundraisers for different projects they support.

As part of our conversation, the members of the club are interested in ways to identify new service projects. We shared with them some of the projects we are doing and explained some of the tools that are available including the CEP workshop. All of us participated in some brainstorming on different ideas to help grow their club. One suggestion that hit a home run is to have this club get together with other LEO clubs and Lions clubs to perform joint projects together. Hmmm this sounds familiar.

"Experiencing the service together". Gotta love it!! I do want to mention that the LEO Staff Sponsor, Josh Mathews, took the time to provide us with a very comprehensive tour of this wonderful facility. He did a terrific job and after we were finished he stated that it was the first time he had ever given a tour of the school... I thought he was kidding. The man did a terrific job and we are very appreciative for his efforts. That place is HUGE! It sits on 64 acres and goes and goes and goes.

In closing, I couldn't help but to think WOW. I wish

every LION could experience the excitement, creativity, energy, and pride these amazing people radiate. They all truly are dedicated to service now and in the future. They are studying hard to pursue careers in a variety of fields. Anything from education to auto maintenance and everything in between.

What an inspiration to us all. This was another day of service I will never forget. Thank You very much to all the members of the ISBVI LEO Club for inviting us to your meeting and sharing your life's dreams and future plans with us. What a cherished gift!!!

Lion Vic, DGE 25G

USA Canada Forum



KEY FORUM DETAILS

LOCATION: DeVos Place Convention Center,
Grand Rapids, Michigan

DATES: September 17-19, 2015

WHAT IS IT?: Gathering of Lions Leaders from throughout North America for three full days of training, sharing and fellowship.

Are YOU coming to the 2015 Forum? [Register here!](#)

Procedure for LCIF (Melvin Jones) and Lions of Indiana Foundation (Wm. P. Woods) Contributions

If you are submitting \$1000 for a Melvin Jones Fellowship or \$500 for a W. P. Woods Fellowship **BE SURE YOU INCLUDE THE PROPER FORM.** If you wish an application form for a W. P. Woods Fellowship contact me or one of our Indiana Lions Foundation Trustees—Lions Rose Russell, Marlyn Fast or Mary Ann Mast. Or you can download it at www.indianalions.org under Printable Forms. For a Melvin Jones Fellowship Application Form, contact me or our District LCIF Chairperson Lion Martin Van Meter. Or you can download it at www.lcif.org.

Mail your applications and checks direct to the addresses on the forms to insure receiving your awards quickly. REMEMBER, it sometimes takes a month or longer so be sure to apply in plenty of time so your award(s) are received by your planned presentation date.

LCIF guidelines state that clubs can accumulate donations for Melvin Jones Awards if each payment is at least \$100 and the required amount, \$1000, is accumulated within five (5) years. If you anticipate doing this you need to indicate with each payment your club's intentions by checking that you will supply a designee at a later date. If you have a question about the amount your club or individual Lions in your club already have on deposit with LCIF please contact me or Lion Martin Van Meter as we have that information.

The Indiana Lions Foundation has similar guidelines regarding installment payments. If your club feels it can accumulate \$500 within a reasonable period of time you need to indicate with each payment your club's intention with a note stating you will supply a designee at a later date. Installment payments should not be less than \$125. To learn how much your club has on deposit with the Indiana Lions Foundation, contact one of our trustees. Lions can earn \$50 credit toward a W. P. Woods Fellowship for themselves, another Lion or their club by working a shift for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the State Fair. Contact one of our trustees for information about working at the State Fair this summer. The dates are August 7 – 23.

BOTH OF THESE ARE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CLUB TO SUPPORT OUR FOUNDATIONS AND HONOR OUTSTANDING LIONS FOR THEIR SERVICE AT THE SAME TIME!

By the time you receive this newsletter I hope you have reported your club's officers for 2015-2016 on the MyLCI website and submitted that report to DG Marty Juel, DGE Vic Fischer and Directory Editor Lion Rose Russell. This is urgently needed so that DGE Vic's District Directory can be completed for 2015-2016 and to the printer before he leaves for District Governor Elect School and the International Convention in Honolulu in June.

CLUB OFFICER TRAINING will soon be held in four locations in the district on four different evenings. Please watch for the schedule in this newsletter and encourage ALL OF YOUR OFFICERS to attend, whether new to the position or a returning officer, as new information will be given for all officer positions. All Lions are welcome to attend as there will be information of interest to everyone.

If you have questions about any of the above or other topics, please don't hesitate to contact me at (574) 457-3054 or ahaffner@kconline.com and I'll do my best to assist you.

LAST OPPORTUNITY

DEADLINE DATE JUNE 1ST

Promote Your Club and Support the District

Use an ad in the 2015-2016 district directory to promote your club's activities, recognize an outstanding member, or show your support for club or district officers. Ad revenue is used to offset the cost of printing the directory. Send your print- or camera-ready ad, with a check payable to "District 25-G" to:

**CT Rose Russell
PO Box 31
Lakeville, IN 46536**

1/4 Page \$25 (3 5/8 x 1 1/2)

1/2 Page \$50 (3 5/8 x 3)

Full Page \$100 (3 5/8 x 6 1/4)

Deadline Change for July Newsletter

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the July newsletter will be **June 10th**. This will be a change for the July newsletter only. In all other months the deadline will remain the 20th of month.

Attend the Officer's Training program at one of these locations

May 13

Greene Township
Community Bldg

May 21

Urbana Community Bldg.

June 3

Atwood Community Bldg.

June 4

New Paris Sunnyside Park



All sessions: 7-8:30 p.m.



Lakeville Lions Club to Host 2016 State Convention

The Lakeville Lions Club in District 25-G will be the host club for the Indiana Lions 2016 State Convention in Shipshewanna, Indiana, Friday-Sunday, April 29-May 1, 2016. Lion Rose Russell and PDG Paul Russell are the chairpersons of the convention organizing committee.

The Blue Gate Garden Inn will be the headquarters hotel. The hotel has guaranteed us a room rate of \$89 per night, with additional rooms at two other area hotels for the same price. There are less-expensive rooms in other area hotels for those on a budget.

Most convention activities will take place in the Shipshewanna Event Center, a short walk across the parking lot from the Blue Gate Garden Inn. The Shipshewanna Event Center is also the home of the Hostetler's Hudson Auto Museum.

Shipshewanna is located in LaGrange County, in the heart of Indiana Amish Country. The town is small, with less than 1000 residents, but it has approximately 150 specialty shops and a flea market with more than 1000 vendors. The flea market is open on Tuesday and Wednesday, from May through September, and will open for the season on the Tuesday after the convention.

More than 550 people attended the recent Indiana Lions 2015 State Convention in Columbus, Indiana, and we hope to have at least that many in Shipshewanna. Hotel rates and meal prices will be reasonable, and there is lots to see and do in Shipshewanna and the surrounding area.

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us for the Indiana Lions 2016 State Convention in Shipshewanna, Indiana, Friday-Sunday, April 29-May 1, 2016.

Check out our NEW Website

lions25g.org

Send news of your upcoming event to
webmaster@lions25g.org

Include your flyer and we'll post it on the 'Events' page. Be sure to check out the calendar on the home page for events of district clubs.

Akron Lions Club Builds Ramp



Early in April the Akron Lions built a ramp for a local person. The length of the ramp is approximately 20 feet.

Right Picture Front row: Left to right are Lions Jack Shriver (red jacket) Jeff Crockett, Alan Sterk, Don Jones, Merle Tinkey. Back row: Left to right are Lions Harvey Arthur and Craig Brouette.



LaFontaine Lions Club

LaFontaine's baseball committee asked for help to improve the baseball field. The LaFontaine Lions club provided drinks, help paint the dugout, helped repair and paint the bleachers and worked on the main field



Fulton-Liberty Lions Club Donates Trees to 4th Grade Class

Pictures of Teresa Rentschler's fourth grade Caston Class posing with some of the Norway Spruce trees provided by the Fulton-Liberty Lions Club for Earth Day. That's teacher Rentschler on the left in the back row and Lions member Karla Gregory next to her (burgundy top). The Lions Club sponsored trees for all fourth graders, the first year of what they hope will be an annual project.

Culver Lions Club Sponsors Liberty Day Presentation

The annual Culver Lions Club Liberty Day presentation for the Culver Community High School juniors and Culver Community Middle School 8th grade was held April 21 in the high school auditorium. Liberty Day is held to promote the principles of good government and good citizenship by focusing on how every elected official has a direct responsibility to uphold the US Constitution. The US Constitution is the oldest instrument of national government in the world.

Jerry Greeson, Union Township Trustee, introduced himself and shared some highlights of his life. After serving in the military and completing college he taught school. He soon learned that teaching was not for him. He returned to college and earned his C.P.A. After a career in that profession, along with coaching most sports, he retired to Culver and Union Township. In retirement he continues with accounting although he says he is primarily a Tax Man. He continues to coach and is currently the Academies' coach for softball.

Greeson then spoke of the U S Constitution and shared some Amendments that the students might find especially important in their lives such as those involving the end of slavery, the right for all men to vote, the repeal of prohibition, the right for women to vote, and reducing the age of voting to 18. However, his duties as Township Trustee are defined in the Preamble, not the Amendments. His mandate is in the phrase "promote the general Welfare". And that is what a township trustee does. He provides assistance to those in need helping with financial matters and with the Food Pantry through the Council of Churches. One of his biggest endeavors is maintaining the cemeteries in the Township. Not only is there the mowing and cleaning, but also the selling of lots and the keeping of accurate records. Time was allotted for the students to ask questions at the end of the presentation.

The program was introduced by Lion Jim Harper who thanked teacher Theresa Jacobson for coordinating with the Culver Lions to make the event possible. Thanks were expressed to high school Principal Brett Berndt for his warm welcome. At the conclusion of the program Lions Ed & Lora Pinder, Lynn Davis, Cheryl Geik, Don Freese, and Barbara Winters gave each student a copy of the US Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence. The Lions motto is WE SERVE. Liberty Day is one of the many ways that fulfills that motto.

Pictured below left is Union Township Jerry Greeson speaking to the junior class at Culver Community High School.

Pictured below right from left to right is Social Studies teacher Theresa Jacobson, and Lions Ed and Lora Pinder distributing copies of the US Constitution



2015 Indiana Lions State Convention

The 2015 Indiana Lions State Convention was held in Columbus, Indiana, April 23rd—April 26th. International President Joe Preston was the International Guest and keynote speaker at the Saturday night awards dinner. 40 Lions and spouses of District G attended the convention.



← Past District Governor Dave Eisen is presented his jewel pin for completing the requirements while was district governor.



Lions Angela Himes (left) and Beverly Reid (right) → of the Pierceton Lions Club serve popcorn at District G's hospitality suite.



Several Lions From District G enjoy the Friday Night Dinner. →

← PDG Jeri Seely (left) and ID Linda Tincher enjoy the convention meal.



Click [here](#) for more pictures

Welcome New Members

During the month of March, 3 clubs in our district added 6 new members. We welcome these new Lions and commend their sponsors for inviting them to join the GREATEST SERVICE ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD. Sponsors, remember this is only the first step in your responsibility. Please be sure to involve your new Lion in all club activities.

Laketon Lions Club

Member: Lucinda Johnson
Sponsor: Thelma Butler

Member: Glendon Morgan
Sponsor: Thelma Butler

Plymouth Lions Club

Member: Rebekkah Peacock
Sponsor: Ken Lukenbill

Member: Alicia Torres
Sponsor: Manuel Guerrero

Member: Rose Swartz
Sponsor: Ken Lukenbill

Rochester Lions Club

Member: Mike Gilliland
Sponsor: John Roberts

Completion of Service

Larry Eib passed away on March 26, 2015 at the age of 75. Lion Larry was a 20 year member of the La Fontaine Lions Club.

Harold W. Jones Jr. passed away on March 14, 2015 at the age of 93. Lion Harold was a 30 year member of the Peru Lions Club.

Marv Lilla passed away on April 13, 2015 at the age of 56. Lion Marv was a 4 year member of the Peru Lions Club.

Women In Lions Membership

By: Lion Judy Wells

As DG Marty's "reign" comes to a close, we want to continue his challenge to bring new members into our clubs. Talk to friends and colleagues, these are your best source for new members.

On a recent vacation we were discussing what we do as Lions. A friend commented, "That really hits my hot button. I believe in all that you do". She is now visiting our club to learn more about what our local club does and more about Lions International.

The new eye screening for school age students is a great opportunity to get women involved. The screening is easy, no major equipment is needed. Invite a friend to go along to a screening so they can see the importance of Lions in your schools and community.

Lions 25-G
District Meeting



Saturday
May **9**, 2015

Greene Township Hall
24600 Roosevelt Rd. ♦ South Bend
Registration begins at **11 a.m**
FREE lunch at Noon ♦ Mtg. begins at **1:00**



Batter Up!

Special Program -

Joe Hart, President, South Bend Cubs

Our special guest will discuss the recent changes of the South Bend minor league team and how it has energized new levels of enthusiasm. Find out how the team is using community service to reach out and target new fans. If this sounds familiar to what we should do as Lions, **YOU'RE RIGHT!** Be sure to come and hear this story. **PLUS**, a new membership incentive program will be detailed to help give you and your members new reasons to reach out and introduce Lions to non-members. Special door prizes from the South Bend Cubs will also be given away!

**RESERVE YOUR
SPOT NOW !**

**BRING YOUR BAKED GOODS AND GENTLY
USED TREASURES FOR OUR SILENT AUCTION**

Special incentives to register now, either online or by mail

Sure, the meal will be free, but **ONLY** for those who pre-register. Registrations after May 2 and at the door will be \$5, based on food availability. **PLUS**, Lions will be assigned a number as reservations are received by the Cabinet Secretary and those numbers will be used to establish the sequence for the meal line-up. **PLUS, PLUS**, pre-registration is required in order to qualify for the door prize drawing. Hey, it's free, so be sure to sign up now.

Help us plan - HEY, it's FREE Mail to:

CS PDG Ann Haffner - 11268 N. State Road 13 - Syracuse, IN 46567

YOU CAN EMAIL your registration to: ahaffner@kconline.com

From _____ Lions Club

The following Lions will be attending the May 9th District Meeting:



2015 Law Camp Information

had wash cloths for each bag and a cereal bars.

What else can Lions do for campers: WATER, WATER, WATER! Law Camps are in June and July. Hot months! They exercise, they march, they work out, they do pushups, sit ups, pushups, dying cockroaches, more pushups, more marching, play sports, attend educational classes, more pushups and marching. And they drink- WATER that Lions provide. If an individual or a club can donate a case of water or money to purchase water we are very grateful. Snacks are always welcome such as crackers and Little Debbie's. Last year one of the DG's donated a box full of t-shirts and the Camp Directors used these for prizes and/or for making squad shirts. It's always great to have some towels for kids that forget or last year it was the nurse that forgot her towels. Also appreciated are a few deodorants and some toothpaste- these are junior high school kids! And even duct tape, scissors, tape- You never know when something needs to be fixed!

Lions are on hand the first day of camp (on Wednesday) to register and assign dorm rooms and give each camper the welcome bag. The first meal at camp is a Lions prepared meal. The kids love the taco parties that the Lions serve. The Anderson Camp has confirmation for its taco party. We still need confirmation for the Vincennes Camp.

Following the taco party we have a Leader Dog presentation

at one camp and eye testing at the other camp. Kids love dogs and trustees love to talk about dogs. Parents love for Lions to check eyes and Lions love to perform this service. A few of the classes the campers are introduced to are: Scuba officers (at the pool), Dangers of Electricity, CSI/DNA scenarios, Prison Dog Program, ERT Demonstration, EOD Demonstration, National Guard Leadership program, FBI.

Both camps have taco parties, ice cream socials, pizza parties, Leader Dog programs, a cook out dinner, and vision testing, all provided by Lions.

Saturday is graduation day where the parents see a transformation in the kids as they march into the hall and are given certificates and awards. This is the day the kids see the troopers in their uniforms for the first time. As the parents see their kids march in they often say, "this isn't the same kid I left here 4 days ago."

One or more of the campers that attend camp could be a future law enforcement officer and will remember the positive and dedicated officers and Lions they interacted with at Law Camp as they start their years of service.

VDGE Betty Weist
Law Camp State Chair
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Markleville, IN 46056
765-623-3553
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The time is fast approaching for the 2015 Law Camps. Vincennes University Camp will be held June 17-20, and the Anderson University Camp will be held July 8-11.

The camp fee for 2015 is \$150. Applications may be [downloaded from this link](#). Send the completed applications, along with the checks to the chairperson listed at the bottom of this article. If a club wants to make a donation to help with camp or a scholarship for a camper, send those checks to your district treasurer and they will be forwarded to the state comptroller.

Lions from around the state save items during the year that we put together in a "welcome to camp gift bag" for the campers when they register. In the gift bag is a **Lions of IN Welcome You** card, hotel size shampoos, lotion, soap, toothbrush, pad of paper, pencil, pens (from state projects), squirt gun (these are kids), and any other items that we are given for the bags. Last year we

45th Annual District 25-G Golf Tournament

**SAVE
THE
Date**



**Aug. 5,
2015**

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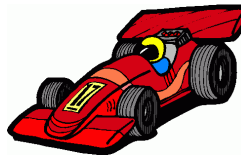
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Indiana Racing Lions Schedule

Memorial Day - Monday May 25th.
Milford --- Line up at 9 - parade at 10

**JULY 4th - Saturday - The St. Joseph
County Fair Parade** - Down town South
Bend - this is also the 150 year parade for
the city of South Bend - Line up starts at
6:30 AM - Parade starts at 9:30 AM. Parade
starts at Four Winds Field - traveling North
on Lafayette to Colfax - West on Colfax to
Williams and South to Western Avenue.

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