

MANE EVENTS

in District 25-G



July, 2015
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Jul 2

Syracuse Lions Club & Stan Fox
Memorial Silent Auction
Syracuse Community Center 5-8 p.m.
Adults \$10, Children (under 10) \$5.00
Children under 3 free

July 31 & August 1

2015 Fulton Fun Days
Food & Craft Vendors both days
Facebook.com\Fulton Lions

July 3 -10

Lakeville Lions Club
Visit our food booth at the
St. Joseph County 4-H Fair

August 7-23

Indiana Lions Foundation Fundraiser at
the Indiana State Fair
Volunteer to sell or scan tickets
See page 6 of newsletter

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Lion Vic Fischer Installed as District 25-G Governor



*Pictured back row: DG John Brown, DG Randy Greer, DG Ken Krauter,
DG Glen Georges, DG Richard McKellar.*

Pictured front row: CC Jeff Schafer, DG Betty Weist & DG Vic Fischer

Lion Vic Fischer was installed as District Governor of District 25-G at the close of the 98th International Convention, which was held in Honolulu, Hawaii, June 26-30, 2015. DG Vic and his wife, Lion Diane, are members of the Lakeville Lions Club.

DG Vic's theme for the 2015-2016 Lions year is "Experience Service Together". DG Vic encourages all Lions Clubs and individual Lions in District 25-G to participate in the new Operation SchoolSight project to provide school-age vision screening, and in the district-wide effort to raise \$15,000 to pay for two suites in the new Canine Development Center at Leaders Dogs for the Blind.

From the Gov-



Experience Service Together !

Greetings Fellow Lions,

As we all know, our Lions emblem has two opposing lion heads on it. One lion looking back to remind us of our rich past and accomplishments and the other look toward the future. I took the time to look at what we all wrote for the June 2014 district newsletter. Many, if not all, of the items mentioned are as relevant today as they were a year ago. Important items like a club vision, objectives, milestones, membership growth and development, and new service projects. Everyone has that done right?

DG Marty spoke of the new format of our district newsletter and the importance of easy to use multi-media. Helping you get the word out in an effort to support your clubs activities. By the way, this has been very successful and we are going to continue using this format this year. Please send Lion Rose Russell all that you are doing. We all want to know!! Especially events relating to your service projects...Our lions in action. "Bannered".

Now let's look to the future for a minute. Our vision statement is "That the members and clubs of

District 25-G will be a Vibrant, Visible, and Relevant force for good in our communities. Through our service projects we will grow and develop our members while serving our local communities and those around the world." Seems pretty simple don't you think? Growing while serving others. Growing while Experiencing Service Together. You get the picture. So what's out there to get this accomplished you ask? Great Question!! Answer-We have two district wide service projects that we are going to do this year. You may have heard about them. Both have literally been dropped in our laps. The timing is absolutely perfect.

The first – Our district is going to provide at least TWO new kennel suites in support of the Leader Dog Facility renovation. We are the first Lions district in the nation to do this. Yes WE are the tip of the spear on this one. The efforts will be coordinated and conducted by each zone (all 10 of them) throughout the district. All the clubs in each zone working together to raise the awareness of Leader Dog and the funds necessary so we can provide the suites and supporting infrastructure. We are building something together by harnessing the power and energy of our district. Each suite costs \$ 7500.00 and if you break it down that's approximately \$300.00 per club for the two. We will close the project during our final cabinet meeting in 2016.

This project serves three purposes. The first is to unite all our clubs throughout our district in achieving a common goal – Team work.

Second, to support one of our state projects. Did you know that Leader Dog currently produces about 300 dogs a year to help enhance the lives of blind or visually impaired people? The service life of the new suites is

around 30 years. Doing the math, all of us in District 25-G will help to contribute 9000 Leader Dogs. We together will be serving a lot of people.

Last but not least, the third objective is to have fun together! Networking, see members from other clubs, enjoying fellowship, being bold and creative in different ways to support this project.

The concept of district projects will stretch beyond this governor's year. In coordination with our 1st and 2nd VDGs we will be using this approach to support our other state projects in the future.

The other major project is the vusuib screening program called Operation School Sight. Brought to us by PDG Charlie Short of District 25-C we have the opportunity to screen 3rd, 5th and 8th grade children as mandated by the state of Indiana.

We also can do high school ages as well if the school nurses desire. This is a simple, easy to use system that any club can participate in with high results. One side benefit is clubs that perform this service may gain membership because people see our Lions in action and want in on the fun. Our boots on the ground!

A little heads up. It's pretty safe to say that clubs will need to work together to provide the necessary manpower as needed depending on the size and scope of the school system. As a district, Lion Rose Russell is our project Leader and we want to track/report the number of students surveyed and the clubs performing these wonderful services. We all want to know how we are doing!! This project will be ongoing like the Dictionary Project. Where there is a need there's a Lion.

As you can see we have a lot of great things to do this Lions year!! Let's hit the ground running and Experience Service Together!! Thank You very much for all that you are doing and keep up the great work!

Lion Vic, DG 25G

How Do YOU Break the Ice?



How many of us have our “30 second elevator speech” at the ready when we meet someone who could be THE next great addition to your Lions Club? If not, here are some bullet point ideas that could help start an intriguing conversation!

- What are the best benefits of your job?
 - 0 Then let them know that you have great benefits from your VOLUNTEER activities with Lions
 - You make new friends, along with new professional connections
 - You make your community a better place to live by coordinating projects
 - IT'S FUN!
 - Have you ever been involved in any community service?
 - 0 Listen, and relate how giving back to your community is such a joy to both YOU, and the people you serve
 - 0 It gives you a reason, a purpose beyond the typical “job”
 - 0 Lions have pride in helping others...as well as being a pride OF Lions, working together
- What is your favorite way to make new friends?
 - 0 When a group works together to help others, you have fun in the making.
 - 0 Working side-by-side with other Lions doesn't just make you friends, you become family.
 - Have you been looking for a way to increase your leadership skills?
 - 0 There are so many opportunities for personal development in Lions
 - ♦ From Public Relations to Board of Directors activities
 - ♦ Learn strong organizational skills – similar to leading your own business
 - Have you gone to many Business-After-Hours for networking opportunities?
 - 0 There are so many people with different backgrounds in the Lions
 - 0 From doctors to school teachers to construction workers, the wide assortment of members help the club grow and do so many different things
 - Do you know what the biggest difference is between the Lions and other civic organizations?
 - 0 Yes, Lions serve our local communities, but it's the only worldwide organization of its kind
 - Are you looking for a family-friendly group that has opportunities for young people?
 - 0 We clean parks, build ramps, provide vision screening, beautify parks – kids LOVE that
 - 0 We have a great contest for young kids, with our Peace Poster Contest. Kids deserve to be heard

So, when you meet someone who might have the potential of becoming the next great Lion, start that conversation, find out about their interests, and intertwine them with the mission of Lions. We Serve!

1st VDG Peg VanNevel

What Do You Really Want?



Think about this - on Saturday morning you get up, get dressed, eat breakfast and then drive to town. You go to a store that carries drill bits. You selected the store based on several factors – cost, location, amount of help you will receive. You locate the correct department and of the many different types of

drill bits you make your selection and then pay for it and drive back home. So why did you do this? The answer is simple – YOU DIDN'T WANT A DRILL BIT - YOU WANTED A QUARTER INCH HOLE! So what does this have to do with Lions Club? In my club visits and discussions with Lions at meetings, there is an overarching theme – “we need members!”. But we need to remember the lesson of the drill bit. We didn't drive to town because we REALLY wanted a drill bit – we REALLY wanted the hole. People do not wake up one morning and say – “I really want to be a Lion and cook pancakes, pop popcorn, fry tenderloins or fish”. They wake up wanting to make a difference and want to find a group that can help them do that. They want to feel that what they do matters and that their actions have had some impact on the people they care about and in the world around them. So when you are talking to people about Lions, do you talk about the fund raiser you are having – “we fried 300 pounds of tenderloins last weekend” or do you talk about the scholarships you have given, the eyeglasses you have washed, the vision screenings you have performed or the dictionaries you have handed out? Lions serve – make sure everyone knows the impact we have on our communities. Together we do make a difference.

2nd VDG Tom Polk

Lionism at Its Best in 25-G

As we look at Lionism today we see an organization that has been declining in membership in the United States for the last 40 years. But even though our 25-G membership has been shrinking during this period of time, we have had those moments when great things have occurred.

We have had great projects developed, and some Lions clubs became very strong. We have had individual Lions who followed a vision and accomplished great things in their clubs, communities and beyond. And we have watched as one of Indiana's Lions even became the President of Lions Clubs International.

But as the years go by our membership in most clubs has a difficult time maintaining its strength. We joined our Lions club and found an activity that we enjoyed and which we knew was an important part in helping our club perform a worthwhile service.

Yet we tend to forget that the most important service we can perform is to bring someone else into our club and help them find an activity which gives them a sense of the importance of Lionism.

During the next 11 months each issue of the District Governor's newsletter will contain a write up about one of the Great 25-G Lions I have known or worked with on Lions projects. Hopefully their stories will inspire you to greater activities in Lionism and to invite someone else into this great humanitarian service.

PDG Charlie Haffner

From the Desk of Cabinet Secretary PDG Ann Haffner

Please share this information with your club's Officers and Board of Directors.

As the Lions of District 25-G begin a new year it is my privilege to again serve as your Cabinet Secretary.

Dues: In July your club will receive your July-December State and District Semi-Annual Dues Statement from CT Lion Rose Russell. You will be billed \$9.00 per member on record at Lions Clubs International on July 1.

In addition, Lions Clubs International will bill your club \$21.50 per member for July-December. For spouses and family members recorded as a Family Unit on MyLCI you will be billed \$10.75.

Dues are payable within thirty (30) days to both CT Rose and LCI. Checks for International dues should be made out to "International Association of Lions Clubs" and mailed to Lions Clubs International at the Chicago (not Oak Brook) address on the billing statement. District and State dues checks should be made out to "District 25-G" and mailed to CT Lion Rose Russell; PO Box 31; Lakeville, IN 46536.

Your club should be collecting at least \$61.00 in dues per year from each member. Family members enrolled in a Family Unit (except for the Head of Household) should be paying at least \$39.50 per year in dues. (Family members' international dues are \$21.50 per year rather than \$43.00.) Dues must be paid from your club's Administrative Fund, not from your club's Activities (Project) Fund. All money raised from the public must be used for charity.

Monthly Reports: Club Secretaries, it is extremely important for you to file the Monthly Membership Report on MyLCI by the last day of each month. After that it is considered late and may jeopardize your club's chances of earning the Club Excellence Award for 2015-2016. Monthly Activities should also be submitted on MyLCI each month but are not considered late if filed after the last day of the month.

Club Excellence Award: If your club finished positive in membership for this 2014-2015 Lions year, you may be eligible to receive the coveted "Club Excellence Award" if you fulfilled the other requirements. The form can be downloaded from either the LCI or District 25-G website or I can e-mail you a copy. Complete the form and mail it to: PDG Marty Juel; 3204 Village Court; Goshen, IN 46528. If you qualify he will affix his signature and forward it to LCI. **The Club Excellence Award Application for 2015-2016 will soon be available.** Please print a copy and use it as your road map to success for this new Lions year.

Budget: As your club's Board of Directors meets to plan for this new Lions year I encourage you to prepare both an administrative and activities budget of income and expenses to be approved by your club's membership. This will help to insure that your club remains financially sound, provides well defined guidelines for spending, keeps the membership well informed, alleviates unnecessary discussion and disagreement during club meetings, and helps to establish proof that your club is a charitable organization.

If you have questions at any time, please contact me at 574-457-3054 or ahaffner@kconline.com. Best wishes for a great 2015-2016 Lions year.



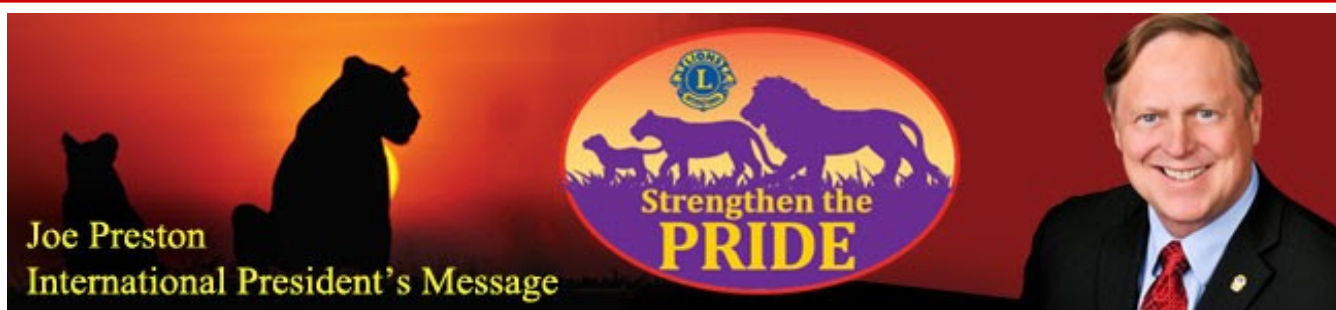
INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION

State Fair Volunteer Workers Needed

Check out our new website for information and to sign-up

Click on URL below

<https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/>



Dear Lion,

When I asked Lions to Strengthen the Pride last year, I had no idea just how strong we would become. It's been an incredible year thanks to you.

I asked you to strengthen your club, and we're stronger than ever. We have surpassed 1.4 million members because you made a commitment to growing your club to better serve your community and those who need us most.

We challenged Lions to help 100 million people through the Centennial Service Challenge, and you responded. More than 30 million people have benefitted from your service, which has strengthened communities and brought hope to millions around the world.

We've achieved so much together...and I hope you'll keep working to achieve even more. Keep inviting new members to position your club for success. Keep serving so we can reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal. And keep working to make the world a better place, which is what we do as Lions.

It has been an honor to lead dedicated, compassionate men and women like you. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your 2014-15 international president.



Keys to Membership Recruitment

Recruiting new members doesn't have to be chore—it's really just a change in our pre-conceived perceptions of behavior. While there is a process that must be developed, successful recruitment has to start from within your own club and the pride each member in your club has in being a Lion. Consider the following key elements you should consider as you develop your membership strategy:

- 0 **Teamwork:** All Lions are part of your membership committee, regardless whether they are listed in the committee's structure, or are listed as a club officer.
- 0 **Documentation:** Be sure to document the progress of those individuals who you are following or contacting to introduce them to Lionism. If they've visited your club, be sure to record the dates and document their response and the follow-up you've done.
- 0 **Fun:** Activities that Lions enjoy are also terrific motivators. Be sure to incorporate fun in your recruitment programs. You may consider developing teams and hold competition with rewards for those who are successful in bringing guests, signing new members and other significant steps in your recruiting program.
- 0 **Salesmanship:** Be knowledgeable about your Lions in general and your club in particular. Be prepared to give your 30 second 'elevator sales pitch' when talking with prospects about Lions.
- 0 **Consistency:** Prospects should receive information that is consistent from everyone on your team (remember- that's all members of your club). Disorganization can lead to confusion which can deter interest from prospects.
- 0 **Transparency:** Lions need to be willing to provide information about your club and Lions in general. If you are unfamiliar with something, get assistance from someone who will know the answers to their questions.
- 0 **Fun:** It bears repeating. If members are not having fun, your approach as Lions needs to be reconsidered.

There are a lot of tools out there to help you develop a membership program, many are free from LCI. Go online to lionsclubs.org for additional information.

Welcome New Members

During the month of May, 3 clubs in our district added 3 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.

Dunlap Lions Club

Member: Laura Doty
Sponsor: John Preheim

Lakeville Lions Club

Member: Hannah Amor
Sponsor: Brent Amor

Pierceton Lions Club

Member: Ruth Wallis
Sponsor: Vere Shenefield

Completion of Service

Lion William Kidder passed away on June 21, 2015 at the age of 96. Lion William was a 58 year member of the Lydick Lions Club

LaPaz Lions Club's Project Endorsed as a Bicentennial Legacy Project

At its meeting on June 19, the Indiana Bicentennial Commission officially endorsed the LaPaz Lions Club's "Marshall County Cemetery Signage and Brochure Project" as a Bicentennial Legacy Project.

The project met the standards set by the Commission for accessibility to the public and achievability. The Commission noted that the project will make an impact and be a great contribution to Indiana's legacy.

As an endorsed Legacy Project, the Lions Club project will be listed on the Indiana Bicentennial website <http://www.indiana2016.org/>. The goal of the Commission is to make Indiana's 200th birthday an event in which Hoosiers in all 92 counties will take great pride

Earlier in the spring, the project was cited as the outstanding activity for Indiana Lions in District 25-G.

To date, the LaPaz Lions have erected 43 cemetery signs throughout Marshall County and have partnered with the Marshall County Museum and Historical Society to produce 6 cemetery brochures providing names, dates, and historical facts of cemeteries in each township. The brochures are available at the Museum.

The Marshall County Community Foundation has provided two different grants from its Community Fund to the LaPaz Lions for the activities.

Submitted by: Dr. Don Balka
LaPaz Lions Club



Elkhart Community Lions Club Presents Flowers to Greenleaf Health Center

The Elkhart Community Lions presented to Greenleaf Health Center several urns, hanging baskets, and flats of flowers for their campus to thank them for providing their club a room in which to hold their meetings twice a month for the last six years. Pictured from left to right are Lion President Rosemary Miller; Nikki McMillan, Greenleaf Health Center Administrator in Training; Lion Treasurer Terri Longacre; Lion Membership Chairperson Connie Miller; and Jim Bickel, Greenleaf Health Center Community Service Representative.

Lakeville Lions Club Presents Awards



Several members of our Lakeville Lions Club family were recognized for their contributions to the club and the community at our June dinner meeting on Tuesday, June 16th. Pictured: Upper left: The Everyday Hero Award recipients were Pat Shafer, the wife of Lion Paul Shafer, and Lion Dema Vater. Upper middle: DG Vic Fischer presents Lion Howard Heines with a Progressive W.P. Woods Fellowship. Upper right: DG Vic Fischer was awarded a W.P. Woods Fellowship and his wife Lion Diane pins the award on him. Lower Left: Lion Jim Foster pins on Lion Arden Balmer's Melvin Jones Fellowship pin. Lower center: Lion Janet Weber pin the Melvin Jones Fellowship pin on her daughter Lion Anne Weber. Lower right: DG Vic Fischer is pictured with Lion of the Year recipient Lion Rose Russell



Breakfast 4 25 15

In spite of the rain, we fed 200 plus people and had great help.



Mexico Fish Fry March 12th

It was a great night. Lots of people at our fish & tenderloin dinner, & lots of help. There were Lions and volunteers, young, & not so young, but all with smiles on their faces. Then, there were the Bright Beacons of Hope - The North Miami volunteers - who came in two shifts and stayed for the duration. Actually, four from the first shift also stayed and worked through the second shift.



← District Governor Marty Juel is shown presenting a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Connie Miller, member of the Elkhart Community Lions Club. The club recently held a 'wrap-up' picnic, the last event before the club formerly dissolved. Connie was a driving force in the club, attending district and state functions and all club activities since joining.

The Lydick Lions Club on, June 3, 2015, built a wheelchair ramp at the home of Lion William "Bill" Kidder. Lion Bill is 96 years of age and recently received a heart valve replacement. He is the oldest member of the Lydick Club. Pictured are Lion President Mike Lane and Lion Leroy Wise. Also helping with the service project was Joe Willis, relative of "Uncle Bill."



Dunlap Lions Club Inducts New Member and Presents Awards at Spring Fling



New member John McClure inducted at Dunlap Lions Spring Fling. Shown on left lion Nancy Thompson, Membership Chair, and Lion Jeanine Juel, sponsor



Awards presented at the Dunlap Lions Spring Fling by president Lion Bruce Wells to Lion Jeanine Juel (on left), Lion of the Year and to lion Frieda method, Cub of the Year



Lion JoAnn Preheim receives a Melvin Jones Fellowship award from Dunlap Lions president Bruce Wells



District Meeting 25g



Saturday
August **15**, 2015

Argos High School
500 Yearick St., Argos, IN
Registration- 11 a.m.- Meeting at NOON

\$10

\$12 after August 1
and walk-ins based on
food availability

Special Presentation

Canine Development Center



The Leader Dog facility located in Rochester, Michigan is currently undergoing a major renovation. Part of this project includes replacing all small outdated kennels with new more spacious suites that will vastly improve the housing and training conditions for these special animals. District 25G is the first in the nation with a district wide service project and will provide at least two of these new suites for the facility. Kathleen Breen from Leader Dog, along with one of her instruction dogs, will be providing training demos, a Q&A session, plus an update on the Leader Dog renovation project. As an added bonus, there will be

Leader Dog recipients and trustees present to answer questions and share their stories on how these remarkable dogs have changed their lives.

Bring your baked goods and gently used treasures for our silent auction

MEAL: Buffet- Ham, chicken, obligatory green beans, scalloped potatoes, drinks, and dessert furnished by the Argos LEO's

**Hosted by the
Argos Lions
and LEO's Clubs**

Return this with your check payable to District 25-G to:
CS PDG Ann Haffner - 11268 N. State Road 13 - Syracuse, IN 46567
(574) 457-3054 ahaffner@kconline.com

List Lions and Guests below:

From _____ Lions Club. \$ _____ Enclosed

45th Annual District 25-G Golf Tournament

SCRAMBLE
format



\$65
per player
Includes:
Green fees, cart,
banquet, prizes

Wednesday
August 5, 2015
12:30 Shotgun Start

Sponsored by Elkhart Lions Club at
Maxwelton Golf Club
Syracuse, IN
(574) 457-3504

- ♦ Entries must be received with payment by Saturday, August 1. ♦ No refunds, but you may substitute. ♦ Put a team together or we will match players to fill a team.
- ♦ PRIZES, PRIZES AND MORE PRIZES! ♦ No metal spikes allowed. ♦ Putting Contest

Make checks payable to ELKHART Lions Club. Mail this form and check to 25G Golf Tourney, P.O. Box 81, Elkhart, IN 46515. Questions? Call Marty Juel - (574) 534-8868

*Teams can be Lions or guests.
At least 1 Lion must be on
each team.*

Club Name _____

Golfers:

1) _____ Phone _____

2) _____ Phone _____

3) _____ Phone _____

4) _____ Phone _____

\$ _____ Total Enclosed Name of Team Captain _____

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PDG Paul Russell of the Lakeville Lions Club is pictured arriving at the Hawaiian airport for the Lions International Convention held from June 25th 2015 through June 30,, 2015. Other members from District G who attended the convention are PDG's Bud & Jeri Seely from the Milford Lions Club, DGE Vic and Lion Diane Fischer from the Lakeville Lions Club, Lions Martin & Sheri Van Meter of the Grass Creek Lions Club accompanied by thier granddaughter, Samatha Ricci & Lion Rose Russell of the Lakeville Lions Club More about the convention will be available in the next newsletter.

