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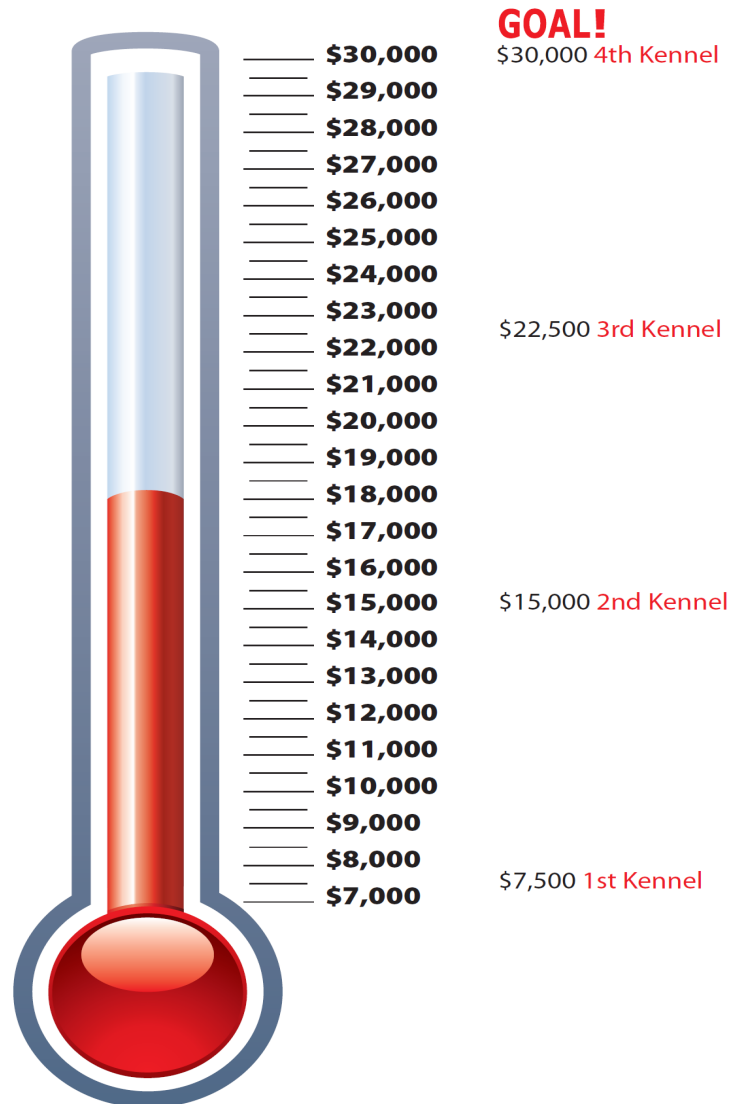
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Leader Dog Kennel Project

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Experience the Service Together – Exciting Times Ahead

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

— Helen Keller

As we all say goodbye to 2015 and ring in the New Year, boy is there a lot to look forward to in District 25-G. There are many exciting and fun happenings in the near future to look forward to!!! Some previews to coming attractions include cabinet meetings, our district convention, completing our kennel project and continuing Operation School Sight. This is in addition to all the wonderful projects our clubs are performing in their local communities.

News Flash- News Flash- News Flash- News Flash- News Flash- News Flash-

Our next District cabinet meeting will be hosted by the New Paris Lions Club on January 16th. This is a breakfast meeting and call to order will be at 9:00 am. See the flyer for details!!!

Now back to your regularly scheduled newsletter-

Our district convention's keynote speaker is International Director Ed Farrington. He and his wife Elaine hail from Milford, NH and are looking forward to meeting the members of our Lions family and visiting the Kroc Center in South Bend during the convention weekend of March 11-12, 2016. He is a dynamic speaker that I just know you will find to be very interesting and entertaining!

Additionally, don't forget to sign-up for the world wide webinar featuring our district wide kennel project scheduled for January 6th, 7th and 15th. The discussion features how we as Team 25-G are successfully conducting this very unique service project together. You can sign-up online **now**. Another biggie is our district will be hosting the Indiana Lions State Convention in Shipshewana scheduled for this April. Please make your plans now to attend this terrific event. The facilities are absolutely top shelf and the convention committee has done an outstanding job putting this event together. We want to have as many Lions present as possible to welcome IP Yamada to Indiana, so let's show everyone our support and be there in large numbers.

Starting in January we will begin a new chapter on adding/re-membering clubs in our district. District 25-G has not added a new club in five years and now is a terrific time to start. Our Lions Team (that's all of us) will be working with LCI's GMT lead consultant PDG Ronnie Martin from Texas to master the new way to design, build, and implement new clubs in our district all while having fun and enjoying the fellowship. The plan includes working with existing clubs that want to enhance their current club membership capabilities.

Together this wonderful journey will provide a unique experience for every Lion to grow their personal Lionism while contributing to the growth and brighter future for our district. Individuals and teams will have the chance to take ownership in building or rebuilding a club that will help serve a local community. We are providing others the opportunity to experience the service together!! Don't miss out on the fun!! These are indeed exciting times to be a Lion in District 25-G and “together we can do so much!!!” Thank you for all that you are doing and keep up the great work everyone!!

Yours in Lionism,
District Governor Vic
District 25G

Do Something Uncomfortable

A man was out for a walk in the evening. Each evening he passed by a house with a dog laying on the front porch whining. The man passed by the house for a week. Each night the dog was laying on the porch whining. Finally the man went to the door and knocked. When the owner came to the door, the man asked him "What is wrong with your dog? Every night that I have passed by here, the dog has been on the front porch whining." "Well", the dog's owner replied, "there is a cracked board on the porch that has a sharp edge. It is the dog's favorite spot and when he lays on it, it hurts." "Why doesn't the dog just get up and move somewhere else?" the man inquired. The owner replied, "It doesn't hurt the dog enough for it to do anything more than whine."

Are we, as Lions, like the dog on the porch? We discuss issues with membership and doing more for the community. We discuss how to make things different, but all we do is talk. We don't take the next step and do something. Unlike the dog, we have to be determined to change. We have to move out of our comfort zone by asking people, friends, strangers, neighbors and co-workers to become members or to join us in our community work. Let us do more than just whine. Let us take action to make a difference.

Together, we serve.

2nd VDG Tom Polk, District 25-G

HAPPY NEW YEAR, DISTRICT 25-G LIONS!

I recently helped my Uncle Dan celebrate his 90th birthday. This is a great milestone, and we had a very nice party for him, but he had a very simple thought: "It's a new day, and I'm glad to still be here." No big hurrah about how many years, but his focus was on each new day.

Lions Club International is coming upon its 100th birthday, and yes, we have a lot to celebrate for all the accomplishments that have been made, but I think we can all take a lesson from Uncle Dan. In each new day, what can WE do to make a difference, and be glad to still be here at the end of the day?

- Have we provided a service that can change someone's life?
- Do we look for new opportunities to raise funds to provide those services?
- Have we developed community partnerships to build a stronger team of involvement?
- When was the last time we spoke to a new person about joining our Lions Club?

Each day, when our feet hit the floor, these are questions that could be running through our head. Be mindful of the day's opportunity to share what Lions DO with those you meet throughout the day and realize it can make a difference and change lives!

So, in this new year, leading us closer to 100 years of Lionism, let's remember to celebrate each day, and be glad to BE HERE...as a Lion! Let's do some review of our Club's accomplishments, our District's achievements and the changes that have been made all over the world because of Lions. These things have happened because of Lions Club members like YOU.

This does not need to be a New Year's resolution, but should become a daily resolve. Put your feet on the floor each day and ask, "What can I do today to make my community better?" Then, our motto, WE SERVE comes shining through in everything you do.

1st VDG Peg VanNevel

From the Desk of
Cabinet Secretary PDG Ann Haffner

Planning For “Centennial Celebration Success” in 2016!

The New Year is the time we think about making resolutions for things we want to accomplish, changes we hope to make in our lives, and visions for a better future. I hope our plans include ways we can commit ourselves to taking positive steps in Lionism during 2016 toward Lions Clubs International’s Centennial Celebration Service Challenge. As Lions, we can keep the enthusiasm and momentum of the holiday season alive in our district and our clubs by:

- Inviting a new Lion to the District Meeting on January 16.
- Planning our club’s delegation to the District Convention March 12 in South Bend.
- Utilizing the opportunity to bring new members into our club.
- Nominating an outstanding 25 year Lion for the Indiana Distinguished Lion Award.
- Using the Indiana Lions Foundation Grant Program to assist us in a service project.
- Sharing the District Newsletter with our club members.
- Attending our next Zone Meeting.
- Planning now to attend the State Convention in Shipshewana April 29-May 1.
- Doing our best to help our club achieve the Club Excellence Award for 2016-2017.
- Encouraging a leader in our club to seek a trustee or district leadership position.
- Protecting the vision of our children through Operation Kidsight screening in our preschools And SchoolSight for our school age kids.
- Attending a neighboring club’s fundraiser or joining with them in a fundraising or service project.
- Organizing a visitation to a neighboring club’s meeting.
- Publicizing our club and our events in the local media and on Facebook and our club’s website.

As we begin this New Year I hope we are all taking time to reflect on the past and plan for even more opportunities to serve others around us by developing ideas for new fundraising, service, and membership recruitment in 2016. Charlie and I wish for each of you, your clubs, and your families a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Productive New Year. Keep the enthusiasm in Lionism alive as we “Experience Service Together” in 2016.

Have You Reported Your Dictionary Distributions?

District Dictionary Project Chairperson Howard Heines requests that if your club has distributed dictionaries and not yet sent him an e-mail reporting the number of dictionaries given to 3rd graders, please do so.

E-mail address: ghh8666@webtv.net

Lionism at Its Best in 25-G

Indiana Lions Eye and Tissue Transplant Bank

As the years go by we lose track of the history of how we have developed to where we are now. This can even happen to some of our greatest projects.

Every successful organization has members in it that are continually evaluating what they are doing and how to make their organization and service even better.

In 1925 the Lions invited Helen Keller to speak at their international convention. The Lions took her challenge to be “Knights of the Blind” to heart and ever since that time helping the vision impaired has been one of the Lions’ signature projects.

As the years went by our efforts to assist those needing vision assistance continued to expand. Lions Clubs provided eyeglasses to anyone unable to afford them. A Peoria, Illinois Lion designed the white cane to assist the blind and visually impaired. Indiana Lions also established Leader Dog as a state project to assist the program to provide seeing eye dogs for the vision impaired.

Then the magic moment arrived. In the late 1950s at the French Lick State Lions Convention a resolution was presented to create an eye bank as a state project. The Elkhart Lions were supporting the resolution strongly but to their dismay the resolution was defeated!

Elkhart Lion Al Free was devastated. The more he thought about it the greater his determination to reverse the outcome grew.

That evening he knocked on delegates’ doors and talked to every convention delegate who would listen. He wanted their commitment to vote to bring the resolution back up for a vote. And the next day he succeeded and got it passed! And the rest is history.

From a modest beginning it has expanded into an organization effecting vision improvement not only in our state but all over the world.

Its list of projects include:

- Supporting vision screening in our schools
- Operation Kidsight screening of preschoolers
- Shipping corneas all over the world
- Experimental development of new procedures and products
- Development of a vision improvement program in India
- Assistance to our clubs in providing cataract services and other procedures to needy people in our communities.

And all this might not have happened but for the determination of Lion Al Free and the dedicated service of District G Lions Nelson Nix, Art Birk, Bob Myers and the Elkhart Lions.

PDG Charlie Haffner

Welcome New Members

During the month of November, 2 clubs in our district added 2 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.

Atwood Lions Club

Member: Cassius Rovenstine
Sponsor: Joseph Irwin

Mentone Lions Club

Member: Thomas Cody
Sponsor: Timothy Whetstone

Completion of Service

Brad Eby passed away on September 24, 2015 at the age to 56. Lion Brad was a 1 1/2 year member of the Wakarusa Lions Club.

Nominations and Elections

The following positions will be up for election at our District Convention on March 12, 2016:

District Governor
First Vice District Governor
Second Vice District Governor

Trustees:

Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund
Indiana Lions Eye and Tissue Bank
Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing
Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Indiana Lions for Leader Dog
Indiana Lions Foundation

A candidate seeking election to one of these positions must submit a letter of intention as well as a letter of endorsement from his or her club prior to the January 16, 2016, District Meeting to:

Lion Ann Kalman, Chairperson District Nominations and Elections
1414 Navajo Street, Elkhart, IN 46516
akalman2@frontier.com

Save the Date
District 25-G Convention
March 12, 2015
Kroc Center, South Bend

Let's Energize 25-G

The Lions Centennial Celebration is about energizing and growing membership and raising awareness and appreciation of Lions. It will also honor our heritage and envision Lions future as we celebrate and have fun. In July 2014, LCI announced the Centennial Service Challenge – an ambitious goal of serving 100 million people around the world in four areas — Youth, Vision Hunger and the Environment. This is a 4-year program that is set to end June 30, 2018. The clubs in 25-G can play a vital role in meeting this challenge. As Centennial Coordinator for District G I can present programs at your Lions Club and I can attend zone meetings and discuss this program. By participating in the international programs we can energize 25-G and insure the future of Lionism in this area.

PDG Jeri Seely

DG Vic Fischer reports that our district-wide Kennel Project is featured in an upcoming LCI Webinar, "Across the Table, Around the World". Register below to check it out.



Lions Clubs International

Reminder: Register today for "Across the table, Around the World" Webinar Series

Explore the many ways to build relationships and provide service within the Lions world. This webinar occurs in a series of two sessions: Part I: Across the Table, focuses on joint service projects. Part II: Around the World, focuses on international twinning projects. The series is offered twice. Choose the series option which works best for you.

Two 1-hour sessions

Wed. January 6 & Thur. January 7
12:00 CST

[Register](#)

One 2-hour session

Fri. January 15
19:00-21:00 CST

[Register](#)

Lydick Lions Club Hosts Breakfast with Santa



On December 5th Lydick Lions Club hosted Breakfast with Santa, and had an excellent turnout and an enthusiastic response from parents and children. Pictured above: Lydick Lions Club members with Santa and Mrs. Claus, along with supportive Elves. Pictured right: Lydick Lions Club President Lion Mary Reed gets advice from Santa; probably about the club leadership or her knee.

Santa Visits Lakeville



Santa visited Lakeville four times in December. On December 12th the Lakeville Lions sponsored pictures with Santa at the Library and approximately 50 children had their picture taken. On December 13th he appeared at the Newton Center for more pictures and again approximately 50 children had their pictures taken. On December 15th Santa made a surprise visit to the Lakeville Lions Club Christmas Dinner and proved once again, that one is never too old to enjoy visiting with Santa. Finally on December 19th Santa was once again available for pictures at the Lakeville Lions Club Toys for Tots and Christmas Food Basket Project.

Pictured left. DG Vic Fischer with Santa. Pictured middle: Lion Mary Nelson with Santa and pictured right: PDG David Court with Santa. In case you can't recognize him, Santa is PDG Paul Russell.

Milford Lions Club



Left: Lion Brandon Gall rang bells for the Salvation Army. The Milford Lions rang bells at two different locations (Main Street and SR 15) the first two weekends in December. Middle: The Milford Elementary School is in the process of building an outdoor education area for kindergartners and first-graders. The first step is fencing and \$4,000 was needed to complete the project. A grant was received to pay part of the fencing. The Milford Lions voted to give \$2,500 toward the project. The check was presented at the December school board meeting. From left are Wawasee School Board President Rebecca Linnemeier, first grade teacher Suzy Lucas, kindergarten teacher Heidi Shock, Milford Lions President Dennis Pinkerton, First Vice President Lavone Miller and Treasurer Steve Weisser. Right: Milford Lions pack Christmas food baskets.

Argos Lions bring Santa to Town.....



On Saturday December 12, Argos Lions brought Santa to town; The Argos Fire Department helped with the Transportation needs of Santa and everyone met at the Argos Library....Argos Lions Club has been helping the kids of Argos for over 30 years with letting Santa know exactly what their wishes are.... Some kids even bring him their list and a gift....Over 100 children had a chance to visit with Santa and each received a bag of treats and a picture with Santa; compliments of the Argos Lions Club, a coloring book and crayons from the Friends of the Argos Library.....



Pictured upper left: Front Row Lion Carol Arnett, Santa, Lion Jane Hall. Back Row Lions Monty Peden, Jerry Gates, Alan Earl, and Lori Parrish

Pictured at lower left: Santa arrives on the Argos fire truck.



Lakeville Lions Club Brings Christmas Cheer to Local Families

The Lakeville Lions Club finished their annual Toys for Tots and Christmas Food Basket projects on Saturday, December 19th, as local families picked up food and toys, and had their pictures taken with Santa. As in previous years, the Lakeville Lions Club partnered with the Lapaz Lions Club, LaVille Schools, Marine Corps Reserve, Newton Center, Lakeville Police Department, Lakeville Fire Department, Lakeville Sons of the American Legion, Hoosier Tire, and other local organizations to make Christmas brighter for families in need in the Lakeville and Lapaz communities.

62 families each received at least two boxes of groceries, a bag of potatoes, a bag of oranges, and half a ham. 18 families also received a turkey. 162 children received toys, games, books, and other gifts.

This was the 14th year for the Lakeville Lions Club Toys for Tots and Christmas Food Basket projects.

Message From Jitsuhiro Yamada, International President

We set out to accomplish great things this year, and we're on our way to achieving them thanks to your dedication to the goals we shared in Honolulu.

We committed to strengthening our communities and bringing dignity to others through service, and we're putting our commitment into action through the Centennial Service Challenge. Be sure to encourage your clubs to continue to lead through service by supporting this international challenge that's changing lives and making communities stronger.

We made membership growth a priority, and we're adding new members who are increasing our service impact and positioning our clubs for ongoing success thanks to your commitment to building membership in your district.

We identified chartering new clubs as a key to growth and success, and we're starting new clubs in new communities that are ushering in a new generation of Lions dedicated to serving those in need.

I am proud of what you've accomplished. I'm looking forward to recognizing those district governors who achieved their goals in Period One of the Lions Dignity Award, and I know we can achieve even more together.

Thank you for bringing dignity to others through service, and have a happy holiday season with family and friends!

District Meeting 25g



Saturday
January **16**, 2016

Hosted by the New Paris Lions Club
Sunnyside Park, Clinton St.
New Paris, IN - Registration 8 a.m. - Mtg. 9 a.m.

Send reservation form
below by Jan. 12

Program

- Many project updates including the District-wide kennel project
- Special program on 'Fishing for Life' by Lion Butch Weston and members of the Westville Lions Club (District 25A)



FREE FULL BREAKFAST:

A full breakfast will be served starting at 8 am. Cost is a donation towards the District 25-G Kennel project at the Leader Dog facility in Rochester Hills, MI.

**SHOW YOUR CLUB'S PRIDE-
BRING YOUR BANNER (AND STAND).**

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

Return this reservation by Jan. 12 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.



Amish Haystack Dinner



Haystack Dinner

The Friday night dinner will feature an **AUTHENTIC** Amish haystack dinner. Visit the convention website for information on this unique event.

Register NOW
www.IndianaLionsConvention.org

Most members of the Amish faith do not participate in the Social Security system or carry health insurance for religious reasons. Their faith places a high priority for family and community to care for one another. When one of their members, for instance, has high medical expenses due to catastrophic illness or accident, the community comes together to raise money to assist with these expenses. A common way of raising these funds and providing mutual aid is by having a haystack dinner (supper) rather than the typical Lions Club fund raiser of a fish fry, pancake and sausage breakfast or spaghetti dinner.

What is an Amish Haystack Dinner? A haystack dinner is a do-it-

yourself layered meal that begins on a bed of crushed crackers or a bed of cooked rice followed by a serving of seasoned ground beef. Guests can then choose to add layers of chopped lettuce, tomatoes, carrots, onions, olives, and green peppers. Shredded cheddar cheese, salsa, sour cream, sunflower seeds and raisins may also be added. When the haystack is built it may be topped off with melted cheese.

The Dunlap Lions Club will be serving Amish haystack dinners for the Friday (April 29) evening dinner at the Indiana Lions State Convention in Shipshewana, Indiana, which is located in the heart of the third largest Amish community in the world.

Display Tables Available 2016 State Convention

If your activity or state project would like a display table for this year's convention, please contact Lion John Krzyzanowski at 574-360-9323 or e-mail to jkrzyzanoskki@sbcglobal.net.



INDIANA LIONS 2016 STATE CONVENTION

“In the Heart of Amish Country”
Shipshewana, Indiana

April 29—May 1, 2016

Convention Booklet Advertising Application

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- Honor your club's Melvin Jones or W.P. Woods Fellows or your Past District Governors
- Thank your District Governor for a great 2015-16 Lions Year

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2016 INDIANA LIONS STATE CONVENTION

APRIL 29—MAY 1, 2016

"In the Heart of Amish Country"
Shipshewana, Indiana

Hosted by the Lakeville Lions Club and Lions of District 25-G

With Honored Guest

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DR. JITSUHIRO YAMADA

Convention Headquarters Hotel

Blue Gate Garden Inn

800 S. Van Buren St., Shipshewana, IN 46565

(800) 545-4725



Room Rate: \$89.99 plus taxes (complimentary breakfast)

Call for reservations or reserve online at <http://www.bluegategardeninn.com/>
Choose "Book Now", Choose "Group Code" & type "Lions2016". Choose dates of stay.
Click "Check Availability" & select your room reference.

Registration Form (one per person)

Name & Title (as desired on name badge) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

District _____ Club _____ Email _____

Friday Golf Outing	\$ 50.00	_____
Friday Amish Farm Luncheon	\$ 15.00	_____
Friday Evening Authentic Amish Haystack Dinner	\$ 15.00	_____
Saturday Celebration Luncheon	\$ 13.00	_____
Saturday Evening All State Banquet	\$ 16.00	_____
Sunday Brunch	\$ 11.00	_____
Indiana Lions Convention Pin	\$ 4.00	_____

Total Enclosed _____

Special Dietary needs: Gluten Free _____ Vegetarian _____ Other _____

**Reservations
received after
April 1st**

Add \$5.00 per each meal

**NO MEAL
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ACCEPTED
AFTER APRIL 21ST.**

Send Registration form to: Jeanine Juel, 3204 Village Court, Goshen, IN 46528. Make check payable to: Indiana Lions State Convention OR register and pay online at

<http://indianalionsconvention.org/convention-registration/>

DG Vic's Club Visitation Schedule

3rd District Cabinet Meeting
 Madison Township Lions Club
 Richvalley Lions Club
 Bristol Lions Club
 District 25-G Convention (Kroc Center, South Bend)
 Greene Township Lions Club
 Council Dinner
 Indiana State Convention @ Shipshewana
 4th District Cabinet Meeting

January 16, 2016
 February 9, 2016
 February 11, 2016
 March 1, 2016
 March 11– March 12, 2016
 March 24, 2016
 April 28, 2016
 April 29—May 1, 2016
 May 14, 2016

Please schedule your District Governor visit as soon as possible so DG Vic can plan his calendar. Call DG Vic at 574-514-3604.

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Indiana Lions State Convention

Golf Opportunity

Heron Creek Golf Club, just 9 miles from the convention headquarter hotel, features a challenging yet enjoyable layout set amid natural wood terrain. Rolling fairways, undulating greens and multiple tees will challenge even experienced golfer while still allowing newcomers to stay competitive. Sign up now!

Register NOW
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