

MANE EVENTS

in District 25-G



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August 6th

2016 Fulton Festival

First event begins at 8:30

Events scheduled all day..

*4:00—8:00pm Night Shift Band ... DJ
and Concert*

August 5–21

Indiana State Fair

Volunteer to Sell or Scan Tickets

For the Indiana Lions Foundation

Click on website name to volunteer

<http://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/>

August 6th

Dunlap Lions Club Jonah Fish Fry

4:30 - 7:30 pm.

Concord High School, Elkhart, IN

Adults - \$9.50, Children (6-12) - \$5.00

Children under 6 Free

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Lions District 25-G



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International Convention Held in Fukuoka, Japan

26 Indiana Lions and family members joined more than 20,000 Lions from around the world at the 99th Lions Clubs International Convention in Fukuoka, Japan, June 24-28.

On her way to Fukuoka, then-DGE Peg Van Nevel of Mishawaka visited Mishawaka's sister city, Shiojiri, Japan, and attended the Shiojiri Lions Club annual meeting.

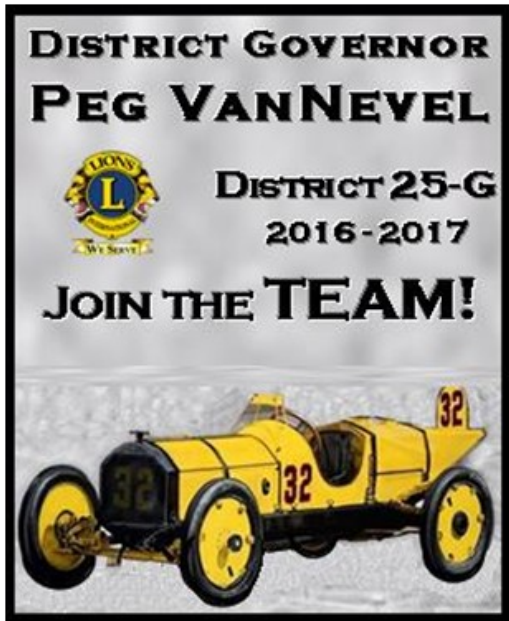
The weather was hot and steamy for the convention, with frequent showers, but the rain held off during the International Parade on Saturday. The Indiana delegation was led by a color guard that included PDG Nick Xinoupolous, PDG Billy Chastain, and outgoing DG Ken Krauter. Our DGE's in their race-themed shirts followed with the Indiana Lions banner.

On Sunday evening, the Indiana Lions International Convention Committee hosted a buffet dinner for the Indiana delegation. Attendees enjoyed a mix of Japanese and American cuisine.

At the final plenary session on Tuesday, June 28, newly-elected International President Bob Corlew of Tennessee administered the oath of office to the incoming District Governors.

Make plans now to attend our Centennial Convention in Chicago, June 30 – July 4, 2017, when we celebrate 100 years of Lions service.

MESSAGE FROM DG PEG VANNEVEL



Greetings Lions of District 25-G!

We're following the track record of hitting the ground running! Last year, we were working on acquiring an LCIF grant for Leader Dogs, and with teamwork, we received it! This year, the start of our year is working on two things:

Our new district-wide project – Blood Drives, and Membership

Christina Tembo, from the South Bend Medical Foundation will be coming to speak at our first District Meeting on August 13 at the Greene Township Community Building. Please get your reservations for lunch into Lion Diane Fischer (dfischer@hfssb.org) for a great Polish buffet luncheon, and to hear how we can change lives with this new community service project. Christine shared who our blood drive recruiter will be:

Erin Noonan

Blood Donor Recruitment Specialist

The Medical Foundation

Direct Line: 574-204-4131

Main Line: 574-234-4176 ext 4131

Mobile: 574-993-0036

Our total goal for this year is 100 gallons of blood, to help us celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Lions. Each unit donated is a pint, so this is a very DO-able goal, of 800 units. Between the 52 clubs, that's a little over 15 units per club! Let's have 100% participation on the district-wide goal, and continue our impressive teamwork! Each unit of blood provides assistance to three people, so that by reaching 100 gallons, we will serve 2,400 people! We can DO this!

And yes, membership is another goal that our team can work on together. If your club needs assistance to increase membership numbers, District G is developing a very strong team that can work in your community. LCI has provided several workshops to train our Lions how to increase membership in current clubs, as well as developing NEW clubs! In fact, we are starting a new club in Middlebury...one of the few areas in Elkhart County without a Lions Club. Many thanks to the talented and committed members of the Dunlap Club who "hit the streets" to start this new club! And later this month, we will be starting a new Campus Club at Saint Mary's College! Growth and Teamwork...that's our District 25-G!

Now...have you heard there's something special happening this year? Something to do with the number 100? There are ways that all of our clubs can celebrate the Centennial. The BIG point I want to stress is to REPORT what you do on the LCI website. International President Bob Corlew calls us all to Celebrate the Centennial by:

Leading through Service: Help benefit over 100 million people by completing Centennial Service Challenge projects involving youth, vision, hunger and the environment.
So many of the projects your clubs ALREADY do, and will qualify for various awards!

Inviting for Impact: One Lion serves an average of 50 people every year. Adding new members and clubs means more people can be served than ever before.
Bring family members, neighbors, business owners...let them SEE what they're missing!

Connecting with Community: Your club can leave a lasting impact on your community through activities like donating a park bench, establishing a community garden or building a clinic as a Community Legacy Project.
Now is the year to do it...let your community KNOW what you do!
But we won't know the total impact of HOW many lives we touch, without reporting your club's activities!

Club Presidents and Secretaries – please familiarize yourself with the MyLCI page, and the **Service Activity Goals** page. I have set up a District-wide goal for Blood Collection, and am asking that you make sure to report your efforts. Please email me (pitchinpeg@yahoo.com) when you have completed a blood drive – and yes, you CAN host more than one!

Another VERY important **100** we need to focus on this year, too. I am asking ALL of our clubs to make a donation to LCIF again this year. We had 100% participation two years ago, which was a very outstanding accomplishment! Large or small, please have your club make a donation. The money was there for US last year for our Leader Dog project...let's return the favor!

So...have you sensed a 100 theme here? Review your projects, schedule a blood drive, MAKE the effort to report your club's activities, and make a gift to LCIF. This 100 year Celebration is here now...let's SHOW the world what District 25-G can do!



No Progress Without Goals

Last year, in the August 2015 newsletter, I wrote about the movie "City Slickers". Mitch is trying to find out what is Curly's "one thing"; only to find out it is "whatever you make it". Now is the time for your club to determine their "one thing" (goal) is for the coming year. Here are some items to be considered:

1. **The goal should not be easy.** A goal of doing the same thing that you did last year isn't progress, it is just keeping in place. The goal needs to be a challenge.
2. **You can have more than one goal but be careful of numbers.** In the movie, the focus is "one thing". You can have more than one but you can't effectively have twenty. Keep the number of goals at four or less.
3. **The goal needs to be supported by all but not necessarily agreed upon by all.** The club needs to support the goal but the club doesn't need to totally agree on the goal. What this means is that even though there will be many potential goals only a few of them can be accomplished. The club will need to agree to support the accomplishment of the goal even though it may not be something that some of the members would have chosen. You need consensus and support not total agreement.
4. **Goals have to be realistic, obtainable and specific.** Often goals are set so high that they are not obtainable and all that will do is frustrate all of the members of the club. They also need to be highly specific: "increasing membership" is not specific, "adding four new members this Lion's year" is specific.
5. **Write the goals down and establish checkpoints/review points for the goal during the year.** Write the goals down and provide them to the members. Committing the goal to paper will make it seem more concrete to everyone. As part of your planning process establish specific dates that you will review progress. This needs to be done in advance or all that will happen is that at end of year you will look back and still not have accomplished anything. Setting dates (quarterly is good time frame) that you will review progress will help move everyone forward toward the goal.
6. **Celebrate ALL successes, no matter how small.** If one of your goals is to add four new members-celebrate when you add the first one. Do not wait until you have added all four. For that matter, celebrate when you have talked to ten people about Lions club. You can look at this several ways but think about this: if your club has ten members and you add one that is only a ten percent gain. Yes, but it is also a hundred percent gain. The number of new members went from zero to one! Celebrate the job well done.

Now is the time for the club's leadership to become intentional about what will happen in this coming year. Evaluate your club's needs and your community's needs and set goals accordingly.

Together everyone achieves more.

1st VDG Tom Polk

From the Desk of Cabinet Secretary PDG Ann Haffner

FORM 990-N All Lions Clubs who have annual gross receipts of \$50,000 or less do not have to file IRS Form 990 or Form 990-EZ but must file Form 990-N (e-Postcard) by November 15 of each year. You'll need your club's EIN (employer identification number.)

If you do not file your e-Postcard on time, the IRS may (or may not) send you a reminder notice. There is no penalty assessment for late filing, but an organization that fails to file required e-Postcards (or Form 990 or 990-EZ) for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax exempt status. The revocation of the organization's tax exempt status will not take place until the filing due date of the third year. **DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN** as it's extremely complicated and may be costly to regain your club's tax exempt status.

When filing Form 990-N (E-Postcard) online you may be asked to give your e-mail address and a credit card number to pay for a lifetime filing fee of \$10. If your club does not have a credit card you will need to use a personal credit card and have your club reimburse you. I do this when I file our club's annual Business Entity Report with the Indiana Secretary of State as it is cheaper to file online than by mail. For complete information about Form 990-N go to www.irs.gov/eo.

CLUB SECRETARIES, NOW IS THE TIME! Some of our club secretaries have work to do. A number of Officer Report Forms (formerly known as PU 101s) filed online were incomplete—missing phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses. A few had inaccurate information. Several did not list a Membership Chairperson. **A club's active membership program is its key to the future!**

Reporting officers for the new Lions year online is probably the major cause for inaccuracies and omissions since we simply click on the member's name and his/her information transfers to the report.

However, as club secretaries we have a responsibility. We must go into the MyLCI website and check information recorded there for each of our members, not just for the officers we report. Information probably cannot be added or changed if a member's birth year is not recorded. We may need to ask our Lions for that information if it is not in our club's records.

Not only is accurate information needed by our district officers and LCI, it determines whether or not your members receive the HOOSIER LION and LION magazine. Our Lions deserve a little of our time to ensure that their information is properly and completely recorded.

Please remember that online MMRs must be submitted by midnight the last day of the month. Hard copy MMRs must be received at LCI by the 20th of the month. Those received late will be recorded as the following month's report. It is our responsibility as secretaries to file reports by the due dates. Either the club secretary or president can file online reports on MyLCI.

YOU ARE THE LINK! When your club elected and installed you as an officer, they placed a great deal of trust in you. You are the link between them and the district governor, your zone chairperson, District 25-G, and LCI. Through you, information is communicated on a two way avenue. Please take seriously the commitment you made. Your club, DG Peg, District 25-G, and LCI are depending on you. Teamwork and cooperation is the key to our success.

CONTACT ME! I have assisted many clubs with online filing of reports on MyLCI and am always happy to do so. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (574) 457-3054 or ann_haffner@yahoo.com with any questions or concerns you have and I'll do my best to help in any way I can. Thank you for your cooperation and best wishes to you and your club for a successful 2016-2017 Lions year.

LION CHARLIE'S CORNER

DG Peg asked me to write a monthly article for our district newsletter. I agreed to do it as long as our Lions enjoyed the articles. Any comments can be sent to the following e-mail address: ann_haffner@yahoo.com.

ARGOS LIONS CLUB DISTRICT G'S CLUB OF THE YEAR

My atlas lists the population of Argos at 1,655 people. 52 of those people are members of the Argos Lions Club. 40 of those people are members of the Argos Leo Club. That means that approximately one out of every 18 people in the Argos community is involved in Lionism.

Even more important is the fact that those Leo Club members who continue to live in Argos after graduating from high school will probably join the Argos Lions Club.

Those members of the Argos Leo Club who do move away after graduation from high school will be more likely to seek membership in a Lions Club in their new communities. And all this will happen because the Argos Lions were smart enough and energetic enough to start a Leo Club.

During this past year the Argos Lions grew their membership by 8 members, including one Leo Club member who had just graduated from high school. This was the largest gain in a club in our district last year, followed by the Grass Creek Lions finishing plus 5.

This example of the successful advancement of Lionism seems to be lost on the rest of us.

We know that our vision screening programs, our eyeglass mission programs, and our efforts to help the less fortunate in our communities make a big difference in peoples' lives. But we fail to enlist others in this effort.

We have one big challenge ahead of us during the coming year. If we don't ask a non-member to assist on one of our Lions Club's projects or to become a member of our Lions Club we are part of the problem.

If each one of us tries to bring in a new member our organization will flourish. If we don't, Lionism will fall by the wayside.

The choice is ours!

NEXT MONTH'S ARTICLE

The September article will feature five ways any Lions Club can improve their ability to serve in their community. These are all simple ways your Lions Club can be more effective and stand out in your community.

PDG Charlie Haffner



Put your Eyeglass Collection Locations on LCI Site

If your club is actively involved in eyeglass collection, you can have your collection sites (up to six) entered into a database on the LCI website. For more info, there is a form to submit your information to LCI at: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/iad404.pdf>

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 at the Indiana State Fair. This is the single largest fundraiser for the Foundation and the money is used to provide Foundation Grants to individual clubs. **The fair runs Friday August 5th—Sunday, August 21st.** Nearly 150 shifts are unfilled at this time. .

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

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 traditional W.P. Woods and 12 credits for the Centennial Plate.

If you have already volunteered to work this year, Thank you! If not, please consider supporting your Indiana Lions Foundation by doing so.

You may use the Foundation website to volunteer.

<http://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/>

Welcome New Members

During the month of June, 8 clubs in our district added 33 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.

Baugo Township Lions Club

Member: Keith Bainter
Sponsor: Troy Bontrager

Member: Greg Serafino
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Grass Creek Lions Club

Member: Chevy Wolfe
Sponsor: Bruce Baker

LaFontaine Lions Club

Member: James Ballard
Sponsor: Ethel Eib

Member: Donna Pattee-Ballard
Sponsor: Ethel Eib

Lydick Lions Club

Member: Daniel Bango, Sr.
Sponsor: Wendy Yuhasz

Madison Township Lions Club

Member: William Gallagher
Sponsor: Alan Beehler

Nappanee Area Lions Club

Heather Anderson
Charter Member

Sylvia Benjamin
Charter Member

Larry Cassidy
Charter Member

Nappanee Area L. C. Cont.

Christian Draper
Charter Member

Michael George
Charter Member

Penny Huffer
Charter Member

Andrew Kritikas
Charter Member

Deborah Lehman
Charter Member

Uriah Mast, Jr.
Charter Member

Brian McKibbin
Charter Member

Stacie Menzie
Charter Member

Mark Miller
Charter Member

Marlin Miller
Charter Member

Penny Nickerson
Charter Member

Rita Poeppel
Charter Member

Shannon Powell
Charter Member

Nappanee Area L. C. Cont.

Star Powell
Charter Member

Carol Sechrist
Charter Member

Pam Shaw
Charter Member

Rob Shaw
Charter Member

Wade Symons
Charter Member

John Tobias
Charter Member

Jenn Wise
Charter Member

Tom Wysong
Charter Member

Rich Valley Lions Club

Member: Douglas Barber
Sponsor: James Dyson

Syracuse Lions Club

Member: Clifford Wogoman
Sponsor: Joe Hibschan

Completion of Service

Dr. Kenneth E. Mart passed away on June 22, 2016 at the age of 88. Lion Ken was a 20 year member of the Bourbon Lions Club.

Lowell Rosen passed away on June 23, 2016 at the age of 70. Lion Lowell was a 2 year member of the Urbana Lions Club.



At the Syracuse Lions Club dinner meeting on Monday, July 25th, PDG Sam Fryback inducted new Lion Cliff Wogoman, who was sponsored by Lion Joe Hibschan.

Pictured, left to right, in the photo: PDG Sam Fryback, new Lion Cliff Wogoman, sponsor Lion Joe Hibschan.



Awards were presented at the Lakeville Lions club on June 28, 2016.

Upper Left Picture. Lion Darcy Gardner was named Lion of the Year. Pictured from L to R are: Lakeville President Jim Tillman, Lion Darcy Gardner & CC Vic Fischer.

Upper Right Picture. Lion Paul Shafer was awarded a W.P Woods Fellowship. Pictured L to R are Lion Paul Shafer and Lakeville President Jim Tillman.

Left: President Jim Tillman presents Lion Max Feitz with a WP Woods Fellowship.

Other award Winners not pictured were Lion Howard Heines, Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship and Lions Jennifer Gardner & Janet Weber, Everyday Hero Awards.

Nappanee Area Lions Club Charter Night

The Nappanee Area Lions Club will hold its Charter Night celebration at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 27, 2016, at Dutch Maid Eatery & Gifts, 1535 3rd Rd, Bremen. Past International Director David Fiandt of Fort Wayne will be the keynote speaker at this event. All Lions are encouraged to attend. To make a reservation, visit the web site at <http://evite.me/88bbKsgSP5>.

The Nappanee Area Lions Club was chartered on June 3, 2016 and is sponsored by the New Paris Lions Club. Club officers are: Lion Wade Symons, President; Lion Stacie Menzie, Secretary; Lion Carol Sechrist, Treasurer; and Lion Pam Shaw, Membership Director.

District Governor Peg VanNevel needs to get her calendar organized for this year. Please contact her to set up your club visit - pitchinpeg@yahoo.com or 574-220-2362

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR SILENT AUCTION ITEMS TO THE 1ST DISTRICT MEETING AT GREENE TOWNSHIP ON AUGUST 13TH.

25-G 1st District Meeting



► August 13, 2016 @ Noon

Greene Township Community Building
24600 Roosevelt Road, South Bend, IN

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Bring your ideas! Bring your energy!
And be ready for some fun!

Email or Call Diane Fischer
to make your reservations.

dfischer@hfssb.org / 574-514-3650

Lunch: Polish Buffet - \$12 each

Please RSVP by August 5, 2016

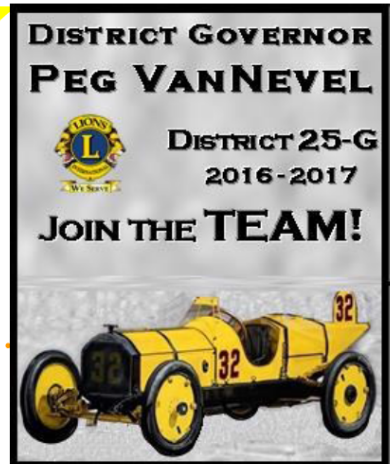
Make check payable to: District 25-G

Mail to: Diane Fischer

26205 Quinn Rd., North Liberty, IN 46554



25-G BANNER NIGHT



► August 20, 2016 @ 5:30pm

Camp Alexander Mack
1113 E. Camp Mack Rd., Milford, IN

Bring your banners
and be ready for some TRIVIA fun!

Email or Call Diane Fischer
to make your reservations.
dfischer@hfssb.org / 574-514-3650

*Dinner ~ Roast Beef au Jus, Chicken Cordon Bleu,
Rice Pilaf, Rolls, Cream Pie, Beverage - \$18 each*

Please RSVP by August 12, 2016

Make check payable to: District 25-G

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International President Chancellor Robert Corlew's Message

My theme, [New Mountains to Climb](#), is a call to Lions everywhere to join together to help the poor and underserved, promote peace and understanding, and take our association to new heights. And no one has a bigger part in achieving those goals than you.

Time and time again, we have shown that we can achieve so much more when we work together. Over the coming year, your leadership will be the key to strengthening our clubs, expanding our service impact and growing LCI to the largest it has ever been.

I look forward to working alongside you and your clubs to celebrate our Centennial, change lives through service, and prepare for our next century of service.

For Sale: Cast Iron Pots with Wooden Lids

The Pierceton Lions Club is selling these heavy cast iron pots with wooden lids. We have 2 sizes: 11" deep by 18" wide, 10 gallons, for \$375; and 12" deep by 19" wide, 11 gallons, for \$400. These are well-taken care of. Please call 574-377-0453. You may

