

MANE EVENTS

in District 25-G



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Indiana Lions 2017 State Convention

May 13th, 2017

Lakeville Lions Club
Port-a Pit pork chop and chicken \$6.00
Dave's Garage, 302 S. Mich., Lakeville
8:00 am—2:00 pm

May 19th, 2017

Lakeville Lions Club
Tenderloin Fry
Palmer Community Center (previously
Newton Center)
4:30 pm—7:00 pm
Tenderloin, baked potato, slaw, dessert
and drink.
Adults: Presale \$8.00 At the door \$9.00
Children: \$5.00. Carry out available

The 2017 Indiana Lions State Convention was held in Evansville, Indiana on April 27th—April 30th and was attended by approximately 500 lions. The Keynote speaker was International President, Chancellor Robert Corley from Tennessee.

PDG Nick Xinopoulos was chosen to be Indiana's endorsed candidate for International Director.



Two District 25-G Lions were presented the International Leadership Medal. This is the third highest award that is presented by Lions Clubs International to its members. The two Lions who received the award were CC Vic Fischer of the Lakeville Lions Club and Lion Jeanine Juel of the Dunlap Lions Club.



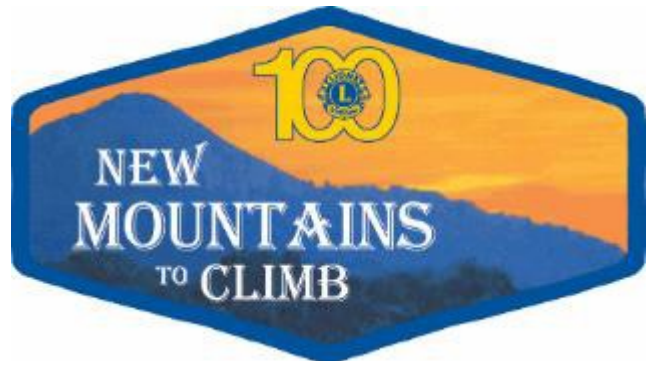
We're on Facebook !!!

Look for

Lions District 25-G



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Even though the month of May seems a bit colder than we'd like, NOW is the time to get all of our spring activities in place and get ready for the 100th Celebration of Lions! Just like our Indiana farmers who are preparing the fields for planting, we must look at our calendars and make plans. Have we accomplished our goals for this Centennial year?

One of my goals included the district-wide project of Blood Drives to collect 100 gallons of life-giving blood. Having been a previous blood donor, AND a recipient of blood transfusions, this is why I chose this easy community project for District G. We're over halfway there, and with the spring weather ahead, NOW is the time for your club to contact the American Red Cross (260-466-5235) or the South Bend Medical Foundation (574-234-4176, ext. 4131). Can you help?

And if your club HAS done a blood drive, please take the time now to email me and share your success at pitchinpeg@yahoo.com, and I can add your totals to the THERMOMETER! We're a TEAM, so help us all reach that community goal!

Where there's a NEED, there's a Lion!

And where there's an International Convention, there's a WHOLE LOT of Lions! I don't think we'll ever get such a great opportunity to be part of such a historical event as the 100th International Convention being held in Chicago, Illinois from June 30 through July 4. PDG Marty Juel put together the following information for riding the South Shore!

Last year, when I went to the International Convention in Japan, I was able to visit my Mishawaka Lions sister club in Shiojiri. I just received an email saying that six of their Shiojiri Lions Club members will be attending the Centennial Celebration in Chicago, and that they want to coordinate getting together. How fortunate I am to have the South Shore available to visit with my newest international friends!

Don't miss this opportunity to meet Lions from around the world. I am still in contact with many Lions from Germany, Canada, New York and South Africa. We all have so much in common...from smiles of friendship to serving our communities. It's SO close, take advantage of being part of the Centennial Celebration, even for a day! <http://lcon.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php>

DG Peg VanNevel

So, Go Made a Lion

And on the 9th day, God looked down from on high and said, "I need a doer of deeds." So, God made a Lion.

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, flip pancakes and collect money for some community project and then stay after to help distribute food at the food pantry." So, God made a Lion.

"I need somebody with arms strong enough to build ramp for the handicapped and yet gentle enough to help screen a preschooler's eyes. Somebody to work tirelessly at a vision screening, serve at the fair and then say that they'll be signing up for next year – and then do it." So God made a Lion.

God said, "I need somebody willing figure out ways to distribute dictionaries to third graders, wash and categorize eyeglasses, go on mission trips, send cards to the shut-ins and then raise money for a playground" So God made a Lion.

God had to have somebody willing to go out into their communities and make it a better place for all ages – young and old. Someone to make sure that cancer, diabetes, measles and river blindness become a thing of the past and those that need hearing aids, glasses or a Leader Dog get them. So, God made a Lion

God said, "I need somebody strong enough ask others to join and potentially serve on a committee. Someone who sees the need for action and is not willing to just sit back and write out checks. Someone who want to see the world around them to be a little better each day.

"Somebody who will pay a taitwister fine with a smile and approve motions with a hearty "Bite-em". Someone who will laugh, love and serve without a thought for themselves"" So God made a Lion.

Growing up I, like many others listened to Paul Harvey and his news broadcast. In 1978, Paul did a special feature titled "So, God made a Farmer" for the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and that was later re-done by Dodge RAM during Super Bowl in 2013. The word and the points are the same – as Lions we need to be more than people who show up for an occasional meeting. We need to seek out and find ways to make our communities better for everyone.

We need to serve with a purpose.

DGE Tom Polk

2017-2018 District Directory

*Please help offset printing costs
Great ways to advertise fundraisers*

1/4 Page Ad: \$30.00

1/2 Page Ad: \$55.00

Full Page Ad: \$100.00

Send either camera ready art or PDF to:

Lion Kim Polk

5378 East 975 South

LaFontaine, IN 46940

tomkimpolk@embarqmail.com

From the Desk of Cabinet Secretary PDG Ann Haffner

LCIF and Indiana Lions Foundation Donations

If you are submitting \$1000 for a Melvin Jones Fellowship or \$500 or \$600 (limited edition plaque) 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 PDG Marty Juel or you can download it at www.lcif.org or www.indianalions.org under Printable Forms.

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 toward 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 PDG Marty Juel as we have that information.

The Indiana Lions Foundation has similar guidelines regarding installment payments. If your club feels it can accumulate \$500 or \$600 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 or check the Indiana Lions Foundation link from www.indianalionsfoundationmd25.org.

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 2017-2018 on the MyLCI website and submitted that report to DG Peg Van Nevel and DGE Tom Polk. This is urgently needed so that DGE Tom's District Directory can be completed for 2017-2018 and to the printer before he leaves for District Governor Elect School and the International Convention in Chicago in June.

CLUB OFFICER TRAINING will soon be held in four locations in the district on four different evenings. Please watch for the schedule 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, ahaffner@kconline.com, or ann_haffner@yahoo and I'll do my best to assist you.



LION CHARLIE'S CORNER

DISTRICT G'S HALL OF FAME

As each Lions year passes it becomes part of our history. Sometimes great things happen and some Lions begin activities which influence our future success greatly. These Lions pass from our world but their activities and influence live on after they are gone.

This legacy influences the success of our clubs and the district in the years that follow their passing. It can inspire incoming Lions to make an effort to create new activities which keep our organization meaningful and attractive to future new members as the years go by.

Stan Fox joined the Syracuse Lions Club a number of years ago. He started a silent auction at our fish fry which over the years became one of our major fund raisers. The success of this activity led to its being tried at our state leadership conference to generate support for state youth activities and it raises over \$1000 a year and has increased attendance at the conference. Many districts now use this activity at their district meetings to raise funds.

PID Jim Cameron and others started mission trips which have not only provided eyeglasses for many people in the world who had no access to vision care and has provided a meaningful activity for many Lions.

The passing of PDG Layne Warren led me on this train of thought. He was not only a pillar of strength for the Claypool Lions but an active force in many district activities. His efforts in his club and District G are perfect examples of a dedicated Lion.

This might be the time to start a Hall of Fame for District 25-G Lions. The stories of theirs and others' accomplishments might serve as a stimulus to new Lions to be actively involved. It might serve as a stimulus for new Lions to develop new activities to keep our service continually improving.

There are many areas where our efforts could product great results. Some of them which come to mind are:

- Promotion of Youth Physical Fitness
- Setting Examples of Adult Physical Fitness
- Community Service Activities
- The Development of another Mission Trip
- Teaching Youth Effective Fundraising Techniques
- Promoting a Leadership Camp for Youth
- Actively promoting Lions Youth Exchange

Don't forget to send your club's application for the 2016-2017 TOP FIVE DISTRICT 25-G CLUBS OF THE YEAR CONTEST to District Secretary PDG Ann Haffner by July 10, 2017.

Spring is here and everything is growing.
NOW IS THE TIME TO GROW YOUR LIONS CLUB!

PDG Charlie Haffner

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

May 23

Peru's 1st Baptist Church

May 24

Greene Township
Community Building

May 31

New Paris Sunnyside
Park Building

June 7

Atwood Community
Building



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

Partnerships in SightFirst makes a difference!

Imagine the joy of a grandparent who gets to see their grandchild for the first time. Imagine the pain of a father who once provided for his family, but now no longer can because a preventable disease stole his sight. These are the reasons why SightFirst is dedicated to providing eye care to underserved communities and fighting preventable blindness.

One of our key partners in SightFirst is the World Health Organization (WHO). Through our partnership with the WHO, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) receives technical support for SightFirst initiatives as well as three other areas of importance: our Global Childhood Blindness Initiative, our Diabetic Eye Disease Initiative, and eye care initiatives in China.

The results of the partnership are impressive. LCIF has established 45 child-friendly eye care centers in 30 countries, developed a tool to help countries improve upon the measures of diabetes and diabetic retinopathy care, and eliminated trachoma as a public health threat in China. Because of what the WHO makes possible for SightFirst and our other LCIF initiatives, I am proud to announce the renewal of our agreement with the WHO.

The partnership LCIF has with the WHO has been tremendously successful and we are very pleased to have extended our relationship. We are proud to be working with an organization who wants to see progress as much as we do and we look forward to future achievements.



PDG Marty Juel
District 25G LCIF Coordinator

Save the Date!
Banner Night
July 29, 2017
Manchester University



SOUTH BEND
CUBS



DAY AT FOUR WINDS FIELD

SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH AT 2:05 PM



VS.



TICKETS ONLY \$11 PER PERSON

**TAKE DAD AND THE ENTIRE FAMILY OUT TO THE BALLGAME TO CELEBRATE
FATHERS DAY - KIDS CAN PLAY CATCH DOWN ON THE FIELD WITH A PARENT
OR GUARDIAN BEFORE THE GAME AND THE SOUTH BEND CUBS WILL BE
SIGNING AUTOGRAPHS DOWN ON THE FIELD AFTER THE GAME**

**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE
CONTACT PDG JERI SEELY TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY
P.O. BOX 567, MILFORD, IN 46542**

Local Club Coordinator Position Announced

The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Board of Trustees recently announced the addition of a new position in Club Leadership, the [Club LCIF Coordinator](#). This individual serves as an ambassador for LCIF in each club and is equipped to educate Lions about the activities of LCIF and its importance to Lions Clubs International.

The addition of the Club LCIF Coordinator helps to support the District LCIF Coordinator's effort and provides Lions with timely information about important foundation initiatives. In order to make this program successful, clubs are asked to support this position in the following ways:

- Ensure the club nominating committee has selected a Club LCIF Coordinator for a 1 year term (2017-2018) and this individual is identified through MyLCI or on the club's PU-101;

- Devote at least one club meeting to an annual LCIF presentation provided by the Club Coordinator; and

- Support the Club LCIF Coordinator in planning annual fundraising and recognition events within your club.



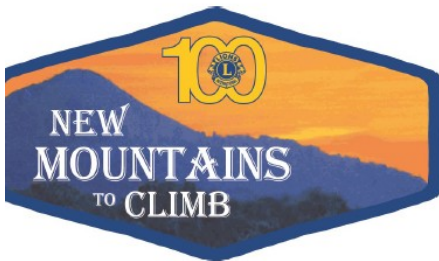
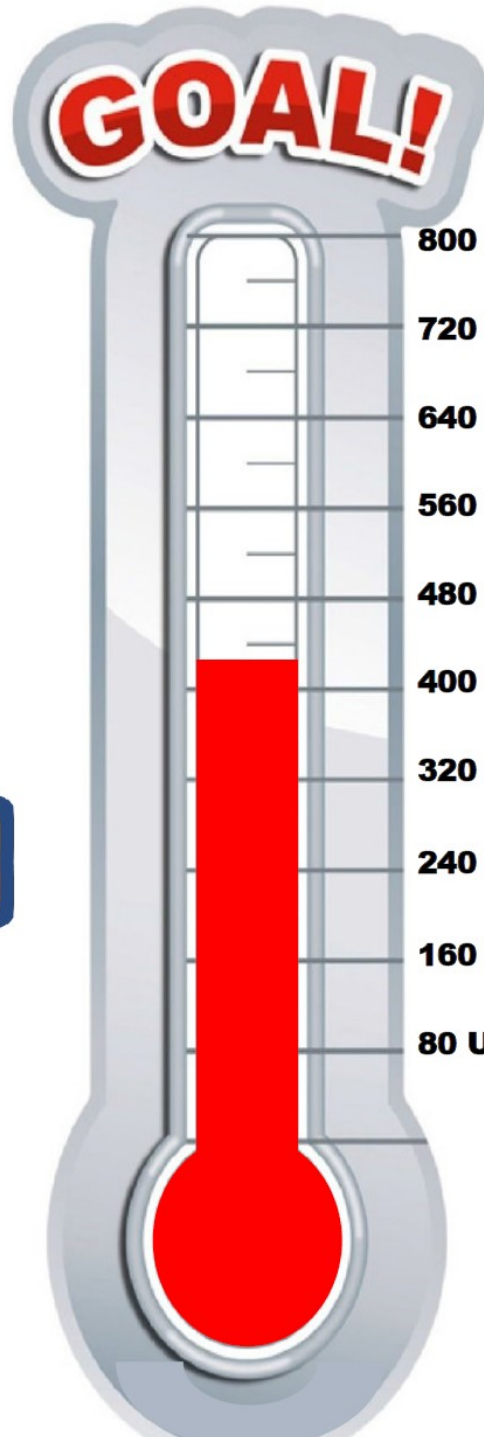
PDG Marty Juel
District 25G LCIF Coordinator

Send all LCIF contributions to the address below. DO NOT send checks to the district's treasurer. When sending checks, use the MJF application form, available at this link: <https://goo.gl/ylvMst>

**LCIF
Dept. 4547
Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547**

District 25-G

100 Gallons!





Celebrating 100 years of service with the South Bend Cubs

Sunday, June 18, the South Bend Cubs will help the Lions of Indiana celebrate the organization's 100th anniversary. The Cubs play the Lake County Captains. Game time is 2:05 p.m. Tickets are \$11 each and must be paid for prior to June 18. Children 2 and under are free as long as they don't need a seat.

Plan now to spend Father's Day at the ballpark with your family

Please fill out the form below and send to: PDG Jeri Seely, P.O. Box 567, Milford, IN 46542

Questions — jeriseely@gmail.com or jseely@the-papers.com or phone (574) 658-4842

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____ email _____

Number of Tickets @ \$11 each _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Make checks payable to the Milford Lions Club.

The Lions will have a table at the main gate - behind home plate. Tickets must be picked up there prior to noon.

Welcome New Members

During the month of March, 8 clubs in our district added 19 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.

Argos Lions Club

Member: Maja Master

Sponsor: Jean Coby

Bristol Lions Club

Member: Catherine Connors

Sponsor: Benjamin Evans

Member: Rebecca

Frankenberger

Sponsor: Benjamin Evans

Member: Mike Long

Sponsor: Benjamin Evans

Member: Lori Petersheim

Sponsor: Benjamin Evans

Member: Brenda Sciba

Sponsor: Jessica Watson

Member: Jessica Watson

Sponsor: Benjamin Evans

Member: Benjamin Evans

Sponsor: Peg VanNevel

Member: Doreen Kauffman

Sponsor: Dan Watson

Member: Charise Markin

Sponsor: Benjamin Evans

Member: Michael Petersheim

Sponsor: Benjamin Evans

Member: Dan Watson

Sponsor: Benjamin Evans

Member: Gary Yoder

Sponsor: Benjamin Evans

Elkhart Lions Club

Member: Denise Polachek

Sponsor: Sandra Iavagnilio

Etna Green Lions Club

Member: Marilyn Serritella

Sponsor: Cheryl McKinley

Lake City Lions Club:

Member: Darlene De Turk

Mishawaka Lions Club

Member: Veronica Kozelichki

Sponsor: Peg VanNevel

Peru Lions Club

Member: Jessica Bertapelle

Sponsor: Andrew Bertapelle

Syracuse Lions Club

Member: John Searfoss

Sponsor: Charles Haffner

Completion of Service

Dale A. Young passed away on February 27, 2017 at the age of 88. Lion Dale was a 33 year member of the Bourbon Lions Club.



MAY UPDATE:

Lions Clubs International Convention and 100th Anniversary Celebration

If you received this newsletter on May 1, 2017, there would only be 59 days before the start of the 100th Anniversary Celebration in Chicago. It's not too late to register and attend. Registration is open; there is even a day-of registration option. Remember, if you plan to march in the parade with your fellow Indiana Delegation, you must be registered for the LCIcon and wear the official Indiana parade uniform.

There is still time, so please come join us!

For information and to register go to <http://lcicon.lionsclubs.org>.

PDG Dan Wilcox, ICC Chairman – danwpu@comcast.net

An Income Opportunity for Your Club!

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway has offered our membership the opportunity to be ticket sellers for the Indianapolis Grand Prix and Indy 500 races. This is a great way your club can find a new revenue stream – especially if there are limited options in your area.

Since this is a direct contract with the IMS, the money paid by them to the club can either be put into the Activities fund or the Administrative account. This option is up to the club! Funds can go towards projects or help reduce dues!

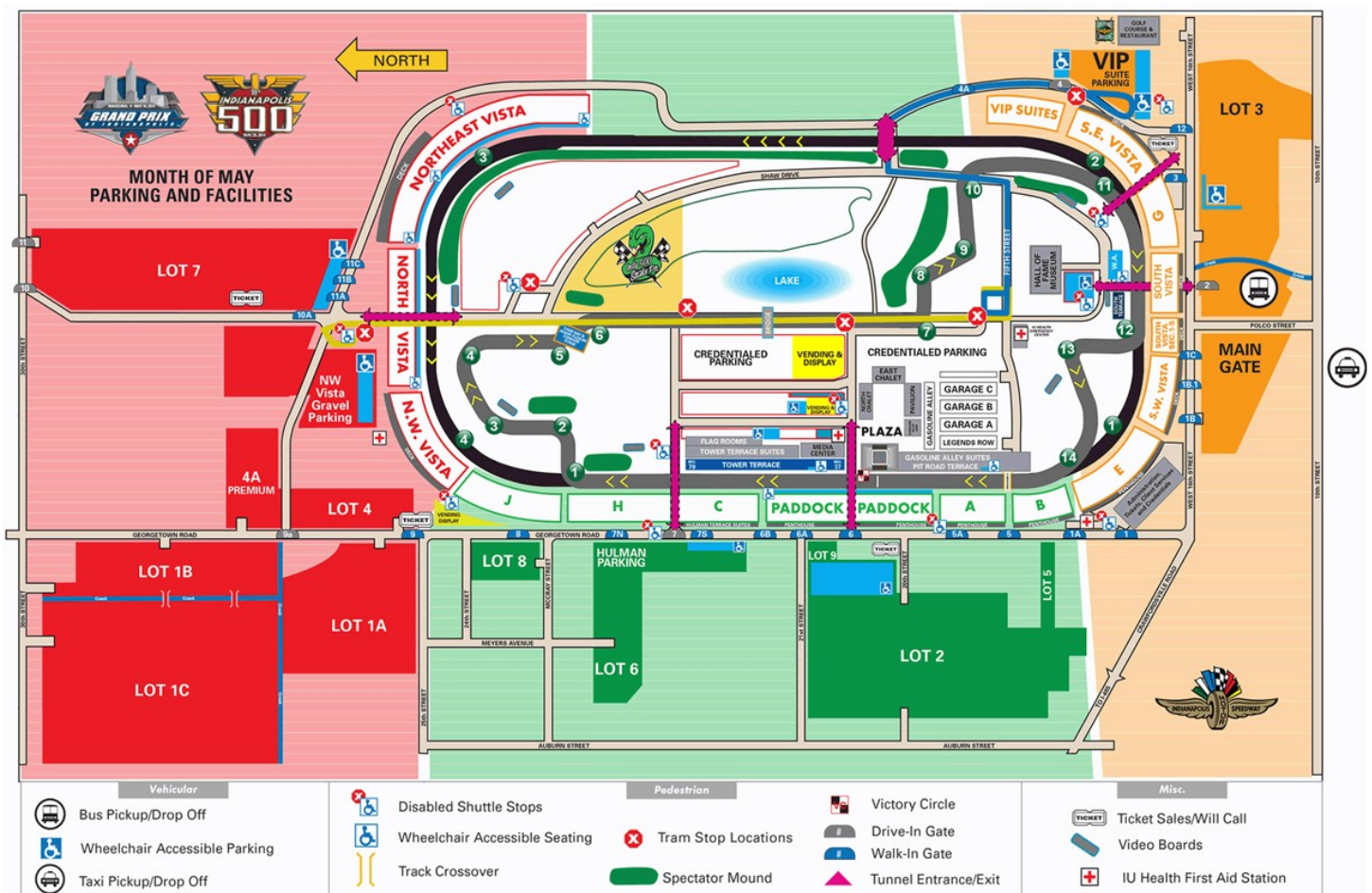
Signing up is easy – enter in the following link to see what shifts are available and then reserve yours. Currently just the Grand Prix is open for registration – the 500 will be available soon. Attached is a map listing gate numbers for your reference. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4ea5a92aaafe3-grand>

Parking spots for the Lions will be provided by the IMS.

All ticket selling areas are to be in a ticket booth or under canopy/shade.

Training for ticket selling will be provided by the IMS. This can be done either in person or online.

For additional details, contact Speedway Lions Reed Fish at Rfish@amfam.com 317-501-0535 or Jeff Berghoff at jberghoff62@icloud.com





District 25-G

4th District Meeting

Lunch includes: Chicken/ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, cake, lemonade, and coffee.

RSVP to Ann Haffner by May 13 – \$11.00

After May 13 – \$13.00



WHERE: Claypool Lions Club Building – *(please note location!)*
201 E. Calhoun St., Claypool, IN

WHEN: Saturday, May 20, 2017

TIME: Check-in: 11:30am
Lunch: Noon
Meeting: Immediately following lunch



Plan on a great day of fellowship, fun and some GAMES to celebrate our Centennial year in District 25-G!

Name(s): _____

Club: _____

of Meals: _____ Before 5/13 @ \$11.00 _____

of Meals: _____ After 5/13 @ \$13.00 _____

RVSP to Ann Haffner – ann_haffner@yahoo.com / 574-457-6118

Mail Checks to: PDG Ann Haffner

11268 N. State Road 13, Syracuse, IN 46567

Please remember to bring items for the silent auction!

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In support of our goal of serving 200 million people per year by 2021, we recently unveiled our new global service framework. This service framework focuses the efforts of Lions and Leos into five signature service areas to help identify and address emerging humanitarian needs around the world. **Youth engagement is a cornerstone of our service framework.** To accomplish our ambitious goals, we must serve more people in more ways than ever before. And that means partnering with young people and engaging these future leaders of Lions clubs and our communities. Every district, club and Lion has the opportunity to help mentor and guide these young leaders of our community by engaging them in service and giving them a voice in Lions. Young people are so important to the growth and success of your district and our association that the board of directors created an ad hoc committee to support and expand our youth engagement. Our new global service framework is sure to generate a lot of excitement and questions. When you're speaking with clubs about the framework, be sure to stress the importance of youth engagement and encourage Lions to give young people a meaningful role in their clubs by engaging them as partners in service. Inspiring the next generation of volunteers is more than an opportunity. It's our responsibility.

Very truly yours,
Chancellor Bob Corlew
Your International President

