

# MANE EVENTS

in District 25-G



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**Celebrate  
Independence  
July 4th**

## PDG Jeri Seely Honored by the Indiana Lions Foundation



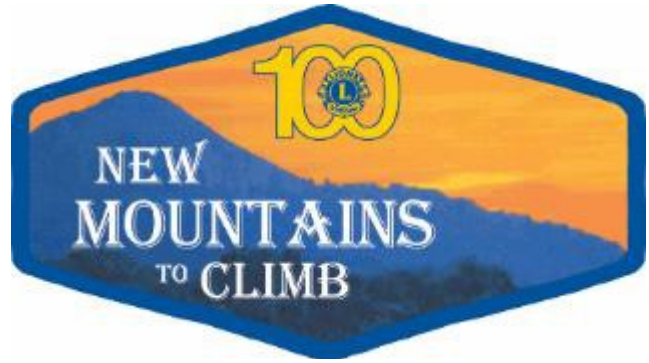
PDG Jeri Seely was one of only 17 Lions throughout the State of Indiana to be nominated for the Indiana Lions Foundation Distinguished Lion Award. Each nominee received a certificate. Foundation Trustee Lion Rose Russell presented PDG Jeri with her certificate at the 4th cabinet meeting held at Claypool on May 20th 2017.

**We're on Facebook!!!**

Look for  
**Lions District 25-G**



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How can I begin to thank everyone for what is (to paraphrase the Dunlap Lions Club) quite possibly the BEST District Governor's year ANYWHERE!?

Coming to each of your club's meetings, hearing your concerns and challenges, and seeing your wonderful participation in the District-wide Blood Drive project makes me proud to have been your District Governor leading into the Centennial year of Lions!

I see such dedication and imagination, it's inspiring to learn of all the ways your clubs touch the lives in your communities. I have also seen a general openness to new ideas, ways to share your successes with neighboring clubs, and more involvement in the district activities.

We don't stand alone...we ARE District 25-G, and our clubs touch beyond our town boundaries. Did you donate blood, or host a drive? For every unit that was collected, we helped THREE people in our communities. We have surpassed the 100 gallon goal, all because of you! I am SO PROUD of your accomplishment!

Are you seeing a trend? District 25-G works together, and surpasses every district goal! Two years ago, we had a 100% LCIF giving from EVERY club in our district! We were mentioned in the Lions Magazine for this rare feat. Last year, our goal was to raise \$15,000 for two kennels for the renovations at the Leader Dog facility in Rochester Hills, Michigan. Did we stop there? Heck no! We raised over \$40,000, including a \$10,000 LCIF grant! (See? The money that we put INTO LCIF comes back to us!)

I have a favor to ask...would all clubs who have held blood drives please confirm your total donations by sending me another email? I want to make sure that all participating clubs get proper recognition!

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

So, as we lead into the Centennial year of Lions, what Legacy Project will your club provide to your community? Or have you thought of new ways to increase your club membership? Hosting a membership drive is a good way to start, but also look within your town to see if there might be a specialty club (Future Farmers of America, Tractor Club, Sail Boating) that could become a branch club for your Lions Club.

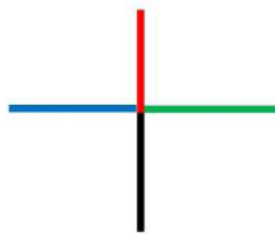
Your creativity in community service projects is a great way to invite new people to help, so they can learn first-hand how your Lions Club touches lives. There's no greater feeling than knowing you've touched the lives of others, making a difference. Why keep that feeling to yourself? The **MORE** the merrier!

Remember...District 25-G is a T.E.A.M! **Together Everyone Achieves More!**

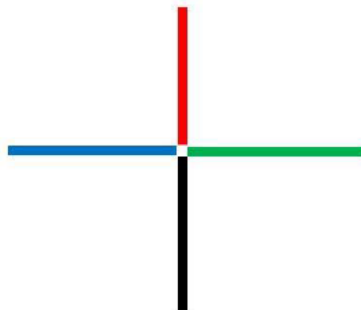
**And as Lions...WE SERVE!**

DG Peg VanNevel

A man was sitting at a table. He had four colored sticks that he arranged like the picture below.



He asked the same question as people came up. “How can you move only one stick and make a square?” People came and people left but no one could come up with the solution. They tried all sort solutions. They were puzzled. They were perplexed. Finally, someone look at him and said – “You want to create a square? Just slide the top stick up.” “You are correct!” the man exclaims.



So, what does this have to do with Lions club? Often, we are looking for the “big solution” – the so called “magic bullet” but the reality is that there is no such thing. The most effective and appropriate thing is to make small changes. Forward progress measured in inches not miles. Two trains one traveling at 60 miles an hour and the other traveling at 62 miles per hour. Over the course of a working year (2,080 hours) the faster train will have travelled 2x the width of the United States.

So keep at the process and changes that you are trying to make. Slow and steady will bring more and better changes.

Serve with a difference

DGE Tom Polk

## **From the Desk of Cabinet Secretary PDG Ann Haffner**

As this Lions year nears its end, have we taken the time to evaluate our progress? Are there goals we made last summer that haven't been attained? Is our club positive in membership for the year? Have all MMR's, Activities Reports, Officer Report Form, dues and remittances been submitted on time? Did we add a new service project or fundraiser? Is our club visible in our community and one that our friends and neighbors want to be part of? Do we regularly publicize our events and successes in the local media? Are we supporting LCIF, our State Projects, and Indiana Lions Foundation? Did we attend zone and district meetings and encourage incoming officers to attend Officer Training? Are we truly serving the needs in our community? Have we listened to the ideas of new members in our clubs? Are we encouraging new leadership?

As Lions, clubs, club officers, committee chairpersons, or district cabinet members are we proud of our accomplishments or is there more that we can do to insure the future of our club, our district, and Lionism? Now is the time to evaluate the progress we have made these past eleven months and make that little extra effort needed to finish the year knowing we have done our very best!

As we evaluate our year, let's not forget to honor and thank those Lions who make a difference in our club and community with their leadership and service. Each Lion is important to the success and future of our clubs, our district, our state, and our great association. Without each one, we cannot prosper and grow. Involve them, appreciate them, and listen to their ideas!

Best wishes to each of you and your clubs as you successfully complete this last month of the 2016-2017 Lions year and plan for an even more successful 2017-2018. This year we followed DG Peg Van Nevel's "Together Everyone Achieves More" motto. Plan now to give DGE Tom Polk your best efforts as we support him next year. I look forward to seeing you at "Lions Day with the South Bend Cubs" on June 18. Please get your reservation check to PDG Jeri Seely now to insure your seats. What a great way to mark the end of this Lions year and Lions Clubs International Centennial Celebration together!

If your club finishes positive in membership on June 30 and donated to LCIF you may be eligible to earn the Club Excellence Award or Top Five Clubs of the Year Award. The Club Excellence Award Application should be mailed to DG Peg Van Nevel by July 31. The Top Five Clubs of the Year Application should be mailed to me by July 10. If you need copies of the applications I can e-mail them to you.

I am always available to assist with any questions you or your club officers have. I am just a call or e-mail away. (574) 457-3054 or [ann\\_haffner@yahoo.com](mailto:ann_haffner@yahoo.com).

### **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](mailto:tomkimpolk@embarqmail.com)*



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### DISTRICT 25-G YEARLY CLUB AWARDS PROGRAM

Each year we have several LIONS CLUBS in our district who do outstanding things. Sometimes it's starting a new activity in their club. Sometimes it's making a great effort to boost their club's membership. Sometimes it's successfully starting a new club or supporting a new district Lions project. And sometimes it's simply raising its club's efforts in improving the conditions in their community.

The following sheet gives the outline of a club awards program which will be used at the end of this year to evaluate each club's service. Those clubs who wish to participate in the awards program will fill out the form and turn it in to the Cabinet Secretary.

The top 5 clubs, based on their reports, will each receive a plaque. The plaques are all in the shape of our district. The program will continue each year with the following goals:

- Promote each club's efforts to improve
- Promote district membership gain
- Provide an outline a club can use for improvement
- Identify the TOP FIVE CLUBS in improvement of Lions service this past year

AWARDS WILL BE MADE AT BANNER NIGHT FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE LIONS YEAR.

Completed applications must be received by the District Cabinet Secretary by July 10, 2017.



DISTRICT 25-G TOP FIVE CLUBS OF THE YEAR CONTEST  
LIONS YEAR 2016-2017

Qualifications:

1. Your Lions Club must be positive in membership growth for the year to enter. The size of your club is not considered in evaluating your application. The quality of your service is the determining factor.
2. Your club must have donated to all 5 state projects and LCIF.  
    Eye Bank – yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_  
    Speech & Hearing – yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_  
    Cancer Control – yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_  
    School for the Blind – yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_  
    Leader Dog – yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_  
    LCIF – yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ (includes Melvin Jones Fellowship donations)
3. Your club must:
  1. \_\_\_ have collected eyeglasses to assist the District 25-G Mission Trips.
  2. \_\_\_ have at least one club officer at district officer training.
4. Check the following that your club participated in:  
    \_\_\_ a. Children's Eye Screening  
    \_\_\_ b. District Dictionary Project  
    \_\_\_ c. Promoted Indiana Lions Law Camp  
    \_\_\_ d. Peace Poster Contest  
    \_\_\_ e. Hosted a Blood Drive  
    \_\_\_ f. Worker(s) at State Fair  
    \_\_\_ g. Hosted a Lions Youth Exchange Student  
    \_\_\_ h. Conducted a Club Visitation to another District 25-G Club  
    \_\_\_ i. Held a White Cane or Candy Day Collection  
    \_\_\_ j. Had attendee(s) at a District Meeting  
    \_\_\_ k. Successfully sponsored a Youth Group, Leo Club or New Lions Club  
    \_\_\_ l. Your club has an ongoing service project  
    \_\_\_ m. You promote what you do for the community (media, social media)  
    \_\_\_ n. Your club has a plan to recruit and retain members  
    \_\_\_ o. New members receive proper orientation and induction  
    \_\_\_ p. Regular submission of membership and activity reports
5. List and describe special activities and fundraisers that your club provides:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Number of new members added this year \_\_\_\_\_
7. If your club has a club directory or brochure please include a copy with this form.
8. If you have additional important information it may be added to the back of this form

## A Billion Dollars in Service

Recently, LCIF marked a milestone, awarding more than US\$1 billion in grants since its founding in 1968. Countless individuals and communities have been improved due to Lions and LCIF, including more than 15 million young people who have been exposed to the Lions Quest program.

LCIF contributions are used everywhere, including support of many projects right here in Indiana and District 25-G. If your club has not made its annual contribution to LCIF yet, be sure to do so right away.

DO NOT mail LCIF checks to the district treasurer. There is a special lock box and contribution form for LCIF contributions. For details, go to the district website, [www.lions25g.org](http://www.lions25g.org) and click on the DOCUMENTS menu item. In the drop-down menu, select the first item, LCIF FORMS. Download the Melvin Jones Fellowship and complete this form, even if you are not requesting a MJF. If you have questions about this process, please contact District LCIF Coordinator, PDG Marty Juel.



**PDG Marty Juel**  
**District 25G LCIF Coordinator**  
**(574) 534-8868**

## Membership Notes

by PDG Paul Russell

At the end of May, District 25-G had a net increase of 52 members for the 2016-2017 Lions year, with 1 new club and 1 reorganized club.

The Middlebury Lions Club was chartered in August with 24 members and now has 33 members. The Dunlap Lions Club was the sponsoring club and the two clubs are working together on community service projects.

The Bristol Lions Club was reorganized in March after all members were dropped in December. The reorganized club has 13 members and is actively seeking additional new members.

Don't ask someone if they want to join your Lions Club; ask them if they want to make a difference in your community.

Don't invite someone to come to a Lions Club meeting; invite them to work on a community service project.

My term as District GMT Coordinator will end on June 30. It has been a privilege to serve the Lions of District 25-G in this position for the past 6 years, but it is time for new leadership with new ideas.



## International Director candidate to be featured

The Elkhart Lions will have a special visit by PDG Nick Xinopoulos, recently endorsed candidate for LCI International Director at our state convention held in Evansville. He will be our guest speaker for our Lions club meeting on Wednesday, June 21st. Our club meets at noon at the Christiana Creek Country Club, 116 West Bristol St., Elkhart IN. We suggest if you plan on attending to be there by 11:45 a.m. We usually adjourn by 1 p.m. The cost for the buffet meal is \$10.

Because we are extending this invitation to many clubs in the area, we need to know who and how

many from your club will be attending. Please RSVP to PDG Marty Juel, (574) 534-8868 or email at [marty@martyjuel.com](mailto:marty@martyjuel.com)

**Nick was district governor in 2009-2010 and is a 26-year member of the Brownsburg Lions Club. He came from the United States as a youngster from Greece and has an extremely interesting background. He served on Indiana Lions Eye Bank from 2003-2017, serving as chairman in 2015-2017. Once he is elected at this year's LCI Convention in July in Chicago, he will begin a two-year term that will take throughout the country and several countries. Please join us in hearing from PDG Nick before his time commitment will prevent many appearances in our area for the next several years.**



PDG Jeri Seely was presented with a W.P Woods Fellowship Centennial plate at the 4th cabinet meeting held on May 20th at Claypool. The W.P. Woods Fellowship is presented by the Indiana Lions Foundation and the Centennial plate will only be available for a limited time. Pictured are (left to right) Foundation Trustee Lion Rose Russell and PDG Jeri Seely.



# 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 and we will be providing ticket sellers on the tractor shuttles on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Indiana State Fair. **The fair runs from Friday August 4th—Sunday, August 20st.** Over 700 shifts need to be filled over this 17 day period. This is the single largest fundraiser for the Foundation and the money is used to provide Foundation Grants to individual clubs.

Working at the State Fair as a ticket seller or scanner is much easier than it has been in the past. The computer terminals worked very well last year and selling tickets requires only pushing three buttons. Scanning tickets requires only that the worker hold the hand held scanner over the bar-coded ticket and press the trigger.

Most positions are sitting and two of the four gates have air conditioned booths for the ticket sellers. The Tunnel Gate may require some standing, although that is not normally a busy gate. The tractor shuttles requires the ticket seller to move along the inside the shuttle and collect money. When not busy there are seats available at the rear of each shuttle.

Two shifts are available to work. The morning shift is from 7:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.. The afternoon shift is from 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 regular W.P. Woods and 12 credits for the Centennial Plate. The Centennial plate will be offered for a limited number of years. Bring a car load of Lions and friends and join us at the Fair this year.

You may use the Foundation website to volunteer at **<http://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/>**

For more information or to volunteer, contact one of your three District 25-G Foundation Trustees.

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# 25G Banner Night

Saturday, July 29th @ 6:30 pm

Jo Young Switzer Center—Lahman Room

Manchester University, North Manchester, Indiana



Come join us as we celebrate the passing of the District Banner from the Mishawaka Lions Club to the LaFontaine Lions Club.



Hear about the District's 2017-2018

projects:

Little Free Library

Reading Action Program

Buffet Cost: \$19.00/per person

Menu: Fried Chicken, Roasted Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Fresh Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Dinner Rolls, Cheesecake & Beverages: Coffee, Iced Tea & Water

Reservation Form:

Due by 7/20/17

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Meals: \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP to Kim Polk: [tomkimpolk@embarqmail.com](mailto:tomkimpolk@embarqmail.com) or 765-981-2605. Make checks payable to Lions District 25G and mail to: Lion Kim Polk, 5378 E 975 S, LaFontaine, IN 46940



## 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](mailto:jeriseely@gmail.com) or [jseely@the-papers.com](mailto: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.





**SOUTH BEND**  
**CUBS**

Contact Jeri Seely before  
Monday to reserve tickets



**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**



# Syracuse Lions Club



## & Stan Fox Memorial Silent Auction

Monday, July 3, 2017

5 –8 p.m.

## Syracuse Community Center

(3 blocks east of the downtown stoplight across from Lakeside Park)

Adults \$10

Children (under 10) \$5

Children under 3 Free

Chicken Strips will be added this year.



## Lapaz and Lakeville Lions Clubs Work Together

The Lapaz and Lakeville Lions Club joined forces to build a ramp for MaKayla Tillman who will be in a wheel chair for six weeks following surgery this month. Left Picture: Lions Steve Cox and Phil Cox of the Lapaz Lions Club. Right picture: Connor Tillman and Lion Jim Tillman.

# Welcome New Members

During the month of April, 5 clubs in our district added 8 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: Dale M. Blanch

Sponsor: Jerry Gates

Member: Kevin Scott

Sponsor: Eugene Cooper

## Leesburg Lions Club

Member: Brad Boaz

Sponsor: Justin Curtis

Member: Daniel Ferguson

Sponsor: Dennis Lowry

Member: William Jones

Sponsor: Justin Curtis

## New Paris Lions Club

Member: Daniel Jay Hartzler

Sponsor: Danial Hartzler

## North Manchester Lions Club

Member: Katrina Kerlin

Sponsor: Marie Quick

## Wakarusa Lions Club:

Member: Jamie Wise

Sponsor: Linda Wise

# Completion of Service

**Francis O. Coplen** passed away on May 14, 2017 at the age of 92. Lion Francis was a 36 year member of the Argos Lions Club.

**Blaine Gamble** passed away on April 17, 2017 at the age of 95. Lion Blaine was a 60 year member of the New Carlisle Lions Club.

**Tom McCan** passed away on April 16, 2017 at the age of 54. Lion Tom was a 27 year member of the Plymouth Lions Club.



## LAST CALL! LAST CALL FOR LCICON! Don't let the sun set on this opportunity.

It's not too late to attend, but some things have changed regarding registration. You can no longer register online. You can only register when you arrive. **Onsite registration is available at the Onsite Registration Booth located at McCormick Place South, Room S 102 starting Friday, June 30th at 09:00 AM CT.**

The International Parade is on Saturday, July 1. If you plan to march with Indiana Lions in the parade, you must be registered for the convention and wear the official Indiana Lions parade uniform (parade shirt, parade hat (if wearing a hat), black pants (trousers, skirts, or capris) and black shoes. We are a juried entry and must look cohesive to have any chance of an award.

To follow events while at the LCIcon or from home, on Facebook look for INDIANA LIONS LCICON. Updates will be posted there.

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

PDG Dan Wilcox, ICC Chairman – [danwpu@comcast.net](mailto:danwpu@comcast.net)

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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  
Robert Corlew

International President