

MANE EVENTS

in District 25-G



December, 2015
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***Merry
Christmas***



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Second 2015-16 District Meeting



Pictured above are the representatives of the clubs that received the 2014-15 Club Excellence Award

The Atwood Lions Club hosted the second District Meeting of the 2015-2016 Lions year at the Atwood Community Center on Saturday, November 21st, and provided attendees with a free breakfast. 68 district Lions and 1 out-of-district Leo attended the meeting.

DG Vic Fischer presented Club Excellence Awards for the 2014-2015 Lions year to representatives of 8 districts clubs: Argos LC, Culver LC, Dunlap LC, Greene Township LC, Laketon LC, New Paris LC, Piercetown LC, and Syracuse LC. DG Vic encouraged all clubs to earn the Club Excellence Award this year.

DG Vic Fischer and PDG Jeri Seely provided an update on the district kennel project, reporting that the district had raised more than \$11,500 and had qualified for a matching grant of \$10,000 from LCIF. Donations for breakfast totaled \$345, the Lake City Lions Club donated \$150, and the Argos Lions Club presented a check in the amount of \$3,750.

PDG Marty Juel and Lion John Preheim gave a presentation about the district's eyeglass recycling project. They described the process by which used eyeglasses are prepared for Lions eyeglass missions to Mexico.

2nd VDG Tom Polk gave a presentation on the use of Facebook to publicize our Lions Clubs. He described how to set up a Facebook page for a club, and how to use Facebook to promote club events.

The next district meeting will be held on Saturday, January 16th.



Experience the Service Together – From a vision to reality

“If you can dream it, you can do it.”

— Helen Keller

This simple quotation from Helen Keller really sums up what we as a district are accomplishing together. Our District Wide Kennel Project vision includes harnessing the power of the entire district to build something together that will benefit those who are blind or visually impaired for many years to come. Our mission is to provide “At Least” two of these kennels for the Leader Dog facility

in Rochester Hills, Michigan.

Thanks to everyone’s efforts our dream IS becoming a reality. We not only can do it, we are doing it. As of this writing, including the grant funding, we now have three kennels paid for and are half way towards a fourth one.

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We interrupt this Governor’s newsletter for another special announcement...

Communication from LCI..... Congratulations to all the members of Lions District 25-G. You have been selected from 65 entries worldwide as one of only six districts that will participate in a leadership webinar that explains how a district wide service project can be successfully accomplished. This webinar will be broadcast around the globe in January 2016.

Now back to your regularly scheduled newsletter.....

Again, How about that fellow Lions? Talk about being the tip of the spear!!! We together will be helping other lions to make their dreams come true by demonstrating how things are done using teamwork!!

In other news, Project School Sight is still going full steam with more and more clubs joining in on the fun!!! Latest info includes screening 3000+ children around the district. The referral rates are ranging from 17% to 34% . Right out of the box, this new project is already making a positive difference in the lives of thousands of children. Job well done, Lions !!! Let’s keep going!!

A little heads up: starting next month we will be adding a two segment feature to our newsletter that will be providing a unique perspective by folks that are blind and/or visually impaired. Stay tuned for more details. Our lion’s family in district 25-G is accomplishing many amazing things. Helen Keller challenged the Lions to be “knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness.” She also encouraged people to imagine what can be then take the vision and make it a reality. This is exactly what we are accomplishing as we continue to experience the service together!!!.

Lion Diane and I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!! Thank you for all that you are doing and keep up the great work everyone!!

Yours in Lionism,

District Governor Vic

District 25-G

Take Time to Recharge

Two lumberjacks were having a tree cutting contest. The first lumberjack stood and worked his saw back and forth at a frantic pace for hours. Sweat was running down his brow but he continued to take stroke after stroke. The other lumberjack would work hard and then sit down and take a break. He would then get back up and start cutting wood. As the competition came to a close, everyone was amazed that the second lumberjack had cut more wood than the first. "How can that be?", asked the first lumberjack. "I worked harder than you did!", he exclaimed. "Yes, but I took time to sharpen my saw!", replied the second.

Steven Covey in his book "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" lists the seventh habit as "take time to sharpen your saw". This habit says that you are more effective if you periodically take time to recharge yourself. As Lions, this can be done various ways - zone meetings, district cabinet meetings or events at the state or even international level. The events are times to get out of your normal rut and meet other Lions and "sharpen our claws" (pun intended) as we learn new ways to do things or just share some of our local challenges and problems. So when you get an invitation to the district or zone meeting remember the need to "sharpen your claws".

Remember, as Lions we serve together.

2VDG Tom Polk, District 25-G

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

This time of year can be the BEST time of year if we continue to remember why we DO all the things that create such a busy pace. So, throughout the rest of the year, we should focus on why our involvement with LIONS keeps us busy, and what we can do to work together, and do great things...

- Communication through emails, club visits, phone calls...all this will help keep us brainstorming for success. There's no need to reinvent the wheel...find out what other clubs have done successfully.
- Talk with your community – schools, city hall, youth groups. What can you do to serve their needs? Not sure how to do it? (see first bullet point)
- Do you have enough members to DO some of those projects? Not sure how to attract new members? (see first bullet point)
- Looking for ways to improve YOUR Lion skills? There are SO many great topics on the LCI website, classes and webinars. You'll be amazed at how much you already know, and find that the online information helps lead you to action! (Again, communication!)
- Once you find the information, now it's time to share with others in your club. How?
 - Think about the Club Quality Initiative! We have many District-25G Lions waiting to serve your club, sharing their knowledge.

So, let's revisit some of these thoughts...

Communication, brainstorming, learning, and how to serve our communities and each other in better ways. Seems like a good tie-in with the Christmas spirit...without the mad rush to the malls and outlet centers. One person, working with another...clubs within the zone, working together, building success – as in our district-wide Leader Dog project for building kennels. THIS is the spirit of togetherness. THIS IS WHAT DISTRICT 25-G CAN DO ALL YEAR ROUND! I am so proud of all of the teamwork, and look forward to being part of building our teamwork for years to come!

1st VDG Peg VanNevel

From the Desk of CS PDG Ann Haffner

THE IMPORTANCE OF CLUB REPORTS

CLUB SECRETARIES: I hope you are aware of the important position you hold in your club. You are the liaison officer between your club and both District 25-G and Lions Clubs International. Your promptness in submitting reports on time is one of the determining factors in whether your club is eligible to receive the Club Excellence Award for 2015-2016.

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT: The MMR is used to report membership changes: new, transfer, re-instated and dropped members; address, phone number, e-mail and name changes; corrections and additions. Either the club president or secretary can file this report and the Monthly Activities Report on MyLCI. If you don't have a username and password you can set this up following the directions on the login page on MyLCI. You'll need your LCI membership number to do this. From the LCI Home Page click on "MyLCI." The MMR must be filed every month even if there are no changes.

It can still be mailed in paper form to LCI and the district governor but is due the 20th of the month; i.e., the December report is due at LCI on December 20. The electronic version must be filed by the last day of the month; i.e., the December report must be filed by midnight CST December 30. Filing online with MyLCI does not mean that DG Vic will receive a copy. It must be viewed and saved to your computer and then sent as an attachment to him at superduper826@aol.com. It is a nice gesture to also send it to your zone chairperson, 1st VDG Peg Van Nevel at pitchinpeg@yahoo.com and 2nd VDG Tom Polk at tomkim-polk@embarqmail.com.

New Lions will not receive the HOOSIER LION or LION magazine until their membership is recorded with LCI. Several clubs have members on the rolls at LCI with no addresses or incorrect addresses. Hence, they do not receive these publications. If your club has members on record at LCI that are deceased or have dropped out your club is liable for paying LCI, district and state dues for them. Please make sure this is taken care when submitting your December MMR or your club will be liable for January through June dues for those dropped or deceased members.

CLUB ACTIVITIES REPORT: Activities reports can no longer be mailed to LCI. They may be submitted online monthly or periodically to report service activities, donations, and service hours. This is especially important as we look toward our centennial celebration. Clubs are encouraged to help reach the Lions Clubs International Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people by June 30, 2018, especially in the categories of environment, vision, hunger and youth.

INSTRUCTIONS: If you need directions for filing reports they can be found online. From the LCI Home Page, www.lionsclubs.org, click on "MyLCI." On the Logon Page there are help information links shown at the right under "Support Center."

Once you've logged on, click on "My Lions Club" and then "Members" to update a member's information or drop a member. Click on "Reports" for a number of reports you can view or print. Click on "Membership Cards" to print them for your members. Only Club Secretaries and Presidents can make changes or additions. Treasurers can view and print reports if they have activated a username and password. If you have difficulty filing reports, making changes, or need help securing a username and password contact me at ahaffner@kconline.com or 574-457-3054 and I will be happy to assist you.

LET'S BE A 100% DISTRICT: District 25-G was Indiana's only 100% District in contributing to LCIF last year. We can be a 100% District in filing Membership and Activities Reports each month.

LET'S JUST DO IT!

Lionism at Its Best in 25-G

“Effective Publicity is Priceless”

PDGs Bud and Jeri Seely

All year long the Lions of Indiana receive copies of the HOOSIER LION which keeps them informed of what's happening in Lionism all over the state. And for the many years this has been happening it has been under the direction of one person—PDG Jeri Seely

The “Seely Team,” PDGs Bud and Jeri, have kept our district's news up to date with many articles written by Jeri and often accompanied by photos taken by Bud. They were instrumental in providing the news about PID Jim Cameron's many mission trips. The resulting publicity not only created the interest in many Lions to participate in mission trips but motivated much of the financial support to purchase vehicles for the mission trips.

Both PDGs Bud and Jeri have been active on the Lions Leadership Conference Committee and have also put on seminars at the conference. Both were also very active in assisting PIP Wayne Madden during his 4 year leadership role in International Lionism.

PDG Bud was an active participant in our program providing free plywood to public school shop programs and also delivering it to Lions making our eyeglass and hearing aid collection boxes.

Lion Bud became district governor for the 1972-73 Lions year at age 36. Lion Jeri and PDG Fran Shaul, 25-F, were the first female district governors in Indiana in 1996-97 and in the first group of female district governors worldwide. Lion Jeri has also been a trustee of our State Leader Dog Project for many years and secretary of the Milford Lions Club.

Lionism in District 25-G in 2016

As we approach the New Year each Lion has a decision to make. Will I make an effort to improve my service and my club's service to humanity this year? Will I take the time and make the effort to create something new or strengthen something we presently do?

The Lions described in my previous articles all had one characteristic in common. When they decided how they could best serve they used their time and effort to accomplish their goals.

At the same time they were also alert to the opportunity to ask someone else to join their Lions club. And the simplest way to do that is to ask them to help in one of your Lions club's activities.

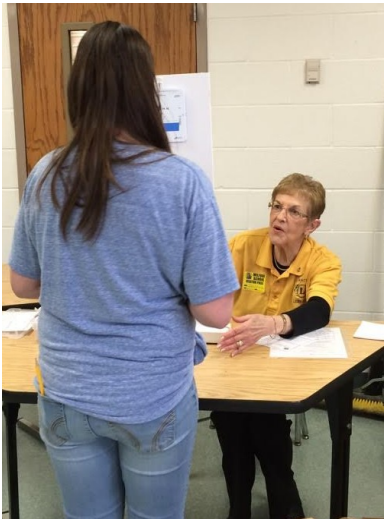
My last article at the end of this Lions year will list the names of all District 25-G Lions who brought in a new member during this Lions year. They are the Lions who really care about Lionism.

PDG Charlie Haffner

**Marlyn and Amanda Fast—Change of e-mail address:
mafast1107@gmail.com**

Syracuse and Milford Lions Clubs

Working Together to provide School Sight Program to Area Schools



So Far the Syracuse and Milford Lions Clubs have tested vision of students at Syracuse, Milford and Wawasee Middle School. Pictured upper left: PDG Ann Haffner tests the near vision of a student. Pictured upper middle: The Milford School announced the vision screening on their school sign. Pictured upper right: Marie Butler-Knight tests the far vision of a student. Pictured left: PDG Ann Haffner, Lion Marie Butler-Knight of Syracuse, Lions Lisa Ensz, Barb Zimmerman, Steve Weisser and Dr. Gerv Schafer of Milford.



← At the November meeting of the LaPaz Lions, Lion Bill Snyder was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship in continuous service to the Lapaz Lions Club, North Township community and Marshall County. Pictured with Lion Snyder are from left, Lion District Governor Vic Fischer, Lion Snyder, Sharon Snyder and LaPaz Lions President Steve Cox.

The Lake City Lion and the Warsaw Lions → recently held a Benefit Breakfast for Ali Hygema. The Clubs presented the family a check for \$2500 to help with medical expenses. Pictured left to right are Richard Sisk, Warsaw Lions President, Mandy Hygema, Terry Hygema and Jim Reeve, Lake City Lions President.





Lake City and Warsaw Lions Club presented dictionaries to 3rd graders at 3 schools. Lions in the pictures are PDG Robert Myers, Lion Virginia Myers and Lion Ken Farley

Madison Township Lions Clubs Distribute Dictionaries to 3rd graders at Elm Road and Meadow's Edge Elementary Schools



Pictured left are Lion Alan Beehler Madison Township President Brian Schlarb.

Pictured right is President Brian Schlarb talking to the students



Welcome New Members

During the month of October, 7 clubs in our district added 15 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: Carol Arnett
Sponsor: Monty Peden

Member: Sharon Cudney
Sponsor: Monty Peden

Member: Dustin Johnson
Sponsor: Jane Hall

Member: Larry Cudney
Sponsor: Monty Peden

Member: Dawn Johnson
Sponsor: Jane Hall

Member: Michael Williams
Sponsor: Mark Harshbarger

Baugo Lions Club

Member: Jon Fish
Sponsor: Ray Hochstetler

Denver Lions Club

Member: Kyle Eb Thomas

Grass Creek Lions Club

Member: Judith Hollis
Sponsor: Denise Baker

Member: John Smith
Sponsor: Carl Sommers

Member: Lisa Smith
Sponsor: Eileen Sommers

Member: Stephen St. Clair
Sponsor: Bruce Baker

Mishawaka Lions Club

Member: Carl Tanner
Sponsor: Bryan Tanner

New Carlisle Lions Club

Member: Jackie Bone
Sponsor: Bernard Macias

New Paris Lions Club

Member: Nathan Steffen
Sponsor: Merv Miller

Completion of Service

PDG Glenn Yoder passed away on November 9, 2015 at the age of 80. PDG Glenn was an enthusiastic supporter of Lions for 36 years and belonged to the Millersburg Lions Club. PDG Glenn was District Governor in 1987-88 and was a 100% governor. After serving as District Governor, PDG Glenn was the State Membership Chairperson for three years. PDG Glenn was a Melvin Jones Fellow and enjoyed Pin Trading and pen design.

Charles E. Stenberg passed away on November 11, 2015 at the age of 68. Lion Charles was a 10 year member of the Elkhart 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
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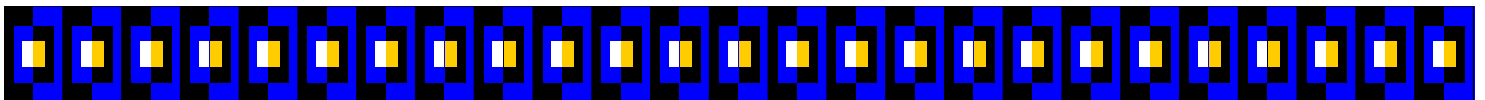
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Check out our website: <http://indianalionsconvention.org/>
We’re on Facebook too: www.facebook.com/ILSC2016

2nd District Meeting Held at Atwood

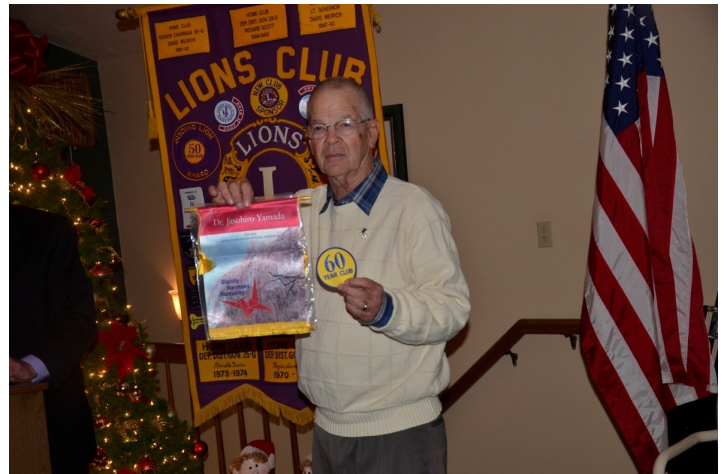
The second district meeting was held at Atwood Community Center on November 21st



Lakeville Lions hosted its annual "Toys for Tots Blitz Day" at Dave Gerent's Garage on December 5th where Individuals from the community dropped off their toys. LaPaz Lions Club will also collect toys. The LaVille Elementary School collected over 8,000 food items, and the Cub Scouts collected bags of food in Lakeville. The food and toys collected will be distributed to needy families in the Lakeville/LaPaz communities..

Pictured left to right are project co-chairperson, PDG Dave Court, Corporal Dan Gassman, USMC, Corporal Jake Muro, USMC, Dave Grenert and co-chairperson DG Vic Fischer.

Dunlap Lions Club Celebrates 60 Years of Service



Upper left: Immediate Past President Bruce Wells received banner patches for Centennial Service and Club Excellence. Upper right: Dave Vollman was presented the banner and 60th anniversary patch from President Yamada. Lower left: Larry Mast received a Melvin Jones Fellowship



Two of the original fundraisers for the Dunlap Club was the selling of brooms and light-bulbs. In recognition of this, Lion Ron Dean auctioned off brooms and lightbulbs once again



Above: Lions of the Dunlap Club who attended the 60th celebration. Right: President John Preheim presents 2 checks to DG Vic for the Leader Dog Kennel project totaling \$1,200.00



2016 Indiana Distinguished Lions Award

The Indiana Lions Foundation, Inc. is again sponsoring the Indiana Distinguished Lion Award to recognize an outstanding member of the Lions of Indiana. This award will be presented at the 2016 State Convention in Shipshawana, Indiana at the Saturday Luncheon. The award is a standing Lion replica for the recipient's desk and their name will be placed on a plaque in the Lions State Office.

The qualifications for this prestigious award are:

1. The nominee must be a member of a Lions Club in Multiple District 25 (Indiana).
2. The nominee has been a Lion in good standing for at least 25 years prior to the nomination.

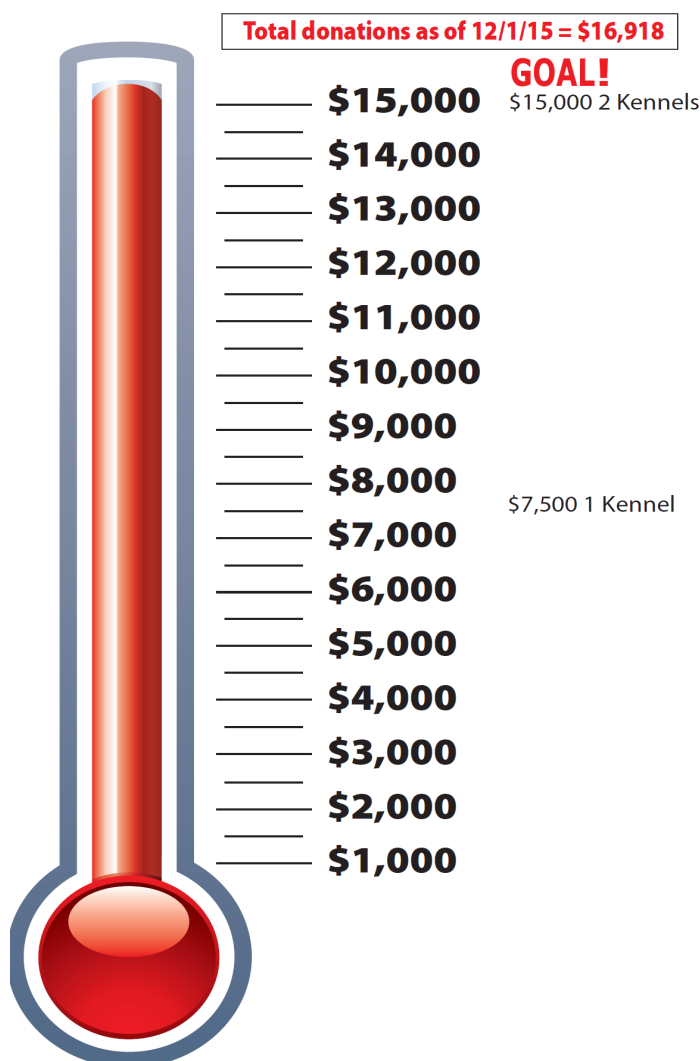
Nominations may be submitted by a Lions Club, the sub-district cabinet with the approval of the sitting District Governor, or by the Council of Governors with the approval of the Council Chair.

The Nomination Application form must provide as much information as possible concerning the nominee's service. Nominations must be received by January 31, 2016. Only one applicant per club per year.

Click on the URL listed below to go directly to the online form.

https://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/?page_id=42

Leader Dog Kennel Fundraising



Madison Township Blood Drive

I just want to take a moment and thank you and the Madison Township Lions Club for hosting another blood drive. It was a pleasure for our staff to work with you and the donors. The breakfast is always a special treat. We had a fantastic turn out!

The following are the results of the Blood Drive:

Total Number of Successful Drive Units: **23**

Total Number of Deferrals: **3**

One unit of blood can save the lives of up to **3** people; a total of **69** people could potentially benefit from the blood collected from your drive. I want to thank you for hosting 2 drives this year. Between both of them your organization achieved **42** successful units, potentially saving **126** lives. That is **AMAZING!** Please know how grateful we are to you and the others who helped make these drives so successful.

Thank you for joining us in this life-saving mission and making a significant difference in the community. On behalf of the patients' lives you will touch we send our gratitude! I sincerely appreciate your enthusiasm, and the commitment of time, energy and talent that it took to organize your drive. I want you to know how much I appreciate your efforts.

Mary Ankrapp, Blood Donor Recruitment Specialist,
The Medical Foundation

The Mission of LCIF

Presented by PDG Gary Ochs
Indiana LCIF Multiple District Coordinator

Every day, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) works to fulfill our mission:
"To support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants."

Since our founding in 1968, we have strived to sustain Lions' humanitarian service goals throughout the world, awarding over 12,000 grants totaling more than US\$900 million, in the four key areas of **sight, youth, disaster relief and other humanitarian efforts.**

We give sight. LCIF is providing vision for those in need all over the world by combating eye diseases, creating infrastructure to improve eye care delivery, increasing the number of trained eye care professionals and making vision care more equitable and sustainable.

We support youth. All young people deserve to have an education, feel cared for and experience healthy development so they can have the chance to achieve their dreams. Through our positive youth development program, Lions Quest, LCIF is helping children learn to work together, make positive decisions and serve their communities. The Foundation also supports youth through constructing schools, youth centers and vocational training centers.

We provide disaster relief. Lions are often some of the first to arrive at a disaster to provide relief, and Foundation support is right there with them. We help devastated communities survive after disasters and bring hope by assisting in long-term efforts of rebuilding of homes and lives.

We address humanitarian needs. From working to combat global health issues such as measles and diabetes to empowering those with disabilities to lead more independent and fulfilling lives, LCIF is dedicated to a range of humanitarian service projects. The Foundation continues to develop and expand programs that meet emerging needs worldwide.

Make sure you and your Lions Club support your foundation LCIF. Please contact LCIF Coordinator Lion Martin Van Meter 574-653-2730 (H) or 574-817-0776 (C) for a club presentation.

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 14, 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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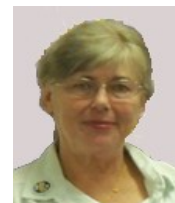
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