

MANE EVENTS

in District 25-G



July, 2016
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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/>



We're on Facebook!!!

Look for

Lions District 25-G



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4th Cabinet Meeting, A Day of Celebration



At the 4th Cabinet meeting held on Saturday, June 18th, 2016 at Christos Banquet Center in Plymouth, PDG Jeri Seely presented a check to Leader Dog representative, Kathleen Breen in the amount of \$38,848.32. The check represents the money collected by District 25-G for the Kennel project during the 2015-2016 Lions year and the money keeps coming. PDG Jeri received several more checks Saturday. Pictured with Kathleen and PDG Jeri is DG Vic Fischer.

PDG Jeri and DG Vic made presentations to those clubs and individuals who contributed to the Kennel Project, and to district cabinet members and committee members.

MESSAGE FROM DG PEG

Hello District 25-G!

Have you ever felt that if you blinked, you would miss something very important? By the time this is sent out to District 25-G, so much will have happened.

The grand finale of one of our district's BEST years EVER! The district-wide Leader Dog project is a phenomenal accomplishment that should make us ALL proud. We've made history!

And the formation of two new clubs in our district is ANOTHER milestone...one that will continue into our next year.

My journey to Japan will have been documented on our District Facebook page, hopefully bringing more insights to our community. So, to head into the new century, we need to work together with a unified mission and defined goals, all the while having fun, working together as a strong TEAM. **Together Everyone Achieves MORE!** And it helps to know where you want to BE, to plan on how to GET there! And to do that, our mission will focus on enthusiastically providing unique services to our communities through strong leadership, teamwork, and an active participation serving those in need. Setting goals will allow our clubs to focus on how to make a difference and continue the district-wide enthusiasm we've seen. Let's lead the way into the second hundred years of Lionism.

GOALS for District 25-G

Establish one Campus Club by September 2016

Add three new traditional clubs by December 2016, March 2017, and June 2017

Achieve a net district growth of 45 members by June 2017

Successfully complete the district-wide blood drive service project by May 2017

Have at least 25% of the District's Clubs participating in Operation School Sight

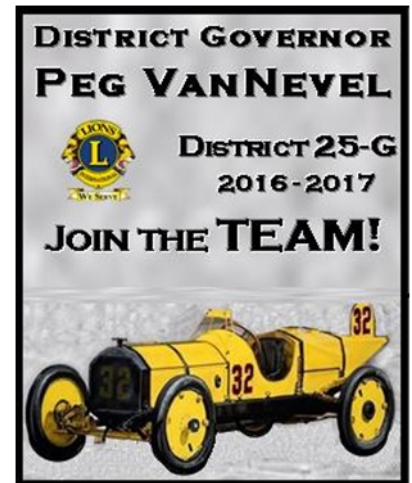
We can accomplish SO much, as a team. All of the goals above can be intertwined to serve your communities and give your clubs visibility that will increase membership.

A key to our TEAM success will be continuing our district-wide service project by working together by organizing blood drives. Let's set some goals that coincide with our 100th anniversary. Can your Region raise 100 gallons of blood? It takes eight pints (a typical unit for donations) to fill a gallon. Could your ZONE host a few blood drives and reach that mark?

And while people are coming to donate blood, why not host a vision screening at the same time? Service + Visibility = NEW MEMBERS.

In Regions 1 and 2, blood drives can be coordinated with the South Bend Medical Foundation by contacting Christina Tembo, Manager Blood Donor Recruitment at 574-204-4250 or email at ctembo@sbfm.org. The Foundation will have their vehicles travel approximately an hour and a half from South Bend.

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Regions 3 and 4 are able to contact the American Red Cross to coordinate their blood donation drives by following the information on the website: <http://www.redcrossblood.org/hosting-blood-drive>.

And yes, we now have REGIONS! Thanks to PCC Dave Eisen and Lion Robin Claassen for stepping up to the new position of Region Chairs. Due to our state and district by-laws, we are forming four new Regions, instead of the two originally planned. There is a limited amount of clubs that are to be within each Region, so with this new organization, it will allow our Clubs, Zones and Regions to become more successful by building new relationships with each other.

Along with forming Regions, there are new Zones, some the same, some combined. Please review the map, and familiarize yourself with any new members to your Zone. That new member to your Zone can be the catalyst to make your TEAM succeed! (see zone map on page 4)

Together Everyone Achieves More

Little Things Make A Big Difference

A lady comes into a garden store upset. "The flowers you sold me last year were not good" she said. "Why do you say that?" the clerk replied. "Well I planted them as you recommended, I fertilized, I tended them and when they came up this year I sprayed all of the ants that were on them. But now the flowers are not pretty and they didn't bloom well, at all!" "You sprayed the ants?" the clerk asked. "Why yes, ants are useless creatures and I don't need them on my flowers!" the woman exclaimed. "Well, the problem with your flowers is that they need the ants. Peony flowers produce nectar on the outside of their buds to attract the ants. The ants then eat the nectar and also help defend the plant from other pests. Some even say that the ants help the flower to bloom. Once the flower blooms the ants will magically disappear" the clerk replied. "I had no idea something so small could be so important." the lady replied.

As we come to the beginning of our Lions year we need to remember that it is the small things that matter to both our members and to the communities we serve. We like being the center of attention and we like doing that large project but it is all of the hard work by many un-named, un-noticed people who made that all possible. They work behind the scene and do important tasks that really need to get done and make the projects a success. Our clubs often do "little things" in the community and we feel that it "isn't enough". But, like the ants, we make our community, with our small acts of service, bloom in to beautiful locations.

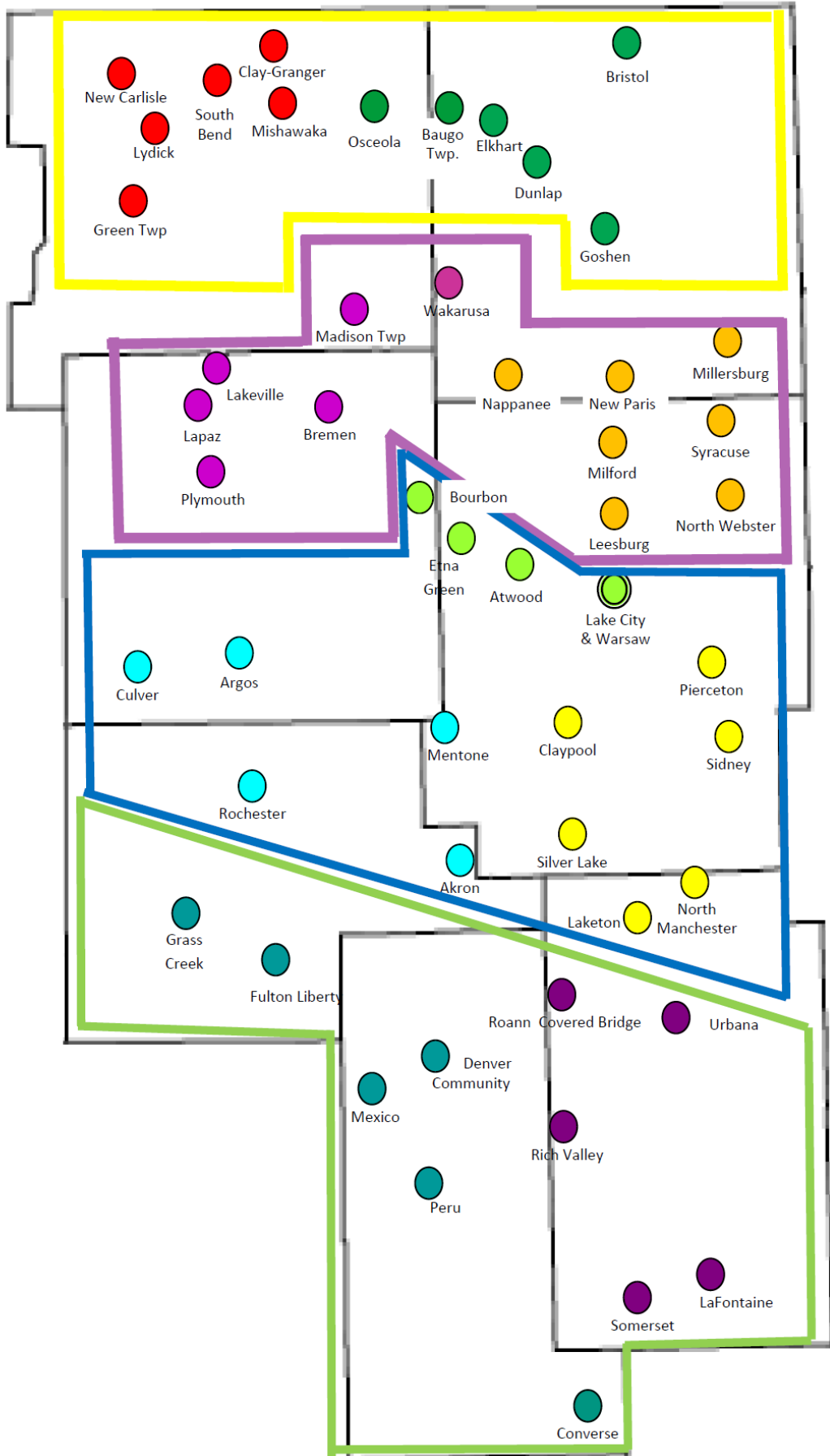
Together we serve.

1st VDGE Tom Polk

Save the Date

The Nappanee Area Lions Club has changed their Charter Night to August 27th. More Information to follow.

District 25-G: Counties, Clubs, Zones and Regions



Region 1 - 12

Region 2 - 13

Region 3 - 16

Region 4 - 11

R1-Zone 1 -
Clay-Granger, Green Twp,
Lydick, Mishawaka, New
Carlisle, South Bend

R1-Zone 2 -
Baugo Twp., Bristol, Dunlap,
Elkhart, Goshen, Osceola

R2-Zone 1 -
Bremen, Lakeville, Lapaz,
Madison Twp., Plymouth,
Wakarusa

R2-Zone 2 -
Leesburg, Milford, Millersburg,
New Paris, Nappanee, North
Webster, Syracuse

R3-Zone 1 -
Akron, Argos, Culver, Mentone,
Rochester

R3-Zone 2 -
Atwood, Bourbon, Etna Green,
Lake City, Warsaw

R3-Zone 3 -
Claypool, Laketon, North
Manchester, Pierceton, Sidney,
Silver Lake

R4-Zone 1 -
Converse, Denver Community,
Fulton Liberty, Grass Creek,
Mexico, Peru

R4-Zone 2 -
LaFontaine, Richvalley,
Roann Covered Bridge,
Somerset, Urbana

From the Desk of Cabinet Secretary PDG Ann Haffner

Please share this information with your club's Officers and Board of Directors.

As the Lions of District 25-G begin a new year it is my privilege to again serve as your Cabinet Secretary.

Dues: In July your club will receive your July-December State and District Semi-Annual Dues Statement from CT Lion Rose Russell. You will be billed \$9.00 per member on record at Lions Clubs International on July 1.

In addition, Lions Clubs International will bill your club \$21.50 per member for July-December. For spouses and family members recorded as a Family Unit on MyLCI you will be billed \$10.75.

Dues are payable within thirty (30) days to both CT Rose and LCI. Checks for International dues should be made out to "International Association of Lions Clubs" and mailed to Lions Clubs International at the Chicago (not Oak Brook) address on the billing statement. District and State dues checks should be made out to "District 25-G" and mailed to CT Lion Rose Russell; PO Box 31; Lakeville, IN 46536.

Your club should be collecting at least \$61.00 in dues per year from each member. Family members enrolled in a Family Unit (except for the Head of Household) should be paying at least \$39.50 per year in dues. (Family members' international dues are \$21.50 per year rather than \$43.00.) Dues must be paid from your club's Administrative Fund, not from your club's Activities (Project) Fund. All money raised from the public must be used for charity.

Monthly Reports: Club Secretaries, it is extremely important for you to file the Monthly Membership Report on MyLCI by the last day of each month. After that it is considered late and may jeopardize your club's chances of earning the Club Excellence Award for 2016-2017. Monthly Activities should also be submitted on MyLCI each month but are not considered late if filed after the last day of the month.

Club Excellence Award: If your club finished positive in membership for the 2015-2016 Lions year, you may be eligible to receive the coveted "Club Excellence Award" if you fulfilled the other requirements. The form can be downloaded from the LCI website or I can e-mail you a copy. Complete the form and mail it to: PDG Vic Fischer; 26205 Quinn Rd.; North Liberty, IN 46554. If you qualify he will affix his signature and forward it to LCI. At the top of the form be sure you list three SERVICE projects, not FUNDRAISERS. **The Club Excellence Award Application for 2016-2017 will soon be available on the LCI website.** Please print a copy and use it as your road map to success for this new Lions year.

Budget: As your club's Board of Directors meets to plan for this new Lions year I encourage you to prepare both an administrative and activities budget of income and expenses to be approved by your club's membership. This will help to insure that your club remains financially sound, provides well defined guidelines for spending, keeps the membership well informed, alleviates unnecessary discussion and disagreement during club meetings, and helps to establish proof that your club is a charitable organization.

If you have questions at any time, please contact me at 574-457-3054 or ann_haffner@yahoo.com. Best wishes for a great 2016-2017 Lions year.

Welcome New Members

During the month of April, 5 clubs in our district added 7 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: Nick Medich
Sponsor: Eugene Cooper

Member: Michele Riise
Sponsor: Judith Ditmire

Bremen Lions Club

Member: Melvin Lemler
Charter Member

Culver Lions Club

Member: Judith Patton
Sponsor: Michael Overmyer

LaFontaine Lions Club

Member: Cody Rutledge
Sponsor: Caitlin Balsis

Laketon Lions Club

Member: Bruce Foster
Sponsor: Thelma Butler

Member: Carma Foster
Sponsor: Thelma Butler

6000+ Dictionaries Distributed by District 25-G Lions Clubs

The goal of the Dictionary Project is to provide a dictionary to every student in the United States. Educators see third grade as the transition year between “learning to read” and “reading to learn” so organizations which participate in the Dictionary Project are encouraged to distribute dictionaries to third-graders. Indiana Lions have been the leading contributor among Lions in the last five years.

District Dictionary Project Chairman Lion Howard Heines of the Lakeville Lions Club reports that 32 clubs in our district distributed 6,085 dictionaries during the 2015-2016 Lions year. This is the second consecutive year that we have distributed more than 6,000 dictionaries, and the fourth consecutive year that we have distributed more than 5,000 dictionaries. Lion Howard believes we have other clubs participating in this project, but they have not reported their numbers to him.

PDG Dave Court Receives Golden Hoosier Award

The Golden Hoosier Award recognizes outstanding community service and is the highest award bestowed on senior citizens in Indiana. On June 3rd, PDG Dave Court of the Lakeville Lions Club was one of only 20 seniors from throughout the state of Indiana to be honored at the 2016 Golden Hoosier Awards ceremony at the Statehouse in Indianapolis. The nomination form cites PDG Dave's work with the Salvation Army (35 years), Lions Clubs (28 years), and Habitat for Humanity (20 years). Those of us who know PDG Dave know that he serves in other ways, as well. Congratulations, PDG Dave, and thanks for setting an example for all of us.

Check out the State Fair Videos by clicking on the link below. Our own DG Peg and Lion Larry are the stars of one segment of the Gate 11 Video

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP0zQdRE1nqA-CcR_XRBHFA.

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. **The fair runs from Friday August 5th—Sunday, August 21st.** Over 600 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. Only the Tunnel Gate may require standing, although that is not normally a busy gate.

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. 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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At Dunlap's Spring Fling on June 16th, Mackenzie Colglazier was inducted into our membership. Lion Kenzie was the Leos president last year at Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and she graduated in early June. Dunlap Lion Rosemary Miller is Lion Kenzie's grandmother and sponsor. WELCOME, KENZIE! (Lions pictured from left: Rosemary Miller, sponsor; Jeanine Juel, membership chairman; Kenzie Colglazier and District Governor Vic Fischer)



The Lakeville Lions Club participated in the Potato Creek and Lions Strawberry Festival. All the funds raised by the Lakeville Lions are donated to Camp Millhouse a residential camp for disabled persons of all ages. Pictured from left are Lions Jim Tillman, Rose Russell, Susan Robledo, Daniel Robledo and project chairperson, Darcy Gardner

Culver names PDG Pat Birk as Lion of the Year



Pictured: PDG Pat Birk and her son Lion Bill Birk. PDG Pat is living at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver. If you would like to send a card her address is: 730 School Street, Culver, IN 46511-1098



Left: DG Peg VanNevel takes the Governors Oath of Office at the International Convention held in Fukuoka, Japan. Right: The District Governor Elect wears a ribbon that symbolizes their status. On the last day of the convention, the ribbon is pulled and the DGE officially becomes the DG. PDG Paul Russell had the honor of pulling DG Peg's ribbon after she took the oath of office.

25-G 1st District Meeting



► August 13, 2016 @ Noon

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

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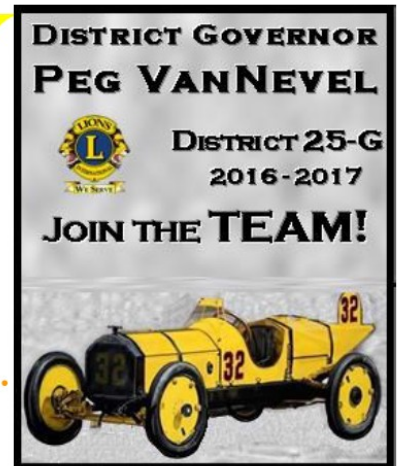
Bring your ideas! Bring your energy!
And be ready for some fun!

Email or Call Becky Wertz to make your reservation
Meal details soon!

beckys1249@aol.com



BANNER NIGHT!



► August 20, 2016 @ 5:30pm

Camp Mack

1113 E. Camp Mack Rd., Milford, IN

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Bring your club banners!
And be ready for some fun!

Email or Call Becky Wertz to make your reservation
Meal details soon!

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Centennial Celebration Membership Awards

The Centennial Celebration Membership Awards give individual Lions the opportunity to be a part of the centennial celebration marking 100 years of service to our communities. Lions can earn awards in two ways: sponsoring new members and starting new clubs. Sponsor a new member and receive a limited edition Centennial Sponsor pin. Organize a new club and receive a limited edition Centennial Club Organizer pin. Lions who sponsor new members or organize new clubs will receive additional awards if those new members and new clubs remain active and in good standing.

The Silver Centennial Lion Award is presented to a Lion who has sponsored a new member or started a new club, once the new member or club remains active and in good standing for a year and a day. In District 25-G, the following Lions have qualified for the Silver Centennial Lion Award: Lion Jeff Hagen (Denver Community), Lion Ken Lukenbill (Plymouth LC), Lion John Preheim (Dunlap LC), and PDG Paul Russell (Lakeville LC).

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 have to leave a message, but we will return your call.

