

MANE EVENTS

in District 25-G



October 2015
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Saturday, October 10, 2015

Lydick Lions Club
Pancake and Sausage Breakfast
7:30-11:00 am.
(2nd Saturday in October only. After that
will return to 1st Saturday)

Saturday, November 14, 2015

Madison Township Blood Drive
From 8:00 am—12:00 pm
At the Madison Township Lions Den
(15660 Woodland Avenue, Wyatt, IN)
For more information contact Lion
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October 10, 2015

Somerset Lions Club Euchre Event
Registration: 6:00—6:45. Start: 7:00
Location: Somerset Community Building
Admission: \$10.00
Cash Prizes

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Lions District 25-G



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Pictured Left to right. PDG Marty Juel of the Elkhart Lions Club, Lion Hermila Arteaga Itueragan, current district governor for District B-5 the area of Mexico where the mission took place, Lion Jeanine Juel of the Dunlap Lions Club and PDG Paul Russell of the Lakeville Lions Club.

District Lions Participate in Eyeglass Mission to Mexico

In late September and early October, 23 Lions and family members, representing 9 Lions Clubs in District 25-G travelled to Irapuato, Guanajuato, Mexico and worked with the Irapuato Lions Club to provide eye exams and eyeglasses for approximately 3700 adults and children in the city of Irapuato

The Irapuato Lions Club has a history of providing free or low-cost health care services to members of the community, and the District 25-G eyeglass mission team has worked with the Irapuato Lions Club several times in the past 20+ years.

PDG Mary Juel of the Elkhart Lions Club and Lion John Krzyzanowski of the Clay-Granger Lions Club were the team leaders on this mission. Other team members were Lions Marlyn and Amanda Fast (Dunlap LC); Lion Jeanine Juel (Dunlap LC); Lion Terri Longacre (Dunlap LC); Lions Marvin and Mary Ann Mast (Urbana LC); Lions John and Jo Ann Preheim (Dunlap LC); Lion Mary Reed (Lydick LC); Lion Dr. Kirstin Rhinehart (Mishawaka LC) and Patricia Rhinehart; PDG Paul Russell (Lakeville LC); Diane Savage and Robert Savage, whose father, Robert Savage (Warsaw LC) is a former mission team member; Lion Richard Sisk (Pierceton LC); Lion Nancy Thompson (Dunlap LC); Lion Ruth Wallis (Pierceton LC), Lions Bruce and Judy Wells (Dunlap LC); Lion Becky Wertz (Mishawaka LC); and Lion Wendy Yuhasz (Lydick LC). (More pictures on page 9)



Experience Service Together – Strength in Numbers

This has been a terrific month for our Lions family. As Lion Diane and I have traveled throughout our district, we have enjoyed being part of the fun and fellowship that is going on throughout our district. Anytime a small or large group of Lions gathers together, a person can't help but to experience the energy that exists. People from all over getting together, talking, laughing, eating, having fun, while working together to help those in need in their communities.

Our district zone chairs have recently begun to have their zone meetings and the attendance has been great!! One of the primary focal points has been the district wide kennel project. I've really enjoyed seeing clubs getting together and brainstorming all sorts of ideas to both raise funds for the project while increasing awareness as to how Leader

Dogs improve the lives for those who are blind or visually impaired. "Bannering" the good work that all we Lions do together throughout our communities. Having fun, enjoying each other's fellowship all while serving others. True team work in action!!

I can't wait to hear about all the creative ways each zone approaches this very unique project. As your plans firm up, and results roll in, let's get it posted in our newsletters for all to enjoy throughout our district. One zone is looking to do multiple breakfast events and a spectacular golf outing. Start polishing those clubs up everyone. This promises to be a great time for all!!

Thanks to 1st VDG Peg Van Nevel, the LCIF grant for this project was submitted on time and all follow-up questions have been answered in an expeditious fashion. As of this writing, we almost have the first kennel funded. Keep up the awesome work everyone!

In other news, our second major team project, Operation School Sight, is underway. Several clubs have been teaming up and performing ocular screenings for their local schools. Please remember to report the total number of children that you survey to our project coordinator Lion Rose Russell. We want to let everyone know how we are doing.

Our multi-club visits have been a great hit. The first one this year was hosted by the Urbana Lions Club. We had more than 50 Lions in attendance. The evening was absolutely electric, lions sharing service ideas while enjoying great and I mean great food and fellowship. The next one is scheduled for September 30th at Etna Green, we look forward to seeing everyone there. The more the merrier.

Please remember to get signed up for our next cabinet meeting hosted by the Atwood Lions on November 21st. The meeting call to order will be at 9:00 am. The Atwood Lions will be providing a full breakfast prior to the event. Watch for the flyers for details!!

As we network together on our various projects, we see firsthand how there is strength in our numbers as we experience the service together.

Thank you very much for all that you are doing and keep up the great work!

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Vic
District Governor 25-G

Growing the Pride

Have you ever had so many ideas run through your head that you want to make sure to REMEMBER them? This is one of the reasons I'm so glad I take avid notes when I'm at a conference! I'm still reeling from the energy and great ideas from the USA/Canada Forum a couple weeks ago. Two sessions that I attended segued into each other, with a common message that we ALL know needs to be addressed:

- Recruiting Young Lions
- Identifying and Mentoring Leaders

These are topics that need to be in the forefront of our continued success in being the largest civic organization in the world. Planning NOW, will ensure the growth of our Lion community, both locally and world-wide.

The average age of a Lion is currently 65 years young. There is an urgency we should all feel to bring more members into our clubs, not only for younger hands to help serve, but keeping the importance of being a multi-generational group. We can network, meet new people, and keep our fundraising dollars local. THAT is a huge incentive to the younger workforce in your communities.

We can provide more opportunities for socialization by inviting working professionals to an upcoming service project, picnics, sporting events or a golf outing. By making our meetings more interesting with topics that appeal to all age groups, and keeping the length of meetings to a reasonable length, THAT helps increase the likelihood of young professionals joining!

First impressions are key. If your club meets at noon, consider shortening the speaker time to fifteen minutes, so that they can stay for the full meeting...and be done by one. This will be a bigger draw for the Millennial's. And when they come, encourage those young Lions to be club leaders!

This leads right into the other session I attended about Identifying and Mentoring Leaders. Our current leaders should be looking for someone to step up and lead their project, their club, their district by giving the younger Lions the benefit of their experience. Show the potential leaders what they need to know to become future leaders. Share your knowledge, and invite them to leadership opportunities.

Leadership is mobilizing the actions and efforts of others to achieve common goals. Successful leaders are able to:

- Communicate
- Motivate
- Build Teams
- Solve Problems
- Resolve Conflict
- Manage Change
- Promote Creativity

Do you demonstrate these qualities? Do you see them in others? Give them the opportunity and lots of encouragement! Your support can lead to more meaningful projects, more Lions giving mentoring and guidance, recognition, and a growing personal satisfaction. Our task is to bring in new Lions and develop new leaders. Consider asking your grandkids to carry on the Lion tradition for you, and be their mentor! Create a legacy of service...teach them. WE SERVE!

1VDG Peg VanNevel

It's Time to Ask "Why?"

A young girl was learning to cook from her mother. They were fixing ham for a family Christmas gathering. Her mother got the ham out and promptly cut four inches off of the top of the ham and then placed the ham in the pan. The girl asked her mother "Why did you do that?" Her mother replied – "because it will make this the best tasting ham!" The girl pressed her mother for more details as to why. Her mother explained that by cutting the top off and then turning the ham over it allowed the ham to cook more evenly. The girl didn't see how that worked and was still was not satisfied. She asked more questions as to how this made any difference. The mother, frustrated, told the girl "call your grandmother" because she was the one that taught her that was the way to cook ham.

The girl still full of questions called her grandmother and asked "Why does cutting four inches off the top of the ham make it taste better?" Her grandmother laughed and said – "Cutting four inches off of the ham doesn't do anything to the taste of the ham. When your grandfather and I were first married we were really struggling. Christmas was coming and we could hardly afford to put food on the table. One evening, there was a knock on the door and our landlord and his wife had bought a ham for us. The ham was too large to fit the pan that that I had, so I had to cut four inches off of it to make it fit. It was the 'best tasting ham' because of the kindness of that couple. Your grandfather and I continued to cut four inches off of our ham as a tradition to remember that event."

How many things do we do as Lions because – "we've always done it that way!" Do we become frustrated when new members ask "why do we..." We, like the girl's mother, are sure that what we are doing is right. But the reason behind the decision has been long lost. Lions Club has a process called "Club Quality Initiative" – This process is designed for clubs to take a step back and ask "Why are we?" and ask their community "How can we serve you better?" These are all critical functions for Lions to remain relevant in the ever changing world we live in today. If your club is interested in starting this process - check out <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/strengthen-membership/club-excellence-process/index.php> and then contact one of the member of the district leadership team. We will direct you to the proper resources. Let's not be spending our time "cutting four inches of ham off..." but delivering effective and meaningful service to the community around us.

2nd VDG Tom Polk

Lydick Lions Club Receives Indiana Lions Foundation Grant



The Lydick Lions Club recently upgraded their building by insulating the attic and walls. This improvement became necessary as the facility is in increasing demand for use by the community. To assist with the costs the club applied for a grant from the Indiana Lions Foundation.

Pictured left to right. Lion Leroy Wise presented the grant check to Vice President Lion Joe Kames. (photo by Tecka Lane)

From the Desk of CS PDG Ann Haffner

November Deadline Reminders!

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

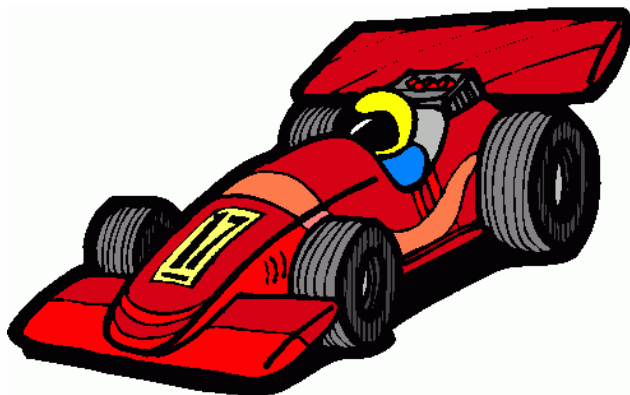
There is no penalty assessment for late filing, but an organization that fails to file e-Postcards (or Form 990 or 990-EZ) for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax exempt status. The revocation will not take place until the filing due date of the third year. Do not let this happen as it can be extremely complicated and costly to regain your club's tax exempt status. Complete information can be found at www.irs.gov/eo.

FORM NP-20 If your club has an Indiana Sales Tax Exempt Certificate you must file Form NP-20 each year with the Indiana Department of Revenue **by November 15** in order to keep your sales tax exemption up to date. The form can be found at www.in.gov/dor/. Click on "Forms," then "Business," then "Nonprofit," then "NP-20." If your club does not have an Indiana Sales Tax Exempt Certificate, the application form "NP-20A" is available on the same page.

BUSINESS ENTITY REPORT Each year during the anniversary month of the incorporation of your club the Business Entity Report must be filed with the Indiana Secretary of State. You may, or may not, receive a reminder in the mail. The Form can be downloaded from www.sos.in.gov and mailed with \$10.00 or can be filed online using a club or personal credit card for \$7.14. Click on "Business Services Division," then "Division Forms," then "Business Forms," and finally "Business Entity Reports."

FAMILY UNIT CERTIFICATION: Several clubs have not filed Family Unit Certification with LCI and are being charged full international dues (\$21.50 semi-annually) for the second, third, etc. family members living at the same address and belonging to the same club. When submitted correctly, your club will be charged only \$10.75 semi-annually for those members. A few clubs have not reported all they are eligible to report. That may be because husbands and wives (or other Lions living in the same household) are not all listed at LCI with the same address. If a family member's business address, rather than their home address, is on record at LCI, that would have to be changed in order to enroll the members in Family Certification. If you need to file or correct your club's Family Certification on the MyLCI website it must be submitted **by November 30** in order for it to take effect for the LCI January 1 dues billing.

Please make sure your club meets all these deadlines. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at 574-457-3054 or ahaffner@kconline.com



Indiana Lions Racing Car for Sale

Lion Harvey Arthur is interested in selling his Indiana Lions Racing Car. Asking price \$1,000. Contact Lions Harvey at his home phone number 574-893-7182 or his cell phone number of 574-505-0000.

Lionism at Its Best in 25-G

“No project is too large or too small for the Lions to accomplish. If it needs to be done, we can do it!”

PDG Art Birk (1934-2009)

PDG Art Birk was the type of person that would benefit any Lions club they join. His philosophy was “Anything is possible if you try hard enough.”

Art was a one-man Lions Club even before he joined the Culver Lions. He was active in Boy Scouts, a founding member of the Culver-Union Township Emergency Medical Service, and active in the Culver Volunteer Fire Department. His volunteer efforts in many areas influenced Lion Jim Bonine to ask him to join the Culver Lions in 1975. Art was 41 years old at the time.

I first met Art when he was Indiana Lions State Youth Exchange Chairman. He was explaining all the benefits your children receive when you have a Lions Youth Exchange student for a month.

Art was so persuasive that he was able to place over 45 foreign exchange students every year in Indiana homes. He realized that it was not only a tremendous experience for the foreign students, but also for the host families. Twice during the 80s LCI named Art a “Top 10 State Youth Exchange Chairman.”

Art’s most outstanding achievement was the assistance and leadership he provided in the restoration of Culver’s Vandalia Railroad Station into a community building. He was able to obtain all the cement work for the project free of charge and worked on the project from start to finish.

Art’s commitment to Indiana Lionism led him to become one of our district’s trustees for the Indiana Lions Eye and Tissue Bank. Working with Nelson Nix and Bob Myers they provided strong leadership as the Eye and Tissue Bank became one of the most outstanding in the world. They helped lead the transition to a modern new facility and expand the services worldwide.

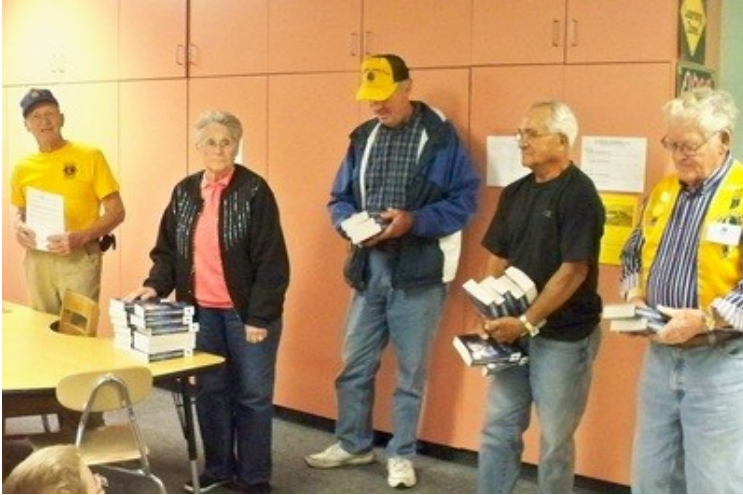
Art not only served as treasurer, vice chairman, and chairman of the Indiana Lions Eye and Tissue Bank, but his efforts and leadership were so appreciated that a room in the new facility was named in his honor.

Art understood that the success of any Lions club depends on getting the members involved in worthwhile projects. He was a tireless supporter of developing projects which benefitted the community. Culver’s Corn Roast, Flea Market, White Cane Day, Raffle, and many other projects not only raise significant funds but provide their members with that pride which comes from active participation.

PDG Art working with his wife, PDG Pat, became a team along with the other members of the Culver Lions that made the Culver Lions Club one of the strongest Lions clubs in our state. And they accomplished this in a town of less than 2000 people.

PDG Charlie Haffner

Dictionary Distribution Underway throughout District G



Members of the Etna Green Lions Club distributed 70 dictionaries to the students at Triton Elementary School.



The Lydick Lions Club distributed 54 student dictionaries to third graders at Warren Primary School in the South Bend School Corporation on September 34, 2015. They also distributed book markers from Leader Dog. Pictured are Lions Wendy Yuhasz, Mike Lane, Leroy Wise, Linda Anderson, and Paul Yuhasz.



2nd VDG Tom Polk and Lion Jerry Wilson distributed dictionaries at Southwood Elementary School on September 1, 2015



Milford Lions gave out 96 dictionaries to 3rd grade classes in Milford and the Amish schools in the township.

The Culver Lions visited the third grade at Culver Elementary School on Thursday, Sept. 4, for the annual presentation of a dictionary to each student. Learning to use a dictionary is one of the Learning Standards at third grade because it is at this age that students begin the life long adventure of reading to learn as opposed to just learning to read. Pictured are Culver Lions Frank Elizondo, Ed Pinder, Mike Overmyer, Charlotte Hahn, and Barbara Winters. Lion Don Freese is the photographer. Many thanks to third grade teacher Valerie Cultice (seen in the background receiving a book) for hosting the Dictionary Project.



Dictionary Distribution Underway Throughout District G



← Pictured Mr. Stevens, Levi Klein, Lion Duane Klein. Lions from the Dunlap Lions Club distributed dictionaries to Eastside Elementary. Lion Duane was able to give one to his son Levi! All 128-3rd grade students appreciated the gift from the Club. Lions in attendance, Lion Judy Wells, Lion Amanda Fast, Lion Rosemary Miller, Lion Bob Kulp, Lion Bill Smith and Lion Duane Klein

→ Lion Tim Gerardot and Lion Doug Simons of the Richvalley Lions Club delivered 120 dictionaries to O.J. Neighbors School. Also pictured are Principal Danielle Miller, Asst. Principal Josh Blossom along with students, Levi Fairchild, Kenkey McWhirt and Jillian Sailors.



← Carl Sommers; Eileen Sommers; and Peggy Dague from the Grass Creek Lions Club; Linda Wade from the Fulton Lions Club and Dr Byrum from The Twelve Mile Lions Club delivered dictionaries to 44 Third Graders at Caston Elementary School.

→ 92 dictionaries were distributed to third-graders at LaVille Elementary School by the Lakeville Lions Club and the Lapaz Lions Club. The Lakeville Lions Club also distributed 87 dictionaries to third-graders in four private and parochial schools on the south side of South Bend, and provided 24 dictionaries to the Union Township Trustee for distribution to home-schooled children in our community.



Pictures from Recent Eyeglass Mission to Mexico

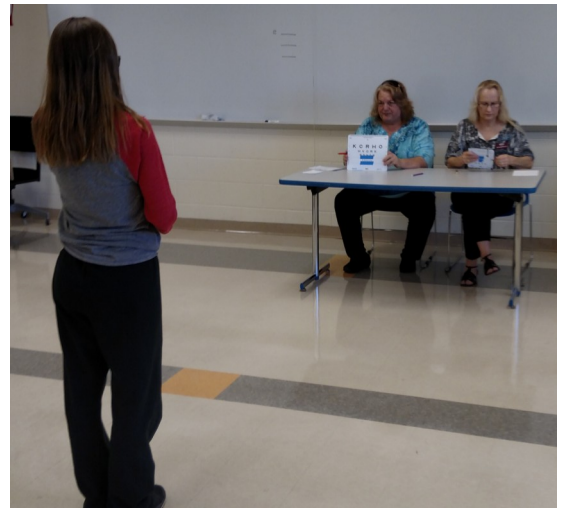


Upper left: Lion Bruce Wells performs the final adjustments on a pair of eyeglasses for a young girl. Upper right: The owners of the team's favorite ice cream shop volunteered to work as interpreters after they learned about our mission. Middle left: PDG Marty Juel performs the final adjustments on a pair of eyeglasses for a young boy. Middle right: Nearly half of the team members were members of the Dunlap Lions Club. Lower left: Lion John Preheim and Lion Jeanine Juel work with an interpreter to find an appropriate pair of eyeglasses for a young woman. Lower right: Team leaders Lion John Krzyzanowski and PDG Marty Juel with officers of the Irapuato Lions Club.

SchoolSight Vision Screening



Fulton Liberty and Grass Creek Lions Clubs participated in vision screening at the Caston School. Pictured in the left picture is Sherry VanMeter from the Grass Creek club and pictured in the right photo is Linda Wade from the Fulton Liberty Club. A total of 260 students were screened at 5 grade levels.



Culver Lions Club pictured screening 8th grade students at Culver Community School. Lions pictured are: Upper left, Barbara Winters and Charlotte Hahn; upper right, Lynn Davis & Emma Bjornstad; lower left Kathy Lintner and Cheryl Gaile. Not pictured: Ned Davis who directed students at the door. The following day the Lions screened the 3rd and 5th grade students. In total 208 students were scanned.

Welcome New Members

During the month of August, 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.

Baugo Township Lions Club

Member: Chris Ketcham
Sponsor: Tony Bontrager

Culver Lions Club

Member: Patricia Lancet
Sponsor: Lynn Davis
Member: Jennifer Norwalk
Sponsor: Lynn Davis

Fulton Liberty Lions Club

Member: Karlajeane Gregory

New Carlisle Lions Club

Member: Sam Colalillo
Sponsor: Douglas Adams
Member: Eva Sue Sanders
Sponsor: Diane Richardson

Silver Lake Lions Club

Member: Jason McGlennen
Sponsor: Sandy Rowland

Member: Nichole Taylor
Sponsor: Kecia Wadkins

Completion of Service

Carl Miller of the Atwood Lions Club passed away on August 31, 2015 at the age of 88. Lion Carl was a 23 year member of Lions

Sharon Bontrager of the Dunlap Lions Club passed away on September 1, 2015 at the age of 71. Lion Sharon was a 7 year member of Lions.

Emmett W. Manley of the Elkhart Lions Club passed away on September 27, 2015 at the age of 93. Lion Emmett was a 65 year member of Lions.

Elizabeth Scarborough of the Mishawaka Lions Club passed away on August 18, 2015. Lion Elizabeth was a 14 year member of Lions.

Lois Claeys of the the Mishawaka Lions Club passed away on October 6, 2015 at the age of 83. Lion Lois was a 14 year member of Lions.



The Leesburg Lions held a fundraiser on Sept. 13th at the Leesburg Lions building. The fundraiser was a Chicken BBQ which the Leesburg Lions do twice a year.

DG Vic's Club Visitation Schedule

New Paris Lions Club	November 2, 2015
Lapaz Lions Club	November 12, 2015
Madison Township Lions Club	February 9, 2015

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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While attending the USA/Canada Forum held in Grand Rapids Michigan in September 2015, PDG Marty Juel met and had his picture taken with International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada



DG Paul Russell also attended the USA/ Canada Forum and met and had his picture taken with International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada



1st VDG Peg VanNevel relaxes at one of the meals hosted by the organizers of the USA/Canada Forum