

March, 2016 Volume 9 Issue 9

March 19th, 2016
Grass Creek Lions Club
Fish and Chicken Supper
4:30pm -7:30pm
Grass Creek Fire Staton
Adults: \$9.50, Children (6-12): \$5.00

Friday, March 25th
Lakeville Lions Club
Fish Fry (all you can eat)
4:00pm—7:00pm
Adults: \$8.50,
Newton Center, Lakeville, IN



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New Lions Club in Bremen, Indiana

The Bremen Lions Club in Bremen, Indiana is the newest Lions Club in District 25-G. The club was chartered on February 25, 2016 with 20 members. We have received at least 2 additional membership applications since then and anticipate there will be several more charter members within the next few weeks. This is a young club. Members range in age from early 20's to early 70's, and approximately a third of the members are less than 30 years old.

The Charter President is Austin Nielsen with Edward Jones, the Secretary-Treasurer is Lion Amanda Miller with 1st Source Bank, and the Membership Chairman is Lion Ben Fanning with 1st Source Bank. Remaining officers will be elected at the second organizational meeting. The new club has not yet set a date for their Charter Night.

The new club is sponsored by the Madison Township Lions Club. Lion Alan Beehler and Lion Jim Richardson, both of the Madison Township Lions Club, will serve as Guiding Lions for the new club.

Ten Lions from five Lions Club worked under the direction of PDG Ronnie Martin of Texas, lead New Club Consultant from LCI, to start the new club. The district team consisted of: DG Vic Fischer (Lakeville), 1st VDG Peg VanNevel (Mishawaka), Lion Terry De-Maedg (Mishawaka), Lion Marlyn Fast (Dunlap), Lion Jeanine Juel (Dunlap), IPDG Marty Juel (Elkhart), Lion Larry Kulczar (Madison Township), Lion Larry Ort (Lakeville), Lion Jim Richardson (Madison Township), and PDG Paul Russell (Lakeville).

We have invited PDG Ronnie Martin to return to our district in May to help us start another new Lions Club.

Please join us in welcoming the members of the new Bremen Lions Club to our Lions family.



Experience the Service Together – Celebrating Success

"One of the greatest discoveries a man makes, one of his great surprises, is to find he can do what he was afraid he couldn't do". -Henry Ford

Greetings fellow Lions,

I like this quote from Henry Ford as it relates to a recent event in our District. On February 25, 2016, we in District 25-G chartered a new Lions Club in Bremen, Indiana. This was a total team effort by nearly a dozen Lions from five

different clubs. The project was led by PDG Ronnie Martin from Texas. He is the LCI's leader for new club development.

To make a long story short, PDG Ronnie conducted a 3 hour training session on the first day that taught everyone exactly what to do and say to prospective members. He and PDG Paul Russell our District GMT, went over the pitfall and our plans that the team had assembled. Then we all hit the bricks. It didn't take long. Even before we started into town, 1st VDG Peg signed up the first new Charter Lion at the local McDonalds. Jaws dropped, people looked at each other and said wow! This isn't so hard after all. Confidence within the entire team skyrocketed.

Next we went to several businesses and schools. Again, people listened and accepted applications. Several filled out the forms and payed for their memberships on the spot. As PDG Ronnie explained to us, the way it normally works is a team will canvass an area for the first two days then follow up and pick up the applications on the last two days.

True to form, by Thursday noon we had our minimum 20 members and conducted the first meeting so the newly formed club could select their officers. It took four days to get to this point. It doesn't end there of course, more follow-up is required and members to be added prior to their charter party. This will, of course, take place.

Here's the best part. First, we have a new Lions Club serving a wonderful community that had a club at one time. People in Bremen are glad the Lions are back in town to serve and they want to be part of the action.

Secondly, we proved to ourselves that we as a team could do this. There was genuine fear and apprehension regarding the possibility of failure. It didn't take long for those barriers to be obliterated. Seeing the confidence, positive energy and sense of purpose shoot through the roof was absolutely FANTASTIC! I also want to mention that The Madison Township Lions Club is the Sponsor Club for the new Bremen Club. This was a big step for them. They voted unanimously to support this project. Both of the Guiding Lions are from Madison as well. Talk about being the tip of the spear folks!!

We are not done yet, in early May PDG Ronnie will be back for another round. Lions are already signing up to be on the team. We have discovered to our great surprise that we have found that we can do what we were afraid we couldn't do. This is a huge success story and cause for celebration. Another fine example of how we Experience the Service Together.

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

Yours in Lionism, District Governor Vic District 25G

I NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Last month, this focus was on SPRING...and growth. Well, Spring has truly yet to arrive, so let's continue to keep our eyes on how District 25-G can grow! And no, I'm not just spreading some fertilizer around to prepare the ground, I'm asking YOU to let me know who you might have attending one of our local colleges.

Why am I asking? Well, we've approached Saint Mary's College, and they listened very intently to our reasons to start a campus club, but for it to work...to become an ongoing club...there HAS to be interest from the students. ANY campus club needs to be student driven.

And this is where I see where we can make a difference in attracting younger members to become Lions. Their campus club will be geared to THEIR interests and what they can do to make a difference...to SERVE.

So, when they graduate, they will want to continue serving, wherever their life leads them. And they can then say proudly, that they're already a Lion, and they want to transfer from their campus club.

Do you have children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or children of friends from church or your neighborhood that have seen first-hand what Lions do in your community? What college do they attend in District 25-G? Do you think they would have the incentive (with our District's help) to approach their community director at the college or university, and ask that we work to start a Campus Club at their location?

Like Spring, we have to prepare the soil, plant the seed, and help things grow. Join me and help develop new Campus Clubs by sending names and contact information to 1VDG Peg VanNevel at pitchin-peg@yahoo.com.

With the success of starting the new Bremen Club a few weeks ago, we can DO this District 25-G!

1VDG Peg VanNevel

Reach Your Goals One Step At A Time

In 1911, the great race was to the South Pole. There were two well established adventurers that raced to become the first to accomplish the task. Robert Scott was an accomplished explorer and well-funded. He arrived with sled dogs, horses and motors sleds. His competitor was Roald Amundsen, for whom the adventure to the pole was a last minute change in plans, since he could not get funding for an adventure to the North Pole. Scott drove his teams hard to race to the pole. When he arrived at the South Pole, on January 17, 1912, only to find that Amundson had reached the pole five weeks earlier. On the return trip Scott and all of his party died of exposure and frostbite.

So how had Amundson accomplished this great task? He and his team marched 20 miles every day. On good days – they went 20 miles. On bad days – they went 20 miles. No matter what the conditions, the goal was the same, every day.

Jim Collins overviews this idea in his book "Great by Choice". This idea of a consistent small daily goal is a critical idea for Lions. We face many large problems – membership, member involvement and fund raising to name a few. But instead of being paralyzed by the size and the scope of the problem, we need to break it down to a small manageable task. Talk to one person, do one event, make one call, every week, without fail. The goal should be small and easily accomplished. We don't need to fix all of the problems at once – we only need to make it better 1% each day. That sort of incremental growth will accomplish much to help Lions serve their communities better.

2nd VDG Tom Polk

From the Desk of Cabinet Secretary PDG Ann Haffner

Nominations and Elections: March is the month when your club's Nominating Committee should meet to propose a slate of officers for the 2016-2017 Lions year. Elections should be held <u>by April 15</u> and your officers reported on the MyLCI website <u>by May 1</u>. Either the club secretary or president can do this. Be sure to select term of office and click on 2016-2017 before reporting each officer for next year. All information for your president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary, treasurer, and membership chair-person should be reported. Your club's directors can also be reported if you choose.

It is <u>important that each officer's information is updated before you file the report</u>. You will probably need to add officers' birth years in order to update their information if the year is not already recorded with their entry. Please make sure names, addresses, phone numbers, spouses' names and e-mail addresses are correct. It is <u>very important that e-mail addresses for all officers are included</u> and <u>correct</u>. Most communication is now done by e-mail and your officers will not receive those communications if their e-mail addresses are not known or are incorrect.

As you report each officer for next year, be sure to click "save" before starting to report the next officer. Before you log out, click on "Club Information" and check to make sure the correct days of the month and meeting times are recorded along with the place and address of your meeting place.

Once you have finished, click on "Reports" and then "Lions Club Officer Report for Next Year." Save the report to your computer and then e-mail it as an attachment to DG Vic Fischer at superduper826@aol.com and 1st VDG Peg Van Nevel at pitchinpeg@yahoo.com so she can get a head start on her directory. The report will not include spouses' names, so when you e-mail the report to them please include in your cover note the names of the spouses of each officer.

Convention Voting: At our district convention on March 12 each club in good standing with Lions Clubs International and District 25-G shall be entitled to 1 delegate and 1 alternate for each 10 members, or major fraction thereof, who have been members of your club since February 1, <u>2015</u>. In addition, each PDG who is a member in good standing of a club in good standing in 25-G has one vote independent of his/her club's delegate quota. If you have a question about the number of delegates your club has, please contact me. If you will have more present at the convention than the number of delegates you are entitled, please send me the names of those who will serve as delegates and alternates. Otherwise, I will certify the first ones to arrive.

E-Mail Addresses: If you change or have changed your e-mail address please send it to me at ahaff-ner@kconline.com and to PDG Paul Russell at pdgpaul25g@gmail.com so that you will receive the district newsletter and other district communications.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail or at (574) 457-3054 with any questions or concerns you or your club officers have and I'll do my best to help in any way I can. Thank you for your cooperation this year and best wishes to each of you and your clubs as you successfully complete these last 4 months of the 2015-2016 Lions year.

I look forward to seeing you at the District Convention March 12 in South Bend.

Lionism at Its Best in 25-G

A Review of the Past 45 Years and a Challenge for the Future

Ann and I returned to Syracuse in 1970 and I transferred my Lions membership from the Chowchilla (California) Lions Club to the Syracuse Lions Club. We were 33 years old.

At that time the Syracuse Lions Club had over 40 male members and did not actively recruit new members. And the club was not interested in starting any new activities. Over the next 10 years more than 20 new members joined the club and most left after a year or two. Very few of the ideas they suggested were accepted by the club.

Then two new members joined the Syracuse club, Stan Fox and Gus Duehmig. Both of them were energetic and full of enthusiasm. Both of them had ideas and the energy to put their ideas into action.

Lion Stan wanted to have a silent auction with our biggest fundraiser—the 4th of July Fish Fry. And when the club was lukewarm to the idea he organized it by himself! He collected items and gift cards from most of the businesses in town. The result was the silent auction he started took in as much money as the fish fry (over \$2000) and we're still holding it with our fish fry each year.

Lion Gus was a one man membership committee bringing in $\underline{8}$ new members and also serving as our club secretary. Unfortunately, both of them died prematurely and our club has dwindled to 26 members.

As we examine Lion membership in the state of Indiana we find that our male membership has dropped from over 20,000 men in 1970 to 7597 men now. The only factor that has helped us remain effective was adding women members beginning in 1987.

District G now has 381 women members and their number continues to increase every year. We have had four women district governors and within three years Lions Clubs International will have its first woman president. At the same time our state male membership has declined from over 20,000 to 7600 while women membership has grown from 0 to 2773.

Your Lions Club Needs Your Help!

We have 4 months left in this Lions Year. During that period of time we need to average at least 3 new members in each club to get us back to a growing district membership.

- Ask a friend to help at one of your club's activities.
- Ask someone to an interesting club meeting.
- Wives and husbands make good members.

New people in your town might welcome the opportunity to meet people and become involved. The new Lion you bring in may be an exciting addition that really helps your club! I have two prospective members coming to our next meeting and they are only 25 years old!

PDG Charlie Haffner

The Guide Dog Process

By Kenzie Colglazer

The Guide Dog process is a lot more involved than most people think. I will be referring back to the article in the last issue, so if you haven't read that please read it first! Orientation and Mobility is definitely involved in BEING ABLE TO QUALIFY for a Guide Dog. I will be referring to the process that I personally went through. So, let's get started!

The first thing people need to know is that you don't just wake up one day and say "I want to get a Guide Dog", and it happens. You have to research which school is right for you, you have to make sure the school has a great reputation (you'll be there for weeks or more), when you get accepted. You need to be ready to do some intense training, be ready to take instructive criticism, and having a new dog who has no idea who you are! You're stressed, and so are they, keep that in mind.

Now, I will go more in-depth about how a Guide Dog becomes a Guide Dog. When a Guide Dog puppy is born, they are either born on the school campus, or in a home, with a host-family that usually takes care of that female for the school, as part of its breeding stock. Leader Dog has the dogs come in and mate, and then leave. The male goes home, and happy because he just spent two weeks with the love of his life, and the female gets to go home and have the puppies. Good luck, mom! You have a lot more stress coming your way!

When the pups are whelped, they are taken care of by the mom, and then as time progresses, slowly weaned off mom's milk, and started on solid hood. The first word the puppies learn is sit, they have to do this in order to get their food. Then at six to eight weeks they go back to school, and go to puppy raisers, where they are socialized for a year to 14 months.

They learn all of the basic commands they need to know, and get as many experiences as possible with their raisers. Such as going to airports, riding in cars, walking beside heavily trafficked streets, going to the doctors/dentists, and lots more. Each dog, when they make it through training, is matched to a part of what that person said on their application, what the trainers log says, and what the raiser said. Also this could be based on after the trainer has seen the person walking with him/her while they pretend to be the dog.

So after the dog is finished with puppy raising, they return to the school, in this case Leader Dogs. Then they begin formal training. Getting used to a harness, learning how to stop for curbs, how to find things, and how to walk around obstacles, while keeping someone, like me who needs to be able to trust them, safe.

The dog's final test, is when a trainer goes under Blindfold and works the dog, if they pass they are ready for someone like me. When the trainer starts working with the handler, (the Blind person) they don't see the dog for 3.5 days. When you first meet your dog, they'll be excited, and constantly want attention. This can be cute, but really annoying too after a while.

After about an hour to an hour and a half, you take your dog out into the hallway and start heeling him/her. The trainer will tell you who your dog is when they come in, and then you'll call your dog to come. Your dog will want to see also of it's your friend, and try to pull you, this is when you have to start correcting the dog, and making sure it's walking with you, not dragging you.

This is where things start to get stressful, you have to patient, and you also have to be firm with your new dog. After that you will be in training with that dog, and be with it almost 24/7, and you will bond with your dog. When I to tried to apply, Leader Dogs told me there were some things I needed to work on, so I am doing that and waiting until the timing is right for me.

Welcome New Members

During the month of January, 5 clubs in our district added 7new 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: Jacob Overmyer Sponsor: Melinda Overmyer

Baugo Lions Club

Member: Thomas Langhofer Sponsor: Ray Hochstet

Dunlap Lions Club

Member: Dawn Fisher Sponsor: Larry Mast

Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club

Member: Matt Schuler Sponsor: Dewayne Krom

Member: Pamela Woodall Sponsor: Richard Morris

Urbana Lions Club

Member: Claud Newcomb Sponsor: Claudia Rosen

Member Linda Newcomb Sponsor: Lowell Rosen

Completion of Service

Harvey Arthur passed away on November 6, 2015 at the age of 77. Lion Harvey was a 14 year member of Akron Lions Club.

Ida Brown passed away on March 2, 2016 at the age of 81. Lion Ida was a 7 year member of the Clay-Granger Lions Club

E. Wayne Cox passed away on February 22, 2016 at the age of 93. Lion Wayne was a 65 year member of the Lapaz Lions Club.

John Howkinson passed away February 21, 2016 at the age of 79. Lion John was a 31 year member of the Rochester Lions Club

Promote Your Club and Support the District

Use an ad in the 2016-2017 district directory to promote your club's activities, recognize an outstanding member, or show your support for club or district officers. Ad revenue is used to offset the cost of printing the directory. Send your print-or camera-ready ad, with a check payable to "District 25-G" to:

CT Rose Russell PO Box 31 Lakeville, IN 46536

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District 25-G Convention





Edward Farrington

International Director to keynote District Convention

Edward Farrington from Milford, New Hampshire, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 97th International Convention held in 2014. He is a technical operations manager.

A member of the Milford, NH Lions Club since 1995, he has held many offices within the association, including district governor, council chairperson, district LCIF chairperson, multiple district convention chairperson and district GLT coordinator. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow. Director Farrington and his wife, Elaine, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, have three daughters and six grandchildren.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY— The convention is a great chance to

introduce Lions to our state projects and make new friends. Be sure to bring your new members so they can extend their knowledge of Lionism.

Necrology Service—(club secretaries— he sure to report all YTD deaths to CS Ann Haffner)

Information Booths on state projects and committees

Elections (District officers, state project trustees- Club dues must be paid to vote

Registration Form	From	Lions Clu
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Mail with check payable to District 25-G:

PDG Ann Haffner, 11268 N. State Rd. 13, Syracuse, IN 46567 (574) 457-3054 ahaffner@kconline.com

Saturday March 12, 2016

Ray & Jean Kroc Center 900 W. Western Ave. South Bend, IN Registration and voter certification begins at 8 a.m. Call to order: 9 a.m.

COST

\$20- Early Bird (until Feb. 29):

\$23- March 1 to March 7 Note: NO meal reservations can be accepted after March 7



Tours of the Kroc Center will be available. Sign up for the aquatic center free pass for after the convention. Bring your swimming suit!

Menu South Bend Polish Wedding Dinner

Polish Sausage, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, kluski noodles, sweet & sour cakbage, seasoned green beans, rolls, butter and (beverages compliments of the Lakeville Lions Club).

Show Your Pride

Bring your club's banner!

Congresswoman Jackie Walorski To Welcome Lions to State Convention



Congresswoman Jackie Walorski has been a member of the Lakeville Lions Club for more than 10 years and will welcome the delegates to the 2016 Indiana Lions State Convention on behalf of the host club during the Awards Luncheon on Saturday, April 30th.

Congresswoman Walorski has represented Indiana's 2nd Congressional District since 2012. She previously served in the Indiana House of Representatives from 2005 to 2010.

Prior to entering politics, she moved to Romania in 2000, where she founded Impact International, a foundation to provide medical supplies and attention to impoverished children. She also did Christian missionary work in Romania before returning to Indiana in 2004.

Please join us for the Awards Luncheon on Saturday and give a warm Hoosier welcome to Congresswoman and Lion Jackie Walorski.

Your Help Needed

Lion Robin Classen is putting together the gift bags for those attending the 2016 Indiana State Convention and she is asking for your help. If anyone has access to small items that we could put into the bags, please contact Lion Robin. She also wants to put some candy in each bag, so if you or your club could donate some pieces of individually wrapped candy, please bring them to the District Convention or contact Robin and she will make arrangements to get them from you. Robin Claassen, 226 East Pleasant St., Etna Green, IN, 46524-9702, H 574-858-9432, C 260-615-1138, redbirdcrafts78@gmail.com

Display Tables Available 2016 State Convention

If your activity or state project would like a display table for this year's convention, please contact Lion John Krzyzanowski at 574-360-9323 or e-mail to jkrzyzanowski @sbcglobal.net.



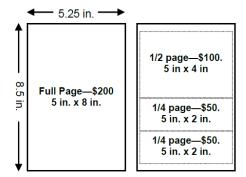
INDIANA LIONS 2016 STATE CONVENTION

"In the Heart of Amish Country" Shipshewana, Indiana

April 29—May 1, 2016

Convention Booklet Advertising Application

- · Promote an upcoming event for your Club, District or Business
- Honor your club's Melvin Jones or W.P. Woods Fellows or your Past District Governors
 - Thank your District Governor for a great 2015-16 Lions Year



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Please send this application with check made payable to Indiana Lions State Convention to
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2016 INDIANA LIONS STATE CONVENTION

APRIL 29—MAY 1, 2016

"In the Heart of Amish Country" Shipshewana, Indiana

Hosted by the Lakeville Lions Club and Lions of District 25-G
With Honored Guest

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DR. JITSUHIRO YAMADA

Convention Headquarters Hotel Blue Gate Garden Inn

800 S. Van Buren St., Shipshewana, IN 46565 (800) 545-4725



Room Rate: \$89.99 plus taxes (complimentary breakfast)

Call for reservations or reserve online at http://www.bluegategardeninn.com/ Choose "Book Now",. Choose "Group Code" & type "Lions2016". Choose dates of stay. Click "Check Availability" & select your room reference.

Registration Form (one per person)

Name & Title (as desired on name badge)			
Address	City	State	Zip
District Club	Email		
Friday Golf Outing	\$ 50.00		Reservations
Friday Amish Farm Luncheon	\$ 15.00		
Friday Evening Authentic Amish Haystack Dinne	er \$15.00		received after
Saturday Celebration Luncheon	\$ 13.00		April 1st
Saturday Evening All State Banquet	\$ 16.00		Add \$5.00 per each meal
Sunday Brunch	\$ 11.00		
Indiana Lions Convention Pin	\$ 4.00		NO MEAL
Total Enclosed			RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED
Special Dietary needs: Gluten Free Ve	getarian	Other	AFTER APRIL 21ST.

Send Registration form to: Jeanine Juel, 3204 Village Court, Goshen, IN 46528. Make check payable to: Indiana Lions State Convention OR register and pay online at

http://indianalionsconvention.org/convention-registration/

DG Vic's Club Visitation Schedule

District 25-G Convention (Kroc Center, South Bend) Greene Township Lions Club Council Dinner Indiana State Convention @ Shipshewana 4th District Cabinet Meeting

March 11– March 12, 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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