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**FROM THE DESK FOR  
DG KEN KRAUTER**

As we move forward with Dignity servicing our communities we must strive to serve others in Humanity; this is what our new International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada would like us to do. I too believe that with Dignity and Harmony we can best serve Humanity. Has your club completed a Community Needs Assessment? This eight step process will help your club determine if you are meeting your communities needs. To access a copy of the LCI Community Needs Assessment on the LCI website enter "MK-9A" in the search box on the homepage. LCI offers a variety of online resources to support Lions' efforts in serving their communities.

Go to the LCI website: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)  
Click on "member Center" at the top of the page  
Select "serve!" to view the various service project resources

ALSO the Centennial Service Challenge has incorporated the Global Service Action campaign as a part of their program. All of this information and a tool box of promotional material can be found at [www.Lions100.org](http://www.Lions100.org).

Promoting innovative service projects can engage members, energize clubs, fulfill our mission "We Serve", and increase community visibility. Let's GO and show what Lions are all about with new projects to involve more members of our community and become more visible in the community.

I was elected to serve our district as your District Governor, and I would strive to enlarge our district by the addition of a new cyber lions club. Reaching out to the younger members of society, those that find normal meeting are not in their life style but those that still want to "Serve". We can convert an existing club to a cyber club, and try to attract those 20 to 35 year olds to become Lions. I also wish to change the status of three of our clubs to "Priority Club Status" this would allow the District Governor Team assign a Guiding Lion to the club for two years and work closely with the district leadership toward rebuilding the club. This plan must have the approval of both the club and the D.G. Team. Priority Club status allows members of the District Governor Team to make up to two additional club visits. Finally as your District Governor I will be placing one club into "Status Quo" suspension. I do this as a last resource, this club has NOT held a meeting in over a year, has failure to comply with the purposes of the association, and has failed to fulfill its obligations to the District and the state.

Thank You and lets Bitum.

## LETTER FROM YOU I.V.P

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada

Dear Lion,

Your club does so much to strengthen your community, and you can accomplish even more when you develop a plan for club success. By defining your goals and the steps needed to achieve them, you'll be able to create a plan that will keep your club on track for success this year and beyond.

An effective plan can help you attract new members to your club so you can expand your service. It can help ensure that your service projects meet the needs of your community and the interests of your members. Your plan can help you identify and develop future club leaders, and keep members engaged and excited about the future direction of your club.

Start developing your club plan today to stay on track for success!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada  
Your International President

### Start Your Club Plan

Develop your plan for club success today! Here are two great resources to help you get started:

[Blueprint for a Stronger Club](#) – Get your club on track for a successful year with the **Blueprint for a Stronger Club**. The Blueprint helps you assess your club, establish goals and identify the steps to achieve them. Submit your Blueprint goals to receive a special certificate for your club.

[Club Quality Initiative \(CEP\)](#) – Take your planning to the next level with the **Club Quality Initiative (CEP)**. It's a fun, interactive workshop that can help your club achieve new levels of success for years to come. Choose from two versions: CEP Pro and CEP Lite.

### Promote Your Dignity Week Event

**Children's Dignity Week during August 30 – September 5** is a great opportunity to promote your club and help children live happier, healthier lives. Send a Children's Dignity Week [press release](#) to your local media so your community can learn about your work, your impact and the opportunities in your club.

Visit the [Children's Dignity Week](#) event page for planning guides and project ideas for this special Centennial Service Challenge event. If you haven't started planning your project, download the [Dignity Week flyer](#) and share it with your club today!

**FROM OUR 2ND I.V.P  
NARESH AGGARWAL**

Greetings!

Our mission is to be the best, and forget the rest. As Lions, we do not lose our sleep over the opinion of sheep. I have always believed that the key to being a good Lion is taking pride in being a Lion. A Lion is not just a title, it is a way of life. To be chosen to lead your district is a big achievement. You have won the faith of many members. You have the blessings of the seniors. Many people in your community look up to you. This is a position of great dignity. Hence, carry out this role with dignity. The people who are remembered are those who gave power, not those who took it. For example, we have had many Prime Ministers, but we all remember Mahatma Gandhi. He gave power to the people. So did Martin Luther King or Mother Theresa.

Your term in office will only be for a specific period. However, if you carry yourself with the right dignity, everyone will remember you for a long time.

Mahatma Gandhi said, *"Be the change you want to see in the world."* It is true that many things in this world are not as they should be. However, before expecting change from anyone else, we have to change ourselves.

Swami Vivekananda said, *"If only every religion preached faith in the self as much as faith in God, then the world would be at peace."* We must have so much belief in our ideas that we can change when others refuse to. That is the essence of inspiration or leadership.

When a storm comes, most birds lose their ability to fly. The strong winds throw them around. Some birds look for a place to hide. The eagle, however, flies above the storm. It goes straight up, above the clouds, where the wind is calm. We are the eagles or Lions of our community. In Africa, they say that those who keep the company of Lions learn how to roar. You are all leading Lions. You are surrounded by other leading Lions. You have the attention of the global leadership. I want to see each of you roar. I want to see each of you walk with the dignity of a great Lion. I will always keep one ear and one hand reserved for the Lions of India.

With best wishes,

Naresh Aggarwal

**Congratulations to the these clubs for being PLUS in membership**

**Andrews +1**  
**Anthony Wayne +5**  
**Auburn +4**  
**Auburn Classic +2**  
**Bippus +2**  
**Bluffton +9**  
**Columbia City +3**  
**Huntertown +4**  
**Kendaville +1**  
**Ligonier +1**  
**Monroe +1**  
**Orland +1**  
**Ossian +1**

**Pleasant Lake +3**  
**South Whitley +1**  
**Stroh +2**  
**Waterloo +1**  
**Woodburn +1**

## **INDIANA LIONS CONFERENCE SILENT AUCTION**

**Again this year there will be a silent auction at the Indiana Lions Conference on November 7, 2015 at Plainfield Middle School in Plainfield. Each Indiana Lions District is asked to donate at least 3 items worth \$20 or more for the auction.**

**Last year every district made an outstanding effort to make the auction a great success and over \$800 was raised for Youth Programs. If you have items to donate for this year's auction please contact VDG Alan Arnold, who will organize our district's participation. Contact Alan at 260-692-6610 or [pamalarn@centurylink.net](mailto:pamalarn@centurylink.net)**

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