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From the Desk of DG Steve Hanan

"Sharing The Pride"

This time of year we see so much activity with our local clubs working hard to share with those who are in need and in many cases without them their family would not have a Thanksgiving or a Christmas. Many of our clubs have traditions of selecting families or individuals and to provide them with loving gifts of things they need and usually a few things they don't need, many of the things we take for granted in our own homes. I have heard of clubs, not only selecting families, but also providing Christmas to our seniors that may be shut in. Many of our Lions ring bells, sell Christmas fruit, and perform acts of service and many times goes unnoticed to most except to members of that club.

Membership! What great news to hear that you have Shared The Pride with others by bringing them into your club so they can experience the joy that service brings. We are at a plus membership at this time and that is great news! I want all of you to know how proud I am of you and the great efforts you have made to increase our membership. Keep up the good work and don't forget to Ask 1 this holiday season. This is a wonderful opportunity to ask others to come and visit your club and enjoy the fellowship of Lions at a meeting or hands on at one of your service/fund raising projects. It is very important to continue this forward movement!

We have three very important gatherings that need to be part of your future plans, not only

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because of what you will learn but also because of what it means to this district and multiple district. First, Mid Winter Conference will be held on January 10, 2015 and will be a great opportunity for you to meeting and learn from some very knowledgeable Lions. Of course this conference is for all Lions but is **highly** encouraged for club presidents, secretaries, zone chairs, and any Lion looking to go up the leadership ladder. Second, District 25-B Convention March 21, 2015. We have a wonderful international officer coming as our guest and keynote speaker. You will want to meet PID, appointed board member Carolyn Messier and hear firsthand what is happening in our association in the United States and around the world.

Third, our multiple district All State Convention being held in Columbus April 23-26, 2015. We will have as our guest International President Joe Preston. President Preston is a magnificent speaker and loves to share his insights and things he has observed during his term as vice president and president. It is a honor that cannot be touted enough to have a sitting International President as our guest and keynote speaker. Many of our Lions will be honored during this time and will receive their awards directly from him. Attendance is extremely important and club and district officers are highly encouraged to attend. Our district goal is to have at least 55 of our members there above our sitting district officers.

Again, thanks for Sharing The Pride and keep working to serve others and change their lives. You touch so many people in ways that effect the rest of their lives.
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DG Steve



CLUB EXCELLENCE

Submitted by PID Dave Fiandt, District Global Leadership Chair

Club Excellence is something that all clubs should be striving to achieve. Those clubs that earn the "Club Excellence Award" will have had a successful year. Those that attempt and fall just short will also have had a good year and will benefit from the attempt.

These clubs earned the award for the 2013-2014 club year:

Angola
Auburn Classic
Bippus
Cedar Creek
Cromwell Kimmel
Ft. Wayne Central
Shoaff Park
Hamilton
South Milford

Congratulations to all of them!!

There might have been other clubs that earned the award but did not apply; often due to miscommunication between the club president & secretary. There might have been clubs that might have earned the award if they had known about it and made the attempt.

What the award means is that the above clubs: paid their bills on time; were current with their reports; provided leadership training for their members; served their communities by conducting at least 3 service projects; supporting Lions Clubs International Foundation by making a donation and developing their membership and growing their clubs. All of the things that any Lions Club should be attempting to do. It takes some effort; it takes setting some goals and it takes some planning. It takes some leadership; the challenge to all club presidents is to provide that leadership, set some goals, put some plans in place and involve your members in being an Excellent Club! Your club will benefit; your community will benefit.

