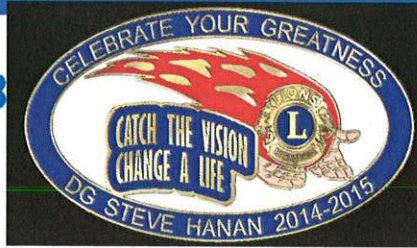


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From the Desk of DG Steve Hanan

Lions, A Family Of Friends In Service

If your end of the year was like mine it was full of joyful parties with friends and family. Of course there were the parties with colleagues and other special friends but some of the best times were seeing Lions getting together and fellowshiping. I have found that when folks have a common foundation such as Lionism the bond that exists adds to the enjoyment of our time together. We have a close council of governors and it was wonderful seeing them at our council Christmas Party. They are some truly special people that we share a common value and that is service.

As we look to the next half of our year of service together, it is important for us to look at where we were and where we want to be. I know that my plate has been so full that many of the things I wanted to keep an eye on got pushed to the back burner. I truly appreciate that most of our wonderful clubs are self starters and have functioned well. Thanks for all you do and re-connect with your goals and speak about them often when you come together.

Things to think about:

1. Membership growth and retention remain a priority goal for our district, our multiple, and our association. We had a wonderful start to the year with positive growth and I so appreciate all that the clubs and club leadership has done to make this happen. However, the most important tally is the one on June 30, 2015 when we all want to see positive growth. For that to happen

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we need to keep thinking membership all year long. That means recruitment and retention.

2. Leadership growth. Every club has a method of identifying (nominating) club officers and I assure you that it is not too early to start getting the roster ready for elections. For those who will be seeking district level positions it is important for you to get club support letters to PDG Dick Dodge 30 days before the district convention.

3. Vacancies. We have several trustee positions open that need to be filled so the district is properly represented. You will see a special mailing on this in the very near future. This is a great way for leaders to have a real impact on the operations of our state projects. Every one of our state projects address operational issues each time they meet and therefore need good mindful Lions invested in the business of service.

Again, thanks for all you do and for all those you serve. There are so many people that owe you a heartfelt "Thank YOU!" because I can assure you that you have changed their lives.

Keep up the good work and let's make this next half year great! Bit Em!

DG Steve

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

There is still time to make your plans to attend the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference to be held in Plainfield, Indiana on January 9 and 10, 2015.

There is more information elsewhere in this newsletter.



A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION FOR ALL 25B CLUBS

A donation to LCIF should be on every club's donation list for 2014-15. Why you ask?

10 Top Reasons For Donating to LCIF

10. Every good Lions Club should support our Foundation.

9. A donation to LCIF is one of the requirements for "The Club Excellence Award" (Earning that award should be every club's #1 Resolution!).

8. Every Indiana Lions State Project has been awarded a multiple number of grants.

7. Disaster Relief Grants are available to any District within hours of a disaster that affects the district.

6. The "Measles Initiative": "\$1; 1 Shot; Saves 1 Life"

5. Grants are administered by local Lions.

4. Grants are awarded to local Lions for Local projects

3. The #1 rated "NGO" in the world for over 7 years.

2. 100% of every dollar donated by your club (or individual Lions) is spent on grants.

1. LCIF is our Foundation! We all share in every miracle made possible by LCIF!

Why would your club not donate to LCI

Submitted by PID Dave Fiandt, District Global Leadership Chair

MEMBERSHIP KEY

Traditionally in January people make resolutions that they intend to keep in the new year. I have one for you that is easier than losing weight and exercising every day! *Ask One* person to attend a Lions meeting or service project with you. How easy is that? The hardest part may be finding the right person who will make a great Lion.

You know the type because you are one. Find someone just like you with a passion for service, a heart for caring, a life full of joy that overflows and you will find a person that will be a Lion for life. I resolve to *Ask One*. Will you join me?

Happy New Year, PDG Kaylene