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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 fellowshipping. I have found that when folks have a common foundation such a 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

VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S PAGE

Submitted by 1st Vice District Governor Kenneth Krauter

By the time you read this, Christmas has passed, New Years is over, and Kwanzaa is gone too. The New Year has begun.

Have you made plans to attend the Mid-Winter Conference? It is on January 10, at the Plainfield Community Middle School, 709 Stafford Road, Plainfield, Indiana. This is a great way to learn about our state projects, and all the other projects and committees we have to offer. If YOU have not attended the Mid-Winter Conference before, why not join us this year and enjoy the food and fellowship in Plainfield.

We will be staying at the Baymont Inn and Suites; you can call them at 317-837-9000 to make your reservations. Full details are in the Hoosier Lion. This is the year to improve your knowledge of the Lions organization and all we have to offer. Hope to see you there.

Also; let's keep up the good work you have been doing by adding new members to our clubs. District Governor Steve would love to see a bunch of new Lions during his year. So let's put a smile on his face and get our numbers up even higher.

Thank You

HELP-HELP-HELP

I would like to ask for your HELP. In the upcoming year our directory will be changing. I would like to ask for your help to make the transition go smoother. How can you help you might ask. First would you conduct your club elections early next year by April 15'th and e-mail the results to VDG Ken Krauter and to Lon Carrie. My e-mail address is kennethkrauter@comcast.net and Lion Carrie's is lioncarrie81@yahoo.com. Lion Carrie Warble is our new newsletter person and she is helping me put together our new directory. Also the new directory will have a whole page just for your club. I need your new officers name, address, phone numbers, and e-mail address'. This would be for Club President, 1'st V.P., Secretary, and Membership Chair. Also I would like all of your club service projects and fundraisers. The new directory will have more information about YOUR club and what Your club is doing. Thank You for your help; together we will make District B the best it can "B" VDG Ken Krauter

BIPPUS LIONS CLUB



The picture is of Lions Dick Michel sponsor of Dan O'Banion, new member; Alex Ramsey, sponsor of Jackie Ramsey new member; Alice Sell new member and Jack Sell sponsor. Not pictured is PCC Bob Morton who inducted the new members at the recent Bippus Lions Club Christmas party.

Howe Lions Club



The Howe Lions Club adopted a family of 7 children for Christmas of 2014. Lion Alice Watson was chairman with most Howe Lions and spouses helping with the gift wrapping.

LEO NEWS

I would like to report that the Leo clubs are very active. Space does not permit a full list, but some examples are:

Huntington works at the soup kitchen twice a month and is again collecting "Jeans for Teens". They got 200 last year.

Dekalb did a leaf clean up for senior citizens, made \$200 selling cookies at the Christmas parade, and did a haunted classroom during a school's annual literacy night. This attracted 100 more students than ever before.

West Noble is doing bell ringing, sold candy and did a bake sale to raise money for Christmas families.

Prairie Heights was on WOWO for penny pitch. They were promoting Boomerang Backpacks, a program they have been deeply involved in. Backpacks are filled for needy students. They gave \$500 to their schools giving tree. They helped their sponsor, South Milford, do photos with Santa where kids also got gifts. And they helped run the Christmas traditions and live nativity program.

Leos work!

Merry Christmas from Knoxville, TN!

Leo Chair, Doug Rodenbeck drleoguru@yahoo.com



LIONS COMPLETING SERVICE

NAME Robert Hine Ronald Flohr CLUB Clear Lake LC Foster Park LC

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.



SHOAFF PARK LIONS CLUB



District Governor Steve, PDG Paul Rider and Lion Janice Platzer, President Shoaff Park Lions Club. Lion Paul is presented a Lions plate from his club for his 50 years of service.

NEW LIONS MEMBERS

Name

JoEllen Garrison Mitchell Garison Sharon Johnston Charles Osborn John Bradbury JoAnn Pullen William Stuckey Stephen Gilford Ronald Vachon Bill Murley Ed Mc Dowd

Club

Andrews LC Andrews LC Andrews LC Cedar Creek LC Columbia City LC Columbia City LC Columbia City LC Harlan LC New Haven LC Pleasant Lake LC Waterloo LC

WELCOME TO DISTRICT B FAMILY OF LIONS



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DG STEVE'S CALENDAR JANUARY 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	lsk			1 New Years Day	2	3 Pride
4	5	6	7	8	9 Mid-Winter Conference Dinner	10 Mid-Winter Conference
11	12 Cedar Creek Lions Club O/V	13 Monroeville/ Heritage Lions Club O/V	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 St. Joe Lions Club O/V	27	28 Bippus Lions Club O/V	29	30	31

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REGION III CABINET MEETING

WHEN: Saturday, Saturday, February 7, 2015

WHERE: American Legion Post #499 4830 Hilligas Road Fort Wayne, IN 46818

REGISTRATION: 11:00 A.M. PDG Meeting 11:30 A.M. Cabinet Meeting & Lunch to follow

MENU: Baked Chicken Breast with Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Dinner Roll, Carrot Cake, Coffee and or Ice Tea

COST: \$14.50 Per Person PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Fort Wayne Central Lions Club

SEND RESERVATIONS TO: Lion Zone Chairs Linda Garfield & Keith Hanson 6125 Midwood Dr. Fort Wayne, IN 46935 Ph. <u>260-450-7292</u> & <u>260-402-7826</u> Email: <u>lindagarson62@aol.com</u>

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: SATURDAY, January 31, 2015

PLEASE BRING A VALENTINE RELATED DOOR PRIZE FOR FUN

Club _____

Lion _____

Guest/Lion_____

Guest/Lion_____

Guest/Lion

Number of Reservations _____ @ \$14.50 ea.

Amount included \$ _____

"Don't forget your filled tin cups for the St. Joe Burns Unit"



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