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District Governor Column

Hello Fellow Lions.

What a month June was. Attending the International Convention in Fukuoka, Japan was a fantastic experience!! Here we are with my first newsletter and the beginning of my year as your District Governor. I am so looking forward to this year. I know with your help, we can have a great year for your club and our district.

I thought I would use this month's newsletter to tell you a little bit about myself. Here is a very brief life history.

I was raised on an 120-acre farm in Adams County. My father not only raised grain, but he also raised beef cattle, pigs, chickens, and sheep. Since I was the oldest of four children, I got to help him quite a bit. Summers were filled with baling hay, hauling grain, and cleaning out the barns. I graduated from Adams Central High School in 1971 and went to Huntington College (now University). That pretty much ended my farming experience as I graduated with a Bachelor's of Science majoring in Mathematics with minors in Biology and Secondary Education. My first year of teaching was at Culver Community Schools as a middle school math and science teacher. I also coached middle school football and basketball that year. I was at Culver only one year because a position opened up in the school I graduated from and I was able to return to Adams Central. I taught there for 37 years. During that time, I taught middle school math, Algebra 1, Geometry, Pre-calculus, Calculus, and Statistics. I also coached basketball, football, cross country, and track during my years there. After retiring from Adams Central in 2013, I continued teaching part time with Ivy Tech in Ft. Wayne.

During my college years, I married my high school sweetheart, Pam, and we have been married 44 years. We have three children and five grandchildren.

Now that you know me a little better, I look forward to getting to know you better during this year. In the August newsletter, I will share with you my goals for this year. My motto is "Step Up to the Plate" and I want to emphasize being willing to step into leadership positions. Have a great July 4 holiday and look forward to working with you this year.

DG Al

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016/2017

July 22-24	Council of Governors: LaPorte
August 14	District Cabinet Meeting Monroe UMC, Monroe
September 10	Banner Night: Rack and Helen's, New Haven
September 15-17	USA/Canada Forum: Omaha, Neb.
October 21-22	Council of Governors: Evansville
November 4-5	Indiana Lions Leadership Conference: Plainfield HS
November 6	District Cabinet Meeting 2: TBA
January 7	Council of Governors: State Office Bldg
January 29	District Cabinet Meeting 3: TBA
March 18	District Convention: TBA
April 27-29	State Convention: Evansville
April 30	Council of Governors
May 21	District Cabinet Meeting 4: TBA
June 30 – July3	International Convention: Chicago



FIRST CABINET MEETING

August 14, 2016

**Monroe United Methodist Church,
201 S. Van Buren
Monroe, IN**



PDG meeting at 12:30

Cabinet meeting at 1:00

Guest speaker: Krista Layman from Kate's Kart

Cost is \$12

Registration deadline is Monday, August 8, 2016

Make checks payable to Monroe Lions Club.

Send to Lion Ron Stuckey

PO Box 206

Monroe, IN 46772

Bring a door prize

Club _____

Lion/Guest _____

Lion/Guest _____

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VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S PAGE

t's a New Year

Well it is the start of a new Lion year. That means that clubs are busy with new projects, budgets and new club officers. Yes this is a busy time for most clubs. Clubs will be planning their service and fundraising projects, budgets, membership drives, officer training and more.

However this is a very special year for Lions. It will be our 99th year as a great service organization. As we go through this year let us be looking to those legacy projects and special centennial projects. Now a legacy project does not have to be big just enduring. Some examples are placing signage at the city limits or placing a bench in the park or by the library. As for a centennial project it needs to involve the community and recognize our 100 years of service.

Each club is encouraged to look at its projects and ask the question does the community still need this service and if so, are we the best ones to provide it. Also, look around and see if there are some other needs that the club could cover. While the club is looking at its service projects they need to also look at how they are perceived by their community. Does the community know what the Lions do for them or does the community even know there are still Lions in the area.

Something else each club needs to look at for the upcoming year is how are you going to grow your membership. Who do you know that might make a good Lion? Are there any family members that you can bring into the club? How will the club members go about recruiting new members? While looking at membership, remember, that quality is often much better than quantity. And remember, new Lions need to have someone guide them into becoming great Lions.

VDGE Roger Cash

ATTENTION ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS

Submitted by PID Dave Fiandt

Your objective for your year as club president is to see that your club is a stronger, and hopefully bigger, club 6/30/2017 than it was 7/1/2016. It won't happen without some goals and a plan. Your top goal for the year should be for the club to earn the "Club Excellence Award". DG Al's team is here to help you, put plans in place, to earn that award.

The components of the "Club Excellence Award" include: meeting regularly, paying your club bills, communicating with members & community, a donation to LCIF, leadership development, local service projects, and membership development.

Some of these will take more planning & effort than others. Especially membership development; PDG Kaylene Souers and her membership team are to help you put plans in place to grow and develop membership. Attendance at Zone Meetings will also provide you with some tools to accomplish your membership goals.

Another key component is leadership development, which includes taking advantage of leadership training tools that are available to all Lions. At www.lionsclubs.org you will find the "Lions Learning Center" which has on line training for club officers among a host of other training opportunities. The district will offer several officer training sessions later in the year. Leadership Development is the most important ingredient to a strong club, a club that is better able to serve its community.

A copy of the 2015-16 Club Excellence Award application can be found in this newsletter. Chances are, if your club had a membership growth last year and made a donation to LCIF, it may have earned the award for 2015-16. Applications must be signed by the 2015-16 District Governor and submitted to Lions International by September 30, 2016. Contact Dave Fiandt if you have any questions.

The "Club Excellence Award" is the key to a successful year. The District Governor's Team will help you earn that award. The 2016-17 award application can be found at www.lionsclubs.org (search "Club Excellence Award").

DISTRICT 26B BANNER NIGHT

DISTRICT GOVERNOR ALAN INVITES YOU TO BANNER NIGHT



WHEN: September 10, 2016

Where: Rack and Helen's,
525 Broadway Street
New Haven, IN



Social time starts at 6:00

Mexican Buffet at 6:30

Cost \$20.00

Registration deadline is Monday, September 5, 2016.

Make checks payable to DG Alan Arnold

Send to:

DG Alan Arnold,
595 E. State Rd. 124,
Monroe, IN 46772

**Help DG Alan celebrate
his years as Governor**

Club _____

Lion/Guest _____

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JULY MEMBERSHIP KEY

Here we are again, the start of a new Lions year. What makes this year any more special? We've been hearing about the 100th Anniversary of Lions Clubs. This year will culminate with a big anniversary celebration in Chicago. Now is the time to find ways to promote Lions in our communities and let everyone know "We Serve".

Recently I was traveling to Ohio on Hwy 30. Just after I crossed the state line, I saw a banner on the side of the barn with the Lions Centennial logo. I took a picture so I could share this idea with you. We do a great job of meeting needs, but do people know we are here? Think about the possibility of several local clubs going together to do something similar. This could be accomplished by a zone or region.



As you make plans this summer for the year, please add these 2 things to the list – first, set a membership goal. Each club should want to add members and finish the year stronger than when we began. Secondly, consider using the Membership Minute segments at each of your meetings. The first 6 appeared in the last several issues of the newsletter. They will continue for the next 6 months and also be available on the District website. These segments are a great tool to orientate new members along with reminding those of us who have been a Lion for a while.

Let the tagline on the Centennial banner ring true for all – "Where there's a need, there's a Lion!"

Serving together,
PDG Kaylene



INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION

Submitted by PDG Bob Howard

Lions! It is time to make your plans to help your Indiana Lions Foundation by volunteering to work the gates at the Indiana State Fair. The fair starts on Friday August 5th and ends on Sunday August 21st. Our District 25-B is responsible for staffing the gates on Monday August 8th and Monday August 15th. While we will be glad for your help at any time, these dates are also a priority for the district. We also need your help on any of the 3 Sundays of the fair August 7th, 14th and 21st. Please go to the foundation website at: indianalionsfoundationmd25.org and sign up for the dates you can help. All positions but 2 on every shift are sit down and 4 positions on every shift are in air-conditioned buildings. (Ticket sellers on Gates 11 & 18). The 2 sellers on the tunnel gate will deal with cars, but this is a very low volume gate. Our continued success on this project will help to ensure that the Lions of Indiana will not need to support the state office building with dues money. This is also a great way to earn credits to purchase W.P. Fellowships to recognize those hardworking Lions in your club.

Those of you who have not displayed the Lions logo license plate on your vehicles. Just ask for the Lions logo license plate when you purchase your plates at the BMV. The BMV charges \$40 extra for the plate, with \$25.00 going to the Indiana Lions Foundation and \$15.00 going to the BMV for administrative fees.

Please contact your Foundation Trustees with any questions. PCC Bob Morton 260-344-1339, PDG Don Cooper 260-615-5350, PDG Bob Howard 260-488-2357



2017 LIONA INTERNATIONAL CENTENNIAL

Next year the Lions Centennial International Convention will be held in Chicago, Illinois. There will be a Lions International Silver dollar. It has been approved with 400,000 being produced. Indiana Lions will have a 100 year Anniversary coin for sale. It will feature all three of the Past International Presidents from Indiana. It was designed by Lion Keith Hanson from our own District 25B. It should be available sometime after the first Council meeting in August.



Each club should designate a Centennial Chair Person. The toolbox at Lions100.org is your one-stop-shop for the Centennial Celebration resources, ideas, and inspiration.

Submitted by PCC Bob Morton, Centennial 25B Chairman

LIONS CLUB OF OSSIAN

The Lions Club of Ossian met on June 13, 2016 at East of Chicago Pizza. During the meeting they discussed the upcoming Freedom Fest and the providing of two Bounce houses for the children to enjoy. They also discussed the possibility of collecting books to give to the library or other group such as the Care Center.

Also during the meeting club president, Joyce Kammerer, was presented with a W.P. Woods fellowship for her service to the club and the community. The W.P Woods Fellowship is the highest award by the Indiana Lions Foundation.

Pictured is Vice District Governor Roger Cash presenting the Dr. William Perry Woods Fellowship Centennial Medallion to club president Joyce Kammerer.

Submitted by VDG Roger Cash



MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

SEGMENT 6

Submitted by PDG Kaylene Souers

This Membership Minute focuses on services provided by International Headquarters.

The Association's Headquarters supplies essential service to the support, growth, and development of Lions and their Lions Clubs. Lions take advantage of these various activities and materials in their quest to serve.

International Headquarters is located in Oak Brook, Illinois, near the home of founder Melvin Jones, who served as acting secretary for 44 years, until his death in 1961. Responsibilities at the International Headquarters are varied and challenging.

There they keep ALL records of ALL Lions and ALL Lions activities.

They develop, print, and distribute a wide variety of brochures and manuals. This includes the Official International Directory of all 44,000 Lions Clubs – covering the meeting time and place, the Club President with address; District Governors, International Officers and other information.

Headquarters organizes and carries out the International Convention each summer and the USA/Canada Forum each fall.

An annual International Board of Directors' meeting is required by Constitution to be held at Headquarters. For over a week, there are major Board activities along with daily work.

Also, individual Lions and Lion groups frequently visit Headquarters to tour, get help, or offer advice. Since you and your club are the basis of service in Lionism, you are expected and welcomed.

Another responsibility is to assist with International Service Activities Projects, such as Lions Clubs International Foundation and SightFirst.

A particularly important part of the services International Headquarters provides is communication with members. The new and improved Website provides much and varied information. And, the Lion Magazine, established in 1917, is published in several languages and delivered to all 1.4 million members.

Needless to say, the International Headquarters sound like a very active place. In the next Membership Minute we will take a closer look at each of these services mentioned today.

LCIF Is Our Foundation

LCIF Provides Local Service With a Global Impact

Submitted by PID Dave Fiantt

Lions Clubs International Foundation (our Foundation) makes it possible for local Lions to provide service to their local communities on a global scale. LCIF makes possible miracles, on a daily basis, around the world. We as Lions share in all of those miracles. LCIF can only accomplish those miracles with the support of Lions Clubs and individual Lions throughout the world.

LCIF provides grant funding to assist Lions districts in developing and implementing large-scale humanitarian projects. These humanitarian grants help Lions expand their outreach and increase their impact within local and global communities to serve even more people in need around the world.

The Foundation provides support in four areas of service:

- Preserving Sight
- Serving Youth
- Disaster Relief
- Humanitarian Efforts

Millions of people around the world (including Indiana) have benefited from more than 13,000 Foundation grants, which have totaled almost One Billion US Dollars! That number continues to grow in part from gifts from foundations, corporations, governments and non-Lions. However the vast majority of LCIF's funding comes through the generous donations from Lions Clubs and individual members.

Every club should include LCIF in its annual budget. All Lions are encouraged to support OUR Foundation through their personal giving.





DG ALAN AND DISTRICT B CALENDAR

JULY 2016



Sun

Mon







Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

					1	2 Hamilton Lions Club Chicken BBQ 
3	4 Independence Day 	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Zone Chair Training 	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 State Council Meeting 	23 State Council Meeting 
24 State Council Meeting 	25	26	27	28	29	30
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MONROE LIONS CLUB



Three scholarship recipients and the Outstanding FFA member that the Monroe Lions presented in May.

HAMILTON LIONS CLUB CHICKEN BBQ

WHEN: Saturday, July 2, 2016

WHERE: Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department Building

TIME: 9:30 a.m. until Gone

COST: \$6.50 Chicken half \$7.50 Chicken Dinner with drink



This event is part of the Hamilton community 4th of July celebration. Come join the fun.

How To:

Destroy a Club:

- Miss meetings or show up late to meetings.

- Distract others from the meeting with your personal stories or discussion.

- Find fault with whatever is suggested for the club to do.

- Never, ever volunteer to help with a service or fund raising project.

- Discourage visitors from joining the club.

- Insist that things be done as they have always been done.

- Discourage other members from attending any meetings or functions of other clubs, district or multiple district.

- Set arbitrary limits on amounts the club can spend to promote service conduct service projects.

- Set arbitrary limits on the geographic area in which the club may conduct service projects.

Build a Club:

- Show up to each meeting early and with a smile.

- Show respect to the other keeping distractions to a minimum.

- Find the positive in what the leadership and others propose.

- Volunteer to serve on committees and on projects.

- Bring visitors to the club and encourage them to become active members.

- Don't forget the past but look to the future of the club.

- Attend district and multi district events and encourage other members to join you.

- Remember the organization is not only local but regional and international. That we serve all not a select few.

- Find new ways of serving and encourage others in the club to do the same.

Submitted by VDG Roger Cash





2015-2016 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

To qualify the club must be chartered for 6 or more months prior to the end of the fiscal year, further the objectives of the association, adhere to the association's constitution and by-laws and policies, and meet the requirements noted below during the fiscal year.

Club Number	Club Name	Date
2015-2016 Club President's Name		Member Number
<input type="checkbox"/> SERVICE – The club has conducted at least three service projects. Briefly describe the service activities that were conducted:		
Date: _____		Activity: _____
Date: _____		Activity: _____
Date: _____		Activity: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> CONTRIBUTION — The club has made a contribution to LCIF.		
<input type="checkbox"/> MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT - The club achieved a net growth in membership (including branch club members when applicable) <u>or</u> sponsored a new club. New members attended an orientation and were properly inducted into the club.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Net Growth in Members: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Name of sponsored club or Branch: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATION – The club has publicized the club's service activities to the public through local media and effectively communicated activities to club members.		
Please explain briefly how the club service activities were publicized.		

<input type="checkbox"/> LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT – All officer positions were filled in accordance with the constitution and bylaws by qualified Lions, the club was represented at zone meetings and a majority of the club officers participated in a leadership training program. The training program could include training offered at the zone, district, multiple district or International level. Online courses from the Lions Learning Center, participation in a Club Excellence Process (CEP) Workshop or completion of the Certified Guiding Lion course also count toward the award.		
<input type="checkbox"/> CLUB ACTIVITY – The club has hosted regular and meaningful club events and reported Membership, Service Activities, and the New Club Officers in a timely manner.		
<input type="checkbox"/> CLUB IN GOOD STANDING – the club is not in status quo and International dues and new member entrance fees have been paid in full. No more than US\$50 in any other expense due to LCI is outstanding beyond ninety (90) days.		
Date	2015-2016 District Governor's Signature*	District
		Member No.

* Applications received from the District Governor's registered email address will be considered signed by the district governor. In undistricted areas the coordinating Lion or provisional zone or region chairpersons should sign the completed form.

The completed form must be mailed to the English Language Department at International Headquarters, or email to clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org, or fax to (630) 706-9273 to arrive by August 31, 2016. Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club shall be considered only if received at International Headquarters within 12 months after completion of the fiscal year, provided that the original application form is already filed at International Headquarters. The award will be mailed to the 2016-2017 district governor for presentation. In undistricted areas the award will be mailed to the coordinating Lions or directly to the 2015-2016 club president.

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DISTRICT B

JULY 2016



Coming Soon ~ Save the Date

November 5th 2016

28th Annual Indiana Lions Conference

(formerly Known as Mid Winter Conference)

Same Great Place-Plainfield High School

Same Great Learning Experiences