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District 25-C

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Our Mission

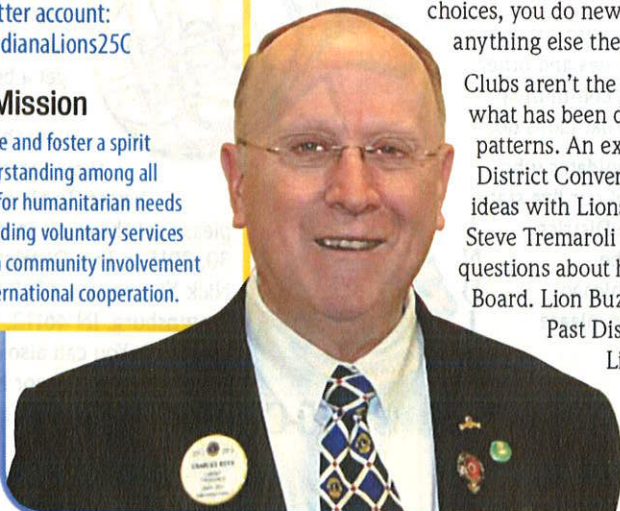
To create and foster a spirit
of understanding among all
people for humanitarian needs
by providing voluntary services
through community involvement
and international cooperation.

Risky Business



It's January and everyone in Indiana knows what that means. Outdoor activity is at the mercy of howling winds, icy streets and or falling snow. Everyone dons an extra sweater and doesn't venture out unless it's important. This makes January the perfect time to sit down and evaluate what your club has been doing or will be doing. If you continue to do the same thing you have always done, you will continue to see the same results you have always seen. Business leaders know that, which explains why innovation is at the heart of

success. Coaches understand that, which is why new strategies and plays are hallmarks of a comeback. Nothing changes until something changes or is changed. The only way to fail is not to take a risk. Okay you say, where do we start? Ask, ask, and ask! As you causally meet with people of your community ask them what they see as needs. The community evaluation which is available through Lions Club International might be helpful. Then look at your projects: Did a much beloved project that took hours of time only reach a few people? Did a project that reached many people burn out those working? This all starts with a new way of thinking. As you think, you make choices. As you make choices you form habits. As you form habits you fix the direction of your club. As you form the direction of your club, you form new habits. As you form new habits you make new choices. As you make new choices, you do new thinking. This takes work but like anything else the result is well-worth the effort.



Clubs aren't the only ones reevaluating; District C is also reviewing what has been done and how to improve the District with new thinking patterns. An excellent chance to change thinking patterns is to attend the District Convention on February 28th. You will not only be able to share ideas with Lions throughout the District but also International Director Steve Tremaroli will present a new view of International Lions and answer questions about how the local Lions member interacts with the International Board. Lion Buzz Melton shows a different theory to gain membership.

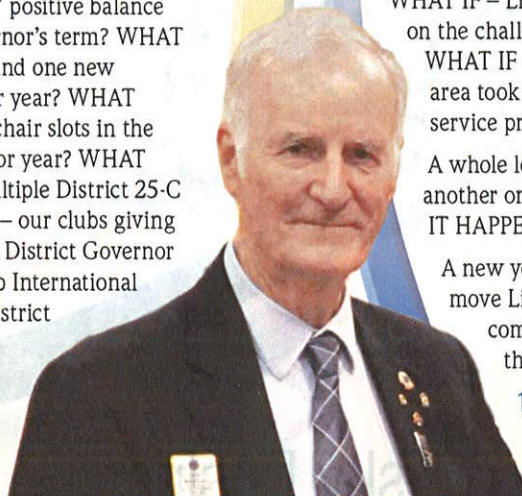
Past District Governor Larry Graden along with Lion Bob Hrdy and Lion Randal Love will give a peek at the world of the vision impaired. With a little bit of work and new ideas this may be the best Lion year your club has ever had!

District Governor, Charles Roth

Volume 2, Issue 7
January, 2015

What If?

WHAT IF – Multiple District 25-C had a “true” positive balance in membership at the end of the District Governor’s term? WHAT IF – “every” club did just one new fundraiser and one new service project in the current District Governor year? WHAT IF – we were able to fill all of the empty zone chair slots in the current Multiple District 25-C District Governor year? WHAT IF – all of the slots for representatives from Multiple District 25-C to the State committees were filled? WHAT IF – our clubs giving to projects increased by 10% for the 2015-2016 District Governor year? WHAT IF – our club giving to Lions Club International Foundation increased 10% in the 2015-2016 District Governor year? WHAT IF – we had two Lions Club International Foundation coordinators for Multiple District 25-C who shared the load and increased our commitment to Lions Club International Foundation?



WHAT IF – Lions local clubs “really” took on the challenge of the Special Olympics? WHAT IF – several clubs in a specified area took it upon themselves to do a service project together?

A whole lot of WHAT IFs, but here is another one – WHAT IF WE MADE IT HAPPEN?

A new year, a new resolve, time to move Lions forward. Get out of your comfort zone and lead the charge.

1st Vice District Governor,
Dick McKellar



Happy Mid-Year! A Time to Reflect

New Year's day means the start of the 2015 calendar year; but for Lions, that day marks the midway point of the Lions' year and a chance to reflect on the goals of our clubs and those of the district.

January also marks the beginning of the “convention”

season for the Lions, starting with the Mid Winter Conference in Plainfield on January 10, followed by the District 25-C Convention in West Lafayette on February 28, the Indiana Lions State Convention in Columbus on April 24-26, and finally the Lions Clubs International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii on June 26-30.

The Mid Winter Conference is a great learning day for Lions with seminars and workshops highlighting our state projects, state committees and other tidbits of information to help improve your club within your community. For newer members, this conference is a great snapshot of what Lions do.

January is also the time when we need to be looking for candidates who are interested in running for a position as a trustee for one of our five state projects and the Indiana Lions Foundation AND as 2nd Vice District Governor for 2015-16. This 2nd Vice District Governor will be installed as part of the Centennial Celebration of Lions in Chicago, Illinois in 2017. If you are interested in one of these positions, please let District Governor Charles know as soon as possible.

Happy Mid-Year Lions!

2nd Vice District Governor, Ross Drapalik



Blow Your Own Horn!

Place an ad in the Convention booklet advertising what your club is proud of. It could be a person, an event or an accomplishment. This is your chance to let other clubs in

District C know what you are doing. You never know, someone might get a bright idea from your ad and allow them to serve their community even better. To allow for printing

please get these ads in by January 30, 2015 to Past District Governor Nick Xinopoulos, 6785 E. US 136, Brownsburg, IN 46112, phone 317-852-8015. You can also contact Past District Governor Nick for the details of sizes, printing and cost.



DECEMBER 6, 2014

**Zionsville Lions
at the Salt Mine**

A big thank you out to the team who worked the St. V's salt mine. Some Lions, Leo's, and other assorted helpers. We made short work of the effort – as the process we've improved over the year was used by almost everyone. A bag opener, a filler, and a closer – Gene would have been proud.

**NEWSLETTER
SUBMISSIONS**

Please send articles and or photos for our monthly newsletter to Dick McKellar or Ross Drapalik to be considered for publishing. They will review and select articles submitted for inclusion prior to layout.

Deadline: 20th of each month

Publish: 1st of each month



DECEMBER 3, 2014

**Lafayette Lions Club
Hosts Community's
Blind/Sight-Impaired
at Christmas Banquet**

The Lafayette Lions Club held its Annual Christmas Banquet at the Outpost. This is an annual outreach of the Lafayette Lions. Thirty-two blind or sight-impaired individuals and or escorts along with several Leader Dogs were the guests of honor, including one Leader Dog puppy-in-training.

After a brief introduction by Lion Dave Ehlers (MC for the evening), Lion Charlie Short sang "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas" to set the mood. Following which, the attendees enjoyed a great Christmas dinner with all the fixings including pumpkin pie. Local talent Scott Freeman and his quartet provided festive music during dinner and afterwards.

In addition, Brent Clary (local attorney) regaled the group with an

animated rendition of "Twas the Night before Christmas".

Following a carol sing-a-long, the Lions and guests went home with a poinsettia and two beribboned boxes of turtle candies.



BROWNSBURG LIONS**Annual Christmas Parade**

Lion Larry, aka Larry Whitmore, braved the elements to ride in the back of a pickup truck while other members of the Brownsburg Club passed out candy and brochures. It was an enjoyable evening—not too cold, but with enough nip in the air to prod the members to keep a lively pace.



State Secretary Billy Chastain chats with Santa, Paul Morrison.

DECEMBER 18, 2014

Christmas with Cass County Resource Network

Santa Charlie Short explained to the "children" pictured how a Logansport Lions Club could help fill all of their wishes.

**Lebanon Lions Ring the Bell**

Lebanon Lions Joe Williams and Ed Schilling were visited by Santa as they rang the bell for Salvation Army at the Lebanon Kroger store.

Lion Cristy Schlientz and Lebanon Lion Vice President Bud Milner ringing the bell for Salvation Army at the Lebanon Kroger store.

**Calling All Leos!**

There is a special discount price for all Leos who would like to come to the District Convention. Registration is only \$15.

Bring a carload and join the rest of us for the fun!



DECEMBER 17, 2014

**Lafayette Lions
Club Meeting**

Pictured Left to Right: Kathy Nimmer, award winning teacher, author, and motivational speaker from West Lafayette, Indiana, where she teaches high school English and creative writing with her Guide Dog, Elias. Kathy, a Sagamore of the Wabash, was recently named Indiana's 2015 Teacher of the Year; Club president Bob Hrdy, Lion Vicky Hrdy and Past District Governor Charlie Short.

DISTRICT 25-C CONVENTION KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**Lions Welcome
International Director
Steve Tremaroli**

District 25-C will be host to 2nd Year International Director Steve Tremaroli and his wife Lion Marianne at our District Convention on February 28, 2015 in Lafayette, Indiana. International Director Steve was elected at the 96th International Convention in Hamburg Germany.

They reside in Huntington NY which has approximately 205,000 residents. Huntington is a coastal community located on the north shore of Long Island in Suffolk County NY.

International Director Steve has been a member of the Melville Lions Club since 1981 and has held many offices within the club. He is also a Past Council Chair of Multiple District 20 and chairman for the Lions Eye Bank of Long Island and Trustee of the New York State & Bermuda Lions Foundation. He is a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow; a recipient of an International President's medal and numerous other leadership awards.

He and his wife Lion Marianne, author of four novels, have two sons and one grandson, Lucas that keeps them as busy as their Lions traveling. International Director Steve enjoys working with the Cub Scouts. He is a retired chiropractor and is involved with numerous professional and community organizations.

Everyone attending the 25-C Convention will have plenty of time for a one-on-one conversation with this extremely knowledgeable, easy to talk to International Director. He enjoys having a good time while getting the job at hand accomplished. Be sure to mark your calendars and be at the convention in District 25-C to welcome International Director Steve Tremaroli and Lion Marianne to Lafayette, Indiana.



**Does anyone in your club deserve
a Melvin Jones Award?**

How about International
President Joe Preston presenting
it at the State Convention?

Order now!



REGISTRATION:

Indiana Lions District 25-C District Convention

Send completed registration with payment to:

Secretary Gretchen Xinopolous
6785 E. US 136
Brownsburg, IN 46112

Checks payable to "District 25-C"



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2015

Four Points by Sheraton
1600 Cumberland Ave.,
West Lafayette, IN 47906
(765) 463-5511

Registration \$30

Includes lunch/refreshments

Follow us on Facebook.

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(one form per person)

Name: _____

Title: _____

Club: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____



Like us on
Facebook

Keynote Speaker

International Director and Past Council Chair, Steven Tremaroli,
Multiple District-20 New York and Bermuda

DISTRICT CONVENTION SPECIAL:

Got New Members?

Have them inducted by two International Directors.

Like to make their induction a special occasion? This is the time to decide. Bring your new members to the District Convention on February 28 in West Lafayette and have them inducted by International Directors Steven Tremaroli and our own Linda Tincer.

(Send club name, sponsor and inductee's name to the District Governor)

District Governor, Charles Roth



**50%
SAVINGS!**

Registration fee for
a Lion inducted at the
District Convention
will be \$15

FRIDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 27, 2015**You are Invited**

Dessert and Coffee with
International Director, Tremaroli

8 – 9:30 p.m. Four Points

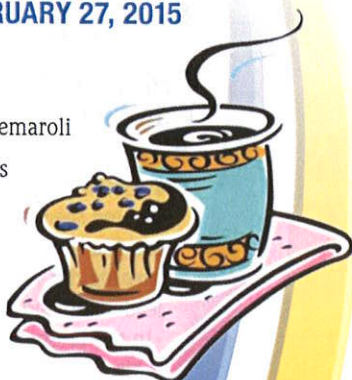
**Reservation
Deadline for
Convention –
February 16, 2015**

Registration: \$30 per person

Fee includes morning coffee
and served lunch

Hotel rooms:

Rooms are available at the
Four Points hotel. Reduced
lions rate — \$110.58
(includes tax) single,
king or queen (2 beds)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2015**

Indiana Lions District 25-C Convention

Location: Four Points by Sheraton

1600 Cumberland Ave.

West Lafayette, IN 47906

765-463-5511, www.fourpointswestlafayette.com

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Speaker: International Director, Past Council Chair,
Steven Tremaroli – Multiple District–20 New York
and Bermuda

Agenda: • International Director reception – Past District
Governors and Club Presidents

• Opening session

• Memorial service

• Seminars (International Director Tremaroli,
Lion “Buzz” Melton and others)

• Luncheon with keynote speaker, International Director Tremaroli

• Brief district lions meeting — awards/presentations
1st Vice District Governor meeting with club vice presidents

Elections: District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor
and 2nd Vice District Governor for 2015/2016

Project trustees (July 1, 2015–June 30, 2018) and three proposed
amendments to the district constitution

**Donated
Auction
Item/Package –**

- 2 tickets,
2015-2016 Purdue
football season
- Game of your choice
- Reserved parking
- Buchanan Club seats
- Complimentary
gourmet buffet
- Cash bar/comp
soft drinks
- 40-yard line,
enclosed viewing!

What would you bid to see Purdue
win? or to see them beaten?

Let Your Curiosity Run – Come Out and Have Some Fun!**Silent and Chinese Auctions**

At our 2015 District Convention, we will be having both a silent auction and Chinese auction. (In a Chinese auction, bidders buy tickets and place them in a basket in front of the item(s) they are trying to win. At the conclusion of bidding, a winning ticket is drawn from each basket, and items go to the holder of the drawn tickets.)

We'd love to have an auction item or basket from each club in our district. Individuals may also donate. Items of any value can be donated, but preferably with a value of around \$20 or more. Lesser value items will be grouped together.

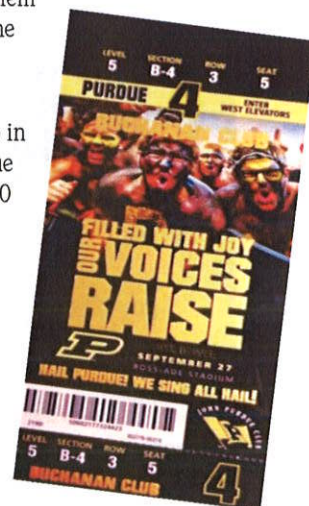
Funds from auctions will be used to expand
our District's Vision Screening Program.

If you or your club would like to donate a
gift or gift basket to the auction, please contact:

Lion Charlotte Query

(812) 829-4496

jequery@bluemarble.net



DECEMBER 13, 2014

Rural King, Lafayette Hot Dogs for Leader Dogs

Members of the Lafayette Lions Club served free hot dogs, cookies and sodas to promote the Leader Dog Project and raise funds (donations collected) for its upcoming kennel reconfiguration.



Pictured Left to Right: Lion Marty Marino, Council Chair Reed Fish, Past District Governor Pat Short, Lion Janet Fish and Lion John Wilson. Not pictured are Past District Governor Charlie Short and Lion Vicky Hrdy.

Leader Dogs and owners: Pictured Left to Right: Earlene Hughes (with Tess), Lion President Bob Hrdy (Alex) and puppy raisers Lisa and Rob Asbury (6 month old, Karas)



Hot Doggers! Pictured Left to Right: Lions John Wilson and Marty Marino, who served close to 500 hot dogs in just over 3 hours!

Laugh and Learn!

Revitalize Your Club With Chief Buzz

The February 28th District Convention will feature an animated speaker who will have you laughing while learning the values of leadership and service.

In the presentation, "Become Lion Strong," Lion Chief Buzz Melton will highlight the importance of activity. "We can't sit around and hope that our Club

will suddenly experience an epiphany of effective leadership or that relevant service opportunities will mysteriously take life," said Melton.

Chief Buzz is a nationally respected expert on chemical and biological weapons. He serves as District Governor 2014-2015, Lions of Illinois District 1-H.

Not only will he motivate, but he will provide excellent tips and hints on how to grow your club and have fun! As part of the program, blindfolded Lion leaders play "Beep Baseball" with visually challenged athletes who understand that in order to hit the ball, you have to swing the bat!

And YES... He always wears shorts-rain, shine or SNOW!

Register now for the 25-C Convention and learn how to revitalize your Lions Club.



December 6, 2014

Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army



Pictured Left to Right: Lion Bob Goldberg and Past District Governor Charlie Short, 2 of the 6 Lafayette Lions who helped raise funds at the Tippecanoe Mall.

Citrus Success!



Lebanon Lions Club Vice-President, Bud Milner, delivers fruit to Susan Bennett of the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home. The club sold more than 2000 pounds of citrus fruit as one of their fundraisers to support community service projects.



JANUARY 2015

Leadership Lines

This is the time of year when we really look ahead. Our families are all engaged, our friends are recovering from a month of too much food, and the work load is now back to normal. Everyone looks forward to a hopeful, better year to come!

This thing called Lions Clubs is a great gift, and you are the leaders of this. You are the ones that made the Christmas parade happen, the Breakfast with Santa, the things that make life more worth living. It's great to be a Lion, but leading Lions is one of the greatest gifts and opportunities one can ever have.

You are doing one of the most difficult things in the modern world: leading volunteers! That's why we spend more time and effort to train and inform our leaders than any other volunteer organization. That's one reason why we are successful. But the real reason why Lions succeed is simple. You are leading the best people, and they are motivated to have fun serving others!

So when we count our blessings for the year ahead, count the Lions in your club as your blessings too. They are part of your extended family. So are the Lions of your Zone and District that help you do more and learn more. So are the volunteer Lions who help your new club leaders. Same with the Lions that make Mid-Winter Conference and State Convention roar. We are all part of a cool team, doing cool things.

Happy New Year, Lions. Happy New Year to the World's Greatest Doers.

Past District Governor, Charles Short

Happy New Year from Lions Club International Foundation!



This will be a super 2015 for Lions Club International Foundation, with **new grant opportunities** and lots of new programs. Some of these have been in The Lion magazine or special emails, but here's a recap:

- \$4.4 million in new grants were approved at the October Board meeting! WOW!
- A \$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant was made to District 316 (India) after Cyclone Hudud.
- Three NEW pilot programs for micro-enterprise, community disaster recovery, and vision.

If your club has participated in or has plans for Disaster Relief, **please note the new recovery program!** This is a longer term program to help rebuild after disasters and prepare for them in advance.

You make this great thing called Lions Club International Foundation happen! Lions Club International Foundation is a huge financial backstop for your club, and it was built by Lions just like you. Thank you for your support and **Happy New Year from the Lions at Lions Club International Foundation.**

Strengthening our Pride

CHALLENGE – Way to go Michigantown Lions Club!

Remember, invite those friends, family and community folks who also like to reach out and give their time to make lives better in your community... and like to have FUN!

Want your club's name on this list? – Ask 1, 2, 3, or even 4!

Past District Governor Pat Short, Recruiting Coach

Ask 1



Net Membership Goals for the Year

OG's Growth
NET GOAL
2014-2015

NET ACTUAL
November
30, 2014

83

+16
+12
+8
+4

+9

6

Actual New Members
November 30, 2014
6 Month,
83 Year-To-Date

YOU STILL
ROAR!

November 30th –
we are still 1ST
place in Multiple
District 25!

Remember Pride
and Fun Makes
25-C #1

25-C LIONS "ASK 1" STARS



As of November 30, 2014 (top 4 clubs in each category)



Most new members
since July 1, 2014



Highest % new members
since July 1, 2014

CLUB	NET GAIN		LIONS AT	
	%	#	Nov 30	JUNE 30
Bainbridge	11%	1	10	9
Jamestown Community	38%	5	18	13
Lebanon	13%	2	17	15
Lucerne	24%	4	21	17
Michigantown  	43%	6	20	14
Poland Community	14%	2	16	14
Riley Township	7%	3	45	42
Wolcott	29%	2	9	7

LAFAYETTE LIONS, DECEMBER 11, 2014

"Feeding the Hungry"



Pictured Left to Right: Lion Dave Ehlers, community volunteer, Lions Eldon Hood, John Wilson, Charlie Short, 2 community volunteers and Lion Marty Marino. About 100 folks were served at a local church.

Reminders!

Don't forget these
upcoming events:

Lions Club International
Worldwide Week of
Service in January
January Mid-Winter
Conference



REMINDER:

The Lions of Indiana

**26th
Mid-Winter
Conference**

Saturday, January 10, 2015

Plainfield Community
Middle School(See October newsletter Vol.2, issue
4, page 9 for registration form)

Walk ins Welcome!

**WEBINAR
REMINDERS**Thursday,
January 29
3-4 p.m. (EST)**"Show
Your Lions
Pride with
Awards and
Recognition"**

Lions Clubs International offers many awards to recognize Lions, clubs and district for outstanding efforts. This webinar will review ways to earn recognition in areas of membership growth, years of service, member satisfaction and more!

To register for the webinar, "click" or go here: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/707964718>

Space is limited so register today!

For assistance connecting to the webinars, call Past District Governor Pat Short. (765) 743-3160

**District 25-C Election
of Project Trustees
For 3-Year Terms**

From July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018

During our District 25-C Convention on February 28, 2015, you will be electing your incoming District Governor, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors. You will also be electing trustees for our five state projects (listed below) and our Indiana Lions Foundation to serve 3-year terms from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

If you are interested in serving in any of these trustee positions, your candidacy letter together with a letter of endorsement from your club must be submitted before January 28, 2015 to our District and Nominations Elections Chairperson, Lion Louanne L. Giralte:

Louanne L. Giralte, 7850 Cheval Rue Ct., Zionsville, IN 46077

**If you are unfamiliar with what our projects do or offer,
check out their websites:**

Leader Dog Website:	www.leaderdog.org
Cancer Control Website:	www.lionscancercontrol.org
Eye Bank Website:	www.indianalionseyebank.org
Speech & Hearing Website:	www.indylionsspeechhearing.org
Indiana Lions for the ISBVI Website:	www.inlionsforisbvi.org
Indiana Lions Foundation:	www.indianalionsfoundation.org

PROPOSED CHANGES**Constitution & Bylaws Committee**

Several requests have been submitted to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee proposing amendments to the District's Constitution and Bylaws. These proposals will be presented to the 2015 District Convention on February 28, 2015. Ballot language will be mailed to all club presidents and club secretaries in December.

Following is a brief description of the proposed changes:

Proposal I: A proposal to amend **ARTICLE X** by adding **Section 4**, which would provide an exemption from paying district dues for an individual Lion who is under the age of 30 and a full-time student. At the age of 30 they will resume paying district dues.

Proposal II: A proposal to amend two items to clarify the responsibilities of the audit committee and execution of the annual district audit.

Proposal III: Change **Article IV: District Committees, Section 2. District Governor's Honorary Committee** to allow the immediate Past District Governor to appoint a secretary to record the minutes of the meeting instead of requiring the First Vice District to serve as secretary of the committee.

Karen McKellar, Chairman, Constitution and Bylaws Committee



New Year. New Focus.

The New Year symbolizes the birth of hope and renewal. Many of us choose this time of year to turn over a new leaf, focusing on our personal lives. Why not have your clubs make some New Year's resolutions? Evaluate what you are doing, what needs to be done, how much fun you are having and take charge of revitalizing your club. Make it new again and attractive to potential members.

Happy New Year to all and a successful 2015 for 25-C Clubs!

Enjoy the inspirational quotes.

Past District
Governor Pat
Short, Global
Membership
Team

2015 RESOLUTIONS

1. Find out what your town needs
2. Help the needy
3. Share your successes
4. Tell your story
5. Invite friends, family, others to share the joy of giving as a local Lion



"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." -Mark Twain

(Let's consider change....new ideas.... these can be provided by our new members.)

"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." -Winston Churchill

(Let's stop being naysayers, put on our positive hats and help others.... with smiles and fun....a great draw for potential members.)

"Believe. No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new heaven to the human spirit." -Helen Keller

(Lions are tremendous leaders in the world of giving and helping others...many folks would like to help us....just ASK)

"Now there are more overweight people in America than average-weight people. So overweight people are now average... which means, you have met your New Year's resolution." - Jay Leno

(Just laugh out loud!)

"Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us." -Hal Borland

(Lions have lots of great experience so let's invite others to learn from us by joining our clubs and working alongside us.)

"Whenever a Lions club gets together, problems get smaller and communities get better. That's because we help where help is needed – in our own communities and around the world – with unmatched integrity and energy." -Lions Club International

(Who wouldn't want to join us if they knew what we do?)