

Lions District 25-F Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

DG BILL UHRIG

As we close the books on calendar year 2014 and turn the page to 2015 it has been a rewarding year for me especially since the first of July. Attending the International Convention in July and hearing from then IP Barry Palmer and being there to see current IP Joe Preston assume his duties and hearing him as he played the piano and sang his song "Strengthen the Pride" made me realize why Lions are who they are. Working to "Serve".

Organization Day at Camp Woodsmoke, Banner Night, the Hope Cabinet Meeting and visiting with some Clubs has been a joy. I look forward to continuing in official visits with yet to be visited clubs.

A new calendar year brings with it an opportunity to make some new year's resolutions. In a previous posting when we started our Lion Year I outlined how some people formulate New Year resolutions. Maybe they vowed to eat healthier to lose weight, stop smoking, and exercise more. Whatever they gave thought to how they wanted to make some changes in their lives. Whether realized or not they had good intentions. Well again it's time for us all look back and see if we realized any resolutions. If we resolved to stay or become more active in our Lion dealings did we do so? Have we stayed true to our commitment or even improved on it? I ask you please take a few minutes to exam what you've done and accomplished over the pasts six months. If you feel you have stayed the course pat yourself on the back. Likewise maybe you fell short. Don't beat yourself up. Resolve to change things for the balance of the Lion and calendar year and continue on for years to come.

On a personal note I and Lion Patsy thank all who graced us with cards and well wishes during the Christmas and New Years seasons. We wish Happy New Year to you and yours.

Lions All

I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season with family and friends and are ready to start off the new year with a roar!! We have the Mid -Winter Conference at Plainfield January 10th followed by our District 25F Winter Cabinet Meeting in Richmond on January 24th hosted by the great Richmond Noon Lions Club. 2VDG Wayne says he has some great things cooking for lunch that day and I cannot wait!

I want to recognize a great Lion PDG Tom Slattery for his efforts in District 25F with Eye Glass Recycling. Lion Tom told me the other day that he has over 10,000 miles on the new Eye Glass Recycling Van. I asked him if he ever stays home and he says no as he has places to be and people to meet when it comes to Eye Glass Recycling. You can tell it is a passion for Tom and he thoroughly enjoys helping people. He tells me a person actually left eye glasses on the seat of his van while he was filling up with gas the other day. He even gets friendly and not so friendly waves when they see the van coming. Maybe that is a reflection of Toms Driving??

I also want to recognize the Greater Greenwood Lions Club for their partnership with a Greenwood Neighborhood and turning part of the Clubhouse into a Library for the Children of the Community. Lion President Pat Vehorn and the Greater Greenwood Lions have done a wonderful job with this library and filling the real needs of the children of their community to have quality books and safe place to read. Great Job!! I look forward to seeing many of you very soon on visits with District Governor Bill and as always keep doing what Lions always do. WE SERVE!

1VDG John Brown

DISTRICT 25F VISION SCREENING REPORT JAN – DEC 2014

Again this year, I am happy to report to the District that, although not a “Banner Year”, we have had a very successful 2014.

Approved in November 2003, we made our first vision screening in March 2004. From a very small “Acorn” a giant “Oak” has grown.

This year we screened 39,262 school children and adults (This includes the Mexico mission). We also screened 2,637 pre-school children (6mo. to 6 yrs.) under the “Lions Kid Sight USA” banner. This program is working wonderfully and I have hopes of increasing our screenings. Our total screenings since we started in 2004 is 312,905. This is done through the dedication of many Lions and to our team leaders:

Lions All: Tracy and Carolyn Clayton and their team (Wayne Township schools).

Paul and Myrna Shane and their team (mid-section of 25F)

Dave Clashman and his team (South part of 25F)

Jack Buckland and his team (Eastern section of 25F)

Harold Utt and his team (Northeast section of 25F)

Sarah Getts and her team, Lions Kid Sight USA (6mo – 6yrs screenings)

Steve Winegardner and his team of Pike Lions

Ed Reier and Dick Getts spent many hours with me, covering the State with screenings, and training other screeners in other districts.

During this year, the Board voted unanimously to divest itself of the Vision Van. The van was very useful in the beginning, but as it aged, just like many of us, it became costly to operate for the amount of return. In November, I had the pleasure to turn the van over to District E, Seymour-Noon Lions Club, for their use in their district. For the past 3-4 years they have screened more people, using our van than we have.

We are hoping that the monies saved can be used to purchase more equipment for our Lions Kid Sight program. We are currently using 4 cameras. Two we own and two on loan to us. These are used almost on a daily basis somewhere in 25F and have proved to be an asset to our program. This year we had 32 clubs participate in our program. There are 63 clubs in our District.

Come on Lions, let's get behind this worthwhile program. After all, the child we find and get help for could be your relative.

Jack R. Salsbery, PDG

President, Vision Screening Program

Eye Glass Recycling

In the past thirty four year's of my Lions membership I have had the privilege of meeting many Lions from all walks of life. This current task of Recycling is the most rewarding. So many people that have stepped up to help. So many glasses collected, processed and delivered to Missions of all types.

So many people all over the world that have better vision because YOU care. So many people that know the LIONS generosity. This is that warm feeling you get when you help some one. In this case, you help collect used glasses, they go SOMEWHERE and help some one. If you have had the good fortune to go on a eye glass mission you know firsthand the gratitude of the people that get the glasses that you took the time to collect.

This Christmas season is a time for gift giving, we LIONS give all year round. **THANK YOU LIONS!**

The Van that we are using for Eye Glass recycling is yours District 25 F. It is a showcase of how Lions work. So far it has been in three parades, Clermont, Batesville & Milan, with more on the schedule. Give me a call and we will see if we can work you in. There are two individuals, seven clubs and District A recycling that have each donated at least \$1,000.00 for this vehicle. We will put those names on the vehicle the 1st of Feb. "Major Donors", you still have time to be added or your club name to be added to this list. You can call me for more information. 317-430-1663

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

PDG Tom Slattery

District Office and Trustee Nominations

It is time to submit your letters of intent to run for a District Office or Trustee position in District 25F.

Anyone who intends to run for District Governor, 1st or 2nd Vice District Governor must submit a request in writing to the District Nominations Chair, David Straughn. You will also need a letter of endorsement from your home club which states that you are a Lion in good standing in that club, and that the club supports you and endorses your candidacy for office. This letter is due 30 days prior to the District Convention. Since the convention is being held on March 14, letters for District Office will be due by February 12, 2015.

Anyone who intends to run for a Trustee of the five state projects , Camp Woodsmoke Trustees and the Indiana Lions Foundation will also need to submit their request in writing, and include the same type letter from your home club. These letters will be due by March 4, 2015, which is ten days prior to the District Convention.

Letters should be submitted to: Lion David Straughn, 8636 Nature Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46278 or straughn@iquest.net. If you have questions about the requirements for any elected position, you may reference the District 25F. . Constitution and By-laws, which may be found on the district website, lions25f.org. Under Forms. Please contact Nominations chairperson, Lion David Straughn, with any other questions you may have. His telephone number is (317) 297-1391.

VISION SCREENING TRAINING: Certification/Re-certification training will be held on March 21st, 2015 at Hancock Memorial Hospital, Basement, starting at 9:30am. Class is for anyone over 16yrs of age, LION or not. Hancock Memorial Hospital is located on SR 9, just north of US 40 or South of I-70.

All flyers and news items must be received by the 20th of each month any received after that will be put in next month's newsletter. Any information must be sent to lions25f@yahoo.com

New Members

Club	Member	Sponsor
Aurora	Russell J.DeSalvo	Marvin Mangold
Ben Davis	Jeffery K. Butts	Marilyn Smith
Clermont	Ronald Beam Sr.	Sara Bell
Columbus	Dorothea Cox	Gerald Simo
Columbus	Timothy Cox	Gerald Simo
Columbus	Carolyn Endicott	Gerald Simo
Columbus	Ronald Guy	Gerald Simo
Edinburgh	Linda A. Day	Orval Waltz
Edinburgh	Vickie L. Liggett	Phil Liggett
Edinburgh	Jerry L. Outcatt	Cathy Hamm
Fountain City	Cheryl Gardner	Larry Gardner
Fountain City	Diana George	Jim George
Fountain City	Sheryl A. Murphy	Shirley Smith
Greater Greenwood	Karen Sue Burge	Sandy Despain
Greenfield	Dianne P. Johnson	Patrick Johnson
Greenfield	Wendy L. McGaffey	McKenzie McGaffey
Greenfield	Dale C. McGaffey	McKenzie McGaffey
Lawrenceburg	Jason M. Redar	Mark Knigga
Liberty	Michael England	Judith Painter
Liberty	Sabrina J. England	Judith Painter
Speedway	Kenneth Scott Harris	Vince Noblet
Speedway	Monty W. Combs	Ronald Fisher
Speedway	Lee W. Rades	Ronald Fisher



Member We Have Said Our Last Good-Byes Too!

Beech Grove	Lion John Lee
Chapel Hill	Lion Donald Bunker
Greenfield	Lion John H. Rawlins
Indpls Downtown	Lion Brady R. Justice Jr.
Shelbyville	Lion Richard Kitchen
Versailles	Lion John Halford