

MANE EVENTS

in District 25-G



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March 7th
District Convention 9:00 a.m.
Argos United Methodist
Church

April 24-26th
State Convention
Columbus, IN



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A New Opportunity for Service

At the District Meeting in Atwood on Saturday, January 17th, we learned about a new opportunity for service. PDG Charles Short of the Lafayette Lions Club in District 25-C spoke to us about a visual acuity testing program for school-age children. Indiana law mandates that schools provide visual acuity testing for children in kindergarten or 1st grade, as well as children in grades 3, 5, and 8. In most schools, the school nurse

does not have time to perform these tests for all the children in these grades. Many schools have been granted waivers which allowed them to forego the tests, however, this situation cannot continue indefinitely. PDG Charlie told us that Lions Clubs in District 25-C now perform visual acuity testing for school-age children in most school corporations in District 25-C, and he explained how the program works. In some schools, nearly 40 percent of the children tested needed glasses. This program meets a real need in the local schools and provides participating Lions Clubs with new or improved relationships with local schools and increased visibility in the local community. PDG Charlie informed us that the Indiana Lions Eye Bank is currently working on a proposal to provide state-wide support and coordination for school-age visual acuity testing, similar to the way the Eye Bank currently supports pre-school vision screening through the Operation KidSight project.

District Convention Voting

The following candidates' intent to run and letters of endorsement from their clubs were filed with District Nominations and Elections Chairperson Lion Ann Kalman by the Third Cabinet Meeting deadline, announced at that meeting in Atwood January 17, and will be voted on at our District Convention March 7, 2015 in Argos.

District Governor—1st VDG Vic Fischer

First Vice District Governor— 2nd VDG Peg Van Nevel

Second Vice District Governor—ZC Tom Polk

Trustees:

Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc.—PDG Paul Russell

Indiana Lions Eye and Tissue Transplant Bank, Inc.—NO CANDIDATE

Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Inc.—PDG Jeri Seely

Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc.—Lion Tighe Fidler

IN Lions for the IN School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.—NO CANDIDATE

IN Lions Foundation and Lions of IN State Office Holding Corp.—ZC Marlyn Fast

Positions are open for candidates for 3 year terms as a Trustee for Indiana Lions Eye and Tissue Transplant Bank, Inc. and Indiana Lions for the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc., beginning July 1, 2015. A Lion in good standing in a club in good standing in the district wishing to run for one of these positions should come to the District Convention with his/her club's letter of endorsement and a Lion who will place his/her name in nomination at the convention in Argos on March 7.

Six amendments to our District 25-G Constitution and By-Laws will be voted on at the convention. Those amendments were briefly outlined at the January 17 District Meeting and sent in their entirety to 922+ Lions on the district e-mail distribution list by PDG Paul Russell.

Attend our District Convention and exercise your right to vote for these amendments and the candidates seeking election.

In order to be certified as a delegate or alternate your club's dues must have been received in their entirety by Lions Clubs International and CT Rose Russell.

Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs International and the District and State shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. The major fraction shall be five (5) or more members. This does not mean that a brand new member in good standing cannot vote. Bring that new member with you and have him/her register as a delegate or alternate and have a voice in the future of our district. In addition, the District Governor and each Past District Governor who is a member in good standing of a club in 25-G has one vote independent of his/her club's delegate quota. A list will be sent from LCI early in February with the number of delegates eligible for each club. If you wish to know that number please call or e-mail me at 574-457-3054 or ahaffner@kconline.com. If your club will have more than the number of delegates you are entitled to in attendance at the convention, please call or e-mail me the names of members who will serve as your delegates and alternates. If I don't have that list I will certify the first ones to arrive.

PDG/CS Ann Haffner