

MANE EVENTS

in District 25-G



January, 2015
Volume 8 Issue 7

January 10th

Mid Winter Conference
(see page 14 for details)

January 17th

District Meeting
(see page 12 for details)

January 17th

Greene Township L.C. Breakfast

January 17th

Eye Glass Wash-a-thon
at Concord Fire Station #1
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

January 31st

Milford L. C. Sausage Breakfast
Milford Community Center
6:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

February 7th

Lydick L.C. Breakfast
at Lydick Lions Den
7:30a.m—11:00 a.m.

New Paris Lions Club Celebrates 60th Anniversary



Pictured from left to right: PIP Wayne Madden, Lion Larry Solyom, Lion Bob Lutes, Lion Tom Snyder and DG Marty Juel

The New Paris Lions Club celebrated its 60th anniversary on December 15, 2014.

Approximately 70 Lions and guests attended the dinner held at Sunnyside Park in New Paris. After-dinner entertainment was provided by the Fairfield High School Holiday Singers. Charter member Lion Bob Lutes and PDG

Charlie Haffner reviewed "The Past 60 Years". The keynote speaker, PIP Wayne Madden, spoke about some of the Lions Clubs service projects that he encountered during his year as LCIF Chairperson.

Several members of the New Paris Lions Club were recognized for their service to the club and the community. International President's Certificates of Appreciation were presented to charter member Lion Bob Lutes, Lion Ron Kirkdorffer, Lion Larry Solyom, and Lion Dave Smoker. This is the fourth-highest award which Lions Clubs International presents to its members.

Charter member Lion Bob Lutes received a Charter Member Pin, and Lion Larry Solyom received a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Club President's Appreciation awards were presented to Lion Dale Mangess, Lion Denise Manges, Lion Merv, Miller, and Lion Dean Moreshouse.

See page 6 for more pictures.

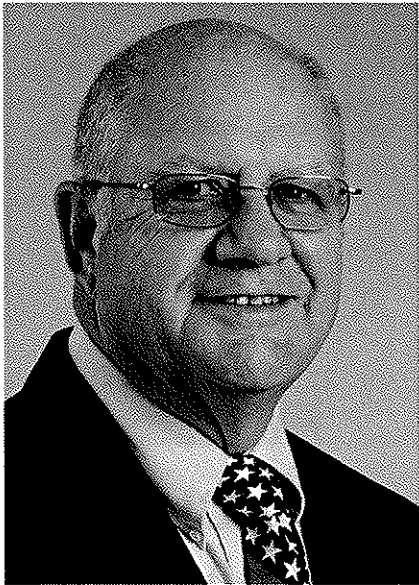
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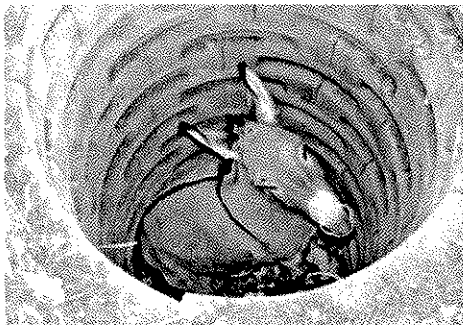
Send news of your upcoming event to webmaster@lions25g.org

Include your flyer and we'll post it on the 'Events' page. Be sure to check out the calendar on the home page for events of district clubs.

From the Gov-



Digging out of a hole



I'm sure most of you have heard the story about a donkey that somehow fell into well. The befuddled farmer came upon the situation and couldn't figure out a solution so he thought he might make the best of a bad situation by simply burying the donkey. He proceeded to add shovels of dirt on top of the donkey, until he realized the donkey simply shook the dirt off his back until the pile below him was at the top of the well and he could step out of the well on to the ground. What seemed to be a helpless situation was actually quite simple.

I suggest most Lions Clubs' membership problems are similarly simple. Rather than try to recover from a sudden loss of several members, or more likely, a steady

decline of members over a year or more, we forget that we can probably increase our membership by one person at a time more successfully than trying to add many more all at once. But if it's so simple, why isn't it being done? One reason: it may seem too obvious to us, since we're too close to the problem.

In my visits to clubs (over 41 so far!), I have yet to find a club that has a 'membership growth' plan. That is, a plan that spells out how individuals are going to be targeted, how they will be approached, how they will be asked, how often, how many, and many more 'how' questions you can identify. Let me give an example of how to develop a membership growth plan. You can do this by coming up with a 'S.M.A.R.T. goal'.

1) **S- Make it Specific.** A specific goal has a much greater chance of being accomplished than a general one. You will have more focus if your objective is clear.

2) **M- Make it Measurable.** When you measure your progress, you stay on track, meet your target dates and experience the exhilaration of achievement that spurs you on to continued effort required to reach your goals. If you can't measure it, you can't manage it.

3) **A- Make it Actionable: **Make sure you have some control over the accomplishment of your goal. If there is nothing you can do, you won't succeed.****

4) **R Make it Realistic:** Goals should be challenging but not so much that there is no chance of achieving them. Identify small steps than can be achieved more easily than gigantic tasks.

5) **T Make it Timely:** Set a timeframe for the goal- next week, in three months, by the end of the year. Putting an end point on your

goal gives you a clear target toward achievement

Getting back to our situation of setting membership goals, try this: ***We want to add members.*** This is not specific; while measurable, it does not say if you will be satisfied with one new member or a dozen; it does not have any action implied; it is not realistic since the other elements of a SMART goal are missing; and it lacks any time frame for success.

A better goal might be: ***We want to add six new members by the end of the year.*** This is specific, as it indicates you want new members; Measurable because it mentions an actual number; actionable, as it give you control over how you intend to target them; it is realistic if you have enough time left in the year; and it is timely since you can divide the number of new members you want (6) by the number of months left in the year (6), or having to get just one new member for the next six months. You could even refine this goal by developing an action plan of the steps you intend to follow, such as a plan to target prospective members, attempting to invite a specific number of prospects to a club meeting or service project over the time remaining, and so forth.

Divide your goals into small steps that can more easily be accomplished by more than just one person. This will help you meet your goals much faster. For example, if you divide your club into several teams and have each team responsible for identifying and getting at least one prospective member to a meeting or function will yield more results than just having a small committee work on membership recruiting.

The important step is always the first one, and in this case, it is critical to take that first step ***NOW.***



Lions Holiday Special



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Greetings fellow Lions,

In November, we had a terrific District Cabinet meeting hosted by the New Paris Lions Club. A Big Lion Roar goes out to them. Part of the meeting focused on aspects of membership and the tools we have available. The discussion was lead by PDG Paul Russell. All of the toolbox topics that were highlighted can be utilized during your clubs CEP Project. I couldn't help but to think how this easy to use program would help make ALL the clubs in our district more Vibrant, Visible and Relevant in each respective community. This process really is MUST SEE T.V. So, Order Yours Today! Operators are standing by.

Also, Lion Diane and me would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Until next month, let's continue to "Experience the Service Together".

Yours in Lionism

Lion Vic,

1st VDG 25G

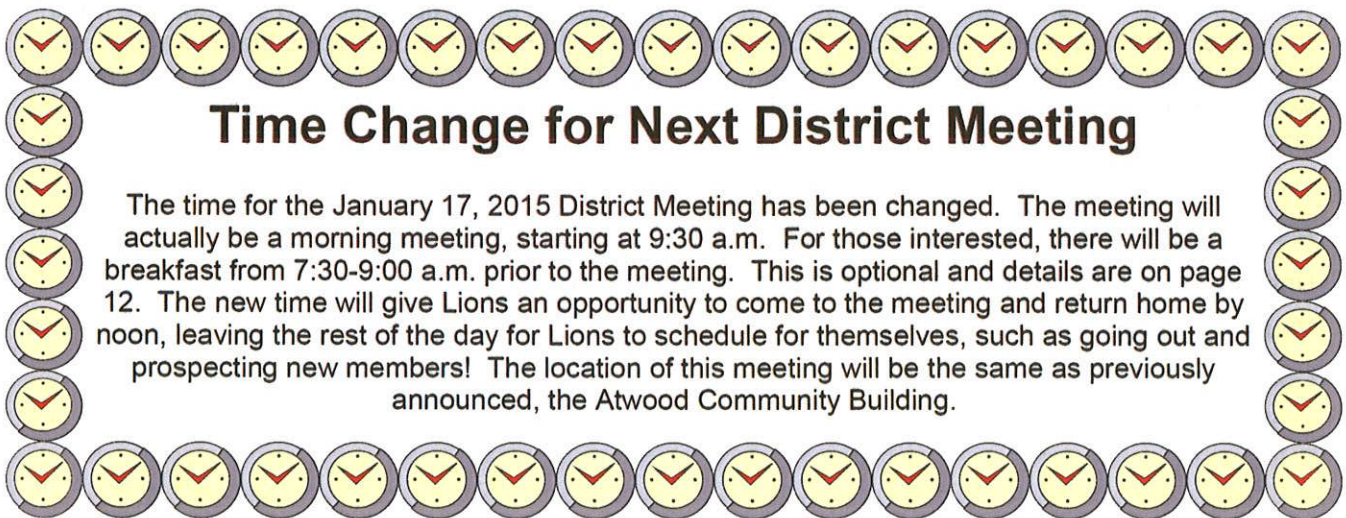
Planning For “Success Through Service” in 2015!

The New Year is the time we think about making resolutions for things we want to accomplish, changes we hope to make in our lives, and visions for a better future. I hope our plans include ways we can commit ourselves to taking positive steps in Lionism during 2015. As Lions, we can keep the enthusiasm and momentum of the holiday season alive in our district and our clubs by:

- Taking a carload of club members with us to Mid Winter Conference January 10.
- Inviting a new Lion to the District Meeting in Atwood on January 17.
- Planning our club’s delegation to the District Convention on March 7 in Argos.
- Utilizing the opportunity to bring new members into our club.
- Nominating an outstanding member for the Indiana Distinguished Lion Award.
- Using the Indiana Lions Foundation Grant Program to assist us in a club service project.
- Sharing the District Newsletter with our club members.
- Attending our next Zone Meeting.
- Planning now to attend the State Convention in Columbus April 24-26.
- Doing our best to help our club achieve the Club Excellence Award.
- Encouraging a leader in our club to seek a trustee or district leadership position.
- Protecting the vision of our preschoolers by sponsoring Operation Kidsight screening in our community.
- Attending a neighboring club’s fundraiser or joining with them in a fundraising or service project.
- Organizing a visitation to a neighboring club’s meeting.
- Publicizing our club’s accomplishments in the media.

As we begin this New Year I hope we are all taking time to reflect on the past and plan for even more opportunities to serve others around us by developing ideas for new fundraising, service, and membership recruitment in 2015. Charlie and I wish for each of you, your clubs, and your families a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous, and Productive New Year. Keep the enthusiasm in Lionism alive as we plan for “Success Through Service” in 2015.

CS PDG Ann Haffner



Time Change for Next District Meeting

The time for the January 17, 2015 District Meeting has been changed. The meeting will actually be a morning meeting, starting at 9:30 a.m. For those interested, there will be a breakfast from 7:30-9:00 a.m. prior to the meeting. This is optional and details are on page 12. The new time will give Lions an opportunity to come to the meeting and return home by noon, leaving the rest of the day for Lions to schedule for themselves, such as going out and prospecting new members! The location of this meeting will be the same as previously announced, the Atwood Community Building.

What Would Melvin Jones Say?

by PDG Paul Russell, GMT Coordinator

What would Melvin Jones say if he came to our club today? That question was posed by a club president during a conversation about issues that arise in local Lions Clubs, and the challenges they present to Lions leaders.

Imagine the founder of Lions Clubs International sitting quietly in the back of the room at one of our club meetings, listening as we review recent activities and discuss proposals for future projects. Would he see our club as an embodiment of his dream – an organization focused on the betterment of our community and the world at large, or would he feel the need to remind us that “You can’t get very far until you start doing something for somebody else”?

One way we can live Melvin Jones’ dream is by participating in the Lions Worldwide Week of Service, January 10-16. This international event brings Lions around the world together for a special week of celebration and service. It’s an opportunity to strengthen our communities, showcase our clubs, and celebrate the birthday of our founder, Melvin Jones.

Here’s how your club can participate:

1. Host a service project that benefits youth, vision, hunger, or the environment during the period January 10-16. These are broad categories, so it’s likely that one of your club’s existing service projects could fill the bill.
2. Invite members of your community – potential members of your Lions Club – to participate in this service project. Give them a “test drive” so they can find out what Lions’ service is all about. They just might come back for more
3. Report your service activity via the MyLCI Service Activity Report. Don’t forget to post a report with photos on your club’s web site and/or Facebook page.

Additional information and resources, including a variety of service project ideas, are available on the web at <http://lions100.org/EN/worldwide-week-of-service.php>.



Marlyn Fast Appointed Foundation Trustee

Dunlap Lion Marlyn Fast was appointed to serve as trustee for the Indiana Lions Foundation for the balance of the term vacated by PDG Sam Fryback. Fryback is in the last several months of his third year and plans to spend more time in the Florida surroundings. Lion Sam served District 25-G well in many capacities and was an active voice in the Foundation’s leadership. Lion Marlyn served as president of the Dunlap Lions in 2001-02 and again in 2009-10. He currently is a Success Team Leader (Zone Chair) for the Leesburg, Milford, Millersburg, New Paris, North Webster and Syracuse Lions Clubs. A retired farmer, Lion Marlyn and his wife, Lion Amanda live in rural Goshen.

Top TEN Reasons for all Lions clubs to contribute to LCIF

A donation to LCIF should be on every club's donation list for 2014-15. Why you ask?

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 25B Global Leadership Chair

New Paris 60th Anniversary Pictures



Upper Left Picture: Charter Member Bob Lutes and PDG Charlie Haffner of Syracuse review New Paris's 60 years.

Upper Right Picture: New Paris President Tom Snider, Charter member Bob Lutes and PIP Wayne Madden. PIP Wayne presents Lion Bob with the 4th highest recognition award of LCI.

Lower Right Picture: New Paris President Tom Snyder, Wife and Mother of Larry Solym, Lion Larry Solym and PIP Wayne Madden. Lion Larry was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship



Santa Claus Visits Argos

Santa visited the Argos Public Library on Saturday to greet local boys and girls. Argos Lions Club member Andy Stone made special

arrangements with Santa. The Club prepared bags of candy and provided helpers. Each child received a free individual photo with Santa. The project was done in cooperation with the Argos Leo Club and the Friends of the Library. Also, the Argos Community Fire Department helped make Santa's arrival an exciting event.



North Webster Lioness Club Organized Community Christmas Program in Webster

(Reprinted from a newspaper article that appeared on 11/12/14)

It is hard to believe Christmas is just a few weeks away. North Webster Lady Lioness Club would like to invite the community to be part of the 2014 North Webster area community Christmas project. The project involves providing gifts and food to families who may not have the resources to provide Christmas gifts and a holiday meal for their family.

There are many ways individuals, businesses or organizations to get involved. Collecting hygiene products and non perishable food items for the food giveaway are vital to the program along with adopting a family or multiple families, donating wrapping paper or toys, helping ship, wrap and organize the gift North Webster Area

Community Services, Inc. was unable to participate in the Community Christmas program this year, so the North Webster Lady Lioness club decided to step to sponsor the program again this year, rather than let the program, that has been tradition for more than 20 years become nonexistent.

Lakeville Christmas Projects

The Lakeville Lions Club finished its annual Toys for Tots, Christmas Food Basket, and Pictures With Santa projects and KidSight Vision Screening on Saturday, December 20th, as local families picked up food, clothing, and toys, and had pictures taken with Santa. The club partnered with the Lapaz Lions Club, LaVille Schools, Marine Corps Reserve, Newton Center, Lakeville Library, and other local organizations to make Christmas just a little brighter for families in need in Lakeville and Lapaz.

By the numbers:

- 56 - Number of families that received at least one box of groceries, a bag of potatoes, a bag of oranges, and half a ham.
- 170 - Number of children who received toys
- 1000 - Number of toys given to local children
- 180 - Number of pictures taken at 3 Pictures With Santa events

This was the 13th year for the Toys for Tots and Christmas Food Basket projects, and the 11th year for Pictures With Santa. The Lakeville Lions Club extends sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of these projects.



← 1st VDG & Lakeville Pres. Vic Fischer accepts check from Cub Scouts for Toys for Tots



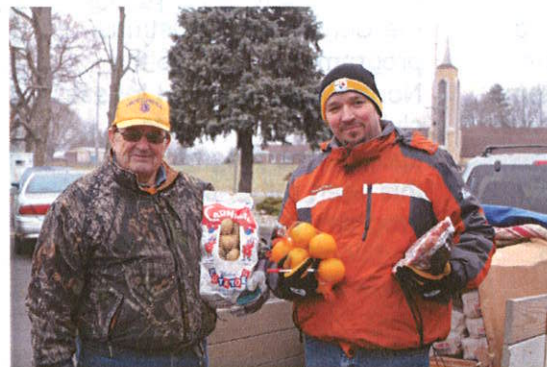
→ Santa & Do Foster help with Vision Screening



← LaVille Elementary School collected food for Food Boxes



→ PDG Dave Court and PCC Dave Eisen pictured with Santa at one of the Pictures With Santa days



← Lions Jim Foster and Darcy Gardner help load potatoes, oranges and hams for food box recipients.



→ Lions making final preparations for families to pick up food and toys

Milford Lions packed and distributed fruit baskets at their December 15 meeting



Madison Township Received a grant from the Indiana Lions Foundation

Madison Township used their Indiana Lions Foundation Matching Grant to help fund their new Lions Den roof.



Lydick Breakfast with Santa



Left: Lydick Lions Club Members with Santa. Right: A family that attended the breakfast

Madison Township Lions Club



Left: Family night at the Madison Township meeting. Right: This food was donated by the Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department and Madison Township Lions Club to be distributed to five area families for Thanksgiving.

Thank You to the Madison Township Lions Club from the South Bend Medical Foundation for Hosting a Blood Drive

We were honored to partner with the Madison Township Lions Club in the mission to save lives. Thank you so much for hosting a blood drive with The Medical Foundation. We appreciate the generosity of the donors that came out to donate. What a wonderful group of people. Their donations will make a difference in so many lives and for that we are grateful. Thank you for doing a wonderful job promoting this drive, we were so thankful to have you on our team. The total of number of success drive units was 20 and there were 6 deferrals. It is amazing to know that the drive you put together will save the lives of up to 60 people.

Thank you for conveying the importance of blood donations. We greatly appreciate all your efforts and dedication. It is the kindness from people like you that helps us to maintain a safe inventory for those patients in need. On behalf of the patients' lives your drive will touch, we send our gratitude.

Welcome New Members

During the month of November, 5 clubs in our district added 9 new members. We welcome these new Lions and commend their sponsors for inviting them to join the GREATEST SERVICE ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD. Sponsors, remember this is only the first step in your responsibility. Please be sure to involve your new Lion in all club activities.

Culver Lions Club

Member: Bridget Lowry
Sponsor: Barbara Winters

Mishawaka Lions Club

Member: Sheila Schafer
Sponsor: Karin Hobgood

New Paris Lions Club

Member: David Neff
Sponsor: Robert Lutes

New Paris (continued)

Member: Michael Kirkdorffer
Sponsor: Ronnie Kirkdorffer

Member: James Dittmann
Sponsor: Ronnie Kirkdorffer

Member: Steve Thalheimer
Sponsor: Ronnie Kirkdorffer

Urbana Lions Club

Member: Claudia Rosen
Sponsor: Mary Ann Mast

Member: Lowell Rosen
Sponsor: Marvin Mast

Silver Lake Lions Club

Member: Melissa Martin
Sponsor: Robert Abel

Completion of Service

Danny Anglin passed away on December 6, 2014 at the age of 91. Lion Dan was a 47 year member of the Atwood Lions club

Paul Bauman, Jr. passed away on November 24, 2014 at the age of 70. Lion Paul was a 41 year member of the Grass Creek Lions Club

Gene Wilson passed away on September 14, 2014. Lion Gene was a 40 year member of the Richvalley Lions Club

Nominations and Elections

The following positions will be up for election at our District Convention on March 7, 2015:

District Governor

First Vice District Governor

Second Vice District Governor

Trustee: Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc.

Indiana Lions Eye and Tissue Transplant Bank, Inc.

Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Inc.

Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc.

Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.

Indiana Lions Foundation and Lions of Indiana State Office Holding Corp.

A candidate seeking election to one of these positions must submit a letter of endorsement from his or her club prior to the January 17, 2015, District Meeting to:

Lion Ann Kalman, Chairperson District Nominations and Elections
1414 Navajo Street
Elkhart, IN 46516
akalman2@frontier.com

Lions 25-G

District Meeting

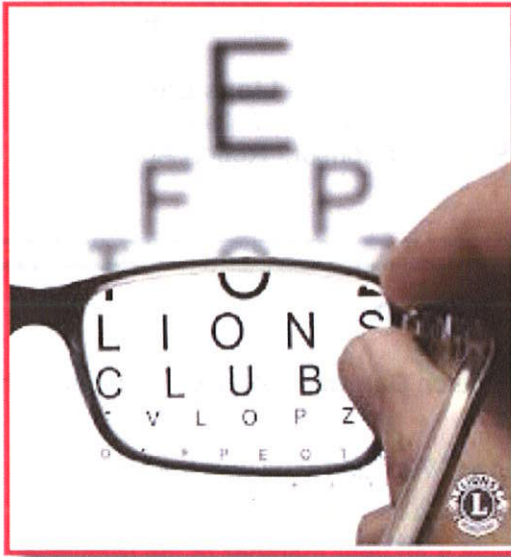


Saturday
Jan. **17**, 2015

Atwood Community Building -
Hovey St., Atwood, IN

Registration begins at 9 a.m

Optional Breakfast 7:30-9:00 - Mtg. begins at 9:30



MEETING FOCUS -

New Vision Screening Requirements- Opportunities for Club Service

A recent program organized by the Indiana Lions Eye Bank is making funds and training available for school vision screening. Since the 2008 new property tax system has been in place, school funding has been reduced for operating budgets. The recent law mandating additional vision screenings for 3rd, 5th and 8th graders, for instance, does not provide any funding for schools to accomplish that requirement. Our district meeting on Saturday, Jan. 17 will focus on the school vision programs that can be done by Lions in their respective communities, relieving them from the financial and manpower pressures

the mandatory vision screening programs impose on school districts. Be sure to attend this program and see how easily your club can do the screenings. Further, these vision screening programs can also help your club with its membership recruitment efforts. This program has tremendous potential to raise the visibility of your club in the community and involve many non-Lions in the process. Accordingly, this could have a significant impact on your membership recruitment program.

NEW TIME-

Breakfast Available before the meeting

The morning time will allow Lions to participate in the district meeting and return home without giving up an entire Saturday. Most Lions should be home by noon or a little later. There will be **NO CHARGE** for the 'limited' breakfast selections, but we'd like to know how many to prepare for. Please send your intentions to attend below.

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CS PDG Ann Haffner—11268 N. State Road 13—Syracuse, IN 46567
YOU CAN EMAIL, your registration to: Ahaffner@Kconline.com

Send in a list of names and the name of the Lions Club!!

LIONS

Worldwide Week of Service in January

The Lions Worldwide Week of Service is a special Centennial Service Challenge event that brings Lions around the world together for a week of celebration and service. It's a great opportunity to showcase your club and celebrate the birthday of our founder, Melvin Jones.



Join the Lions Worldwide Week of Service In January

- 1) **Plan your project** – Host a service project that benefits youth, vision, hunger or the environment during the week of **January 10–16**.
- 2) **Share your project** – Invite your community to serve with you to showcase your club and the power of service.
- 3) **Report your project** – Report your service on the MyLCI Service Activity Report to earn a Centennial Banner Patch for your club.

Start Planning Your Service Project

Share this special event with your club and start planning your project today. Don't miss this opportunity to join Lions around the globe in the Worldwide Week of Service In January!



Share event photos using the hashtag **#Lions100**, and we'll share them on the LCI Facebook page!

lions100.org

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Hoosier Lions Strong

26th Annual Mid-Winter Conference January 9-10, 2015

Guest Speaker - Justice Stephen David



Location ~ Plainfield Middle School 709 Stafford Road, Plainfield In
Use South Parking Lot ~ Entrance #11

Hotel Information

Baymont Inn and Suites
6010 Gateway Drive, Plainfield In
317-837-9000

Reservations can be made now!
Just Mention-Indiana Lions
Rate: \$60 per night - includes breakfast

Friday Night Dinner \$15

Menu is: Beef Tenderloin, Baked Tilapia, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Glazed Carrots, Tossed Salad, Spinach Salad, Rolls, Peach Cobbler or Pound Cake w/Whipped Cream & Strawberries
Be sure to make your reservations!

Entertainment to be Announced

Cash Prize Drawing for 1st Time Attendees & Sponsor

Don't Miss out on the New
and Popular Seminars!

Vendor and Project Booths

Seminar information and
formal registration will be in
the Upcoming issue of
The Hoosier Lion

Silent Auction

Saturday Lunch Menu
Variety of Sandwiches and
Salads, Iced Tea, Lemonade,
Coffee

Registration price includes the 2015
Commemorative Souvenir Conference Pin,
Proceedings CD and the Saturday Buffet Lunch

Early Bird Registration
from Nov. 1st-30th
Lions, Lioness, Partner-in Service-\$30
Leos \$15

Pre-Registration Dec 1st-24,
Lions, Lioness, Partner-in Service-\$35; Leos \$15

Pre-Registration ends Dec. 24th!

On Site Registration \$40

Click on link for midwinter registration form and schedule
<http://lions25g.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/2015-Mid-Winter-Registration-no-4.pdf>

SAVE THE DATE

March 7, 2015

District Convention
Argos United Methodist Church
570 N. Michigan Rd.
Argos

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Club Activities Contest Entries are due by April 1

Clubs in 25-G have a chance to 'crow' about their outstanding SERVICE projects this year. It's great to brag about your club's accomplishments and the hard work your members have done. Of course, this only applies to SERVICE projects. The only fundraising projects that qualify are those you raised funds for outside Lions.

Your club does not have to be large to be a contender. Think of something you've done to help the community: Spraying for mosquitoes, having a school project, a Halloween party, or other event around a major holiday such as Memorial Day. Veterans Day Christmas, or whatever.

Be sure to let your media know what you're doing so you can get it in your local paper or a neighboring town's paper. Be sure to send a copy of the clipping along with the application.

You can download the [APPLICATION FORM](#) from [this link](#). If you have any additional questions, contact Activities Chair Lana Wilson at lmw5148@gmail.com or DG Marty Juel.

We're on Facebook!!!

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