

# Lions of 25G Newsletter

## June 2018

### From the Desk of DG Lion Tom Polk

It is hard to believe that this will be my last article for the newsletter as district governor. It has been an honor and privilege to serve the Lions of district 25G in this capacity. I look back over the year and I see all of things that I have done, the clubs I have visited and great Lions I have gotten to serve with during this year. I am reminded of the speech delivered in the movie "Hoosiers" by Gene Hackman as coach Norman Dale:

*"If you put your effort and concentration into playing to your potential, to be the best that you can be. I don't care what the scoreboard says at the end of the game, in my book we're gonna be winners"*

I look back and I see clubs that are still struggling but they have "moved the needle" a little bit. They may have added the first new member for a while. There are clubs that were just about gone but because of hard work they are back growing. Has this been an outstanding year? In my book, yes it has. Could there have been more things done or better things done? Of course – there is always room for improvement.

What about the upcoming year? Are we ready to just give up on our clubs and our communities – or do we need to dedicate ourselves that we will put all of our effort and concentration into being the best we can be. We need to stop looking back as to what "used to be" but rather take a hard and clear look at where we are today and where we want to be in one year. Are we willing to make an effort, to commit to change, to be the best we can be? Are we willing to change, try something new, try something different to see if a new better level can be achieved? Or are we going to be satisfied with the "status quo" and speak eloquent about "I remember when..." instead of tackling the real issues of today.

As all of you have heard during my governor's speech – you are the people that are making a difference in the lives in communities across northern Indiana. It is important that those communities be served by a Lions Club – let's not give up on this – as Thomas Edison said *"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time"*



Lets continue to serve with a purpose!

DG Tom Polk

## OFFICER TRAINING—25 G LIONS

New and Experienced Officers will benefit from this year's training. Training will begin at 7 pm and will be over by 9 pm. Please plan to attend one of these events:

~~May 23—Peru Baptist Church~~

~~53 East Main Street, Peru~~

~~May 29—Greene Township Community Building~~

~~24600 Roosevelt Road, South Bend~~

June 6—New Paris Sunnyside Park Building

Clinton Street, New Paris

June 13—Atwood Community Building

Hovey Street, Atwood

*Hear about changes in Service  
Reporting on the new MyLion!*

Training for all club officers. Remember—you must attend Officer Training as one of the requirements for the Club Excellence award!

Questions, contact PCC Dave Eisen at

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## Argos Lions Club

Chartered 2/1/1927

Argos Lions Club formed Feb 10, 1937, with first president C. A. Schoonover, Jr. An active 80+ year club, Argos Lions has quite a list of activities and sponsorships:

Argos Summer Kick-off Festival and parade  
Community Appreciation Free Breakfast  
4H Fair booth serving three meals/day entire fair week  
4H Buyers group  
Founder of Marshall County 4H Fair  
Founder and ongoing sponsor of Argos LEOS Club  
Sponsor of Culver Lions Club  
Family & Community annual picnic  
Two Port-a-Pit fundraisers per year  
Lions Club Scholarship (\$2400 total amount)  
Ashley Demont Memorial Scholarship  
Outstanding Female Senior Athlete Award  
Three funds in Marshall Co. Comm. Foundation  
Host of several District 25G meetings  
1/2 kennel contributor at Leader Dog School in Michigan  
Lions Dictionary Project  
Public Library Summer Reading Program  
Other book donations  
Kids Sight Vision Screenings Program  
Annual Santa visit, cookie walk and tree lighting events  
Young Authors Conference  
Cub Scouts Pack #255 sponsor and Incentive Program  
Youth Soccer team sponsor  
New 4H club sponsor  
Sponsorships for high school BPA, FFA, Forestry Judging  
Annual Valentines Ladies Dinner  
Annual membership night & foreign exchange students program

Annual After Prom Bowling Party  
Marshall Co. Reading Council  
Marshall Co. Red Cross and Bloodmobiles  
Izaak Walton Father-Son Fishing Derby  
Sponsor of Purdue Glee Club performance in Argos  
Eye exams and eyeglasses for local students  
Hearing aides for elderly and hearing impaired students  
Marshall Co. Children's Re-Sale Event  
Argos School Library Author visits and books sponsor  
Eagle watch outings  
Library Earth Day programs  
4H Fair Building renovation and maintenance  
Indiana State Lions Projects annual donor  
Habitat For Humanity donor  
Boys State and Girls State  
4H Fair concerts  
Circus event  
Trip to Cincinnati Reds baseball game  
Memorials to public library for all deceased members  
Argos Food Pantry  
Eye glasses and hearing aides collections

Current President: Mat Smit

Incoming President: Jean Coby

Secretary/treasurer: Monty Peden

The Argos Club sponsors the only LEOS Club in District 25G. Our LEO Club is in it's 5th year. We currently have 50 members. Our service projects include: Logan Nose On, Halloween Dance for the high school, Christmas Party for the elementary, Decorating a Christmas tree for Miller's Merry Manor nursing home, Books for Braille, Spreading Mulch at the local park, donating cookies for the blood drives, helping Lions Club sell port-a-pit tickets, helping Lions Club work the Fair booth each summer.

Laura Jones, LEOS Sponsor





## 2017-2018 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

Club must be chartered prior to January 1 of the fiscal year to qualify.

Application Date \_\_\_\_\_

Club Number \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

2017-2018 Club President's Name \_\_\_\_\_

2017-2018 Club President's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>1. MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Maintained Club Membership Strength or had a Net Growth of: _____ *</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chartered new Lions club, Leo club or Club Branch:</p> <p>Name of club or branch: _____</p> <p><i>*Based on June 30 cumulative membership report</i></p>	<p><b>2. SERVICE</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed three Service Activities as noted below:</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contributed to LCIF</p>						
<p><b>3. ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Club is in Good Standing: Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with LCI greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Officers participate in one or more of the following leadership training events:</p> <table border="0"><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> District</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Multiple District</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> International</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Webinars</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Lions Learning Center</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Club Quality Initiative</td></tr></table> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Improved club operations</p> <p>Improvements Include: _____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple District	<input type="checkbox"/> International	<input type="checkbox"/> Webinars	<input type="checkbox"/> Lions Learning Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Club Quality Initiative	<p><b>4. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media as noted below:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The club utilized social media to promote club activities as noted below:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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<input type="checkbox"/> International	<input type="checkbox"/> Webinars						
<input type="checkbox"/> Lions Learning Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Club Quality Initiative						

Date \_\_\_\_\_

2017-2018 District Governor's Signature\* \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Due by: August 31, 2018

Send to: [clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org) or fax to (630) 706-9245

Awards Mailed to: 2018-2019 District Governors

\*District governor's registered email qualifies as signature on applications submitted electronically.

Disqualified clubs have 12 months from original due date to request a review.





## District Project—Little Free Library

Information about how your club can place a Little Free Library can be found on the web at: [www.littlefreelibrary.org](http://www.littlefreelibrary.org). You may also contact DG Tom Polk or speak to 25G Reading Action Committee Chairperson:

**Mary Butler-Knight**

[mariebk48@gmail.com](mailto:mariebk48@gmail.com) or 317-490-5286

Let DG Tom know if you are placing a Little Free Library. If you have a library, send a picture to: [tomkimpolk@embarqmail.com](mailto:tomkimpolk@embarqmail.com) so we can feature them in upcoming newsletters and they can be included in the District Little Free Library Collage.



*Pictured from left are Connie Watters, Leesburg Elementary School librarian; Nathan Polston, Leesburg Elementary School principal; Mike Webb, Leesburg Lions Club treasurer; and Jim Redman, Leesburg Lions Club president.*

LEESBURG — The Leesburg Lions Club recently donated a Little Free Library House to Leesburg Elementary School. Club Treasurer Mike Webb contacted Connie Watters, the librarian at Leesburg Elementary School and asked if the school would be interested in hosting a site for the Little Free library House for the students of Leesburg. Watters was excited to accept the offer from the club.

The library house will be used during the school year for both visitors and students to be able to come, sit, read and enjoy many books. The Little Free library is registered and has a [charter](#) number and sign.

Through Little Free Libraries, books are exchanged, which increases [access](#) to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds.

# 25 G at the State Convention



PDG Jeri Seely receives the Indiana Distinguished Lion Award presented by Indiana Lions Foundation



PDG Marty Juel is presented the Presidential Medal by IP Aggarwal, PIP Wayne Madden and DG Tom Polk.



Lion Mary Ann Mast is presented with a Leadership Award by IP Aggarwal, PIP Wayne Madden and DG Tom Polk.



Lion Marvin Mast is presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award by IP Aggarwal and PIP Wayne Madden.



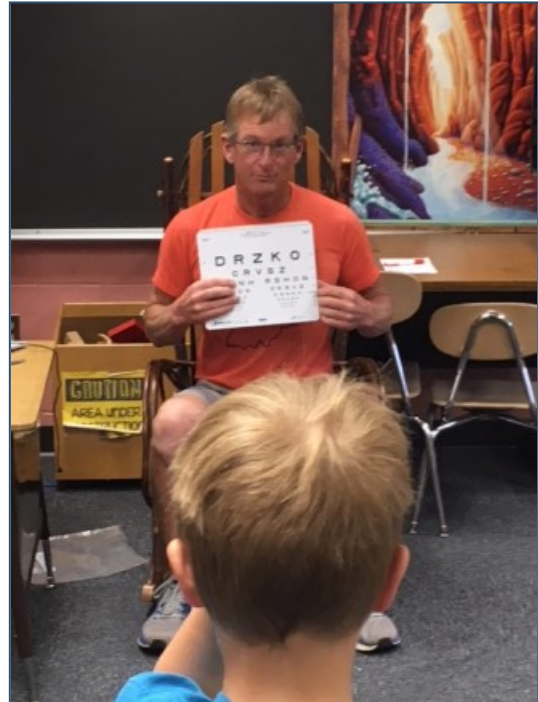
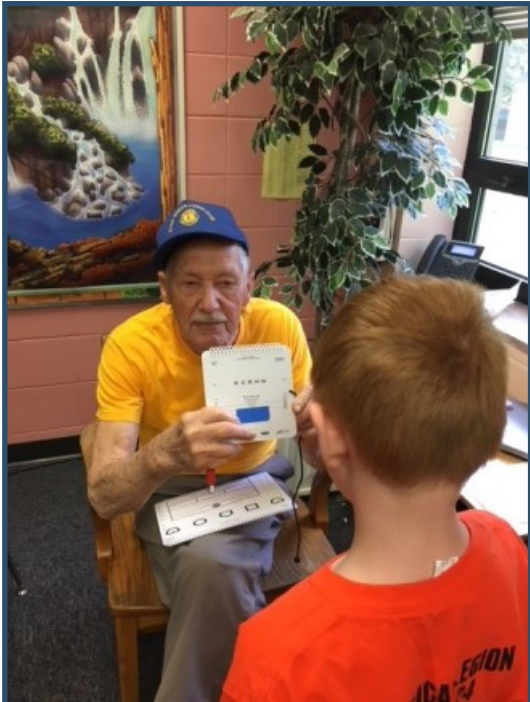
Lion Rose Russell and PDG Marty Juel were presented with the Vision Allstar Award.



PDG Peg VanNevel is presented the Membership Growth Award by CC Ross Drapalik and PCC Vic Fischer.



# Etna Greene Lions Screen Kids!



Etna Greene Lion Al Sharkey (left) and Lion President Todd Hoffer (right) assist in screening 76 first graders. Of these 76 First Graders, 19% of the kids were referred for additional testing.

## Madison Township Lions

The Madison Township Lions club provided Breakfast for the Relay for Life Survivors Breakfast on Saturday, May 12. All Cancer survivors received their breakfast for free.

The first picture is of the Lions who worked at the Survivors Breakfast L-R Doug Moore, Lonnn Reinhardt, Tom Green, Al Beehler, Bill Davis and Ryan Kurtz. The second picture is of the attendees enjoying the event.





# Culver Celebrates 75 Years



PIP Wayne Madden addressing the group.



President Jill Neidlinger presents a Culver Banner to PIP Wayne Madden



Lion of the year Dan Adams, right, presented by Michael Overmyer, left.



Service Awards - Left to right - James Bonine - 57 years; Chester Gut - 35 years; Dan Adams - 43 years, Lion of the year; Michael Overmyer - 38 years.



Entertainment for the celebration was provided by Stage II

# 25G Cabinet Meeting

May 2018

Lydick Lions Club



DG Tom Polk presented W.P. Woods Fellowship Awards to Lion Bev Reid, Pierceton Lions Club (left picture) and PDG Lana Wilson, Pierceton Lions Club (right picture) for their work for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the Indiana State Fair.

## From the Desk of

The Argos Club celebrated it's 91st anniversary earlier this year. Argos is active in their community. The Argos Club has an affiliated Leos Club.

### **Cabinet Secretary PDG Ann Haffner**

As this Lions year nears its end, have we taken the time to evaluate our progress? Are there goals we made last summer that haven't been attained? Is our club positive in membership for the year? Have all MMR's, Activities Reports, Officer Report Form, dues and remittances been submitted on time? Did we add a new service project or fundraiser? Is our club visible in our community and one that our friends and neighbors want to be part of? Do we regularly publicize our events and successes in local and social media? Are we supporting LCIF, our State Projects, and Indiana Lions Foundation? Did we attend zone and district meetings and encourage incoming officers to attend Officer Training? Are we truly serving the needs in our community? Have we listened to the ideas of new members in our club? Are we encouraging new leadership?

As Lions, clubs, club officers, committee chairpersons, or district cabinet members are we proud of our accomplishments or is there more that we can do to insure the future of our club, our district, and Lionism? Now is the time to evaluate the progress we have made these past eleven months and make that little extra effort needed to finish the year knowing we have done our very best!

As we evaluate our year, let's not forget to honor and thank those Lions who make a difference in our club and community with their leadership and service. Each Lion is important to the success and future of our clubs, our district, our state, and our great association. Without each one, we cannot prosper and grow. Involve them, appreciate them, and listen to their ideas!

Best wishes to each of you and your clubs as you successfully complete this last month of the 2017-2018 Lions year and plan for an even more successful 2018-2019. This year we followed DG Tom Polk's "We Serve with a Purpose" motto. Plan now to give DGE Jim Reeve your best efforts as we support him and his motto "Get on Board" next year. I look forward to seeing you at district meetings in the coming Lions year.

If your club finishes positive in membership on June 30 or at the same number as you started the year and donated to LCIF you may be eligible to earn the Club Excellence Award for 2017-2018. The completed application should be mailed or e-mailed to DG Tom Polk by July 31 for his signature and submission to Lions Clubs International. If you need a copy of the application I can e-mail it to you.

I've enjoyed being your Cabinet Secretary these past five years, and although you will have a new Cabinet Secretary next year I will always be happy to assist with any questions you or your club officers or members have. I am just a call or e-mail away. (574) 457-3054 or [ann\\_haffner@yahoo.com](mailto:ann_haffner@yahoo.com). Thank you for the support you have given me.



## Leaders in Service

Lions, you may already know this, but you are leaders. You are leaders in service, you are leaders in kindness, and you are leaders in your community. Where there is a need, there is a Lion willing to step up and take on the job. Your community members look to you for strength when times are tough. Lions time and time again have shown leadership throughout the world, most notably in the face of disaster. In Texas, USA, Lions showed up with force, making sure their neighbors had food and water after Hurricane Harvey took everything they owned. In Japan, Lions begin to rebuild after flooding washed away their homes. In Ecuador, after an earthquake destroyed many, many homes, Lions stepped up to help provide housing for families, many given to families with single mothers or families who have children with disabilities. Lions restore hope and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is there to empower their service.

LCIF has been there to help Lions boost their service and impact more lives, now for almost 50 years. Whether Lions see children who need help in school, families who do not have enough to eat, or neighbors who are losing their vision to avoidable diseases, Lions lead the way to providing care and LCIF helps them do that.

To help your fellow Lions impact more lives, consider making a donation to LCIF.

## Consider a Donation of \$50 in Honor of LCIF's 50th Anniversary

Perhaps you've visited [LCIF50.org](http://LCIF50.org), you've participated in the Together We Can contest, and perhaps you've attended a 50th Anniversary party at one of our constitutional area forums. You've seen the impact LCIF has had in your community, and around the world, over the past 50 years. Have you considered making a donation of \$50 in honor of this historic milestone? Your gift could change, or save, a life.

**Please contact PDG Marty Juel, District 25-G LCIF Coordinator if you have any additional questions.**



**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**

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**Send all LCIF contributions to the address below. DO NOT send checks to the district's treasurer. When sending checks, use the MJF application form, available at this link:**

**<https://goo.gl/vlvMst>**

**LCIF**

**Dept. 4547**

**Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547**

# ***Membership Update***

## **District 25G—Completion of Service—5/1/2018—5/31/2018**

### **Denver**

Doyle Kinley—30 Year Member

### **Greene Township**

Raymond Madden—29 Year Member

### **Lake City**

Clarence De Turk—64 Year Member

### **Lakeville**

John Rembusch—5 Year Member

### **New Carlisle**

George Myer—5 Year Member

### **Richvalley**

Richard Sparling— 44 Year Member

## **District 25G Welcomes New Members—5/1/2018—5/31/2018**

### **Denver**

G Danielle Mullinax

### **New Paris**

Tracy Roberts

## **Entrance fees waived June 7-30!**

To close out our incredible Centennial Celebration in style, **we're waiving entrance fees for new members who join between June 7 and June 30!** For more than 100 years, we've delivered hope and change to the world. Now, as we prepare for an innovative second century of service, there has never been a more exciting time become a Lion, and we want to make it as easy as possible for new members to join us.

So how does it work?

**Invite** family and friends to join your club between June 7 and June 30.

**Report** your new member to Lions International by 11:59 p.m. CDT on Saturday, June 30.

**Save** money when your club billing automatically reflects this special promotion

**Earn** a Centennial Sponsor Pin for inviting a new member, and wear it with pride.

This is a limited offer that does not apply to new members added prior to June 7 or after June 30, 2018. No exceptions will be approved. Charter and transfer charter fees do not qualify for this special waiver. If you have any questions, please contact [member-shipdev@lionsclubs.org](mailto:member-shipdev@lionsclubs.org).

Invite your family and friends to join the greatest service organization in the world as we write the history of our second century together.

# District Governor Calendar

DG Tom is winding his District Governor Year. If DG Tom can assist your club in some way, please contact him at 260-571-5123.

## June 2018

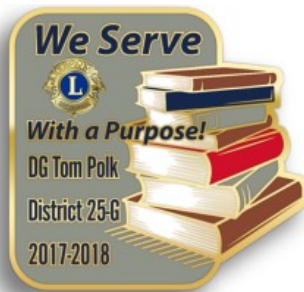
**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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3	4	5	6 Officer Training New Paris	7	8	9 LaFontaine Town Festival
10	11 Millersburg Club Visit	12 Madison-Township Club Visit	13 Officer Training Atwood	14	15	16
17	18	19 Peru Club Visit	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



### 25 G District Goals for 2017-2018

- ♦ Focus on our clubs that have less than 15 members by helping them increase their membership to at least that level;
- ♦ Support the placement of Little Free Libraries;
- ♦ Have a positive membership growth;
- ♦ All clubs to report their activities and membership every month.



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