

Lions of 25G Newsletter

November 2017

From the Desk of DG Lion Tom Polk

As I am visiting clubs, I am finding that many members are wanting to find more and better service ideas for their communities. As an organization, LCI has established diabetes and part of the new service framework. Here are some basic facts about diabetes:

- ◆ It is the 6th leading cause of death worldwide
- ◆ It is the 6th leading cause of death of women
- ◆ 1 person dies from diabetes every 7 seconds
- ◆ 5,000,000 people die from diabetes annually
- ◆ Worldwide, 50% of people who have diabetes do not know they have it.

November is national diabetes awareness month. If you have not considered some activity for this – it is not too late. The district meeting on November 11, 2017 at Atwood Indiana will feature a program on diabetes. Consider attending this meeting. District meetings are held to help clubs and the Lions of the district to find and have access to resources. As I have stated in my club visits, the district is here to help your local club.

The LCI Website has excellent resources available to help clubs plan an event for diabetes awareness.

If your club has participated in promoting the Peace Poster Contest, please contact. The District's posters will need to be judged soon, so the District's winner may be selected by December 1. The District winner will then be judged at the upcoming Council Christmas Party on December 2nd.

Although being District Governor is a lot of work I am enjoying meeting the Lions of district 25G. I look forward to visiting with all of you in the coming months and I hope that you also mark your calendars for our district convention in March 2018.

We Serve with a Purpose

Help Someone YOU Love with DIABETES

You can help a loved one—a family member or friend—to manage his or her diabetes. Here are several tips to get started today. 1. Learn about diabetes. 2. Talk to your loved one about coping with diabetes. 3. Find out what your loved one needs. 4. Offer to help your loved one: accompany him or her on a health care team visit; locate sources for affordable, healthy foods; Prepare tasty, healthy meals; Find a safe place to walk or to be more physically active.



Pierceton Lions Club

Chartered 9/4/1929

The Pierceton Lions Club was chartered in 1929 with 20 members. It has a rich 88 year history of serving the Pierceton Community. Pierceton has provided leadership to 25G District and MD25 Indiana Lions with two members serving as District Governors, PCC Claud Stahl who also served as Council Chair and PDG Lana Wilson. The Club also has provided members who have served on 25G District Committees and Trustees. Lion Bev Reid currently serves as the District's Diabetes Chair.

The Club has served it's community through various projects, including Brower Park, providing a sidewalk in the Park with the bricks that came from a Pierceton Street that was redone, the planting of trees and erected a monument with Flag Pole which is used for Memorial Day Services. The Club has assisted in Cleaning UP Pierceton Campaign, as well as cleaning up the Pierceton and Washington Township Cemeteries.

The Club has provided funds for home modifications and the building of ramps for homes in Pierceton.

Youth has been a focus for the Pierceton Club. They have provided dictionaries, repaired and replaced play ground equipment at the park as well as the elementary school. The Club's Legacy Project was to obtain a grant to sponsor the Pierceton Elementary School Robotics Team.

The Club assists with the Community Halloween Party, sponsors a Halloween Coloring Contest for Grades K-5, assists families at Christmas, hosts Community Christmas with Santa and supports the Community Food Pantry.

The Club looks forward to serving the Pierceton Community with a purpose.

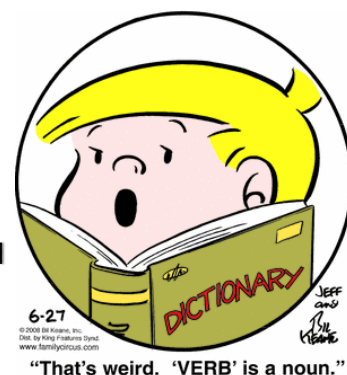
Dictionary Project

This is the time of year that District Lions Clubs are distributing dictionaries in our local schools. So far this school year, 985,402 students have received a dictionary. Since the start of the Dictionary Project

(www.dictionaryproject.org) over 29 million have been distributed. Lion

Howard Heines encourages all clubs to participate in this project. Please let

Lion Howard know that your club has participated in this project. He requests that you let him know where you distributed and how many dictionaries you distributed.



"That's weird. 'VERB' is a noun."

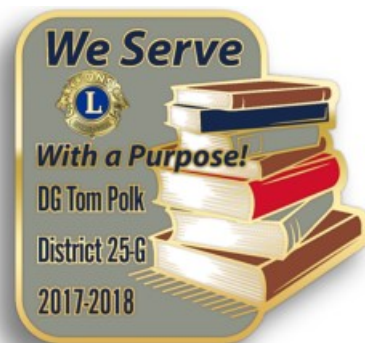
Lion Howard Heines

65204 US 31, Lakeville, IN 46536

574-784-8666

**November 11
9—11:30 am**

25G District Meeting



Hosted by the
Atwood Lions Club
Atwood Civic Center
Hovey Street, Atwood

Light Breakfast will be served.

Cost \$5/per person

Reservations due by November 6th

Items for the Day:

9—9:30—Light Breakfast & Social Time

9:30—Meeting

- Business Meeting
- Diabetes Programs presented by

Lion Chris Reinhold, Indiana State Lions Diabetes Committee



**50/50 drawing
Silent Auction**

25G District Meeting Reservation Form

Reservation Due by 11/6/2017

Name of Club _____ Number of Attending: _____

Names of those attending: _____

Checks should be made out to "District 25-G" and mailed to CS PDG Ann Haffner; 11268 N. State Road 13; Syracuse, IN 46567.
Ann can be contacted at 574-457-3054 or ann_haffner@yahoo.com

District 25G LCIF contributions help disaster relief efforts in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico

In one month since my last report, contributions from individuals and clubs in our district advanced by nearly \$10,000! Much of this is a result of the devastating hurricanes in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Several individuals contributed \$1000, qualifying for a Melvin Jones Fellowship. So far this Lions year, 17 clubs have contributed \$14,230. If you would like to add to this amount, you can download a form from <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/lcif/lcif42m.pdf>. If you need assistance in completing this, please contact me.



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

PDG Marty Juel
3204 Village Ct.
Goshen, IN 46528
(574) 534-8868 – marty@martyjuel.com

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/yIvMst>

**LCIF
Dept. 4547
Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547**

From the Desk of CS PDG Ann Haffner

November Deadline Reminders!

FORM 990-N All Lions Clubs who have annual gross receipts of \$50,000 or less and do not have to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ must file 990-N (e-Postcard) **by November 15** each year. You'll need your club's EIN (employer identification number.)

There is no penalty assessment for late filing, but an organization that fails to file e-Postcards (or Form 990 or 990-EZ) for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax exempt status. The revocation will not take place until the filing due date of the third year. Do not let this happen as it can be extremely complicated and costly to regain your club's tax exempt status. Complete information can be found at www.irs.gov/eo.

If your club has annual gross receipts of \$50,000 or more you'll need to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ **by November 15**. The same penalties will be in force if you do not file.

FORM NP-20 If your club has an Indiana Sales Tax Exempt Certificate you must file Form NP-20 each year with the Indiana Department of Revenue **by November 15** in order to keep your sales tax exemption up to date. The form can be found at www.in.gov/dor/. Click on "Forms," then under "Business," click on "Nonprofit," then "NP-20." If your club does not have an Indiana Sales Tax Exempt Certificate, the application form "NP-20A" is available on the same page.

BUSINESS ENTITY REPORT Every two years during the anniversary month of the incorporation of your club the Business Entity Report must be filed with the Indiana Secretary of State. You may, or may not, receive a reminder in the mail. The writable form can be downloaded from www.sos.in.gov and mailed with \$20.00 or can be filed online using a club or personal credit card for \$21.00. Click on "Forms by Division," then "Business Services Division," then "Business Forms," and finally "Business Entity Reports."

FAMILY UNIT CERTIFICATION: Several clubs have not filed Family Unit Certification with LCI and are being charged full international dues (\$21.50 semi-annually) for the second, third, etc. family members living at the same address and belonging to the same club. When submitted correctly, your club will be charged only \$10.75 semi-annually for those members. A few clubs have not reported all they are eligible to report. That may be because husbands and wives (or other Lions living in the same household) are not all listed at LCI with the same address. If a family member's business address, rather than their home address, is on record at LCI, that would have to be changed in order to enroll the members in Family Certification. If you need to file or correct your club's Family Certification on the MyLCI website it must be submitted **by November 30** in order for it to take effect for the LCI January 1 dues billing.

Please make sure your club meets all these deadlines. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at 574-457-3054 or ann_haffner@yahoo.com.

25G Nominations and Elections



The following positions will be up for election at our District Convention on March 10, 2018:

District Governor

First Vice District Governor

Second Vice District Governor

Trustees:

Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund

Indiana Lions Eye and Tissue Bank

Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing

Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Indiana Lions for Leader Dog

Indiana Lions Foundation

A candidate seeking election to one of these positions must submit a letter of intention as well as a letter of endorsement from his or her club prior to the January 27, 2018, District Meeting to:

Lion Ann Kalman, Chairperson District Nominations and Elections

1414 Navajo Street

Elkhart, IN 46516

akalman2@frontier.com

Tips and Hints for Great Vision Screening

Dear Lions Vision Screeners!

You are all doing an amazing job! I wanted to share with you a couple chart skills "tune-ups" to improve the accuracy of our screenings.

As you know, we have commonly used blue masking tape to create a "stop" at the 20/30 line on our far acuity charts. This was a field-expedient fix for our Good-Lite 110 chart sets that we started with four years ago. This chart set did not have an included chart designed with a "target line" for 20/30.

Now that many of us have the newer, recommended Good-Lite 120 chart set, we don't have to do that. So let's update how we use the far chart for the grades we screen:

First Grade: Use the Far acuity threshold chart (the one with DRZKO 20/100 line and two descending charts for right and left eye) to screen. If you use 110 charts, remove the blue tape "stop".

All first graders should be asked "read to me the smallest line that you can read, one letter at a time" after occluding. Three of the five letters read accurately will pass that line. Record that number.

Why do this? First graders are provided a limited eye exam known as the Modified Clinical Test. If we provide the actual acuity line they read, it helps the eye care pros do a better, faster, easier MCT on them.

Third, Fifth and Eighth Grades: one may use the target line chart with the RVZOS 20/100 line at the top. Present the chart with your hand over both boxed lines. Once they have covered their left eye, drop your hand to show the NCKHD line. Then raise it after they switch eyes and present the ZHCSR line. That's it. If the student can't read the target line, switch to the threshold chart you use for First grade and have them read the smallest line they can until they can't read three of the five letters accurately.

For what it's worth, it is almost as fast to use the unobstructed threshold far chart with the 3/5/8 kids, as it is to use the target line chart. It's usually a difference of less than five seconds per student. If an operator prefers to do this, seat them between others using the target line to vary presentations.

Bottom line: use the blue tape on the floor for position, not the charts.

- Asking a child to read the line backwards is a good way to prevent overheard info from another screening lane. This is more effective with kids in the higher grades, and not First Graders.

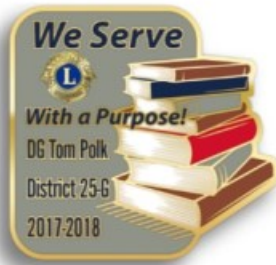
The longer the child stands and doesn't engage the line, they start to grab for clues like a struggling swimmer grabs for a hold on the dock.

So don't let them drown, but don't let them freeload on the other swimmers either. Ask them to read it backwards and get their little sneaky head back into the chart and off distractions.

I hope you find this little note helpful. We should always try to be better in what we do. This note and other ones in the future are offered in that spirit. Dr. Neely has reviewed this letter for its content and sends his continued congratulations on your achievements.

As Lions and Hoosiers, you should be immensely proud. We Serve.

Charlie Short Chair Indiana Lions Vision Services Committee



25 G District Convention

SAVE THE DATE 3/10/18

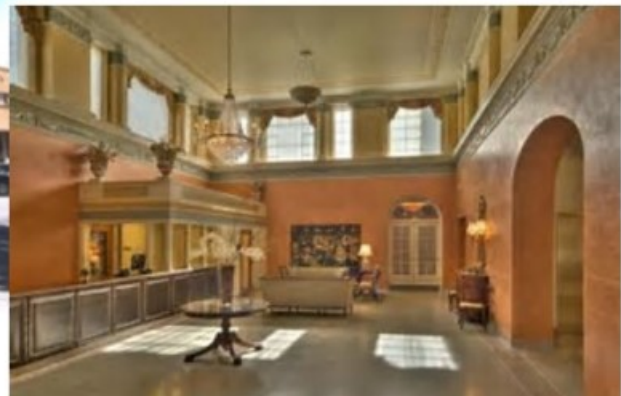
Plan to spend Saturday, March 10, 2018 in Historical Wabash, Indiana. The District Convention will be held at the Honeywell Center. The Charlie Creek Inn will serve as the Convention Hotel. Be sure to check out the stores in Downtown Wabash. Wabash was selected in 2017 for the Deluxe Corporations Small Business Revolution. Visit downtown Wabash to see how the small businesses were impacted by this award.

You will be entertained during the luncheon as Jessica Michna portrays Helen Keller, In a Life Nearly Lost, as she recites excerpts from the 1925 speech Helen gave to the International Lion's Convention. The program continues in third person as Michna talks about Helen's life and experiences.

The business meeting as well as educational workshops are being planned. Make plans to attend now. Further details will be featured in upcoming newsletters.



Honeywell Center, above and Charlie Creek Inn to the right



Your First Trip to Las Vegas?



So, it's your first time in Vegas? Perfect! We can help you plan a trip.

Vegas is a place unlike any other city in the world. Where else can you go from Paris' Eiffel Tower, to the canals of Venice, to downtown New York City in just a few blocks? With endless possibilities, knowing what to bring to Vegas isn't always straightforward. But we're here to help you prepare and be your checklist's jump-start to think of the things you may not have thought of! Alright, let's do this!

Your trip starts on the plane. If you want to arrive feeling your best, prepare to hit the town. Here are a few travel ideas to get you started on the right foot.

- Lip balm, earplugs, hand sanitizer, eye drops. The climate there (as well as on airplanes) is very dry, so be sure to keep your lips, hands and eyes moisturized.
- Leave space in your carry-on and suitcase for souvenirs. Vegas is almost overwhelming with shopping opportunities, from small souvenir shops to high-end fashion retailers, so you'll want some extra space.
- Shoes for walking, shoes for show. We can't emphasize this enough. Be prepared with the proper and appropriate footwear. Visitors can do a lot of walking around there, from strolling the Strip to hiking the surrounding areas, so you'll need the right shoes. But then, there are nice restaurants and clubs where hiking gear won't quite cut it. Pack smart and be prepared for both.
- Bring a light sweater or blazer. You read that right. You might just need a warm cover while you're there. Oh, sure, it's plenty warm outside, but the casinos are not stingy with the A/C, so be prepared.
- Sun hat. It should be no surprise that the weather there tends to be warm and sunny. A good (and cute!) sun hat could be your most underrated trip-saver. Whether walking the Strip, sitting by the pool or out for a hike, keeping the sun off your head is key to keeping your energy level up so you can keep on going!

Watch for more articles about Las Vegas, site of the 2018 Lions International Convention brought to you by the Indiana Lions International Convention Committee.

We Look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas next year!

Pictures Around 25-G



Peru Lions Club Century Project

The Peru Lions finished planting our 100th tree along our river walk on Saturday, Sept 30th. Trees were planted at several parks, Miami County Court House, Peru Municipal Golf Course and the River Walk.



Milford Lions Dictionary Project: Between the 3rd graders at the Milford Elementary School and the Amish Schools west of town The Milford Lions gave out 220 dictionaries this year. In the top left photo PDG Lion Jeri talked about the Lions and the dictionaries and true to form when we ask what the Lions do the answer was "serve pancakes." Jeri's answer was yes we serve pancakes to earn money to buy the dictionaries we are giving to you and we use the money we earn to help others. The Lion in the photo with me is Barb Zimmerman. She personally delivers the dictionaries to the Amish Schools. The top right photo is of Lion Marcy Haab as she hands out dictionaries. The bottom photos are of students showing off their dictionaries.

District 25-G Mexican Eyeglass Mission

Distributes 3420 Eyeglasses in Huanimaro, GTO

This year's mission was held October 2-6, 2017 in a small town about 175 miles northeast of Mexico City. It is about 5700' above sea level and the city itself has less than 5000 person, but in the immediate area, there are approx.. 20,000 residents.

Eighteen Lions from our district participated in this mission, from the following clubs: Dunlap, Elkhart, Mishawaka, Lakeville, Pierceton, and Warsaw. The Lions were: Merv Bontrager, Marlyn and Amanda Fast, PDG Marty and Jeanine Juel, Terri Longacre, John and JoAnn Preheim, Kirstin Rhinehart, PDG Paul Russell, Diane Savage, Robert Savage, Richard Sisk, Laura Staub, Nancy Thompson, Bruce and Judy Wells and Rebecca Wertz.



Lions Ruth Wallis and Bruce Wells at one of the district's three autorefractors, used to test eyes for the correct prescription.



Lion Laura Staub checks glasses to make sure the prescription is correct.



Lions looking for glasses to best match prescriptions from the autorefractors.



Room set to handle traffic from autorefractors, selection and fitting areas.



**Special
Olympics**



Get Involved with Special Olympics!

WHO IS SPECIAL OLYMPICS?

Special Olympics is a global nonprofit organization targeting the nearly 200 million people globally with intellectual disabilities. Founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Special Olympics provides sports training and competition in over 30 Olympic-type sports to promote dignity, acceptance and a chance to reach one's potential. Through 200 accredited programs, Special Olympics reaches 3.4 million athletes with intellectual disabilities in over 180 countries.

Special Olympics' Mission: To provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

PARTNERSHIP WITH LIONS CLUBS

The global partnership between Lions Clubs International and Special Olympics began in 2001 with the global expansion of the Opening Eyes program. Funded by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), more than US\$11 million has gone toward protecting sight and preventing blindness in Special Olympics from all over the world. The partnership has helped over 200,000 Special Olympic athletes receive the quality vision care they deserve, and much work remains! Opening Eyes vision screenings take place at select Special Olympics sporting events worldwide. To date, more than 89,000 athletes have received prescription eye-wear and over 8,000 Lions worldwide have volunteered their time and talents to Special Olympics, demonstrating the motto, "We Serve."

The 2016-2017 Council committed to raising \$1,500.00 per district for the Special Olympics Winter Games. Please consider supporting the Indiana Special Olympics Winter Games, which will be held January 7-9, 2018 in Lawrenceburg, IN.

The Etna Green Lions Club is challenging each club to contribute \$50 to Special Olympics.

Your club donations should be made payable to District 25G with "Special Olympics" in the memo field. Donations should be sent to **CS PDG Ann Haffner; 11268 N. State Road 13; Syracuse, IN 46567.**

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.

You may also contact DG Tom Polk or speak to 25G Reading Action Committee Chairperson:

Mary Butler-Knight

10682 N. Grove Road, Milford, IN 46542

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 so we can feature them in upcoming newsletters and they can be included in the District Little Free Library Collage.

Membership Update

District 25G—Completion of Service—9/28/2017—10/28/2017

Larry Montel—A 30 Year Member of the Sidney Lions Club

Vonell Krom—A 22 Year Member of the Roann Covered Bridge Club



District 25G Welcomes New Members—9/28/17—10/28/2017

Dunlap

Denise Tahara

Greene Township

Mary Klinedinst

Roger Klinedinst

Directory Corrections!

ISVBI Trustee—Mary Ellen Sisson—1238 Westbrooke Ct., Goshen, IN 46528; 574-533-7683; mesisson3@gmail.com

New Carlisle Secretary, Pamela Coppersmith—remove phone number 574-309-4170

Millersburg President, Paul Miller—add email address: goldwing1202@hotmail.com

Goshen Lions Club now meets at Angels House of Pancakes, 510 W. Lincoln St., Goshen

Please correct your directory! Also check out the directory on the District Website for ongoing for corrected directory: www.lions25g.org

District Club Visits

DG Tom's schedule is full until January 2018. If your club has not scheduled your Official DG Visit, please look at dates after the first of January. Please contact him by phone (260) 571-5123 or email: tomkimpolk@embarqmail.com to schedule his visit to your club. DG Tom may contact your club if he has a vacancy in his schedule or if he is in the area.

November 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 Sidney Club	2 Roann Club	3 Leadership	4 Leadership
5	6 Lake City Club	7 Converse Club	8	9 Argos Club	10	11 District Mtg
12	13 Claypool Club	14 Bourbon Club	15	16 Goshen Club	17	18
19	20 New Paris Club	21 Greene Township	22	 23	24	25
26	27	28 Denver	29	30 Richvalley Club		

District 25G Calendar of Events & Deadlines

November

- 3 & 4—Leadership Conference, Plainfield
- 4—Blood Drive hosted by The Madison Township Lions Club , 15660 Woodland Ave. Wyatt, IN from 8—Noon.
- 11—Greene Township Lions Breakfast Buffet
- 11—District Meeting hosted by the Atwood Lions Club
- 11—Richvalley Tenderloin Fry: 4—7 pm
- 11—Silver Lake Fish Fry: 4—7 pm

Leadership Conference
November 3 & 4th
Watch for a Separate Mailing with
Registration Details.
Plan to attend this excellent training
It's Not Too Late to Attend!

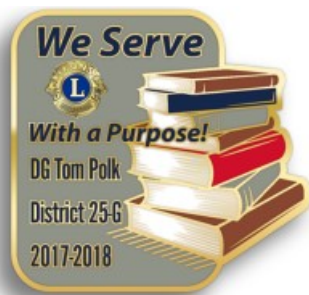
SAVE THESE FUTURE DATES!

Future District/State Dates

- January 27, 2018 —District Meeting hosted by the Denver Lions Club
- March 10, 2018 —25 G District Convention—Honeywell Center, Wabash, Indiana
- April 22, 2018—Brian's Trike Race to benefit ISVBI
- April 28 & 29, 2018—Indiana State Convention—Muncie, Indiana
- May 5, 2018—Leader Dog Bus Trip
- May 12, 2018—25 G District Meeting hosted by the Lydick Lions Club
- June 29—July 3rd, 2018—International Convention—Las Vegas, Nevada

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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