

Lions of 25G Newsletter

August 2017

From the Desk of DG Lion Tom Polk

Once upon a time a man pulled into a gas station in a small town in the country. He asked the attendant there, "What are the people like in the next town ahead?"

The gas station attendant asked, "What were the people like in the town you just came from?" The man said, "Absolutely awful people. They were rude, inconsiderate, cold and unfriendly. They wouldn't even acknowledge or help me."

"Well..." said the attendant, "I'm afraid and sorry to tell you that that's exactly what you will find in the next town too. They are the same kind of people."

A little later, another driver pulled up to the gas station heading the same direction as the first man. He also asked what the people were like in the next town. And the attendant asked the same question, what were the people like in the town you just came from?"

"Ah, they were wonderful people," the second man said. "They were friendly, very helpful, kind and warm. They would go out of their way to help a stranger."

"Well," said the attendant, "I'm happy to inform you that you will find those same types of people in the next town too!"

(<http://www.teamworkandleadership.com/2014/07/story-for-all-leaders-hows-your-attitude-life-is-what-you-make-it.html>)

I came across this story and thought about how we as Lions are the same way. We get pulled down the "rabbit hole" of "members don't care", "people don't want to do anything", "no one wants to join" and on and on. But how much of that is real and how much of that is our attitude? Are we finding what is there or what we expect? We need to think about what we are saying to the community around us – are we saying, "here is good work that we are doing – come help us with this and help us do more" or are we saying, "we are a little club and we don't really do much". My wife's favorite quote is from Joyce Meyers – "just because you have a cactus – doesn't mean that you need to sit on it"

This year you will hear about my district project of Little Free Libraries along with new programs that are coming from LCI. These changes are exciting and can have a great impact, for any size club, on the community around them. Your club will grow with your service to the community and the world around you.

Remember –

We Serve with a purpose



Mishawaka Lions Club

1923 was the year that four men got together to start the Mishawaka Lions Club. Those four men: William W. French, D.D. Gross, A.M. Jennings, and Edgar Duker worked to get the club off the ground and with nine others held their first meeting on June 23rd, 1923. The club was authorized by Lions International on July 9, 1923 under a special dispensation because it did not yet have the required quota of 25 charter members. They were soon obtained and the charter was formally presented on November 16, 1923.

The Mishawaka Lions Club is the 2nd oldest club in District 25-G and the 12th to be formed in Indiana. When the Mishawaka Lions Club was first organized, there were only 600 clubs and 40,000 members in the International Association. Compare that with today's membership which stands at over 1.4 million members and more than 46,000 clubs worldwide.

Lion William French (d. 1949) was probably one of the most active members in the Mishawaka Lions Club. He served as president on three separate occasions, was Deputy District Governor and District Governor twice. Lion French even served on the International Board of Directors in 1935-1937. He likely would have been a serious candidate for the office of International President had he possessed the personal financial independence to do the traveling required in the presidential year.

Our club has 18 current members with over 25 years of Lionism, including 4 members with over 50 years of membership. Lion Robert Currey has dedicated an incredible 66 years of his life to the Mishawaka Lions Club. Other members of note are Past Council Chair and two-time District Governor, Lion David Eisen, and Immediate Past District Governor Peg VanNevel. In 1987 our membership grew when two women joined in the first year the International Association updated its by-laws to allow it. Lion Pat Weaver has been our longest-standing female member with nearly 29 years of membership.

The Mishawaka Lions Club has served our community in many ways, some more visible than others. Involvement within our schools and parks system has been a hallmark of our club, though there are numerous other ways we have been able to positively impact the City of Mishawaka and surrounding areas for 94 years. Our goal is not recognition, but service to the community we all live and work, where we will continue to serve for many more years.

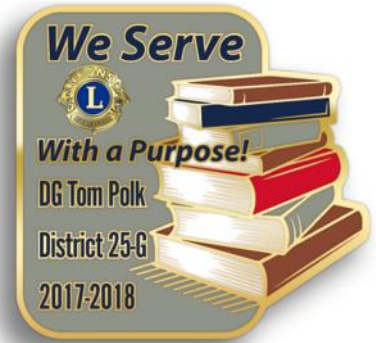
Please join us for a meeting sometime. Outside of holidays, we meet every Thursday at noon in the Eisen Room of the Downtown Mishawaka Library. We enjoy a catered meal, fellowship, announcements, and a presenter from the community each week.



1949 Mishawaka Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

August 26th
9 am

25G District Meeting



Hosted by the
LaFontaine Lions
Community Building
103 W. Branson St.
LaFontaine, IN

Light Breakfast will be served.

Cost \$5/per person

Reservations due by August 24th

Items to be Addressed:

- ◆ Business Items
- ◆ 2017-2018 Budget
- ◆ Little Free Libraries (Hear about how your club can participate)
- ◆ LCI Forward
- ◆ LCI Mobile App
- ◆ Membership



25G District Meeting Reservation Form

Reservation Due by 8/23/2017

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

Indiana Lions Foundation Needs Your Help

Please volunteer to work at the Indiana State Fair

The Indiana Lions Foundation provides ticket sellers and ticket scanners at for gates and we will be providing ticket sellers o the tractor shuttles on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Indiana State Fair. The fair runs from Friday, August 4th—Sunday, August 20th. Over 700 shifts need to be filled over this 17 day period. This is the single largest fundraiser for the Foundation and the money is used to provide Foundation Grants to individual clubs.

Working at the State Fair as a ticket seller or scanner is much easier than it has been in the past. The computer terminals worked very well last year and selling tickets requires only pushing three buttons. Scanning tickets requires only that the worker hold the hand held scanner over the bar-coded ticket and press the trigger.

Most positions are sitting and two of the four gates have air conditioned booths for the ticket sellers. The Tunnel Gate may require some standing, although that is not normally a busy gate. The tractor shuttles require the ticket seller to move along the inside of the shuttle and collect money. When not busy there are seats available at the rear of the shuttle.

Two shifts are available to work. The morning shift is from 7:30 am—3:00 pm. The afternoon shift is from 1:30—9:00/9:30 pm.

In return for working the Indiana Lions Foundation is offering W.P. Woods Fellowship credits for workers— one credit for the morning shift and two credits for the afternoon shift. It takes 10 credits to earn a regular W.P. Woods and 12 credits for the Centennial Plate. The Centennial plate will be offered for a limited number of years. Bring a car load and friends and join us at the Fair this year.

You may use the Foundation website to volunteer at <http://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/>

For more information or to volunteer, contact one of your three District 25G Foundation Trustees:

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From the Desk of Cabinet Secretary PDG Ann Haffner

Please share this information with your club's Officers and Board of Directors.

Dues: You will be receiving your club's July-December State and District Semi-Annual Dues Statement from CT Ron Guth. You are billed \$9.00 per member on record at Lions Clubs International.

In addition, Lions Clubs International has billed your club \$21.50 per member for July-December. For spouses and family members recorded as a Family Unit on MyLCI you are billed \$10.75.

Dues are payable within thirty (30) days to both the district and LCI. Checks for International dues should be made out to "International Association of Lions Clubs" and mailed to Lions Clubs International at the Chicago (not Oak Brook) address on the billing statement. District and State dues checks should be made out to "District 25-G" and mailed to me at: CS PDG Ann Haffner; 11268 N. State Road 13; Syracuse, IN 46567. I will record and deposit your checks and send the records to CT Ron Guth.

Your club should be collecting at least \$61.00 in dues per year from each member. Family members enrolled in a Family Unit (except for the Head of Household) should be paying at least \$39.50 per year in dues. (Family members' international dues are \$21.50 per year rather than \$43.00.) Dues must be paid from your club's Administrative Fund, not from your club's Activities (Project) Fund. All money raised from the public must be used for charity.

Monthly Reports: Club Secretaries, it is extremely important for you to file the Monthly Membership Report on MyLCI by the last day of each month. After that it is considered late and may jeopardize your club's chances of earning the Club Excellence Award for 2017-2018. Monthly Activities should also be submitted on MyLCI each month but are not considered late if filed after the last day of the month. The Club Excellence Award Application for 2017-2018 will soon be available on the LCI website. Please print a copy and use it as your road map to success for this new Lions year.

Budget: When your club's Board of Directors met to plan for this new Lions year I hope you prepared both administrative and activities budgets of income and expenses to be approved by your club's membership. This helps to ensure that your club remains financially sound, provides well defined guidelines for spending, keeps the membership well informed, alleviates unnecessary discussion and disagreement during club meetings, and helps to establish proof that your club is a charitable organization.

If you have questions at any time, please contact me at 574-457-3054 or ann_haffner@yahoo.com. Best wishes for a great 2017-2018 Lions year.

District 25-G Exceeds 2016-17 LCIF Goal

We received word that contributions from clubs in District 25-G reached \$24,637 for the year ending June 20, surpassing the \$22,500 goal. All but 15 of the district's clubs participated with a contribution to LCIF.

The 2017-18 year has just begun and this is a great time to schedule a program for your club by LCIF District Coordinator, PDG Marty Juel. Call or email using the contact information at the bottom of this article. Clubs are also reminded when making contributions to send checks directly to LCIF at the information listed below. LCIF is not a state project and gifts should not be included with those contributions that are directed to the district.



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

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25 G District Lions—Completion of Service—6/25/17-7/28/2017

William Douwsma—A 41 year member of the Dunlap Lions Club.

Larry Mast— An 11 year member of the Dunlap Lions Club.

Blaine Gamble—A 60 year member of the New Carlisle Lions Club.

Tim Mc Can—A 16 year member of the Plymouth Lions Club





DUNLAP LIONS CLUB
ANNUAL ORIGINAL JONAH'S FISH FRY
SATURDAY AUGUST 5TH
4:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL
DINE IN OR CARRY OUT

PLAN TO JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER. FUNDS RAISED SUPPORT AND SERVE THE CONCORD COMMUNITY BY:

- PRESENTING DICTIONARIES TO ALL 3RD GRADE STUDENTS
- EYEGLOSS ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS AND ADULTS
- *KIDSIGHT* EYE SCREENINGS AND *SCHOOLSIGHT* EYE SCREENINGS FROM HEADSTART THROUGH THE 8TH GRADE
- UNITED CANCER SERVICES & HOSPICE OF ELKHART COUNTY
- HOSTING THE CONCORD JUNIOR HIGH 3.5 HONORS BANQUET
- PROVIDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE 5-STAR PROGRAM AT THE CONCORD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
- PROVIDING ASSISTANCE FOR SPORTS PACS AND DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS
- SUPPORT OF THE CONCORD MUSIC PROGRAMS AND BANDS

DON'T FORGET TO LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!!!

DUNLAP LIONS CLUB SERVING OUR COMMUNITY FOR OVER 60 YEARS!

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL 100TH ANNIVERSARY 2017

"WHERE THERE IS A NEED, THERE IS A LION"

Pictures Around 25-G



District honored — Parade Marshals For 2017: Lions of 25-G

This year's Mermaid Festival Parade in North Webster, the Lions chose the Lions of District 25-G as their parade marshals.

The honor came about because Lions Clubs International is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Indiana Lions District 25-G came into existence in 1957. It serves seven counties in North Central Indiana — St. Joseph, Elkhart, Kosciusko, Wabash, Marshall, Fulton and Miami.

Over the years a number of North Webster Lions have served on the district cabinet with two Lions — Ollie Link (1958-59) and Earl Roberts (1982-83) serving as governors.



Picture on the left: PDG David Eisen in stalled officers for the Lydick Lions Club for 2017-2018, on June 25.
 Pictured L to R.: Front row: Lions Mary Reed Klempay and Dennis Ingle; Middle row: Lions Wendy Yuhasz, Sharon Ingle, and Paul Yuhasz; Top row: Lions Leroy Wise, Mike Lane, and David Eisen

Picture on the right: Past President Mary Reed Klempay passing the gavel to President Wendy Yuhasz

District 25G Welcomes 6 New Members—6/26/17—7/28/17

Argos

William Reese

Madison Township

Ryan Towner

Somerset

Linda Rebholz

Bristol

Jeanne Jones-Whetstone

North Manchester

Gary Knable

Warsaw

Robert Cary Savage

District Project Launched!

Banner Night was the official kick off of the district project for the 2017-2018 Lions year in District 25G. The district project is to have clubs either support or place “Little Free Libraries” in the communities they serve. These free book exchanges help promote community along with having impact on the reading skills of all walks of life. So

why Little Free Libraries? There are two reasons that I picked this project. The first is that the project can be done by any size club. If your club is small (or not mechanically inclined) – Little Free Libraries have kits that can be purchased and easily assembled. You just need to find a location (like your meeting location) and then keep books in the library. Maybe even put some brochures about your club in the library! The second reason I choose this was in honor of my late brother, Jim. He was an avid reader and when he passed away 11 years ago, my mother probably got rid of over a 1,000 books and there are still books left in her house. Reading was an important part of his life.

So how can you get started? First identify where you want to place a library – inside a school, outside of your meeting place, a fire station, police station or other community building. Talk with the people responsible for those and see if they would be open to the idea. From there determine how you are going to build it. Check out

www.littlefreelibrary.org/build for both an on-line store to buy pre-made kits for assembly or just blueprints for the woodworkers in your club.

Finally, don't feel that you are alone in this project! Reach out to Lion Marie Butler-Knight (marieb48@gmail.com) is the Reading Action Chair for the district and is a member of the Syracuse Lions Club. The club has placed a Little Free Library in a school in Syracuse and is currently working on placing their second one in another school. She can help you with suggestions and other resources.



District 25G Calendar of Events

August Events

August 4—20th—Indiana State Fair—Indiana Lions Foundation
August 5—Fulton Liberty Festival—Parade Grand Marshall -DG Tom
August 5, 4:30—7:30 - Dunlap Lions Fish Fry, Concord High School
August 6, 7:30—3:00—DG Tom & Lion Kim at the Indiana State Fair
August 12, 8—2 - Grass Creek Golf Scramble
August 19—DG Tom & Lion Kim at the Leader Dog Benefit—Richvalley Lions Tenderloin Fry , Wabash sponsored
August 20—25G District Newsletter Deadline
August 23—DG Tom at the Culver Lions Meeting
August 26, 9—District Meeting hosted by LaFontaine Lions
August 26, 3—8 Leader Dog Benefit—Bark-N-Brew, Wabash, Lion Diane Fischer judging.
August 26—DG Tom at 25F Banner Night

September Events

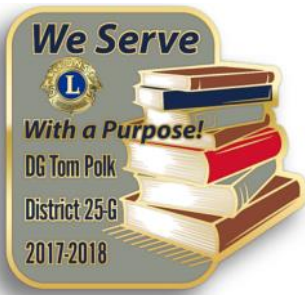
September 7—10 Roann Covered Bridge Festival, Roann sponsored by the Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club
September 7—DG Tom at Dunlap Lions Club
September 9—DG Tom, Grand Marshall @ Roann Covered Bridge Festival Parade
September 9—Greene Township Lions Breakfast Buffet
September 10—DG Tom at 25C Banner Night
September 16, 4—7 - LaFontaine Lions Tenderloin Fry, LaFontaine Serving Richvalley Lions Tenderloins
September 16—DG Tom at 25C Banner Night
September 20—25G District Newsletter Deadline
September 21, 4:30—7—Laketon Lions Fish Fry, North Manchester
September 21—23: USA/Canada Leadership Forum—Portland, OR
September 29—Mishawaka Lions Jonah Fish Fry
September 29—DG Tom at 25B Banner Night
September 30—October 8: Lions 25-G Eyeglass Mission Trip

October Events

October 13—14: Mississenewa 1812 Re-Enactment Days, Marion LaFontaine Lions Hosts Bean Pot and Sugar Corn Booths
October 14—Greene Township Lions Breakfast Buffet
October 20—25G District Newsletter Deadline
October 21—DG Tom at MD25 2nd Council Meeting

Future District/State Dates

11/3—Leadership Conference
11/11—District Meeting
3/17—25 G District Convention
4/28 & 29—State Convention
5/12—25 G District Meeting



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Visit us on the web at lions25g.org

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.

District Club Visits

DG Tom is scheduling his club visits. Please contact him by email: tomkimpolk@embarqmail.com to schedule his visit to your club.

Let's see how quickly we can fill up his calendar.