

DISTRICT 25B

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR COLUMN

Greetings fellow Lions. February is Valentine's Day. Don't forget your favorite one!! Here are some updates on what's going on in the District.

Our District project of supporting Kate's Kart is going extremely well. Hundreds of books and nearly \$4000 have been donated. A huge thanks to all the clubs that have given so far and if you haven't yet, please consider a monetary or book donation before the end of June.

THIS IS THE OFFICIAL CALL FOR THE DISTRICT CONVENTION FOR 25B. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find information about the District Convention on March 18. Last year we only had a little over 60 in attendance. We need to do a lot better than that. With nearly 1300 members in District 25B, surely we can get 125 at the convention. Please save the date and get your registration in ASAP. After March 1 the fee goes up. Also note the incentive for first time District Convention attendees and also the special prize for the club president with the most from his club in attendance.

Remember if you are interested in being a trustee for a State Project (Leader Dog, Eye Bank, Cancer Control, Speech and Hearing, Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired) or the Indiana Lions Foundation, you need to have a letter of endorsement sent from your club to Lion Joseph Frymier by February 16. His address is 505 S. Superior St., Angola, IN, 46703.

Also in the newsletter you will find information on the State Convention to be held the last weekend of April. International President Bob Corlew will be in attendance.

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This convention is in Evansville but we hope District 25B will be well represented.

Finally, as the time approaches when your clubs decide on what projects to support, please give to the Lions Clubs International Foundation, LCIF. If I have already been to your club for my visit, you heard me state about all the great things LCIF does not only around the world, but in our own district. Please give to this worthy cause. Remember, a contribution is required for your club to earn the Club Excellence Award.

Have a great Lions year. ROAR!!

DG AI

Auburn Classics Lions Club presenting projects check



DeKalb Leos presenting books

VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S PAGE

MORE RAMBLINGS OF THE 1VDG

1st VDG Roger Cash

These are very exciting and fast moving times for the District and for the clubs in the District. We are now half way through the Lion year. Many clubs are looking at putting together their list of leaders for the next year and the District is doing the same. There are several events coming up quickly. There is the District Convention, the State Convention, Officer Training and several projects and fund raisers. Having said that, I feel we need to pause a moment and count the cost of serving.

How does one go about counting the cost of serving others? Some would look at the dollars out of their pocket, while others would look at the time it takes. These are good starting points, but they fail to look at the whole picture of service to others. For example, during an eye screening at an elementary school we also so screened a grandmother. She had not had her eyes checked for several years because she couldn't afford it. We arranged for her to get a complete eye exam and glasses. Shortly thereafter I saw her at the grocery store. She came up and thanked me for now she could study her Bible and read the ingredients on the food packages. But the smile on her face and the twinkle in her eyes told me every minute spent that night was worth it.

So how do you count the cost of service? Do you shy away from leadership roles in Lions because you are afraid of the cost? Do you shy away from asking others to become Lions because of the cost of membership? Do you play down projects because you haven't counted the cost properly? These are questions we all need to ask ourselves from time to time. However, I challenge each and every Lion in the District to step up and serve their community as they promised upon becoming a Lion.

LAND OF LAKES LIONS CLUB



District 25B Lions:

Re: Used eyeglass recycling

Region I is planning the 26th annual used eyeglass recycling night for 2017.

It will be held:

<u>DATE:</u>	Tuesday March 14, 2017
<u>TIME:</u>	5:00 PM
<u>PLACE:</u>	Angola VFW Post #7205 2013 North Wayne Street (across from Walgreens) Angola, Indiana 46703
<u>MENU:</u>	Chili and refreshments
<u>COST:</u>	\$6.00 per person

As in years past, come prepared for an evening of work. Do not wear good clothes. Bring other Lions with you.

This is an enjoyable evening. Plan to attend!!! If you have used eyeglasses and cannot attend that evening, please drop off your collection of used eyeglasses to PDG Jim Wyatt anytime before Saturday March 11, 2017. If you have any questions or need more information, contact PDG Jim Wyatt at 260-316-1777.

Yours in Lionism,
PDG Jim Wyatt



We Serve

Sight First Eyeglass Recycling
PDG Jim Wyatt
Land of Lakes Lions
260-316-1777

Club Eyeglass Recycling
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JANUARY MEMBERSHIP KEY

It's estimated that American's spend as much as 11 hours a day consuming media, whether it be a computer, phone, tablet, television, or newspaper. Where do you look when you need to find an answer? Do you do a Google search or ask Siri? That's where the average person turns for answers.

My Club recently had a potential member find us through an internet search. Our website was created several years ago using EClubhouse from the Lions International website. It hasn't been updated in a couple years, but it still contained the information needed to connect a new member with our club.

Does your club have a website or a FaceBook page? Other than personal interaction and how we represent ourselves with our service in the community, an online presence can be a great boost. Someone new to the area might do an internet search for a Lions club. What would they find? I searched Fort Wayne Lions Clubs and came up with links to 6 different clubs. Try it and see what you find. Then look for a member who is technology minded. This might be just the link to get another member involved in service.

I look forward to what I find in my next google search.

Serving Together,
PDG Kaylene

I would also like to include a special congratulations for the Berne Centennial Lions Charter Members. Would you please work your magic to welcome them to the District? They are ...

Mark Beck	Daniel Mawhorr	Ron Dull	Jodi Mawhorr
Andrew Flueckiger	Michael Padgett	Brandon Grayson	
Jade Reynolds	Shonna Grayson	Peggy Snow	Rob Green
Lance Sprunger	Sherry Green	Tammy Steiner	
Michael Kelly	Shari Tomac	Randy Kistler	
April Wimmer	Trent Lehman	Rebecca Wynn	



NEW MEMBERS

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Albion LC	Susan Keenan	Doug Keenan
Auburn Classic LC	Ed Puglise	Ricky Collins
	Teresa Westrick	Ronald Ley
Hamilton LC	Carol Church	Caroljean Abraham
	Randy Church	Caroljean Abraham
Harlan LC	Vivian Smith	Elsie Love
Huntertown LC	Patty Anderson	PDG Ken Krauter
Monroeville LC	Judy Doctor	Susan Hoffman
	Carolyn Rhoades	Thomas Jones
	Thomas Shull	Ralph Klinker
	Yvonne Wills	Colleen Grabner
Union Township LC	Rex Marbach	Richard Marbach



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF DISTRICT B LIONS

LIONS COMPLETING THEIR SERVICE ...

NAME	CLUB
PDG Art Resler	Churubusco Lions Club
Marjory Davidsen	Cromwell/Kimmell Lions Club
Jerry Mangus	Cromwell/Kimmell Lions Club
Delbert Gallmeyer	Heritage Lions Club
Franklin Sherman	Howe Lions Club
Ron Hite	Kendallville Lions Club
Jerry Wellman	Ligonier Lions Club



CLUB EXCELLENCE

Hopefully your club is making progress in earning the “Club Excellence Award”.

You need to make sure that your club has (or will) have completed at least three service projects by years end. Don’t forget to make that donation to LCIF. Most clubs have balances that can be applied toward Melvin Jones Fellowships, so why not make a donation and honor a member of the club with a Fellowship.

You have been attending Zone Meetings and Cabinet Meetings; you have been paying your bills to International, the state and district; you have been filing your monthly reports in a timely fashion; you are meeting on a regular basis and communicating with both your members and your communities; and you continue to work to develop your membership.

You are doing all of those things that make for an Excellent club; there are three annual events are coming up before the end of the Lions years that will help you develop your leadership (and your membership) and strengthen your club:

The annual District Convention will be held March 18th at Halls Guesthouse. Each club is allowed 1 voting delegate for every 10 members. We will elect a new District Governor and Vice District Governor; we will be offered a variety of seminars to help us broaden our perspective of Lionism; we will be challenged by our visiting International Director; and we will get to mix with Lions from throughout the district. Club presidents make sure you have a full delegation and bring them to the convention.

The Annual Multiple District Convention will be held April 28-30 in Evansville. Again you are allowed 1 voting delegate for every 10 members. All of the reasons for attending the District Convention hold true for the Evansville Convention plus we will be selecting our next candidate for International Director and the challenge will come from our International President Bob Corlew.

And finally our Centennial International Convention will be held close by in Chicago June 30-July 4th. All of the pageantry, color and excitement that are standard for an International Convention will be multiplied as we celebrate 100 years of Lionism. There is nothing quite like an International Convention; see that your club is represented.

Each club is limited in the number of voting delegates at each convention, but there is no limit in the number of members that can attend; “the more the merrier”!

An Excellent Club is a club better equipped to serve its community; Excellence should be the Mission of every club.

Submitted by PID Dave Fiandt

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE



FEBRUARY UPDATE: Lions Clubs International Convention and 100th Anniversary Celebration

As of January 19, 2017, Indiana has 117 Lions registered to attend the International Convention. If you are planning to attend, register now. The reports we’re receiving indicate registrations for the 100th Anniversary Convention are well ahead of previous Conventions at this point in time. Hotels are filling fast.

Registration is \$180 from now through March 31, 2017. Beginning April 1, 2017, registration will be \$200. Go to <http://lcicon.lionsclubs.org> for more information and to register.

Come join us. There’s still room!

PDG Dan Wilcox, ICC Chairman – danwpu@comcast.net

62ST ANNUAL DISTRICT 25B CONVENTION

Saturday, March 18, 2017

*Don Hall's Guesthouse,
1313 W Washington Center Rd, Ft. Wayne, IN*

Guest Speaker:

ID H. Jerome Thompson, Moulton, Alabama

Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. with opening session at 9:00

Continental Breakfast: fresh fruit, muffins and Danish, coffee, and juice

Chef's Classic Lunch Buffet: Pork, Chicken, Green Beans, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, tea, coffee

We will be holding workshops on "Lions 101: Everything a New Lion needs to Know", "Leadership Opportunities at the District and State Level", and "Ready, Set, Grow!!" As well as possible others.

If you are a first time attendee of a District Convention, you will have an opportunity to have your registration reimbursed by attending a workshop. Details will be given at the Convention. There will also be a special prize to the club president that is present with the most club members in attendance.

Early Bird registration cost is \$28 prior to March 1. From March 1 to March 14 cost is \$35. No reservations accepted after March 14.

Anyone wishing to have a table for a display should contact VDG Roger Cash, 432-638-8032 or email rogercash@att.net

There has been a small block of rooms set aside for the convention at a special rate. First come, first serve. Contact the

REGISTRATION FORM FOR DISTRICT 25B CONVENTION

March 18, 2017

Don Hall's Guesthouse, Ft. Wayne, IN



Cost: \$28 prior to March 1
\$35 between March 1 and March 14
No reservations accepted after March 14

Make checks payable to Ossian Lions Club
VDG Roger Cash
5027 N State Road 1
Ossian, IN 46777



_____ Check if first time District Convention attendee

Names of first time attendees _____

Please indicate after name which workshop you would like to attend.

A. Lions 101
C. Ready, Set, Grow!!

B. Leadership Opportunities

Club _____

Lion _____ workshop _____

Guest/Lion _____ workshop _____

Guest/Lion _____ workshop _____

Number of reservations @ \$28/\$35 _____

Total amount due: \$ _____ Total amount paid: \$ _____

Special diet: Glutein Free _____ Diabetic _____

CENTENNIAL UPDATE

Submitted by PCC Bob Morton

The Centennial coins are currently for sale. They are \$10.00 a piece. The profits go to the district. One side has the three Past International Presidents from Indiana. The other side has the Original International Logo. District Al Arnold, 1st Vice Roger Cash and PCC Robert Morton have these available. **June 10th** there will be a Lions night at Indianapolis Indians Ballpark in Indianapolis. All Lions are invited to attend that. There will be food available with your tickets. More information as it becomes available. **June 10th** is also Indiana Lions Service day. Plan a service project, whether it be an old one or a new one but start planning one. It would be nice to get some signs or billboards with "100 Years of Service" in our communities in June. **June 16** District 25B Lions will have a night at the Tin Caps game in Fort Wayne. Start time 7:05 PM. There will be food included in the ticket. Price to be determined as more details become available. The Indiana Lions are planning on having an entry in the Indianapolis 500 Parade. We would like to have 10 people from each District to walk or ride in the parade. So be thinking about this.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Officer Training sessions have been scheduled. Times and exact locations will be announced later, but you can mark your calendars now and plan accordingly.

Monday June 5th – North

Wednesday June 8th – Fort Wayne

Tuesday June 13th – Ossian

Sessions will be held for: Presidents; Vice Presidents & Board Members; Secretaries; Treasurers and Membership Chairs.



TO: THE LIONS OF DISTRICT B

In just two short months we will celebrate this year's Indiana Lions State Convention. During our convention during April 28 - 30 the new Lions Clubs International President Chancellor Robert E. Corlew and his wife Dianne will be attending. All Indiana Lions eligible to receive their Melvin Jones Fellowship Honor could receive it from the president during the noon luncheon. Plan now to surprise someone! Your club could recognize and honor more than one outstanding lion that afternoon.

PDG Gary Ochs

Indiana LCIF Multiple District 25 Coordinator

In order for something like this to happen everyone needs to plan ahead.

SPECIAL NOTICE: RECEIVE YOUR MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP HONORS AT STATE CONVENTION THIS YEAR

Any Indiana Lions Club or person that would like to receive their Melvin Jones Fellowship presented during the Indiana Lions State Convention on Saturday April 29, 2017 in Evansville, IN. should plan for it now. Everyone will have this unique opportunity in that it will be presented by current Lions Clubs International President Chancellor Robert E. Corlew and PIP Wayne Madden. What makes this a unique opportunity is because of three reasons. First, your MJF plaque with pin will be presented by the International President Chancellor Robert E. Corlew; Second, PIP Wayne Madden will be there to assist; and third, this will be a great photo opportunity for you and your Lions Club. Deadline to enter April 21st, 2017.

Even if you do not have the actual MJF plaque during the Indiana Lions State Convention, we will make the presentation using a "sample" MJF plaque and then you will receive your official plaque later.

Please contact PDG Gary Ochs, Indiana LCIF Multiple District 25 Coordinator by Friday April 21st, 2017 at gochs@att.net or 812-275-7241.

THANK YOU

I want to thank the Lions Clubs in 25B who sent donations to the lions fire relief efforts in Gatlinburg. I helped out on night 2 and later as a Lion where I helped distribute and LCIF grant. 2460 homes were damaged or destroyed. Part of the problem was we weren't dealing with one fire, but hundreds of fires started randomly by where the wind dropped embers. I saw a car lot where one jeep was totally destroyed and nothing else was touched.

People you helped at the Lions relief area included a 25 year old who lost his home and work. He had nothing. He was embarrassed to take help. He started to cry, then gave me a big hug. He was overcome by the kindness you Lions showed.

We also had a need for an interpreter. At one point we used a very mature 5 year old. He shook my hand, smiled and thanked me for his "pay." A teddy bear. Some of his people were sleeping on the street. Yes, Dolly Parton raised \$9 million, but losses exceed \$500 million. Incidentally there were 0 reports of looting.

Former Leo Chair
Doug Rodenbeck



DG Alan Arnold received books & monetary donations for Kate's Kart from Dave Hockemeyer, Heritage Lions Club President, & Terri Berry, Monroeville Lions Club President, at their joint meet-

Lion Patty Anderson, was inducted on January 9th by PDG Ken Krauter. She is the newest Huntertown Lions Club member:













Hamilton Lions Club President Ron Abraham inducting Lion Paulie Sigl into the Hamilton Lions Club. Also in the picture is 1st Vice President Tom Sigl her sponsor.



DG Alan and District B's Calendar



February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Groundhog; Day 	3	4
5	6 Huntington LC OV 	7 Arcola LC OV 	8	9	10	11
12	13 Woodburn LC OV 	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16 Harlan LC OV 	17	18 New Haven LC Fundraiser 
19	20 Roanoke LC OV 	21 Bluffton LC OV 	22	23	24	25
26	27	28		29 President's Day 		

AROUND THE DISTRICT

NEW HAVEN LIONS CLUB

ROLLER SKATING FUNDRAISER
FOR REGIONAL BURN CENTER SUITE
AT ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL

Date: February 18, 2017
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Cost: \$ 5.00 per person
50/50
Silent Auction



Bell's Roller Skating Rink
7009 IN 930
New Haven, IN 46774



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Lions Club of Ossian News

The club met on 9 January for their regular monthly meeting. The District Governor Al Arnold addressed the club on what each member could do for their club, district, multiple district and for Lions Club International. He reminded the club that since its conception Lions Club International Foundation has sent over \$600,000 to the district. Some of the most recent were funds to help after the tornado in Kokomo, funds to help construct a garage for DART in DeKalb County and the funds for the housing of visually impaired athletes in Fort Wayne. District Governor Arnold also presented years of service chevrons to four of the club members.

The club also reviewed the calendar sales, plans for the basket for the care center during the "Random Acts of Kindness" week in February. Also discussed was the upcoming District Convention to be held March 18th in Fort Wayne and plans for the club's 75th anniversary celebration in September of this year. The next meeting will be held February 13, 2017.

Submitted
Roger Cash, PR Chair
432-638-8032 rogercash@att.net



Zanesville Lions Club presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Lion Charlie Best for his long time service as Santa Clause at their annual Community Christmas party. His wife, Annette, has always taken the free pictures with Santa.

**District Governor
Alan Arnold
595 E. State Rd. 124**

**DISTRICT B
FEBRUARY 2017**

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

