

DISTRICT 25B

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR COLUMN

Our Lions year is rapidly drawing to a close and with it the completion of my first term as your district governor. It has been a very enjoyable time serving. I have been to each of your clubs at least one time and have been amazed at the things the Lions are doing in District 25B. Notice I did say “my first term” in the opening sentence. I have been nominated to serve this coming year as your first vice-district governor and then I will be the district governor again during the 2018-19 Lions year. I am looking forward to working with DGE Roger Cash and 2VDGE Terry Marker during the 2017-18 Lions year.

Many of you have met my challenge of “Step Up to the Plate” during this year. You may recall in my address to your clubs, I asked you to step up in four ways. Step up to serve your club, your district, your state organization, and the International organization. For your local club, many of you have stepped up and will be serving as an officer or project chair. Many have also stepped up and brought in one or more new members. Many have also stepped up for the district by accepting a leadership role for next year. We still have a need for a few zone chairs, particularly in the northern part of the district. If you are willing to step up for this job, please contact DG Al Arnold or DGE Roger Cash. I also want to thank the many clubs that have stepped up and supported the district project by donating to Kate’s Kart. The district has donated over \$5000 and 300 books to this very worthwhile project. Many have also stepped up for our State Lions by becoming a trustee to a state project, and finally, many clubs have stepped up for the International organization by giving to LCIF.

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If your club has not yet made a donation to LCIF, please do so soon. So I again thank all of you that have stepped up in some way.

Have you ever been to the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired? If not, then there is an excellent opportunity for you to go for the first time on Saturday, May 20. This is the date for the annual Spring Work Day at the school. We will be doing a variety of jobs including weeding flowerbeds, mulching, washing windows, and other general upkeep type of chores. Donuts are provided in the morning and lunch is also provided. If you are interested in a tour of the school after we finish working, then that can be arranged as well. Work is usually completed by 2:00. So get a carload of your Lions members together and plan on attending. Registration begins at 8:30 and work begins at 9:00. Please contact DG Al Arnold as to the number attending so sufficient food can be provided. Phone 260-692-6610 or email pama-larn@centurylink.net.

The last Cabinet meeting of the year will be on Sunday, May 21. It will be held at the Cottage Event Center in Roanoke. The PDG meeting will start at 12:30p.m. with the Cabinet meeting at 1:00p.m.. I challenge each club to have someone from their club in attendance. I will personally make a donation to Kate’s Kart of \$50 if 50% (27) of the clubs are represented. I will donate \$100 if 75% (40) are represented, and \$200 if 90% (48) are represented. So please help out Kate’s Kart by being at the meeting.

DG Al



VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S PAGE

More Musing of the VDG

1st VDG Roger Cash

First of all I wish to start this by thanking all of those Lions who have welcomed and supported me through the last couple of years. The District has had some challenges and we as a District have overcome most of them. We have had many good things to happen also. Some clubs are growing; we have a new club in Berne and have seen several large and small projects completed. Many have stepped forward and accepted leadership positions at both the club and District level. But here is the challenge for the rest of the year and the coming year: To continue to make a positive difference in our local communities, the district, and the state and internationally.

We can meet these challenges only when we rededicate ourselves to the purpose of Lionism. This means looking at why each and every one of us are Lions. It means looking at what does our community needs and adapting our projects to those needs. It also means encouraging others to join us in making it a better world.

Last month at the District convention I spoke of my goals for the District for the upcoming year. They are 100% LCIF and the five State Projects (Speech & Hearing, IN Lions Foundation, Leader Dog, Cancer Control and the Eye Bank) One or more new clubs. 100% of Club and District Officers Trained. Increase in membership (15%) through retention and new members. And the leadership in the clubs and District be three deep. (Presidents and District Governors)

I know these are challenging goals, and they are not my goals but goals for the entire district. However, I have faith that the District will not only meet but excide these goals. After all we have a very long tradition of service and meeting the challenges thrown at us. I pledge to do my part and I am assured of the fact that those who have stepped forward to lead will do their part. This is not enough though, for each Lion in the district must also step forward with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

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Now let me shift gears for just a moment. The final count for attendance at the District Convention was 106. This is better than last year. Now we are looking forward to the International Centennial Convention in Chicago. The convention starts on June 30th and goes through July 5th. It would be nice to see over 150 from the district there. There is also training scheduled in June for club and district officers. Then in September there is the USA/Canada Forum in Portland Oregon and the Indiana Lions Conference in November in Plainfield. These are not only times to learn more about Lions and service but also a great time to meet and learn about other Lions. After all we are 1.4 million strong and are in 210 countries and geographical areas in the world. So following in the steps of our previous leaders I challenge the District to "Build for the Future" by way of "Service to Others."



Got Your Calendar Handy?

The 29th Annual
Indiana Lions Conference
(formerly Known as Mid Winter Conference)
Will Be Held
November 3rd & 4th, 2017

Same Great Place-Plainfield High School
New Learning Experiences

**Save the Date & Stay Tuned
for Event Details...**

APRIL MEMBERSHIP KEY

Spring has arrived in full force with beautiful flowers and the sound of lawns being mowed. It also means Lions Clubs are more active with fundraisers and service projects. The opportunity for getting members involved and looking for new members is great. What are you doing to ensure that everyone feels part of club activities?

I have been working through the Club Excellence Process with one of our district clubs. As a result of the Member Satisfaction Survey, we learned that newer members are concerned that their ideas may not be received as highly as those of more experienced Lions. It's important to listen to everyone's ideas and concerns when we work on serving and raising money. DG Peg VanNevel from District 25G talked about this in her April newsletter. With her permission, I would like to share her thoughts ...

"The best way to get any new member involved in your club is to give them a job, so they feel a viable part of making a difference. A suggestion is to interview your new member and find out what skills they possess.

Oh, you love to build things?

Have them work with community needs for handicap ramps.

You're an accountant?

Finance Committee / Long Range Planning

You are organized and love special events?

Oh, do we have some jobs for you!

The KEY is to let new ideas and new members SHINE! Something that may not have worked twenty years ago has a completely different outlook today, using social media and email outreach. Look beyond what might not have succeeded in prior years, and give their enthusiasm a chance to surprise even THEM at how great their idea can become. Remember, we're here to serve...let them."

As we run toward the end of this year, think through your membership. Are there Lions that used to attend meetings and projects but you haven't seen for a while? Give them a call to let them know they are missed and a valuable asset to the club. Your effort can be the trigger to getting an ordinary member to be an extraordinary member.

Serving together,

PDG Kaylene Souers

LCIF IS OUR FOUNDATION

As of March 31st the following 25 clubs have made donations to LCIF: *Andrews, Angola, Arcola, Auburn Evening, Bippus, Cedar Creek, Churubusco, Clear Lake, Cromwell-Kimmel, Decatur, Coliseum, Shoaff Park, Hamilton, Harlan, Heritage, Howe, Huntington, Kendallville, Land of Lakes, Larwill, New Haven, Pleasant Lake, Roanoke, Waterloo and Zanesville.*

That means that 28 of our active clubs have not made a club donation yet this year (5 of these clubs have had individual members donate; but no donation from the club).

There are really only two reasons that a club would not support OUR Foundation:

The club is not aware of what OUR Foundation does. The club is not aware that OUR Foundation helps Lions Serve. LCIF helps Lions improve people's lives around the world, from combating various problems to responding to the major catastrophes to providing valuable life skills to youth. OUR Foundation helps Lions carry out large-scale projects through grants enabling Lions to increase their impact in our local and global communities. LCIF enables Lions to serve even more people in need around the world. We as Lions share in the miracles made possible by LCIF, around the world, on a daily basis. Every club & Lion benefits from what LCIF enables us to do; all of our communities benefit from what LCIF enables us to do as Lions. Every club should support those efforts.

OR

Your club has no more money in its charities account and can not afford a donation this year. If that is the case, at your next meeting, ask your members "if you could save one child from dying from measles for \$1; how many would you be willing to save"? Pass the hat, deposit whatever you are able to collect in your charities account and write a check to LCIF, OUR Foundation.

Wouldn't it be great if every active club in 25B did its share and support LCIF in 2016-17! Your club has two months to make that happen.

Submitted by PID Dave Fiandt

DISTRICT 25B CABINET MEETING

Hosted by: ZC Larry Elliot and Roanoke Lions Club
 Sunday, May 21, 2017
 At The
 Cottage Event Center
 9524 US 24 Roanoke, Indiana



TIME:

Registration: Begins @ 12
 PDG Meeting @ 12:30
 Cabinet Meeting Called to Order @ 1 pm

MENU: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, roasted asparagus, assorted pastries and drinks

Cost: \$15.00

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Roanoke Lions Club

SEND RESERVATIONS TO:

Lion Charlie Crawford
 709 Keswick Dr
 Huntington, IN 46750

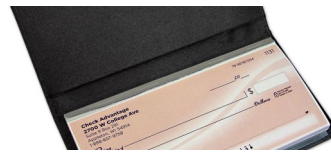


For more information Contact
 ZC Larry Elliott
 260-356-9604 or lelliott1@farmersagent.com

PLEASE BRING A DOOR PRIZE

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS:

Wednesday, May 17, 2017



Club _____
 Lion _____
 Guest/Lion _____
 Guest/Lion _____
 Guest/Lion _____
 Number of Reservations _____ @ \$15.00 ea.
 Total Amount Included \$ _____

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE



MAY UPDATE:

Lions Clubs International Convention and 100th Anniversary Celebration

If you received this newsletter on May 1, 2017, there would only be 59 days before the start of the 100th Anniversary Celebration in Chicago. It's not too late to register and attend. Registration is open; there is even a day-of registration option. Remember, if you plan to march in the parade with your fellow Indiana Delegation, you must be registered for the LCICon and wear the official Indiana parade uniform.

There is still time so, please come join us!

For information and to register go to <http://lccicon.lionsclubs.org>.

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



NEW MEMBERS

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Ft. W Chapel Ridge	Robert Smith	Jeffrey King
Huntertown	Jason Crooks	Jeremy Debout
Huntertown	Steven Crooks	Jeremy Debout
Huntertown	Shawn Edgar	Jeremy Debout
Kendallville	Kenneth Lash	Andrew Bell
South Milford	Greg Ream	Michael Todd
Tri-Lakes	Roxanne Knight	Herbert Herron



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF DISTRICT B LIONS

LIONS COMPLETING THEIR SERVICE ...

NAME	CLUB
Thomas Souder	Auburn
H. Peter Menger	Woodburn



Fort Wayne Central Lions Club asked Fort Wayne Shoaff Park Lions Club to join them for a tour of Red Cross on Wednesday, April 20th. Both Clubs had a large turnout. We learned about all the different services that the Red Cross provides to the community.



New Haven Lions Club Fundraiser for St. Joe Burn Council

Lion James Rorick, Chairman of the fundraiser, presents a check for \$800 to Andrew Gritzmaker, Executive Director for the St. Joe Burn Council.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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 – Ashley, IN

Wednesday June 8th – Fort Wayne, IN

Tuesday June 13th – Ossian, IN

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



THANK YOU

Doug Rodenbeck, a Lion who once was from 25B (Leo Advisor) but now resides in Tennessee, recently called DG Al Arnold and shared this information. Lion Doug is working with the Gatlinburg Wildfire Relief. His Tennessee club has helped a number of people and businesses in the Gatlinburg area financially as well as with cleanup help. Over \$2000 has gone to that relief effort from our own 25B. Also, Lion Millie Coffman of the Anthony Wayne Lions Club recently turned 95. Instead of gifts, she asked that donations be sent to this Relief project and \$400 was sent in her name. Thank you Lion Millie for showing again what Lionism is all about.



Kendallville Lions Club members recently sold more than 500 chicken barbecue halves to raise money for summer baseball/softball league donations. Lions Mike Toles (hidden inside left), Jim Haddock, and John Clifton man the sales trailer while others wait on customers as they drive through the lot.



Newly inducted members of the Kendallville Lions Club this past year include, left to right, Ken Lash, Loren Allen, and Greg Kruekeberg. Keith Ballard was not present for the photo.



DG ALAN AND DISTRICT B's CALENDAR

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Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5 Howe Lions Club Garage Sale	6 Howe Lions Club Garage Sale
7	8	9	10	11 Rome City/ Brimfield Lions Club Fish & Tenderloin Dinner 	12	13
14 Mother's Day 	15	16	17	18	19	20 Spring Work Day At Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
21 District Cabinet Meeting 	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Indianapolis 500 Race Day 	29 Memorial Day 	30	31			

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Lions Night at the Ballpark: June 16th at Tin Caps Parkview Field, Fort Wayne, 7:05p.m. Game time. *Food, Fun, Fireworks!* \$20 per ticket. Only 100 tickets are reserved. I have less than 30 tickets left so don't wait till the last minute.



Centennial Coins: We still have Indiana Centennial Coins available at \$10 apiece.

Indiana Lions Service Day: June 10th each club is asked to have a service project for 1-2 hours.

Spring Work Day at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired will be held on Saturday, May 20. Registration will begin at 8:30 with work beginning at 9:00. To help with counts for food, please RSVP to DG Al Arnold by May 15 at 260-692-6610 or pamalarn@centurylink.net.



AROUND THE DISTRICT



DAN'S!

ROME CITY AND BRIMFIELD LIONS ANNUAL FISH & TENDERLOIN DINNER

ALL YOU CAN EAT!!!

(CARRYOUT AVAILABLE)

Rome City United Methodist Church

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017

4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

ADULTS - \$9.00

CHILDREN (6-12) - \$5.00

5 & UNDER – FREE!

SHOAFF PARK LIONS CLUB

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Shoaff Park Lions Club would like to say "Thank You" to all the Lions who came and ate breakfast with them on Saturday morning. The event was a fundraiser to raise money for the St. Joe Burn Unit. Lions from all over the district found their way to the Sun Rise Café to enjoy breakfast.

The next time you see DGE Roger Cash and Lion Gaye, Congratulate them on their marriage. May you have a long and happy life together.

**District Governor
Alan Arnold
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