

DISTRICT 25B

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR COLUMN

April is here. Springtime!! The time when the trees leaf out, flowers bloom, and the grass gets green (time to mow again). Just as nature renews itself, now could be a good time for our clubs to renew themselves as well. Our speaker at District Convention, ID Jerome Thompson, has sent me a power point on "Who is our Customer" and "Membership Growth Planner Guide". If you are looking for ways to revitalize your club, I'm sure you could find some ideas in those. The websites are listed below.

Who is Our Customer (power point) <https://www.dropbox.com/s/od2lc3mlw73gb9h/membership%20seminar.pptx?dl=0>

Membership Growth Event Planning Guide
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/x0lwsr64k6qs2ob/AAAdiDLmzyejDoAQE7_UnFw7a?dl=0

Our District Convention was a great success. A big THANK YOU to DGE Roger Cash as he and the Ossian Club served as host club. I believe everyone was challenged by ID Thompson's afternoon message. Also thanks to PDG's Charlie Short and Charles Roth as they presented a training on vision screening. I really hope that we can get into our elementary schools and start screening next fall. Thanks also go to PDG's Jim Wyatt, Dick Dodge, and Bob Howard led the Lions 101 workshop and DGE Roger Cash as he talked about leadership opportunities in our District and State.

The Lions elected to offices were Lion Terry Marker (2VDG), DG Alan Arnold (1VDG), and 1VDG Roger Cash (DG). Trustees elected are PCC Robert Morton (Indiana Lions Foundation), PDG Lew King (Eye Bank), Lion Karen Harrold (Cancer Control), DG Alan Arnold (Speech and Hearing), and Lion Jon Perkins (ISBVI). We do have an opening for a trustee to the Leader Dog project. If interested, please contact DG Al Arnold or 1VDG Roger Cash.

The Multiple District State Convention will be held April 28 – 30 in Evansville, IN. Our International President, Bob

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Corlew, will be in attendance. At this writing, we have 31 Lions from 25B who have registered. I know Evansville is a long trip, but please consider going. We want a great turnout and I know all who go will have a great time.

Our last Cabinet meeting for the current Lions year will be on Sunday, May 21. I hope every club will have at least one in attendance as we finalize the business of the district for this year. Registration information is later in this newsletter.

And finally, I hope to see a number from our district at the Tin Caps game on June 16. The cost is \$20 and includes your admission to the game and all you can eat buffet. Some items on the buffet include hotdogs, chicken filets, pulled pork, mac 'n cheese, apple crisp, and soft drinks. I don't think you could go to a game for \$20 if you had to buy concessions from the stands.

DG Al

DG Alan presented ID Jerome Thompson a Centennial W.P. Woods for being the district's International guest at the District Convention.



ID Jerome collects baseball caps and DG Alan presented him a Fort Wayne Tin Caps cap,

VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S PAGE

More Musing of the VDG

1st VDG Roger Cash

Well we have made it through the District Convention and are on our way towards the State Convention in Evansville. The year is quickly moving on with all the things the clubs and the district have to do before June 30th. Many clubs are holding the elections of new officers and planning their budgets for the upcoming year. Also many are reviewing the projects and fund raisers and seeing what changes need to be made. All of this is good as we do need to get off to a running start for this Centennial Year.

Yes, I understand as Lions we are very busy. Between our jobs, hobbies, families and Lions time often just slips away. This fact makes communication all that much more important. In today's information age we can be over whelmed with information. Our schedules get full and we find it hard to get the information we need to the right people. This is a problem we in Lions have been struggling with. So I am asking each club secretary to double check the information on their club and their members that is posted at MYLCI. If you have trouble please contact me or the District Administrator for help. By insuring that the names, addresses, phone numbers and meeting locations are correct it makes putting the directory together much easier and communication within the clubs and district better.

Now, please bear with me as I address another critically important matter. That is one of membership and leadership. Oops I guess that is two matters but they do go hand in hand. Over the years I have been in Lions I have heard about every excuse there is for why clubs are not growing or even declining. There are several reasons for this. One reason is the lack of leadership by the membership chairs. And yes I know many clubs do not have a membership chairperson. Another is the attitude voiced by several. They say, "We have asked everyone or we are a shrinking community." First have you really asked everyone

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you think would make a good Lion? Secondly how did you ask them? And thirdly what information have you given them about Lions? Then there are those who are leaving Lions. Why are they leaving your club? One of the best retention tools I have found is to do an exit interview with those who are leaving. Often you will find that there is some minor changes and the person will stay. As to the shrinking community, it only means we may have to shift our view of who to invite in. All of this does take good leadership of someone who is truly interested in growing the membership to better serve their community.

I would like to challenge each club in the district to have a positive growth of two by the January 2018 cabinet meeting. Along with that, for each club to commit to doing at least six service projects during the Lion year. And please make sure you let everyone in your community know about what Lions are doing for them. After all, an active organization is more exciting and appealing to join.

Lion Will Tenet is being inducted into the Shoaff Park Lions Club. by ID Jerome Thompson. Lion Janice Platzer is his sponsor and putting his Lions pin on him.



Lion Ron Lytel being presented Presidential Certificate from PID Dave Fiandt and ID Jerome Thompson.

APRIL MEMBERSHIP KEY

International Director Jerome Thompson was very inspiring as he spoke at our District Convention. I am constantly looking for more ideas to promote membership with our clubs. Take a look at the average age of your club members. Many Lions have asked for help in finding younger members. Clubs across the country have expressed concern about the rising age of our members and worry about losing their ability to serve as we get

ID Thompson challenged us to look at the average age of our club and then strive to invite new members that are 10 years younger. If the average age of a club is 70, look for members that are approaching retirement age. People who have worked their whole life are looking for opportunities to continue making a difference. As the average age of the club lowers, continue inviting members who are 10 years younger. Within a few years you will have brought down your average age and increased not only your membership, but also service possibilities.

President Corlew has asked each of our clubs to add **one new member** this year. If each club in the US added one member this year, we would be able to serve 500,000 more people. What a difference that makes. Congratulations to these 39 clubs who have added at least one new member since July.

Albion Andrews Angola Auburn Classic
Bippus Bluffton Clear Lake Cromwell /Kimmel
Central Chapel Ridge Hamilton
Harlan Heritage Hometown
Huntington Kendallville Land of Lakes
McMillen Park Mongo Monroeville
New Haven Ossian Pleasant Lake
Roanoke Shoaff Park South Milford
Union Twp Waterloo Wolcottville

There's still plenty of time invite a new member. Please join the challenge as we strive for one new member in every club in our District.

PDG Kaylene Souers, 25B GMT Coordinator



LCIF IS OUR FOUNDATION

Providing Local Service with a Global Impact

Our impact last year (2015-16) through LCIF:

500,000 people helped through almost \$10,000,000 in disaster relief

3,994.860 people helped through \$13,874,000 in humanitarian grants

19 countries expanded Lions Quest through \$1,438,000 in Core 4 grants

Almost \$8,000,000 in grants supported the vaccination of millions of children

“\$1.00 for 1 Shot Saves 1 Life”

\$12,995,000 in “Sight First Grants” provided eye care to more than 22,000,000!

Since 1968 LCIF has awarded grants in excess of One Billion dollars! LCIF continues to work every day, with Lions clubs throughout the world, to support humanitarian projects and give hope to those who need it.

We as Lions in Northeast Indiana share in the miracles made possible on a daily basis, throughout the world, by OUR Foundation. We share in those successes, whether we financially support OUR Foundation or not. It is our responsibility, as Lions Clubs, to do our share. Every club is encouraged to donate what they can afford; whether it be \$10 per member, \$25 per member or just \$25. Every club can afford something.

As of February 28th donations totaling \$49,241 were received from 25B; the largest total in years. Of that amount, though, only about \$7,000 was donated by clubs; the balance came from donations from individual Lions and the estate of one Lion. To date 29 of our district clubs have not donated to our Foundation (more than 50%); it is time for those clubs to step to the plate. It is time for all clubs, to not only share in the glory of OUR Foundation’s successes, but to contribute as well.

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



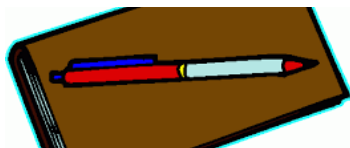
Registration
Information

For more information Contact
ZC Larry Elliot
260-672-2152 or lelriott@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.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE



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

Hopefully, you have had a chance to buy one of the official Indiana Parade Delegation shirts and hats at your District Conventions in March. **If you are marching in the parade on Saturday of the LCIcon, you must wear the official uniform:** Official Indiana parade shirt, Official Indiana parade hat (if wearing a hat), black trousers for men, black skirts or pants for women, black shoes for everyone. The International Convention Committee will be selling shirts and hats next at the State Convention in Evansville.

We will be a juried entry into the parade this year with an opportunity to receive an award and compensation. Strict adherence to the uniform and organization of the Indiana parade delegation is crucial. The Indiana Lions will march with new banners celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Lionism, new uniforms, and in conjunction with the award winning LaPorte High School Marching Band.

Please come join us!

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

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

CENTENNIAL UPDATE

Submitted by PCC Bob Morton

Indiana Lions state wide **Service Day**. Each club is asked to plan a service day on June 10th for one to two hours. Project can be their choice and get media coverage if you can. Clubs are asked to contact their public officials to issue a proclamation declaring Lions service day. If your club is searching for something, the Vision Walk is June 10th. The Indiana General Assembly will be asked to honor Lions for 100 years of service.

Electronic signs are a great way to advertise the Lions Centennial in your community. Ask you bank or business to run your slogan.

If Lions can sponsor a booth at their County Fairs, balloons and brochures could be handed out. It would be a great opportunity to recruit new members.

Contact will be made about a Lions Day at the Indiana State Fair.

Club Centennial Coordinator: LCI has asked each club to appoint a Club Centennial Coordinator.

Centennial Project: Clubs are asked to plan a centennial project that will remind the community of Lions service of the last 100 years.

Lions Night at the Ballpark: June 16th at Tin Caps Parkview Field, Fort Wayne, 7:05 Game time. *Food, Fun, Fireworks!* \$20 per ticket. Only 100 tickets are reserved.

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



Work Day

The annual 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. Donuts and drinks will be provided from 8:30 to 9:00. Work may include washing windows, weeding flowerbeds, mulching, cleaning tables, and other chores. Lunch will consist of pizza and will be served at 12:30. Please consider bringing a carload down to Indianapolis and helping the children that benefit from one of our state projects. It would be great if we could have 20 or more from our district to attend. In order to help with counts for food, please RSVP to DG Al Arnold by May 15 at 260-692-6610 or pamalarn@centurylink.net.

LIONS; MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Last year, with the major support of an LCIF grant and significant support from Lions throughout the district and Indiana; two houses were built to house the U.S. Paralympic Goalball teams. The Men's team is in residence and training year around at Turnstone in Fort Wayne. Next year the Women's team will be joining them, housed in the second house.

All Lions are invited to two events to celebrate:

April 15th an open house will be held from 11:00-Noon, the homes are located at the Turnstone Complex: 3320 N. Clinton in Fort Wayne.

June 24th the two houses will be dedicated during the National Goalball Tournament, which will be held at Turnstone.

In addition, the National Goalball tournament will offer volunteer opportunities to any Lion who would like to participate. For more information (or to sign up) go to:

www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b4aacadca02-2017

PROJECT SCHOOL SIGHT

District 25B does a fantastic job of serving our kids with Operation KidSight through age 6. Now we can continue vision screening with Project School Sight for ages 7 - 97! PDG Charlie Short and PDG Charles Roth presented a workshop at District Convention to begin training. Twenty-two Lions learned how quick, easy and beneficial Project School Sight is.

Indiana mandates that every student in grades 1, 3, 5 and 8 have their vision screened. Lions can help the school nurse get this accomplished by the **Thanksgiving** deadline. By combining Operation KidSight with Project School Sight we ensure our children are given every chance to find vision problems and increase their success in school.

More training will be scheduled in July. Look for complete information on the date and location in the next couple months.



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 – 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.



Let's do what Lions do best - fight blindness!

A great service project for your club - Join the "Lions of Indiana" team



11th Annual Fort Wayne VisionWalk

June 10, 2017 | Headwaters Park
8:30 a.m. | Germanfest Grounds
Fort Wayne, IN



Walk with the Foundation Fighting Blindness
& help make the world a brighter place for
millions of Americans with retinal diseases

www.FightBlindness.org/FortWayneVisionWalk

For more information contact Rachel Martin at 847-680-0100 or RMartin@FightBlindness.org

When we think of PDG Nick Xinopoulos certain “Key Words” come to mind.

INITIATIVE; COMPASSION; COMMUNICATION; LEADERSHIP; PATRIOTISM AND INTEGRITY.

INITIATIVE: Most of you have known PDG Nick for quite some time now. We know that he grew up in a small village in Greece and was on the receiving end of government assistance. He knew that there was no way that he could better himself in his poor village and decided to immigrate to the United States of America. Once here he knew he had to learn to communicate with others so he attended night school. Many late nights he found himself walking 7 miles to get home after staying after class if he didn’t understand the evening lesson. It didn’t take him long to work his way from a clothing store tailor to store manager. After 10 years in the clothing business he started working at General Motors and worked his way from a sewing machine repairman retiring 30 years later as the most successful manufacturing manager at Rolls Royce, Inc.

COMPASSION: PDG Nick joined the Brownsburg Lions Club in 1990. He has served his club in all leadership roles and is an active member of the Board. Nick and his Partner-in-Service Lion Gretchen (who has been a club secretary for 8 years and Cabinet Secretary for 5 years) are the club Vision Screening Coordinators for both School age children and the Operation KidSight program. PDG Nick has just returned from his 4th Eyeglass Mission in Mexico and he has visited a hospital in Delhi, India on behalf of the Indiana Lions Eye Bank to follow-up on corneal transplant procedures. Both PDG Nick and Lion Gretchen have **COMPASSION** for better vision for others.

LEADERSHIP: Not only has Nick served at the club level but he was the 25C District Governor for the year 2009-2010. He has also been on the Board of Directors for the Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc. since 2003 and is now serving his second year as Chairman of the Board. During his first year as Chairman of the Board he initiated the move of the Operation KidSight program from the Eye Bank to the Indiana Lions State Office. Not only did this generate \$600.00 each month to the Indiana Lions Foundation but it also made the KidSight office more accessible to ALL Lions of Indiana.

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PDG Nick has been a member of the Indiana Lions International Convention Committee (3-year term) and has also served on the Indiana Lions International Understanding Committee. He also supports the Indiana Lions Foundation by working shifts at the Indiana State Fair and many years he has been known to work extra shifts as they are needed.

COMMUNICATION: He has been personally invited by 4 International Presidents to work on the International Convention Credentials Committee where he has been able to use his multi-lingual skills to help make the registration of club delegates a smoother process. (We note here that while PDG Nick is working, Lion Gretchen attends the Plenary Sessions with the Indiana Lions.) PDG Nick believes that any question asked gets an answer in a timely manner. Many of you can attest to this.

INTEGRITY: PDG Nick is an outstanding and well-respected member of the community who works hard to make sure the Brownsburg Lions Club and Lions Clubs International are well respected.

COMMITMENT: PDG Nick has been known to gather “Keys for Cancer” from the community hardware stores even though he is not a trustee for the Cancer Control project. He also supports the ISBVI by riding a tricycle in the annual “Brian’s Trike Race.” If he hears of a club that needs volunteers and he is available, he will be there to help. If you haven’t seen his brochure, please read through it to see his accomplishments.

PDG Nick and Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos are committed to the ideals of Lions Clubs International and would like to be your representatives “Working Together for a Better Tomorrow.”

Article submitted by “The Friends of PDG Nick Xinopoulos for International Director”





DG Alan and District B's Calendar



April 2017

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						1 April Fool's Day 
2	3	4	5 Rome City LC Brimfield LC Wolcottville LC OV 	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Howe LC Fish Fry 	15 Open House Goal Ball Homes
16 	17	18	19	20	21	22 Shoaff Park LC Breakfast Fundraiser 
23 Monroeville LC Breakfast Buffet Fund Raiser	24	25 Bippus LC Fish/ Tenderloin Supp 	26	27	28 Indiana Lions State Convention	29 Indiana Lions State Convention
30 Indiana Lions State Convention				22 Monroe LC Pancake Breakfast 		22 Cedar Creek LC Fish Fry 

AROUND THE DISTRICT

SHOAFF PARK LIONS CLUB



Must have coupon
Make as many copies as needed

CEDAR CREEK LIONS CLUB & NORTHEAST ALLEN COUNTY FIRE AND EMS

Fish Fry Fundraiser (All you can eat)
Saturday, April 22 4:30 - 7:30 pm

Grabill Fire Station

(Indoor seating in the Fire House Station)

On the menu:

Fish or Chicken

Baked Beans, applesauce, chips, bread, coffee or lemonade

Adults \$10.00 Children (4 - 9) \$ 7.00

Children 3 and Under Free

Carry-outs available



HOWE LIONS CLUB

Good Friday Fish Fry, April 14 - 5:00 - 7:00 p. m.
Location, Howe Fire Department, State Road 120 west.
Cost by donation.



AROUND THE DISTRICT

MONROEVILLE LIONS CLUB

Sunday Breakfast Buffet

To Benefit Cornerstone Youth Center

Sunday, April 23 Time 8:30 am-12:30pm

Place: American Legion Post 420 Monroeville, IN

Cost: 11 & older--\$7.00 5-10 -- \$4.00 4 & under --Free

For More Info (260) 623-2120

Highchairs & Booster Seats will be available

~ Menu ~

Scrambled Eggs -Biscuits & Gravy -Pancakes

Applesauce Tropical Fruit -Coffee - Milk & Juice

All proceeds will benefit Cornerstone Youth Center. 100% of funds will be used for Summer Programing and feeding children who are at the center for extended hours.



BIPPUS LIONS CLUB

Fish/Tenderloin Supper (all you can eat)

Fish/Tenderloin by Dan's.

April 25, 2017 4:30 - 7 pm

Bippus Community Building.

Menu: Green beans and choice of applesauce or cole slaw. Eat in includes bread, drinks and cookie.

Adult, \$9.00 Kids 5-11 \$4.50

Kids under 5 Free (Eat in only).

Carry outs available



MONROE LIONS CLUB

Pancake Breakfast

April 22 6:30 to 10:00 am

Monroe Fire Station.

Menu:

Pancakes, Sausage Patties, Scrambled Egg, Applesauce, and drinks.

A free will donation will be collected.



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