



District C Roars



Issue 6

District Governor Richard McKellar

December 2015

Cheer Up

Tis the season! Can't let this newsletter go by without wishing you a very **Merry Christmas!** Along with that, Christmas seems to be the time of the year when it becomes very apparent that help is needed. Yes, help in the form of service and by whom? Who else but by Lions worldwide!

Some clubs feel as though they are filled to the brim with service activities. If you really believe this, do a Community Needs Assessment. I can guarantee that your eyes will be opened to the conditions of people and families in your neighborhood that are not nearly as well off as you are.

This is where the *Spirit of Service* enters into the picture. You have heard the phrase "where there is a need, there is a Lion". **That's you.**

There are many good things going on in Lion service, but I believe there are many more service-type activities out there that need attention.

Stop and think for a minute and go back over your service activities for the last year. Was it as simple as writing a check to your favorite charity or

- Buying a pair of shoes for someone who needed them?
- Helping in the food pantry to distribute food to those less fortunate?
- Packing salt in small bags for use by the elderly for their winter sidewalks to stop slips and falls?
- Help your club pay for an examination and a pair of glasses for a child whose parents cannot afford them

You get the gist of what I am saying, that service needs to be more than verbal, especially in current times. Why not renew your commitment to serve others in need and step up individually even if you can't find someone to do it with you? Become a **LEADER!** It will help create a better community and a better world. Each one pulling together for a common cause.



Gov. Dick

Is it “LEAD” or is it “LEAD”?

As we lead into the Christmas time of year, I always look forward to taking our daughter to see Santa at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis and watching Polar Express in 3-D at the IMAX theater at the museum.

For those of you who may not have ever seen the movie, it is about a boy who is struggling with believing or not in Santa Claus. The Polar Express is a steam passenger train which picks up children and takes them to “the North Pole, of course.” Once on the train, the conductor takes out his hole punch and proceeds to punch letters of the alphabet on each ticket.

By the end of the movie, the boy is transformed into a believer, and the conductor punches the rest of the letters on his ticket to spell out the word “BELIEVE”.

There is also a girl on the train which exudes the spirit of Christmas. She is the encourager of the bunch, and at the end of the movie the conductor punches the word “LEAD” on her ticket. She reads her ticket and questions

the conductor as to why her ticket says “lead. Like lead balloon.” The conductor tells her that it is also pronounced “lead, as in leader, leadership, lead the way.”

2nd Vice District Governor Chloe Weyrauch and I just returned from the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Schaumburg, Illinois along with nine other Lions from Indiana. This 3-day conference was filled with all sorts of lessons on the different aspects of leadership as it pertains to Lions and the strengthening of our association.

One of the sessions dealt with identifying potential leaders within our districts and, although it has only been a couple of months since Chloe was officially elected as 2nd VDG, we are on the search for another 2nd VDG to be elected at our district convention in February. If anyone is interested in serving our district, please give me a call. Let’s get our team ready to roll into the 2016-17 Lions’ year.

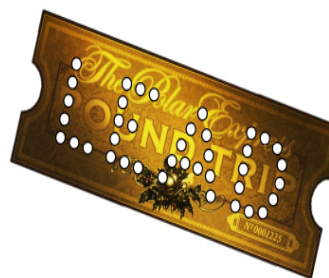
I believe that all of us may need a train ride from time to time to remind us to BELIEVE in our mission of service to those truly in need. So my question to you is whether or not your ticket says “LEAD” or does it say “LEAD”?

From our family to yours, we wish you all a

*“Merry
Christmas,
Lions!”*



Vice-Gov.
Ross





Chloe and Ross with their certificates at the Advanced Leadership Institute.

Please let me introduce myself -- Chloe Weyrauch from the Prairie Creek Lions Club (in Vigo County near Terre Haute), elected as Second Vice District Governor for 25-C at the Cabinet Meeting in Riley on October 10, 2015. By now some of you will have seen my face at Council Meetings, Cabinet Meetings, Leadership Development Seminars and general Club meetings that I have attended as 2VDG. I've been a member of the Prairie Creek Lions Club for 11 years. I had previously been a member of the Ray, North Dakota Lions Club for several years.

At the Zone 6 Meeting on August 27th in Terre Haute, when the call came to "step up", I wasn't really what you call enthused about making the commitment to come up through the District levels, but I knew with the help of my Club, Zone and District members, I could do the job and help make a difference, and made the

offer to fill the vacant position, if elected. I'm glad that I made the commitment and look forward to making more new friends in our Lions culture of serving.

Stepping up is easy for some, but for the majority of us it's not. I've been aware of a lot of what a District Governor does, but not everything, and even now, as 2VDG, I've just barely started the learning process. When inquiring as to what was expected of a Second Vice, the answer was "observe and learn". However, it's important to get your feet wet as soon as possible.

One of the areas that I'm most familiar with is corporation and non-profit information. I will be offering to work with those clubs who have never incorporated.

Incorporation is a way to provide a safety net regarding liabilities for individual members. For those clubs wanting to get started quickly on the process of incorporation, please get in touch with me at (701) 641-2065 or by email at weyrauch@hotmail.com.

Otherwise, I will be contacting each unincorporated club throughout the next few months.

Thank you, and don't forget to "Step Up" when an occasion presents itself.

In service,

Chloe Weyrauch, 2VDG



(Editor's note: I present Chloe's larger picture for identification purposes. I'm fairly certain the tiny pic of Chloe and Ross would not work for most of our eyes!)

Cabinet Meeting

Meet Chloe at our next cabinet meeting January 30, 2016, at the Freedom Church in Lebanon, Indiana. More details to come in the January newsletter. Also be looking for a flyer!

Don't forget our District Convention February 27-- write it on your new calendar!

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District C Convention & Trustees

The District C Convention is February 27, 2016. Anyone wishing to run for election to the following must have their letter of intent to PDG Billy Chastain 30 days before the election which is by **close of business January 27, 2016**. The following positions will be open –

• Trustee for 3-year term for Cancer Control

Trustee for 3-year term for Eye Bank

Trustee for 3-year term for Leader Dog

Trustee for 3-year term for Speech & Hearing

• Trustee for 3-year term for Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Trustee for 3-year term for Indiana Lions Foundation

Most important is the position of Second Vice District Governor. There are many Lions in this district that are fully qualified to fill this position. Anyone wishing additional information can call me at 317-769-2427. In addition, any Lion filling a third year trustee

position that wants to continue in that position must also file a letter of intent, it is not automatic!

Send your letter of intent to:

PDG Bill Chastain
140 Foxwood Drive
Brownsburg, IN 46112

JUST A LITTLE
Reminder

CHECK YOUR SUPPLY OF MEMBERSHIP PINS.

All new members should be receiving the "Centennial Membership Pin" and each sponsor also receives a "Centennial Sponsor Pin. These pins will be used for new members and sponsors through June 30, 2017.

If you do not have a supply of these "new" pins, order "new member" kits from the LCI Store in Oakbrook. These must be ordered by the Club President, Club Secretary, or Club Treasurer. You will be limited on the number of these kits that can be ordered. *Please discard any certificates you have signed by any International President's name other than Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada.*



As I write this on a cool November morning, my thoughts are with the upcoming Holiday Season – the **Season of Giving**.

As the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Coordinator for District C, I want to thank all of the clubs who have made contributions to LCIF during the first two quarters of this Lion year. We have collected 47% of our goal for the year and on track to meeting our goal of \$15,500.

This year we increased our goal of giving within the district to \$15,500 which is in the same range that other Indiana districts have pledged. Our District has about 1550 individual Lions, and 56 clubs. This breaks down to \$10.00 per Lion or \$277.00 per club. This is a reasonable goal as we have a number of clubs and individuals who annually give more than this. When establishing this goal, we knew there are small clubs who are struggling with finances and \$277 is an unreasonable number for them, but we also have large clubs who routinely give more than \$277. **We are asking that, if your club gave to LCIF last year consider increasing your donation by 10%**

and if you are one of the 22 clubs who did not make a donation to LCIF last year, step up and give a minimum of \$25.00 this year. This will allow us to meet our district goal. Two of the 22 clubs have accepted this challenge and already made a donation to LCIF. As we visit more clubs in the district we will be issuing this challenge to them.

The DG and I would love to make District C a 100% Club participation District this year. Last year only one District in Indiana had 100% club participation in donations to LCIF. District C had eleven clubs in the district who received the **"Club Excellence Patch"** for their banner and the great President's pin that comes with this award. Many more would have been eligible if they had only made a donation to LCIF which is one of the requirements of this award.

In addition, please consider giving a **"personal"** donation to LCIF when considering your year-end contributions to charity. This can be done on line at www.lcif.org/donate. Be sure to include your club number so that your donation will be considered in our district total. These contributions are tax deductible and if you designate one of the Melvin Jones Honors

categories, your donation will go toward a personal Melvin Jones Honors Fellowship or you can give your credits to your club. You can also mail a personal contribution to Lions Clubs International Foundation, Department 4547, Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547, be sure to include your membership number and club number on your check and designate it as a MJF contribution.

As the DG and I travel about the district visiting clubs we are spreading the news about the wonderful things that LCIF does not only in North America but worldwide. This may be the *"best kept secret"* in Lions. Most Lions believe that a portion of their annual dues to LCI goes to LCIF. This is not the case, your dues pay for the administrative expenses of operating Lions Clubs International, including the Liability Insurance provided to each club as a member of the International Organization.

LCIF is **OUR** charity arm of the organization and has been recognized as one of the elite charitable organizations in the world for the efficient use of their funds and the very low administrative costs and fundraising expenses, less than 6% when many other charitable organizations use 30 or 35% of their income in fundraising and administrative salaries.

Our Chairman is a volunteer and his/her year as Chairman of LCIF completes a five year period of service to our organization. Since 1968, Lions worldwide have made a **DIFFERENCE THROUGH LCIF.**

If you are planning on having Dr. Yamada present one of your club members a Melvin Jones Fellowship Honor at the State Convention, please get this information to me by January 1.

Karen McKellar
LCIF District Coordinator
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INDIANA LIONS CONFERENCE SILENT AUCTION REPORT

The Indiana Lions Conference Silent Auction was again very successful this year raising \$1390.00 to support Indiana Youth Programs. Generous donations of items from all MD 25 Districts and vigorous bidding by those attending the conference insured its success.

District 25-F Lions furnished the most auction items, which contributed \$498.00 to the profit. For the fourth year in a row PDG John and Lion Linda Scott, District 25-F, were the leading providers of items.

This year's Silent Auction proceeds were shared by the Students Sharing Hearts Leo Club in 25-B, who support us each year, and toward camperships at Indiana Lions Law Camp, Camp John Warvel Diabetes Camp for Children in North Webster, Indiana, and Indiana Children's Deaf Camp in Milford, Indiana.

Your Indiana Lions Conference Committee thanks each of you for your attendance and for your support of the Silent Auction at our November 7th Conference.

Thanks!

Centennial Logo



What Is This Lions Centennial All About?

The Lions Centennial Celebration is about:

- Energizing and growing membership
- Raising awareness and appreciation of Lions
- Honoring our heritage and envisioning our future
- Celebrating and having fun
- And more.....

In July of 2014, LCI announced the Centennial Service Challenge (CSC) – an ambitious goal of serving 100 million people around the world in four areas – Youth, Vision, Hunger and the Environment. It's a 4-year program, ending June 30, 2018.

YOU and YOUR CLUB play a vital role in meeting this challenge!

As Centennial Coordinator for District C I am offering to meet with you and your club to discuss ways that you can participate in this challenge. If you would like a short program for a club or zone meeting, give me a call.

PDG Sara Provines
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e-mail: sjprovines@att.net

Only at Macys!

The Lafayette Lions Club thanks Macys! Support from associates and customers during this year's BeBookSmart campaign with Reading Is Fundamental resulted in an award of 540 books to the club to give to children in its community in conjunction with its Lions School Vision Screening program! Again, thanks to Macy's and its customer!

(If you have a Macy's in your area and would like to know how the Lafayette Lions Club worked with them in this endeavor, contact PDGs Charlie & Pat Short.)

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Save the Date!

April 29-May 1, 2016!
Our IN State Convention in Shipshewana, Indiana.
More details to come next year! (Wow, that's not too far away, is it!)

Happy New Year!

Wait, wait! It's only just been turkey day!

That's right, but this is the time that a good club leader is looking ahead to the future's challenges and putting the right people in place to deliver! The best clubs think about sixty to ninety days ahead. So in between all the turkey and gravy, Black Friday hustle, putting up the tree, and the wheelbarrows of sugar cookies, think ahead to what your club will be doing *after* the holidays.

January is a great time to build your skills and plans using the many Lions webinars and materials. Attend your Zone meetings and any other Lions events, so you can learn how other clubs are doing things. It's also a great month to consider who will serve on your club's Nominations Committee in **February**, so your slate is ready in **March** for confirmation, and club elections can be held *without* drama in **April**.

Write up a **club calendar** to keep your members aware of what your club is doing, who are your programs, and what

needs to be done. This way, there're no surprises when district Club Officer Training comes along in **May**.

We write a lot about the things that Lions Leaders do, should do and must do. But a little forethought now, saves a lot of mad scramble later.

'Nuff said! Happy Holidays, Lions! Pass the gravy.

PDG Charlie Short
25C Leadership Chair

***TODAY might be
the day a kid
reminds you
about twenty
years from now!***

So how is this related to membership? Well, I saw this quote one day when helping with a Lions Club School Vision Screening and it hit home on several levels. A note is sent to each family by the school nurse advising that their child has been screened and if necessary, making a referral for further screening and possibly glasses. So, parents are becoming more familiar with the efforts of Lions in our communities to make life better and make sure no child slips through the

education crack due to poor eyesight. They in turn will tell their friends. **This is the first step to outreach and membership relevance.** And certainly we should all be asking our school nurses to join us in our services to others. Isn't that what nursing is all about after all? And what about the child who receives glasses because of our diligent screening; a child who can read better, play sports better and enjoy life more.... possibly our future Lions. Melvin Jones' famous quote that ***"no one will get far in life unless he (she) does something for someone else"*** has never been truer than it is today.

Each person we touch through our services and acts of kindness then knows more about Lions and how he/she can also pay good deeds forward. Ask these folks if they would like to join you in building a better, stronger community for everyone and in particular for the children. As famous author, Barbara Colorose, stated ***"If kids come to us from strong, healthy, functioning families, it makes our job easier. If they do not come to us from strong, healthy, functioning families, it makes our job more important."*** Our job as Lions is important. Christmas is the time for children, so think about

what you can do ...what about creating snack packages for grade school children; donating books and toys, and games. Ask others to help you...how they can refuse...don't we all want to help children?!

And remember that January 10-16, 2016 is designated Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger and Poverty. Ask your friends/relatives to help you organize a program at a local school to provide healthy, nutritious meals; prepare and deliver food baskets to families in need; serve meals at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter or "adopt" a family that is struggling to put food on their table. Now is the time to start preparing for one of these events. Ask in your local paper for community volunteers. This can bring in additional hands to help, **identify potential future members**, and publicize your club's name and what you do.

Have a wonderful Christmas Holiday with your family!

PDG Pat Short –
Membership Chair



Clubs Adding Members

Clubs adding members in November from Nov. 1-20 are:

Brownsburg, 1
Flora, 3
Lafayette, 1
Michigantown, 1
Rossville, 2

Top 5 Year-to-Date:

Zionsville, 19
Colfax, 6
Royal Center, 5
Flora, 4
Young America, 4
Martinsville Eve., 3
Prairie Creek, 3

10 clubs have added 2 new members and 10 more have added 1! This is a wonderful trend. Let's keep it up!

Key to success --- Royal Center LC

Lion Junior Schwartzell, Membership Chair/Royal Center, shared his club's secret to bringing in new members. "Have club Lions tell their professional contacts about Lions, hand them an application and ask them to join." So why do you see folks in Royal Center with strange haircuts? Jr. is the local barber and those are the folks who declined his invitation to join when he had them in the chair with scissors in his hands!

Where's the Governor?

December

2 Walton
5 Council Christmas Party
6 Speech & Hearing Luncheon
8 Cayuga
9 Brownsburg
12 Foundation Christmas
18 Sara's Open House

January

9 MD 25 Council Meeting
11 Terre Haute Evening
13 Lebanon
30 District C Cabinet Meeting

February

2 Young America
3 Earl Park
8 Greencastle
9 Frankfort
13 IN Lions Foundation
15 Jamestown
17 Crawfordsville
18 Martinsville Evening
25-27 District Convention

Call 317-769-2427 or email: macagcon@tds. to set up your club's visit.

(Yes, we have March through June--but the list is much too long to include in this issue! Please do contact the above e-mail to schedule your club's visitation, if you have not done so already.)

**Indiana Lions for
the Indiana School
for the Blind and
Visually Impaired:
ISBVI School
Update**

LCIF \$75,000

matching grant has been received and is being used to purchase needed assistive technology -- **30 Vizio Books and 10 Braille Apexes** have already been distributed.

The ISBVI, working in conjunction with Butler University, has established the **Butler Botany Project**. Bee hive boxes were added to the ISBVI honey bee hive to aid in collecting honey and 3D tactile models of different plants were made to allow our students to experience the plants at a tactile level.

The Conference track meet was held over the Oct. 2nd weekend in Ohio. The **ISBVI girls placed 2nd and boys placed 5th.**

The choir and jazz band performed at the Indiana Blind Children's Foundation Gala on September 26th. The Gala was very successful and as a result, the school was able to **purchase four smart boards.**

Kathy Nimmer, Lafayette teacher, Indiana Teacher of the year, and ISBVI graduate, was the keynote speaker.

The Outreach Dept. provides direct teaching services to approximately 180 students, ages 0-21.

The Lions held a work day on campus October 10th in conjunction with Anthem. 75 volunteers worked outdoors. An additional work day was held on Saturday, October 24th. **Thanks to the Lions for their support and making a huge difference on the ISBVI campus.**

The annual **Christmas tree and plant sale** will be 10-3 pm on December 5. **Yuletide Celebration** will take place at 10 am on **December 10th...all welcome.**

**PDG Pat Short –
ISBVI Trustee**

**Lions Celebrate
Local Heroes**

On Wednesday, November 18, 2015, the Lafayette Lions awarded five local residents top honors for outstanding service to their community at its Annual Community Awards Banquet to be held at Four Points by Sheraton, West Lafayette. The awards to granted are Melvin Jones Fellowships (top award of the Lions International Foundation), W. P. Woods Fellowships (top award of the Indiana Lions Foundation), and the Robert Phillips Community Leadership Award (Named for Lion Robert Phillips, an early leader in building Lions at the local, State and International level.) Two of the presenters were Immediate Past District Governor Charles Roth and PDG Nick Xinopoulos, Chair of the Indiana Lions Eye Bank. Award recipients are:

Joseph Micon – Robert Phillips Community Leadership Award for his distinguished long-term leadership of the Lafayette Urban Ministry programs to assist children and families in our community with housing, food and clothing support.

Lions Keith Bundy and Lion Kenneth Bales - Lafayette Lions Club Lifetime Service

Awards/Melvin Jones Fellowships for leading many Lions Club efforts during their respective 52 and 59 years of service to our community and state. Both Lions have driven community outreach, health and welfare programs. Lions Keith and Ken also held many notable positions at the district and state levels and were the driving forces behind the formation of the Lions Eye & Tissue Bank and Indiana Lions Foundation, respectively.

Lion Bob Hrdy - Lafayette Lions Club Distinguished Lion Award/W.P. Woods Fellowship for his leadership to assist children in our community. Through his efforts, the club installed a hearing loop in Edgelea School (hub for hearing impaired students in the Lafayette School Corporation) and financially supported Glen Acres Elementary School's "Mission Possible" summer reading/math program for at-risk children. In addition, Lion Bob has led the club in raising close to \$35,000 in pledges/donations to the Lions Leader Dog Canine Development Center Project. Lion Bob himself has a Leader Dog.

Lion Charlie Short - Lafayette Lions Club

Service Award/W.P. Woods Fellowship for dedicated effort with the Lafayette Lions Club in support of its many community missions and in particular its Lions School Vision Screening program. As Chair of the District Lions Vision Services, Lion Charlie has extended, developed and built this program to where we will screen close to 25,000 children this year in western Indiana.

Lion Ron Castleberry, Awards Banquet Chair, commented, "We're happy to recognize outstanding community members and Lions who share our mission to improve the lives of others. Our awardees this year are deserving of all the recognition we can give them."

Thanks!!

If you watched the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade, you may have noticed the Lewis Cass Kings High School band from Indiana. This group was one of only 6 high school bands to be invited to the parade and managed to get to New York with some help from the Walton and Young America Lions Clubs fund-raising for them.

The band looked and sounded really great! Thanks to the Lions for making their dreams come true!

And We Give Thanks

We are thankful for our homes...

and remember the homeless.

We are thankful for our health...

and remember the ill.

We are thankful for our jobs...

and remember the jobless.

We are thankful for our food...

and remember the hungry.

As Lions we not only remember, but we take action to see that those in need do not suffer needlessly.

And to quote an old Christmas song, "It isn't the things you do at Christmas, but the Christmas things you do all year long that make Christmas special."

Sounds like Lions, doesn't it?!



The Indiana delegation at the Celebration Dinner for the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute and Faculty Development Institute attendees. Pictured are Keith and Erika Thomas; Melissa Baker; Robin Smith; Peg VanNevel; Ross Drapalik; Steve Holtzleiter; Alberto G; and Reed Fish. Not pictured Chloe Weyrauch. (She is pictured with VDG Ross on page 2.)



PCC Kenny Bales, son Max, wife Peggy and Banquet chair Lion Aron Castleberry. PCC Ken received progressive MJF from the club, WP Woods Fellowship and a Resolution from the Indiana Lions Foundation (presented by trustee PDG John Scott) as well as letters of appreciation from Indiana Lions Administrative Secretary PCC Sue Topf and DG McKellar.



PDGs Nick Xinopoulos (Brownsburg LC) and Charlie Short (Lafayette LC) at Membership Seminar held on Nov. 1 in Shipshewana.



Lion Bob Hrды (Leader Dog Alex), PDG Nick Xinopoulos and Lion Vicky Hrды. Lion Bob is seen receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from Leader Do. Lion Bob received a W. P. Woods Fellowship from the club.



Photo L-to-R Sue Bergstrom (nursing coordinator Lafayette School Corporation), PDG Xinopoulos and PDG Charlie Short. Sue read statement of appreciation from the school corporation for the valuable efforts of the Lions and in particular PDG Charlie to ensure that local children could see well - an important part of education. PDG Charlie received a W. P. Woods Fellowship from the club and Letter of Appreciation from DG Vic Fisher (25G) for his School Vision Screening efforts in 25(C) and 25(G).



Lion Charlie and Pat Short screened 1st, 3rd and 5th graders at Pine Village Elementary School November 18. 38 screened with just 2 referrals! As you can see, Lion Charlie makes it an adventure! (Photo by PDG Pat Short)



Lafayette Lions Club introduced new club member Lion Stephanie Quick during their Community Awards night . She us shown here (on right) with her sponsor, Lion Melanie Brown.



Many patrons enjoyed the Plainfield Lions Club Spaghetti Supper. Mangiare a sazieta!



Zionsville Lion Burke LaShell snapped this photo in Juhu, a suburb of Mumbai. See? We are all worldwide!



Zionsville Lions Club's new members! Great recruiting



This is the "Country Quilts and Pie Shop" that makes up part of the Holiday Farmers Market in the 51 piece display of PCC Vernon and PDG Sara Provines that is on display in the lobby of the Owen County State Bank, 201 W. Morgan St., Spencer. This is the 16th year for the village, though it is never exactly the same each year. It is encircled by a running train. Find the Lions building!

It is open to the public during normal banking hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Friday: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday: 8:30 am - noon.

Special viewing "Christmas Village After Dark" on Friday, Dec. 18th - 6:30pm - 8pm. Cookies will be served during a special appearance by Santa Claus. (This is very special.)

A very MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year to all!

Please send District C Newsletter photos/articles to:

Lion Charlotte Query

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by the 20th of the month.

Please send flyers to PDG Sara Provines at: sjprovines@att.net

for publication between the newsletter publications.