



District C Roars



Issue 8

District Governor Richard McKellar

February 2016

Step Up

Karen and I have visited 31 clubs out of the 56 that are in District C. We have been well received at all of them. All the clubs are essentially the same, but each is unique. The cultures differ from one end of the state to the other. It is amazing what clubs do for fundraising. (Someone should put a book together listing and describing each fundraiser for use by all clubs.) We have been lucky so far in that all of the really farther away clubs have been visited now that the snow and ice are upon us. It can still be treacherous since in most cases you are usually traveling after 9 p.m. on the way home. We have received some very nice gifts, one being gas cards from various clubs. By the time we are through with our official visits we will have traveled over 7,000 miles. We have been passing out some Centennial Challenge patches and pins, and this is a good thing. For those of you who may not know, your District is comprised

of 18 counties, 56 clubs and approximately 1,546 members. Why not raise this in the final six months of this Lion year to 1,646? You can do it!

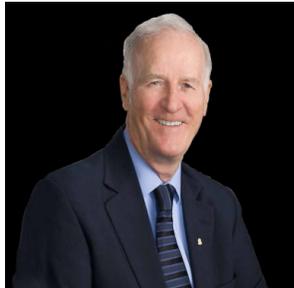
You wouldn't probably know this, but when I return home I have to develop a report for LCI as part of the official visit. Having to do this opens up some new visions about the club that can be both helpful and well worth remembering.....sort of a lesson in transition. We try to carry good ideas from one club visit to another.

I am well pleased with the district so far. We have some amazing statistics developed by our 1st vice district governor, Ross Drapalik. A couple of those are the MMR and activity reporting. MMR last month was almost 100% with only one club not filing! The activity reports have been on a real upswing, and we are now above 70% participation by the 25 C clubs, and we have logged approximately

27,000 hours with approximately 77,000 people served (isn't this what Lions are all about!) Keep it up and keep on improving the record. Activity reports are extremely important to LCI in that this is how they track what Lions are doing in terms of service. Another stat: up until December 1st of 2015, we were +13 in membership. Then as it always happens, it is time to clean out the books and into December we dropped to zero. Wonder how much cleaning out we would have to do each year if we could but just develop a really good mentoring program to keep our folks on board?

Finally, there are 5 project trustee positions opening up for the new Lion year and one Indiana Lions Foundation trustee position. We have a new governor to elect (Ross Drapalik), a new first VDG (Chloe Weyrauch) AND a second VDG (Douglas Eversole of the Young

America Lions Club.)
Yes, we have a person for that position for the coming year!



Gov. Dick

Did you see your shadow?

February 2 is Groundhog Day, a day when the groundhog emerges from his den and prognosticates how many more weeks of Winter is ahead. Folklore has it that if he sees his shadow, there will be 6 more weeks of Winter. If he doesn't, that's the sign of an early Spring.

For the Lions in our district, February 2, 2016 means one other thing...25 more days until the 25C District Convention on February 27 in Zionsville and the official start of making plans for the centennial year of Lions.

Did you realize that there are nearly 60 opportunities for you to serve in YOUR district? On February 27,

we will be electing trustees to serve on each of the five state projects and the Indiana Lions Foundation. Thankfully we have Lion Douglas Eversole as next year's 2nd Vice District Governor to work along Chloe and myself. On top of all this, I will be looking for Lions to serve on 35 committees, 7 zones chairs, a cabinet secretary and a cabinet treasurer. Don't be surprised if you get an email and a telephone call in the upcoming weeks.

International by May 1, 2016.

Did you see your shadow? Whether or not you did, now is the time to emerge from your Lion's den and start planning for the new Lions' year. It will be here before you know it!

1VDG Ross

Are you looking to serve at the district level? Just give me a call/text 765-346-2443 or shoot me an email at ross.drapalik@sbcglobal.net. We'll find a place for you to serve!



For your clubs, the start of February brings the need for you to be looking for next year's club leaders. Club officer elections need to be completed by around April 15th to make sure that your Club Officer Reports are submitted to Lions Clubs



May I have your Hat?

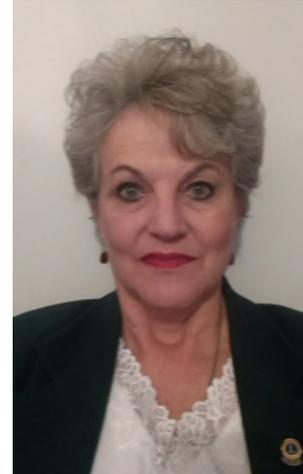
It is time to throw your hat into the ring for District offices, and I encourage you to think about what you would like to get involved in. As 2nd Vice District Governor for 25C, I have been learning little by little, and look forward to the position of 1st Vice District Governor. For those of you have heard District Governor Dick McKellar's talk at his visitation to the clubs, you'll remember that he used the analogy of a flock of geese flying in the "Vee" formation. As the lead goose gets tired, the next one in line takes over, and the previous one falls back. This is how it should be with our Lions Clubs. Although we may not feel that we are good enough or capable enough, we need to help out our fellow club members by taking our turn at doing the work of the clubs. We don't have to do it on our own, as we have other members who have taken their turn that are willing to help us out as we take the lead for a while. Please, think about what you can do to help out.

On another note, I'd like to take this opportunity to express appreciation to the Lions of Districts 25 C, D and F for their participation in the Tlaxcala, Mexico January 2016 Eyeglass Mission. It

was interesting to be in the stands of the bull ring at the Recinto Ferial Tlaxcala, which is where the work of the mission was performed. (A great picture may be found at the end of our newsletter!) Although we were not able to accomplish all aspects of the mission, we screened over 1,900 people!

It was an eye-opening experience, and I was honored I was able to attend for my first time. The people of Mexico are so appreciative of our help, and it was an experience I personally will never forget, and I intend on going again in future years. Knowing that some of the people who came walked for hours to get to the location to be examined, it makes our ease of getting glasses seem paltry in comparison. Please think about spending your time helping those in another country as a Lion.

Yours in Lionism,
Chloe Weyrauch
2VDG 25C



DO YOU EVER SHOP AT AMAZON?

If so, please consider signing up for their "Amazon Smile" program to benefit **Lions Clubs International Foundation**. If you go to www.amazonmile.com and choose **Lions Clubs International Foundation** from the list of charities that pop up, they will donate a portion of your purchase on approved items to the Foundation. On future purchases, when you sign on to www.amazonmile.com instead of the regular www.amazon.com web site, your account will be brought up and a donation will be made automatically. This is a very easy way to support LCIF.



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Leadership Lines: Spring Training is Just Around the Corner!

Yes, just when you thought it was safe to have another cuppa on the couch, it's time to start thinking about your club's future again. Here are the things that should be on your Lions radar for the next few weeks of February:

-Your **Club Officer Nominating Committee** should be formed at your February meeting. Nominate your full slate in March, elect by **April 15th**, and swear in June for the new Lions year July 1!

-**Spring Project Committees** should get the wakeup call to submit plans and dates for your club's events. Plan now or scramble later!

-Don't forget the upcoming **District and State Conventions!** Start registering now and beat the rush.

-The **Indiana Lions Leadership Workshop** will be held April 16-17 in Plainfield at the Baymont Inn. This is a great seminar for emerging leaders within your club that have not yet served as Club President, or are interested in improving their leadership skills.

Please contact Governor Dick McKellar at macagcon@tds.net to register. Attendance is limited to three Lions per district. No charge.

-District C Lions are truly doing an awesome job this year, and our club leadership is improving all the time. Great work, everyone! Have FUN and Bite 'Em!

PDG Charlie Short
District Leadership
Chair (GLT)

District C Convention

District C Convention is February 27, 2016. We have trustees from all the projects to elect, an auction to participate in-- fun, fun, fun!

If you have not already registered, please find a form later in this newsletter.

ID Robert Littlefield of Moorhead, Minnesota, will be our guest speaker.

- Don't miss out on all the excitement, exercise your Lions opportunity to elect trustees and meet friends from around District C!

Social Media as a Lions Leadership Tool

Widen your Lions sphere of influence by strengthening your understanding and application of social media as you connect to Lions at the club, community and global level. Learn how to leverage social media to promote and strengthen your club, zone and district service activities, membership, and fundraising. Latest social media trends and best practices included. (This webinar has a related workbook.)

**Wednesday, February 3,
2016 12:00pm (12 Noon)
CST Chicago** or
**Friday, February 12, 2016
7:00pm (19:00) CST
Chicago**

To register for webinar, go to:
<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/webinars/leadership>

HEADS UP ON LCI WEBINARS

On January 28th, LCI held a webinar on "**Recruitment through Service**" which discussed ways to grow membership through service. And as we all know, growing membership increases our clubs' abilities to do more for our communities. A

well planned and meaningful service project is a great opportunity to involve prospective members and introduce them to your club. This webinar has been archived for you to access at your convenience in your office or at home.

GMT Pat Short

[Invite for Impact: 5 Building Blocks to Recruit Through Service](#)

Guest Panelist: VDG Beth Stevens, District 24-D (Virginia, USA)

How to prepare your club to recruit through service

Ways to communicate your club's service

What do to after you invite for impact

How to involve the community through partnerships

Archived webinar:
<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/webinars/leadership/archive.php>

GMT Pat Short

LIONS ARE SUPER BOWL CHAMPS ALL YEAR LONG!

What does February mean to many of us **The Super Bowl!** one of the most-watched sporting events in the world. Lions is very similar....we build up our

experiences, sign up winners, run good games, score wins (and sometimes fumble!) and after every touchdown, the special teams come on to kick the extra point....this is the icing on the cake. How is your team doing? In my books, all of you are winners for being Lions.....those who roar in a world of need! You are now in the playoffs, ready to take your club to the finals and win the Lions 2015-2016 Super Bowl at the end of the season.

I always think of each Lions year as a build-up to our "Super Bowl" ---- ending the year feeling good about what we do and bringing on a good team of Lions really engaged in helping our communities.

I recently read a quote from Joe Greene of the Pittsburgh Steelers. This is how many of us feel about our Lions' achievements and history: "Winning the Super Bowl was obviously a great one, but the joy I felt of going to the Super Bowl, it was what I felt about the Pittsburgh Steelers and where we came from, the history of us to that point." In our world, "**Winning at the end of the year is obviously great, but the**

joy we feel of achievement, this is what we feel about Lions, where we came from and the history of Lions to that point."

So if you want to ensure that your team (club) is out on the winner's field, check out the game plans laid out by LCI to strengthen your offensive and defensive teams. Don't feel you have to reinvent the wheel -- go to <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/strengthen-membership/index.php> -- take advantage of others' experiences and achievements to learn about the Club Excellence Process, Blueprint for a Stronger Club, Membership Satisfaction Guide, Community Needs Assessment and Your Club, Your Way --- all valuable game plans for success. Know your community needs, what your club members want/value, and what it takes to be a winner.

From the opening kickoff to the end of the 4th quarter, have fun and play the full game – all on!

PDG Pat Short

25C Membership

Clubs Adding Members Jan. 2016

Cloverdale, 1
Frankfort ,1
Gosport, 1
Greencastle , 4
Monrovia ,1

Top Six Year-to-Date

Zionsville ,19
Colfax, 6
Royal Center, 5
Greencastle, 5
Flora, 4
Young America, 4

5 clubs added 3, 12 clubs added 2, 9 clubs added 1

Why are we Lions?

Because the world gets better and problems get smaller when we unite to serve our local communities through humanitarian projects and hands-on service. Lions are friends, family and neighbors who share a core belief and everywhere we work, we make friends. Since 1917, we have strengthened our communities with unmatched integrity and energy. Share this message with your friends and communities!

There are many ways to successfully recruit new members: invite people to service projects, club meetings or special club events, an open house, or a business after hours event to promote your club. The concept is simple--**JUST ASK!** And remember that being visible in your community is one of the keys to recruiting new members.

Once you've added new members, properly welcome them into your club, offer orientation and mentoring and engage them in your projects. If you do this, your new members are more likely to remain in your club for years.

*PDG Pat Short
Membership Chair*



DEC 31st

25C ranked 1st

in the State --- adding

94 new members

since July 1, 2015



Diabetes Testing in Your County?

As most of us know, diabetes is the silent disease that does not present visible symptoms. There is a way of detecting the disease, though, by checking the blood sugar level with a blood glucose monitoring system.

Our district has some funds which have been donated specifically to be utilized to detect the presence of this disease. Our local county health nurse has offered to do screenings of local people attending various large public events in our county. Our Lions Club has offered to purchase the materials necessary to do the testing and the nurse has offered to do the testing. The local Lions Club will be reimbursed for the expenses from the District C Diabetes account.

Would you be willing to contact your county health nurse and ask if s/he would be willing to do the same in your county? If so, please contact me at 812-829-4496 or jequery@bluemarble.net. Please consider participating in this program to serve this need in your local community.

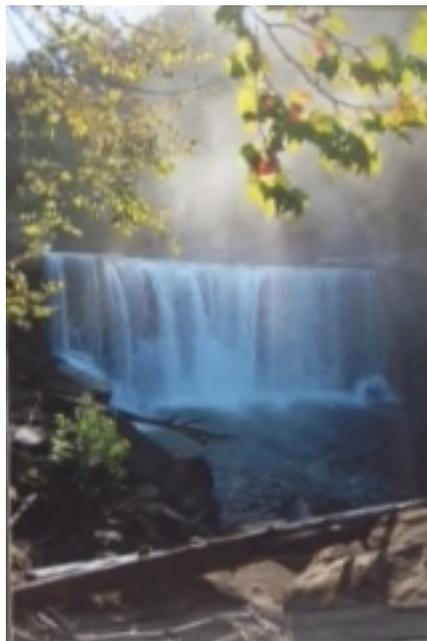
PDG Jim Query
District C and State
Diabetes Chair

More Congratulations!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Rossville Community Lions Club for submitting the winning International Pin Design for Indiana Lions to wear to the International Lions Club Convention in Chicago in 2017! Designer was Jody Mellinger, daughter-in-law of the Lions Kathryn and Gene Mellinger!



International Photographic Contest

This is the local, district *and* state-winning photo by Lion Diane Haby of the Lafayette Lions Club. The picture was taken in Cumberland Park, Tennessee. This picture will be displayed at the International Convention in Fukuoka and the winning entry will be selected by vote of convention attendees.

So, if you are going to the convention, you will be able to vote for this lovely photo!

Where's the Governor?

February

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

March

- 2 Lafayette
- 7 Whitestown
- 10 Monon
- 14 Michigantown
- 15 Royal Center
- 16 Ladoga
- 23 West Point
- 28 Lizton

April

- 5 Brookston
- 6 Camden
- 9 Foundation
- 11 Terre Haute Evening
- 19 Monrovia
- 20 Bainbridge
- 29-May 1, State Convention

May

- 3 Paragon
- 17 Morgantown
- 23 Cloverdale

June

- 2 Gosport
- 11 Foundation

Call 317-769-2427 or email: macagcon@tds.net to set up your club's visit, if you have not done so yet.



The above is a picture of the poster which won the District 25C competition and finished 2nd in the MD25 competition in December.

This lovely poster was submitted by Jack Boyer, a 12 year old 7th grader at East Tippecanoe Middle School. His quote for his poster was, *"Peace is love. Peace is kindness. A moment of peace can change someone's life."*

(A very insightful sentiment for one so young. If only the world were so inclined.)

The winning poster was sponsored by the Lafayette Lions Club.

Lion Jennifer Drapalik
Peace Poster Chair

More Good News

Zone Chair Michael Shockley of the Delphi Lions Club has received the "Outstanding Volunteer of the Year" from the Delphi Chamber of Commerce.

Have You Tried?

While trying to get out this newsletter, I heard a tapping at my front door. (Now that immediately put my mind at attention because all our friends use the back door and just walk on in!)

"Madam, have you tried our new cleaner? The spray bottle is only 55 cents! It cleans ..." and the salesman was off to the races with his sales pitch.

Now a large spray bottle is quite a buy at 55 cents and that did catch my attention, as it was supposed to do. A few moments later he informed me that it only took one tablespoon of "the special formula", combined with an entire quart of water, would do wonders on dirty windows, stains, floors, etcetera, etcetera.

That "special formula" was only \$39.95 for a small bottle. Ah, the real cost finally had come.

And that is what many Lions expect when asked to become "family friendly." There must be a catch! No, we're not selling something with a hidden agenda. We are simply asking Lions to remember that some members still have little ones at home!

Just open your hearts and meetings to the families in your clubs. Yes, there are special programs some clubs use to entertain the younger set, and some clubs even have special rooms set aside so the young ones don't "interfere!"

But most clubs just allow the kids to sit with their parent/s and follow the action. Our club has some coloring paper and crayons should they become restless, and several of our members help with the tiny ones. (It's like have several sets of grandparents!)

The biggest step is the first one--just try it! Our club has done this for over 15 years--extra hands, even little ones, can make a difference!

Charlotte Query
Women's
Development Chair



District Governor Dick and Lion Karen McKellar and the Zionsville Lions Club invite you to join them at our District 25-C District Convention ----- Saturday, February 27, 2016

St. Alphonsus Church
1870 West Oak Street
Zionsville, IN

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express and Suites, 9797 N Michigan Road, Carmel, Indiana 46032
Room Rate \$110.00 (Lions Rate) Deadline for reservations February 12, 2016
Reservations to be made directly with hotel 317-661-3540

Friday, February 26 **"Let's Get Acquainted"**

Zionsville Lion's Den, 115 South Elm Street, Zionsville, Indiana
6:00 PM Social 7:00 PM Dinner
\$15.00 per person # _____ = \$

Saturday, February 27 **Registration, Breakfast**(compliments of Zionsville Lion Club) 8-9 am

Saturday, February 27 **Lunch** \$10.00 per person # _____ = \$ _____

Opening Session begins at **9:00 am.**

Do you need a display table for your Club/State/District Project? Name _____

Need electrical _____ Contact PDG Nick Xinopoulos [at: nickx@att.net](mailto:nickx@att.net)

Club: _____

Name/Title _____

Name/Title _____

Mail to: CS Gretchen Xinopoulos, 6785 E US 136, Brownsburg, IN 46112

[317-852-8015 liongretchen@att.net](mailto:liongretchen@att.net)

**** Please Make Checks Payable to District 25C Lions****

Silent Auction - Proceeds to go to LCIF MEASLES INITIATIVE

Contact: PDG Pat Short for information on how you/your club can donate an auction item. lionpatshort@aol.com 765/743-3160

2016 INDIANA LION STATE CONVENTION

APRIL 29—MAY 1, 2016

"In the Heart of Amish Country"

Shipshewana, Indiana

Hosted by the Lakeville Lions Club and Lions of District 25-G

With Honored Guest

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DR. JITSUHIRO YAMADA

Convention HQS Hotel Blue Gate Garden Inn

800 S. Van Buren St., Shipshewana, IN 46565 (800) 545-4725

Room Rate: \$89.99 plus taxes (complimentary breakfast)

Call for reservations or reserve online at <http://www.bluegategardeninn.com/>

Choose "Book Now",. Choose "Group Code" & type "Lions2016". Choose dates of stay. Click "Check Availability" & select your room reference. Call for reservations

Registration Form (one per person)

Name & Title (as desired on name badge) _____

Address _____ City _____ S _____

District _____ Club _____ Email _____

Friday Golf Outing	\$ 50.00
Friday Amish Farm Luncheon	\$ 15.00
Friday Evening Authentic Amish Haystack Dinner	\$ 15.00
Saturday Celebration Luncheon	\$ 13.00
Saturday Evening All State Banquet	\$ 16.00
Sunday Brunch	\$ 11.00
Indiana Lions Convention Pin	\$ 4.00

Reservations received after April 1st' Add \$5.00 per Reg NO MEAL RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER APRIL 21st

Send Registration form to: Jeanine Juel, 3204 Village Court, Goshen, IN 46528. Make check payable to: Indiana Lions State Convention OR register and pay online at

<http://indianalionsconvention.org/convention-registration/>

Need an Exhibit Table at the State Convention?

Contact John Krzyzanowski at: jkrzyzanowski@sbcglobal.net or 1-574-360-9323

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Please send application with check made payable to 2016 Indiana State Convention to:

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11268 N. St. Rd. 13
Syracuse, IN 46567

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District Secretary Gretchen Xinopoulos checked in Lions at the District Cabinet Meeting in Lebanon and hosted by the Lebanon Lions Club. (Picture by Al Mcconnaha)



Lions from Districts C, D and F pause from their labors during an eyeglass mission to Mexico to have a picture taken. Can you pick out the Lions from District C?

Late breaking news item:

CELEBRATION OF LIFE -- LION BOB DALE OF THE LAFAYETTE LIONS CLUB

Lion Robert (“Bob”) Dale of the Lafayette Lions Club passed away peacefully on February 1, 2016, following a stroke at the age of 95.

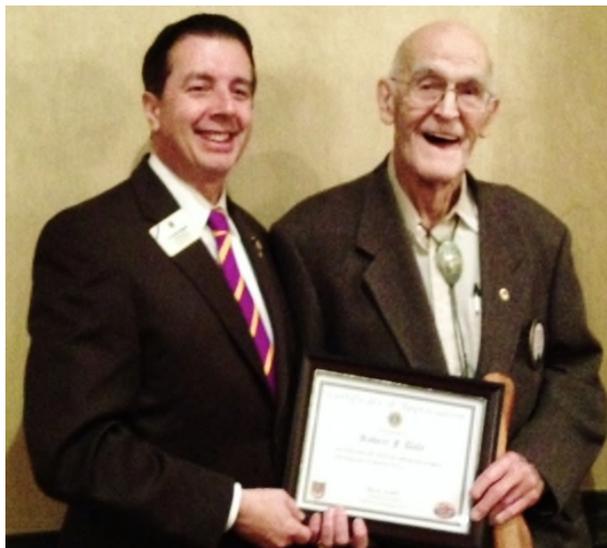
Since joining the Anchorage Alaska Club in March of 1950, Lion Bob’s Lion experience moved with him to San Francisco, then to Ames Iowa, and finally here to Lafayette and Purdue – a great example of the reach of Lions clubs. A Lion with a truly great heart, Bob has worked on eye glass recycling, diabetes projects, the Indiana Lions Eye Bank, and a host of other Lions programs to help the needy.

His dedication led to perfect attendance for 66 years, the sponsoring of five new members, and being Secretary and President of the Lafayette Club. Lion Bob served as Zone Chair from 1993-1995, helping keep the smiles and perspiration coming and was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship in 2001. Then in 2011, Lion Bob received a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship for his continued support of the values and ethics of Lions. A 95-year old, Lion Bob was always willing to do what he could to reach out and help others. A good, kind, thoughtful and brilliant man of faith and charity, Lion Bob will be missed by many.

Lion Bob was recognized at our 25C District Convention last year by Past International Director Steve Tremaroli for being the longest serving Lion in the District!

President of the Lafayette Lions Club, Lion Bob Goldberg commented, *“The word “beloved” is generally only used in connection with spouses and paramours. However, I know I can say without fear of contradiction that Lion Bob was beloved by all of us. Not simply because he was a great person, but because he simply refused to stop helping people through Lions.”*

Funeral plans have not yet been finalized. This information will be sent out as soon as it is available.



Editor's Note: I had the great honor of sitting next to Lion Bob during the luncheon where he was honored by ID Tremaroli. Bob had the knack of entertaining everyone at the table. When I was thanked for my work at a Children’s Lunch Program and another at our table was likewise honored for Lions work, his eyes sparkled and he remarked he felt he’d landed at the winners table. He certainly made us all feel special. His zest and sparkle shall be greatly missed.

Quote from The Lions Clubs Cookbook: Giving is an exercise that makes a healthy heart!

Dear Lions of District C! Please send articles and photos for the monthly newsletter to:

Lion Charlotte Query
jequery@bluemarble.net

by the 20th of the month.

Please send flyers to PDG Sara Provines at: sjprovines@att.net
for publication between the newsletter publications.