



District C Roars



Issue 9

District Governor Richard McKellar

March 2016

Great Convention!

Great day for a convention and for the 130 Lions and guests that attended! A lot going on Saturday, February 27, as we opened the spring convention with the pledge, a prayer and Zionsville Leos posting their banner and the Zionsville Club banner. Attendance was great with IDs, PIDs, Council Chair, District Governors from A, D and F, PCCs, Administrative Secretary, MD coordinators, IPDG Charles Roth and Lion Roberta, State Comptroller, PDGs, club presidents, secretaries, treasurers, zone chairs, district leadership and lots of Lions!

A memorial service was held to remember those who have served. It was preceded by a lit candle and music. A short service was held then as the names of the deceased were read as the gong was sounded for each. We are the Lions we are today, thanks to those who came before.

We had four great seminars: PCC Richard Halladay, "What is it Like to be a Lion"; PDG Sara Provines, "Centennial – Celebrating 100 years of Lions"; Lion Keith Hughes,, "Membership Initiatives, the Hits and Misses"; and, DGE Ross Drapalik "Reporting: It's not just busy work".

During and after lunch ID Dr. Littlefield and Lion Kathy gave a presentation on the Measles Initiative Program. Lions were asked to give a donation to the measles initiative. The amount donated would go directly to LCIF and be placed in honor of the Lion's name as a contribution. Contributions from the floor totaled \$1210, showing that the District 25C Lions were very generous.

Donations in the name of ID Robert and Lion Kathy were made to the LCIF Melvin Jones fund on behalf of the district. These donations were greatly appreciated. In addition, ID Littlefield presented four Presidential

Certificates: Sara Provines, Spencer Lions Club; Lora Fenwick, Brazil Lions Club; Tom Iles, Plainfield Lions Club, and Nick and Gretchen Xinopoulos, Brownsburg Lions Club. All of these awards were well deserved.

ID Littlefield inducted four new members into the Lions' fellowship: Linda Hathaway, Lizton Lions Club, Sponsor, Kathy Caldwell; Victor Bland, Spencer Lions Club, Sponsor Joe Drescher; James Forry, Zionsville Lions Club, Sponsors Jim and Pat James; and Christine Garner, Oxford Lions Club, Sponsor Glen Wentland. If no club drops a member in the next couple of days, the district will once again be in the plus for membership.

Winners of each of the contests were announced and presented with certificates of appreciation for taking the time to participate. Jack Boyer of Lafayette won the Peace Poster contest, Jodi Mellinger, Rossville, won

the best pin design for 2016-2017 International Convention in Chicago and Diane Haby of Lafayette won the photo contest. The photo contest was judged by a professional photographer who placed first in last year's international competition. The photographer used a 10-point grading system.

Then came the nominations and elections. It was the first time in many years that positions were contested and conducted with good, spirited competition. The balloting, overseen by Nomination & Elections Chair Billy Chastain, went very smoothly and was over in a very short time. The results were as follows: Kathryn Mellinger (trustee for Cancer Control), Ross Drapalik (trustee for Eye Bank), Dave Rinehart (trustee for Leader Dog), Ray Furner (trustee for Speech & Hearing), PDG Pat Short (trustee for ISBVI), and Wayne Carter (trustee for Indiana Lions Foundation).

The following two individuals were endorsed by the district for their respective positions: PCC Vernon Provines, State Comptroller, and PDG Charlie Short, Intl. Convention Committee. And, of course, Ross and Chloe were heartily welcomed by the district Lions.

The session closed with the presentation of the North Dakota flag to ID Robert Littlefield, followed by the announcement of a \$2100 Silent Auction total, which was designated for the Measles Initiative Program. Congratulations to PDG Pat and her crew.

Thanks to all who attended and to all those that worked to make this a successful District Spring Convention.

DG Richard



Gov. Dick

Thank You

That pretty much sums it up...thank you for electing me as your next district governor to lead us through the year-long celebration of the Centennial Year of Lions which will culminate with the 100th Lion Clubs International Convention in Chicago, Illinois in 2017.

There is so much to get accomplished though, between now and then.

First, we've got four months left in District Governor Dick's year, and we need to send him out on top. Our membership is holding its own, but that's not good enough. The tide is turning in the district, and we need to make a push to end the year to make the district stronger and take it higher than we found it on July 1, 2015.

Our clubs will soon be electing their club officers for the 2016-17 Lions' year, and officer training is in the works. We've seen so much success at the club officer level this year, and with a new year brings new officers. Success starts with training, and not just training of these new officers, but our seasoned ones as well.

The list of committee assignments is winding down as there are still a few vacancies needing filled, most notably the Liberty Day Committee and the Eyeglass Recycling Committee.

Finally, I want to take the time to thank Lion Doug Eversole of the Young America Lions Club for stepping up to serve as our 2nd Vice District Governor for the upcoming

year. With the timing and fulfillment of some LCI requirements, we were unable to get him elected at our District Convention this past weekend, but we will be holding a special convention at our first Cabinet Meeting preliminarily slated for August 13, 2016, for that task.

Keep up the good work Lions, and let's keep pushing forward.

DGE Ross



May I Ask a Question?

First off, I would like to thank those at the District Convention for continuing to support me by electing me to First Vice District Governor. I am very much looking to helping Dick and DGE Ross finish out their terms.

For those of you who were not able to make the District 25C District Convention in Zionsville on

February 26-27, you missed a great convention. The informal get-together on Friday night at the Zionsville Lions Den was a great time to visit with the visiting ID Robert Littlefield and his wife Kathy, as well as our own ID Linda Tincher and her husband Vern. It was a special treat for me as ID Littlefield, although he lives in Moorhead, Minnesota, belongs to the Fargo, North Dakota Lions Club. I lived in North Dakota from 1989-1995, and my husband still lives there, so it was nice to be able to talk about the area.

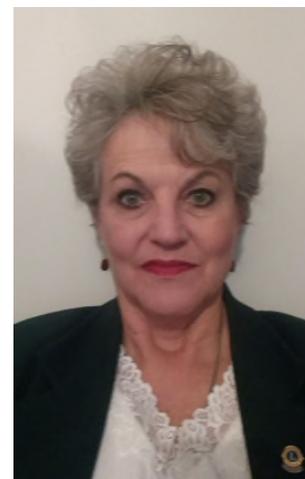
The Convention location at St. Alphonsus Ligouri Church in Zionsville on Saturday for the Convention was an inspired choice. Great Convention space in the parish center with kitchen, so meals could be served on the Convention floor, and seminar rooms just a few yards away. The seminars given were great, with information on the Centennial celebration, importance of reporting by clubs, what the Lions are all about, and membership retention.

When you joined your local Lions club, what was your reason? Did you see a need in the community that you wanted to address? Did you see it as a social club? Did you see it as a way to increase your circle of friends? What was your reason? As you know, our motto is "We Serve". That can be done in many ways, but the Lions have special programs that they support.

Can you name the five (5) Indiana Lions State Projects offhand, or do you need time to think of them? In addition to those programs, does your club have a passion? When you invite your friends and neighbors to join your club, do you expect them to share and work on your passion? Or do you suggest that they bring their passion to the club and jointly work on yours and you on theirs? If we want people to join in, we need to be willing to work together on different programs.

Looking forward to seeing you in Shipshewana at the State Convention April 27th to May 1st!

Yours in Lionism,
Chloe Weyrauch
1VDGE 25C





Lions Clubs International Celebrating 100 Years of Service

Our Centennial Celebration brings Lions together to celebrate 100 years of life-changing humanitarian service.

Starting with the kickoff in July 2014 and ending in June 2018, Lions in clubs around the world will join in the celebration by expanding our community project work and inspiring others to join us in service.

It's an exciting time to be a Lion. Let's celebrate together!

Ways your Lions Club can celebrate and serve:

- Lead through Service: Organize Centennial Service Challenges projects to benefit youth, vision, hunger, and the environment.
- Invite for Impact: Participate in the Centennial Membership Awards by inviting new members and sponsoring a new club.

- Connect with Community: Identify needs in your community and plan a Centennial Commemorative Project to make a lasting local impact.

Start your Centennial Celebration today!

1. Talk about the Centennial with your club and invite them to join the celebration.
2. Choose a Centennial Club Chairperson and/or committee.
3. Create a plan for your club to Lead through Service, Invite for Impact, and Connect with your Community.
4. Share your plan with your District Centennial Coordinator – other clubs can benefit from your ideas.
5. Share the impact of your service on MyLCI at mylci.lionsclubs.org

Centennial Resources

Visit lions100.org for everything Centennial, including planning guides, project ideas,

presentations, and videos to inspire:

Join the Centennial Service Challenge at lions100.org/centennialservice challenge.

Invite new Lions to join you in service and celebration at lions100.org/centennialmembership

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MARCH MEMBERSHIP

--- THOUGHTS and REINVENTION

(Lions and bunnies and daffodils, oh my!)

It's 64 degrees today and warm enough to eat in our sunroom...a wonderful image of promises to come: winter fading away, birds singing (we already have wrens back in their boxes),digging around for lighter clothes, and best of all, spring flowers poking up through the leaves. So what is happening? The world is reinventing itself again as it does this time each year. AND GUESS WHAT? At this time of year your clubs are reinventing, repurposing and revitalizing themselves ,too: thinking of repeat spring projects, new community needs and just getting out there.

Not just you, but everyone is itching for spring with a need to get outside and "do something"....maybe your club could lead the charge in your community and engage others who have the same itch! What about giving a single daffodil or an apple to all shut-ins or the folks in the county homes or hospice?

As the weather warms up, send Lion detectives out and about to make a list of front doors that needs painting, fences that needs fixing, or yards that need clean up. Then think about putting together a team, ask others to help their community too, and give your town a spa day... street beautification ...and help those in need as well as those who have an itch that needs scratching! The best way to grow your club is to show others what you do, how much fun it is and what being a Lion means to your town.

Someone recently said that PDG Charlie and I were "madder than March hares" with all we do with Lions. This obviously has something to do with rabbits going bonkers around this time of year...feeling the call of spring just as strongly as all Lions do. Lions celebrate life and, like rabbits, bounce right back into the swing of spring after the dark days of winter. So get those ears

cleaned, your tails brushed and start hopping around your towns celebrating life and how Lions can bring hope of warmer days ahead.

Key dates in March --- to inspire you:

(LCI Calendar) Eye Donor Awareness Month and Celebrate Women Members Month

3/8 Daffodil is flower of the month

3/8 National Women's Day (celebrate the women in your club/community – maybe with a daffodil)

3/11 Johnny Appleseed Day (hand out apples)

3/20 International Earth Day (environmental clean-up)

PDG Pat Short – Membership Chair

Clubs Adding Members Feb. 2016

Poland, 4

Adding 1 during Feb.:
Delphi, Lizton, Martinsville Eve., Morgantown, Rossville, Young America, Zionsville

Top 8 Year-to-Date

Zionsville ,21
Colfax, 6
Greencastle, 5
Martinsville Eve, 5
Young America, 5

Royal Center, 5
Flora, 4
Poland, 4

9 clubs added 3, 7 clubs added 2, 10 clubs added 1
Note: 34 CLUBS HAVE ADDED MEMBERS THIS YEAR? THAT'S 61% --- IF YOUR CLUB IS ONE OF THE 22 NOT MENTIONED, YOU STILL HAVE 4 MONTHS TO



GMT Pat Short

Check out these upcoming webinars presented by LCI in March and early April. Although these may, at first glance, seem to only apply to club leaders, I believe that everyone can benefit from participation either live on the dates mentioned or later from watching the archived version. These will not only add to your ability to do more for your club, but also will benefit your career or, if retired, your other volunteer endeavors --- and even help you

To register for webinar, go to:

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/webinars/leadership>

GMT Pat Short



Diabetes Program Started

Diabetes Chair PDG Jim Query is happy to announce that Owen County Health Dept., in conjunction with the Spencer Lions Club and the Owen County YMCA, held a free blood glucose check recently. The YMCA hosted the event with Spencer Lion Sandy Miller, RN, administrating the testing. This initial program tested 12 people.

Remember that District C has funds that can help your local Lions Club to purchase the materials necessary to do the testing. 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

Where's the Governor?

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
- 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.

New Club Development in District 25-C

District 25C has not added a new club in **eight years.**

Our last new 25C club is the Poland Community

Lions Club, chartered September 2008.

PDG Ronnie Martin of Freeport, Texas, Lead New Club Development Consultant for Lions Clubs International will be coming to our District the week of APRIL 3-8 to help us start a new Lions Club in our district. He is a dynamic and highly skilled recruiter and is FUN!

We have already started recruiting charter members for a new club in Logansport and have 5 members on board! However, we need a minimum of 20 charter members to start a new club.

On Monday, **April 4, 2016, 9 a.m.**, PDG Ronnie will present a seminar on membership development at Trine University Logansport Campus at 421 E. Broadway (downtown). All Lions interested in learning more about membership development are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend this seminar, please contact PDG Pat Short (lionpatshort@aol.com or (765)743-3160) or District Governor Dick McKellar (317-769-2427) or macagcon@tds.net for additional information.

PDG Martin and a team of Lions will spend the week making personal and business contacts during

the day. Contact PDG Pat or DG Dick if you'd like to join this team!

If your club or zone would like a visit from PDG Ronnie one evening (except Tuesday) during this week, so much the better! It will be time well spent: an evening of Lions sharing membership growth/retention ideas and fellowship. And of course we may even have food!

District 25-G (no new club in 5 years) recently chartered a new club in Bremen with assistance from PDG Ronnie. So, the question is why not us too? And let's not stop at one club; let's shoot for at least 2!

GMT Pat Short

Leadership Development : Effective Presentations

Providing effective presentations is a fundamental skill of today's leaders. Join us as we explore common features of impactful presentations and explore ways to enhance your presentation content, image usage, and audience engagement.

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 12:00pm (12 Noon) CDT
Friday, April 1, 2016 7:00pm (19:00) CDT

Lionism as a Past District Governor

While this webinar addresses the challenges and opportunities of Lionism as a Past District Governor, all Lions may be interested in the discussion of four avenues of continuing Lions vitality: mentor, trainer-facilitator, club and district contributor and "first follower."

Wednesday, April 6, 2016 12:00pm (12 Noon) CDT Chicago
Friday, April 8, 2016 7:00pm (19:00) CDT Chicago

If you have any questions about webinars, please contact PDG Pat Short, (765) 743-3160 or lionpatshort@aol.com.

2016 INDIANA LION STATE CONVENTION

APRIL 29—MAY 1, 2016

"In the Heart of Amish Country"

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Friday Amish Farm Luncheon	\$ 15.00
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Saturday Celebration Luncheon	\$ 13.00
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Lion Kenny Caldwell, left in the picture greets and shares a moment with Lion Kathy Littlefield and International Director Dr. Robert Littlefield at the District 25C convention held at the St. Aphonsus Liguori Catholic Church in Zionsville.



Lion Bob Caudell receiving 30 year chevron from DG Dick during his visitation to the Crawfordsville Lions Club. (Photo courtesy of ID Dr. Robert Littlefield)



Lions Bob Caudell, Judy Goss, PDG Carl Goss and Paula Pardue from the Crawfordsville Lions Club share a laugh and refreshments of pecan and peach pie, and Brownie Berry Banana Pizza during DG Dick's visit to the Crawfordsville Lions Club. Crawfordsville Lions club is 84 years old this year!!! (Photo courtesy of ID Linda Tincher)



Donita Roberts of Sheltering Wings (an abuse shelter) accepts Valentines and candy from Lion Joann Greenlee, Secretary of the Plainfield Lions Club. The Plainfield Club partners with the Plainfield Elementary School students, who handmake valentines for all the community nursing homes.

One can never consent to creep when one feels the impulse to soar. - Helen Keller

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.