



District C Roars



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District Governor Richard McKellar

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Step Up

The District Governor and Karen have to date visited 15 Lions clubs. We have been received most graciously at each one. Each one is different. Just for some useful information, the DG visits for two reasons: to inform and to observe (the fun part is additional!) The district membership is doing well but one of the observations I have noted is the lack of a real "membership" drive. Folks, it takes work to enhance your membership. We can't always wait for them to "show up at the door". We have some good possibilities in the works for extension:

-ID Linda and PDG Vern Tincher, DG Dick and Lion Karen are a team of four that are working to establish a new Lions Club in Williamsport, IN. Williamsport is in Warren County, and if we are successful, it will be the only Lions Club in Warren County. West Lebanon, Indiana, just west of Williamsport, had a Lions

Club up until about 2000, also Pine Village just north of Williamsport had a Lions Club up until about 2004. Our hope is to make the new club an area club. We have shown some success in that we have 10 and money in hand. The reason for outlining this program is that I want you to know that it takes work. We have been to Williamsport for six weeks running, talking to people about Lions and trying to recruit. It is going to take about six more weeks. We are finally at a point where we will now have an organizational/information meeting to try and get help with additional recruiting from those already signed up. Wish us luck!

-At the same time, PDG Nick Xinopoulos and Lion Gretchen along with team members PDG Pat and PDG Charlie Short are another four person team operating in the Pittsboro area. We were also surprised in that PDG Nick has developed a nucleus in nearby Danville. It is a

lot to take on but PDG Nick and team are hard at it, and I have no qualms that they will be successful.

-Still a third team, PDG Ron Spivey (and whomever he selects) will be operating in his area and may be working in Parke County, which does not have a single Lions Club. PDG Ron has been successful at these kinds of ventures before, so there is no doubt in my mind that his team will once again be successful. PDG Ron is in recovery from some fairly significant surgery and will not be up and around for another few weeks, wish him well.

-A fourth team of PDG Pat and PDG Charlie are going to once again push for a club in Logansport. This has been a hard go. We will eventually be successful in that community. Finally, as you all know, Monticello disbanded in June of 2015. Their cause was real, and we wish the

former members the best of luck. BUT, there is a potential (providing there is enough time) to restart a new club there, we still have the charter. Monticello has a population of about 15000, and is prime for a Lions Club. Any Volunteers?

Anyone wanting to know more about how we do this can call me ,and I will hook you up with the proper person or persons. It is actually fun and can be exciting, also, it is good for Lions!



Gov. Dick



Club Excellence Award

Congratulations to IPG Charles Roth and the following club Presidents who achieved the "Club President Excellence Award" for the Lion 2014-2015 year:

Lion Nellye Schopmeyer,
Brazil

Lion David Thomas,
Brookston,

Lion Robert Dixon,
Cayuga

Lion Ronald Israel, **Delphi**

Lion Scott Werner,
Frankfort

Lion James Brown,
Jamestown Community

Lion Cindy Hickson,
Lebanon

Lion Larry Wickens,
Newport

Lion Wayne Carter,
Plainfield

Lion Robert Sonnefield,
Poland Community

Lion Martin Pursel, **Young
America**

According to IPG Charles, unfortunately, there were a number of other clubs who met all the requirements except making a donation to Lions Clubs International Foundation.

(**Hint:** It doesn't need to be a huge donation!!!)

Requirements are:

Conduct three or more service projects

Contribute to LCIF

Achieve a net growth in membership or sponsor a new club (a minimum of one more member)

Communicate the club's service projects effectively to the public and to the club membership.

Have a majority of the club's officers participate in a leadership program at the zone or district level.

Hold meaningful meetings and submit club reports in a timely manner (MMR and SAR)

Remain in Good Standing (International and State & District Dues paid)



1VDG Ross, Lion Jennifer and Cub Danielle at Clayshire Castle after the cabinet meeting in Riley Oct. 10

I always look forward to the end of each month (with a certain degree of anxiety I will add) to see how our clubs finish out the month. Time and time again, I am amazed. To close out September, District 25C was the only district in Indiana showing positive membership growth (+1), and our activities listed on the Service Activity Reports (SAR) just keep growing and growing. We had over **71%** of the clubs file at least one activity is September. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**

It was great to see a big turnout for the 2nd Cabinet Meeting in Riley on October 10, 2015. The meeting was great, the meal was great, and the weather was perfect. Several Lions from my club even had time to stop

by the Clayshire Castle near Bowling Green, Indiana.

Also, "Congratulations!" to my home club, the Martinsville Noon Lions Club, for celebrating their 90th Anniversary on October 16, 2015. A dinner was held on October 14th with International Director Linda Tinchter giving the keynote speech, and a video depicting the founding of LCI was shown, depicting the sights and sounds of the day.

One last note, **November 15th is the deadline to file your club's 990 form with the IRS and an NP-20A with the Indiana Department of Revenue.** For clubs generating less than \$50,000 per year, it only takes just a few minutes to file online at <https://epostcard.form990.org/>. For clubs generating more than \$50,000 per year, the standard 990 form is required.



loaded online and printed from the Indiana Department of Revenue site at

<https://forms.in.gov/download.aspx?id=2813>.

We are currently working with a few clubs to get their tax-exempt status reinstated with the IRS. The Legal Division at Lions Clubs International has advised that clubs cannot operate in any fundraising efforts without being recognized by the IRS as tax-exempt, and that LCI can revoke a club's charter for failure to comply.



1VDG Ross Drapalik

The NP-20A form can be down-



Veterans, We Appreciate You!

When we think of November, the first holiday that comes to mind is usually Thanksgiving. That puts me in the right frame of mind to give thanks to the men and women who have served in our military forces. Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11th each year in remembrance of signing the cease fire agreement between the Allied Forces and Germany at the end of World War I. The interesting thing about the original date in history is that the agreement was signed on 11/11/1918 at 11am, a memorable date - 11/11 at 11:00. Since 1918 the United States has been involved in several more wars and conflicts, so the scope of remembrance has broadened.

Veterans Day is a time to give recognition to those brave soldiers who willingly put themselves in harm's way to protect our nation and its allies around the world and lived to come back home. Veterans know what it means to work as team members, who do things

together that they could never accomplish alone. They have a desire to do something worthwhile, to make a difference with their lives and have been a part of something much bigger than themselves.

Veterans, we the people of the U.S.A. need you and give thanks to you for all that you endured in your time of service on our behalf! Most of us cannot imagine the terrors, the horrors that you witnessed. Many of you came home with injuries or disabilities that changed your lives forever, but you persevere and press on with life.

Veterans are the kind of people that we need as members of our service teams, so Lions Clubs International is waiving the entrance fee for veterans who join a local club through June 30, 2016. Ask a veteran you know to consider becoming a Lion to put their skills and experience to work in service to your community.

-- Lion Karen Ottjes
P Pres. Thorntown

Melvin Jones Fellowships

Any Indiana Lions Club or person that would like to receive their Melvin Jones Fellowship presented during the Indiana Lions

State Convention on Saturday April 30, 2016 in Shipshewana, IN. should plan for it now. Everyone will have this unique opportunity in that it will be presented by current Lions Clubs International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada and PIP Wayne Madden. This will be a great photo opportunity for you and your Lions Club.

Even if you do not have the actual MJF plaque during the Indiana Lions State Convention, we will make the presentation using a "sample" MJF plaque and then you will receive your official plaque later.

Please contact PDG Gary Ochs, Indiana LCIF Multiple District Coordinator by Monday April 20th, 2016 at gochsinlions@att.net or 812-275-7241.

(Editor's Note: A listing of all clubs/people with a MJF or a portion thereof is found in **Attachment #2**, which accompanies this newsletter. **Please read it carefully! Your club may be surprised to be on this list.)**

Peace Poster and Peace Essay

Deadline



Participating clubs must have one (1) poster and/or one (1) essay postmarked to DG Dick McKellar by November 15, 2015.

Please let me know if your club will be participating in either contest.

You can either call/text me at 765-346-1231 or by email at jennifer.drapalik@sbcglobal.net.

Lion Jennifer Drapalik

OPERATION KIDSIGHT

Operation KidSight is moving into a new office ...again.

Beginning October 23, 2015, please address all screenings and correspondence to:

Operation KidSight
8780 Purdue Rd.
Suite 5
Indianapolis, IN
46268

Phone number, fax number and e-mail will stay the same.

If you have any questions, contact me.

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Where's the Governor?

November

- 4 Delphi Lions
- 5 Riley Township
- 6-7 IN Lions Conference
- 11 Clinton
- 14 IN Lions FDN
- 16 Plainfield
- 23 Cloverdale

December

- 2 Walton
- 6 Speech & Hearing Luncheon
- 9 Brownsburg

January

- 9 MD 25 Council Meeting
- 13 Lebanon
- 30 District C Cabinet Meeting

February

- 9 Frankfort
- 13 IN Lions Foundation
- 15 Jamestown
- 25-27 District Convention

March

- 2 Lafayette
- 10 Monon
- 14 Michigantown
- 15 Royal Center

April

- 6 Camden
- 11 Terre Haute Evening
- 25-May1 MD 25 State Convention

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

Leadership Lines Every Little Bit Helps

Sometimes, the message we send each month gets a bit, well, stale. We talk about some of the great things that the clubs are doing. We talk about the upcoming leadership conference on November 6-7. All the things that fill the calendar.

I'll admit, sometimes, it all runs together. It can be a bit much. The next BIG THING we are all supposed to stand and salute? Well, I can't blame you for being a bit underwhelmed.

But let's take a minute and re-examine that concept. Sometimes, the most important things are the small things. They cost nothing. They don't take two minutes. But they are the "little bit" that helps everyone enjoy being a Lion.

Every little bit helps. We've all heard it. Does it mean doing that last bit of a task to make it fully complete? Sure it does. Does it mean being extra careful with our funds or finding a way to make that little extra cash? Yes, it does. The Scots say "every mickle makes a muckle". I think that's something like every little thing makes a great thing,

even if it sounds like something else. It means all of these and more. It means the phone call or email to praise a Lion for a great job. It means a bit of comfort when things don't go the way they were planned. A nomination for an award. A card or call for the ill members of your club. Flowers. Appreciation. Gratitude. Encouragement. Praise.

These things aren't the fuel of Lions, but they can be the oil that keeps your Lions engine running well. Take a minute every day this month to do one thing like this, and it will be the best investment you've ever made in your life and your club.

See you at Leadership Conference! I will be presenting on school vision screening, so drop by to hear the great news on this exciting project. Until then, Happy Trails from

PDG Charlie Short

5 Ways to Boost Member Satisfaction and Grow Your Club

We all know that inviting a member into our clubs is as easy as asking a family member, friend or neighbor, but how do we keep our members satisfied and make sure they are getting the best member experience with their Lions club?

Learn from special panelist, District GMT Coordinator Jane Jarrow how her membership growth plan has increased her club membership by almost **50%!**

Although this webinar took place live on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, you can go online and access it in the Membership Webinar archive section of LCI... here is the link <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/webinars/membership-webinars.php>

PDG Pat Short
District Membership

Let Us Know

Governor Dick would like to know if any club in District C participates in the Dictionary Project, how many students are involved, and how long your club has been doing it.

For example, the Spencer Lions have participated in distributing dictionaries to all of our 3rd grade students in all 4 of our elementary schools in our county for several years. Teachers have remarked that they have noticed a marked improvement in their students work and achievements, and each student takes great pride in owning his own dictionary.

The teachers instruct the students on how to use their books and urge them to keep the dictionaries for use throughout their school career.

Please send your information to Gov. Dick: macagcon@tds. and consider making this one of your club's project. It's fun to hand them out, see the smiling faces and know that you are helping

to further a child's education!

thanks for sharing it with us!



Membership

Zionsville Lions Club Membership Co-Chair Keith Hughes stated that one vehicle used to get the word out on the club and what it does was to contact local Homeowners Associations. They, in turn, distributed info on Lions and a letter from the club to residents. By the time you read this, Zionsville expects to have inducted 4-8 additional new members to add to the 11 they've already inducted this Lions' year! What a great idea and

Top Five Clubs Year to Date

Zionsville has added 11 new members to its club since July this year, making it the top club so far this year.

Colfax Lions have added 6 new members. Royal Center has added 5. Young America is just behind them with 4 new members and Prairie Creek is right on their heels with 3!

Three clubs have added 2 new members and 15 clubs have added 1 Lion! This is a very positive outlook for our district so far! What are you doing to make it happen in your club?

PDG Pat Short

Membership



No, these aren't aliens from another planet! Lebanon Lions Club members trying on special glasses engineered to show the effects of various vision problems experienced by the sight impaired. Left to right: Lions Joe Williams, Sharon Walker and Brad Bailey. Photo by PDG Pat Short



PDG Pat Short (25C ISBVI Trustee) tells the Lions ISBVI State Project story to the Lebanon LC members and students from the Lebanon High School Key Club.



President Margi McConnaha displays new club sign for display in the foyer of the Ulen Country Club in Lebanon where the club meets.



Trunk or Treat featured baskets of candy in car trunks suitably decorated. Shown at the right are the offering of the Brownsburg Club replete with tiny lions in a cage and a more ... "mature" ... lion soaking up the limited amount of sun available that day. The rain came down in buckets, and most of the trick-or-treaters were glad to have just a little dry in a field of wet.

Regardless of the weather, Lions had a good time and met a number of new neighbors.

Photo by Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos



The Brownsburg Lions Club was a Platinum sponsor for Brian's Trike Race again this year. The team journeyed from Bundy Lodge to the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Eight lions and two guest riders took part in the event to raise money for the school. Long time Lion and former Trustee for the School, Don Acton, was unable to make the trip.

Shown at left (l-r back row) are Tom Campbell, Steve Renzi, Tami Bray, Gerald Mazingo, Denise Mazingo, Val Morrison, Lidja Rideout, Nick Xinopoulos. In the front row are Visitor Isalain McInain, Visitor Sadie Martin, Elaine Harritty and Gretchen Xinopoulos. (Not shown : Ray Furner)



Great chefs at work! Prairie Creek Lions held their annual Hobo Stew.

(left to right) Lions Neil Hunt, Bill Pearman, Marv Mericle, guest Larry Hawn , Lions Pat Moore and Larry Ridge keep watch on the Hobo Stew.

Plainfield Lions Club Annual Fruit Sale Fundraiser

For the past several years, members of the Plainfield Lions Club have sold navel oranges and red grapefruit to the local community. Funds raised by the fruit sale will be used to fund projects to benefit the local community and to help the five state projects of the Indiana Lions: Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund, Inc., Leader Dogs for the Blind, Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc., Indiana School for the Blind & Visually Impaired, Inc., and the Indiana Lions Eye & Tissue Bank.

Fruit orders will be taken through November 8, 2015 with delivery in early December. Navel Oranges: 10 lb. carton is \$13 and a 20 lb. carton is \$25. Grapefruit: 10 lb. carton is \$12 and a 20 lb. carton is \$23. Mixed carton of Navel Oranges and Grapefruit: 10 lb. carton is \$13 and a 20 lb. carton is \$24. Payment on delivery.

Navel Oranges and Grapefruit will also be available for purchase at the Plainfield Recreation Center in early-mid December.

Money raised by this fruit sale will allow Lions to meet pressing needs in our community. The Plainfield Lions Club would like to thank everyone who places a fruit order because you are truly helping Lions make a difference in our community.

For more information or to place an order, please contact Gene Young at 317-839-4021 or via email at Yej3129@aol.com or Tom Iles at 317-600-5193 or via email at t.iles@sbcglobal.net.

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