



District C Roars



Issue 2

District Governor Richard McKellar

August 2015

And We're Off!

What an extraordinary cabinet meeting! Attendance was outstanding for a busy Saturday.

We conducted the immediate business of the district and made some presentations. The Brookston Lions Club and the Michigantown Lions Club each received a "2014-2015 District Growth Award" for membership growth in the district. Congratulations!

All of the officers were in attendance along with five of the seven zone chairs and they received their zone chair pins (two had previous commitments). A real exception was the significant number of the district 25C representatives to the state committees who were present. Seventeen of our thirty-two committee chairs were in attendance, and thirteen of those gave verbal reports.

Also in attendance were the Global Membership Chair PDG Pat Short, the Global Leadership Chair PDG Charlie Short and the LCIF Coordinator Karen McKellar.

Six of sixteen project trustees representing Cancer Control, Eye Bank, Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and Leader Dog were present.

The Indiana Lions Foundation was represented by PDG Bill Penn and DG Dick McKellar.

All presenters were encouraged to keep to the time schedule (and most did!), and we closed at 2:15 p.m. Might that be a record?!. This could not have been done without the help of several Zionsville Lions who were willing to give up part of their Saturday. Thanks to Tom and Gail Robbins, Robert Deever and Hugh Breen, Cherie McKamey, Gordon Mallett and Dan Dumbauld.

A final comment... on that day Karen and I celebrated our 56th wedding anniversary with 51 great Lion friends. I surprised my bride with a cake, which we shared with everyone. What a great way to "kick" off the 2015-2016 Lion year!

Sorry if the comments above seem "homey", but just starting out I did not want to lecture you. Lets' hope for a great year--it certainly has started with great promise!



The district cabinet for 2015-2016 is as follows:

- District Governor
Dick McKellar
Zionsville
- 1st Vice District Governor
Ross Drapalik
Martinsville Noon
- 2nd Vice District Governor
to be announced
- Secretary
Gretchen Xinopoulos
Brownsburg
- Treasurer
Karen McKellar
Zionsville

Brian's Trike Race

A flyer will be coming (separately) concerning your group's application or sponsorship. An article is located on p.6.



Why are you a Lion?

The other day I was being fitted for my official Lions uniform, and the tailor asked me what the uniform was for? I told him that I am a district officer in the Lions Club. His question to me was, "What's Lions Clubs?" Now at that particular moment I had to pause to give him the answer. "We're a service organization like the Rotary and the Kiwanis and the Optimists; however we are the largest of them all with 1.4 million members worldwide."

Later that day, my answer started to bother me. Why did I need to compare our organization to those other ones? We should be at the top of the list, and all people should know who we are. So, it got me thinking, "Why am I a Lion?" I'm still working on that two-minute elevator speech.

Here's a pretty simple question that you can answer to help me figure out my 2-

minute speech: "Why are you a Lion?"

Well the first thing that may come to mind is that "So-and-so asked me to join." That's a pretty simple answer to the simple question. Most of us were asked at one point to join, but I will ask again, "Why are you a Lion?"

Some may have joined because their father or grandfather was a Lion, a Lion legacy of sorts. We have several of these types of members in my own home club, but "Why are you a Lion?"

Some may see Lions as an opportunity to socialize and network with others in my community. Maybe even my company wants me to be

involved in a service club. That's a fair enough answer, but "Why are you a Lion?"

Maybe the best answer is found in our motto, "WE SERVE." We serve those in need in our neighborhoods, our communities, our state, country, and world. We help vision screen children and help those struggling to see the trees or the teacher in the classroom a pair of glasses. We help that needy grandmother get a pair of hearing aids so they can hear their grandchild's laughter. We help the homeless man down on the corner get a warm meal. We bring the community together while sponsoring the fireworks display, the carnival, or the downtown festival. This list can go on,

and on, and on. Simply stated, "WE SERVE."

Maybe we need to be willing to go out and ask a friend, "Why aren't you a Lion?" Maybe we don't do that often enough because we don't know how to respond when they ask us, "Why are you a Lion?"

Maybe we can work on this together..."Why are we Lions?"

1VDG Ross Drapalik

International Understanding

My interpretation of International Understanding is that the words "We Serve" have been practiced not only in our communities but also in the World around us. The more we know about each other the better we will be as an organization.

I had the privilege to attend four International Conventions and meet Lions from all around the World. I came to realize all Lions are the same with the same goal to serve mankind in spite of the language barrier, or racial and cultural differences. "Through personal experience and by working



with fellow Lions in international projects, Lions will come to understand and appreciate the cultures and values of other people. Mutual acceptance and help can be achieved through working together to build good will."

My suggestion to you is that when you travel here in our country or abroad, try and visit the local Lions Club. The best thing that can happen is to create new friendships and learn from each other new ways for serving our communities. The need now, more than ever, is to try and find new ways to serve and help each other in order to become better at what we do.

We have a variety of ideas that can be explored: youth exchange, youth camps, twinning, amateur radio communications, friendship contacts, assistance projects, cultural activities, educational services, international services, and the humanitarian endeavors of the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

If any Lions wish to sponsor an exchange student, work with your district youth exchange chairperson concerning the Lions International Youth Exchange and Youth Camp program.

The motto "We Serve" has no conditions. Concern, love, and humanitarian service cannot be limited.

So reach out and create new friendships. We have a lot to learn from each other. The more we talk about each other and Lions abroad, we all benefit from it.

PDG Nick Xinopoulos

International Understanding Chairperson

LCIF - YOUR FOUNDATION -

Building a LCIF network and establishing club goals

As a Lion, do you know what LCIF is? We hear the acronyms LCI and LCIF but do we understand how they are alike and how they are different?

Lions Clubs International (LCI) is the administrative part of our organization. As one of the 1.4 million Lions throughout the world, you pay membership dues through your local club on a semi-annual basis. (\$43.00 per Lion – per year). These dues pay the salaries of the professional staff and maintain the International Headquarters in Oakbrook, Illinois and satellite offices in other constitutional areas and operational expenses for both LCI and LCIF.

In 1968 Lions Clubs International established a humanitarian foundation, **Lion Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)** for the purpose of funding Lions Projects throughout the world by awarding grants for projects through their LCIF Grants Program. These grants support four areas of service:

- Preserving Sight
- Serving Youth
- Providing Disaster Relief



- Supporting Humanitarian Efforts

As an example, since April 2015 when Nepal was struck by an earthquake, LCIF has provided more than \$400,000 in aid directly to the people of Nepal.

Since 1968 Indiana has received \$745,705 in grants from LCIF. Districts in Indiana have received 41 Emergency Grants. These grants are administered by the District Governor within hours of when emergencies occur. In addition 38 Standard Grants have been awarded in the amount of \$1,279,134, this ranges from purchasing computers for the Indiana State School for the Blind, expanding eyeglass recycling programs in four districts, developing diabetic retinopathy screening programs and constructing playgrounds for disabled children.

How are these grants paid for? From funds donated by clubs through the Melvin Jones Honor program and personal contributions from members and friends. 75% of the US\$40,000,000 raised by LCIF last year came through the Melvin Jones Honor Program.

BUDGETS AND GOALS:

PDG Charlie Short established our District's goal for 2014-2015 as \$10,000 and the good news is that we accomplished the goal by raising \$10,945.00. The bad news is that we had 22 clubs (38.6%) who did not

participate. This is disappointing since two years ago we had 100% participation of the Clubs in District 25-C. **CAN WE DO THAT AGAIN? You bet you we can.** If each individual Lion in District C contributes \$10.00 during 2015-2016, we would raise \$15,500.

What your club can do. We know that many clubs are experiencing financial issues and stretching their budgets to meet all the needs of the club and community, but can you do one more thing? **Why not have a small fundraiser to support LCIF?** One that may work for you is something called the *“Dish and Donation” Dinner*. Gather up your members, their families and ask them to bring one guest couple. The club buys the meat and a couple of side dishes and the attendees bring a dish or two to pass. Then ask each family to make a donation in a suggested amount of what it would have cost to take your family to a restaurant for the evening. The donations can then be sent to LCIF as a donation. Our club does this in lieu of a Christmas party and we raise a nice \$\$\$ amount for a charity each year.

As your new LCIF Coordinator I would like you to consider each club--

Make a commitment to make a donation to LCIF during the 2015-2016 Lions year. Let’s strive to have 100% participation by our 57 clubs. That and a net gain of at least one member, will get you a “club excellence award.”

Select a person in your club to be the **“LCIF” contact person.** Perhaps get them to sign up for a multiple year program so that we have continuity in our contacts

If your club is one of the 61% who made donations to LCIF last year, consider increasing this donation by 10%.

Consider personal giving. Many of us support charities throughout the year. LCIF is your charity. Consider making a personal donation in lieu of giving someone a gift. **Remember every penny you give helps someone to a better life. There are no administrative costs.** We all have enough “stuff” and just \$1 donation to LCIF will save the life of one child by providing measles vaccine. You will be hearing more about this great program as the year progresses. If you have any questions about how to do this, I will be happy to “walk you through” the procedure – it’s easy and you can do it on line or by mail.

Karen McKellar
District 25-C LCIF
Coordinator
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FYI-What If....?

The following article does NOT reflect upon any club in our district...and we intend to keep it that way! However, we all need to be informed of LCI policy changes...what to look for, what to avoid and how to fix it!

"A Club which has an unpaid balance in excess of \$20/member or \$1,000/club, whichever is less, outstanding past 120 days will be automatically suspended including the charter, rights, privileges, and obligation of the Lions Club. In the event the Club does not reach an active status by the 28th day of the month following suspension, their charter would be automatically canceled.

Beginning July 1, 2015, clubs will automatically be placed on Financial Suspension of balances beyond 90 days that exceed \$20/member or \$1,000/ club, whichever is less, and cancellation will occur after the 28th of the month following suspension if full payment is not received. Also, clubs canceled more than twice will be ineligible for reactivation.

Suspension is the temporary deferment of the charter, rights, privileges and obligations of a Lions club due to an unpaid balance. Clubs on suspension shall not:

- Conduct service activities
- Conduct fund raising activities;
- Participate in district and multiple district functions or seminars;
- Participate in any voting outside of the club;
- Endorse or nominate a candidate for district, multiple district and international office;
- Submit Monthly Membership Report and report forms;
- Sponsor a Lions club, or organize a Leo or a Lioness club.

Clubs on Suspension shall:

- Hold meetings to discuss the future of the club and

identify the steps needed to regain an active status.

- Make payments to clear the existing outstanding balance, or request a payment plan.

This amended policy has serious consequences for clubs that pay their club balances in excess of 90 days. All clubs should review their statements regularly, and send the necessary payments to ensure their active status is protected. Officers should prepare to schedule payments as required and review and update membership by visiting www.lionsclubs.org and consider paying online.

Contact membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org for additional information. "

If you think you see your club approaching this situation, give your Zone Chair and Governor a call. We are all here to help each other!

Ask 1 Stars Results

District 25C placed 3RD in the State for membership at year end. We added 165 new members ----- that's the most members we've added in five years!

Kudos to everyone who brought in a new Lion. You're doing a great job in building your teams to help people and have more fun. Keep adding new members, keep the ones you've got happy and healthy and keep your clubs growing.

Do this and by end of June 2016 we'll be #1!

PDG Pat Short
GMT

Harmony Among Generations"

(and don't we all need this!)

LCI will be conducting a webinar in August on understanding generational differences that can assist with both member recruitment and retention. (Webinars are virtual lectures or training sessions presented live on the Internet.)

This one will explore Lions' diverse motivations and talk about how clubs can identify and value these different perspectivesto keep all of our Lions happy, so clubs can be more successful. Don't miss this popular "LIVE" webinar! It will run twice so you have two opportunities to actively participate, learn and hear what other Lions have to say.

[Wed, Aug 5, 2015, 1 pm EDT \(Noon CDT\) and Fri, Aug 14, 2015, 8 pm EDT \(7 pm CDT\)](#)

If you are not available on either of these dates/times, the webinar will be archived so you can listen to the recording of the webinar later at your convenience.

I recommend that all Club Presidents and Membership Chairs take advantage of this valuable session. If you need to know how to sign up for and participate in this or any

LCI webinar, go to: <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/webinars/leadership/index.php#sthash.bM1nnikh.dpuf>. Call me if you need any additional help.

PDG Pat Short - GMT

School Vision Screening Training

District 25C's first 2015 School Vision Screening Training will be held on Tuesday August 11th from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Battle Ground Lions Den, downtown BG at the crossing.

This training will include refresher training for the Optec 5000 screening units and introduce the new AAPOS chart system. Light refreshments.

RSVP to PDG Charlie Short with your club's name and how many plan to attend. ALL CLUBS are welcome to attend.

(765) 743-3160 or charlesshort45@yahoo.com

Workers Needed Soon!

State Fair Volunteer Workers are needed August 7-23.

This is our Indiana Foundation's largest fundraiser and is used to

provide grants to Lions Clubs in our state. Please sign up at:

<http://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org>

Leadership Lines August 2015

The new Lions year is off to a fun start after Banner Night! Here are some upcoming items for your consideration and calendar:

Leadership isn't just for officers. As Lions, we step up and do things that lead by example. That's why this year, we are going to try something a little different. District 25C will recognize a Lion for outstanding leadership each month, nominated by their club.

Nominations must be received by the 15th of the month, along with a short description of what they did to earn it, a short Lions bio, and a head-shot picture of the nominee. First-quarter winners will be announced in September, followed with monthly winners. A **Lion Leader of the Year** will be selected from nominees and awarded at the first cabinet meeting next year. Send nominee info to Yours Truly at charlesshort45@yahoo.com.

USA/Canada Forum is in Grand Rapids MI again this year, and it's always a good, informative time. September 17-19th: see you there!

www.usacanadalionsforum.org

Lions Faculty Development Institute is open for Lions wanting to improve presentation skills and training knowledge and grow future leaders! **Deadline for application is August 30th** for this Chicago-based program. Contact me for more information!

What's a GLT? A sandwich? NO! The GLT is a new club officer's best friend and a consultant for club planning, member orientation, officer training, Club Excellence Process and much, much more. As **your District Leadership Chair**, the GLT helps you plan your year, avoid the rocks, and **helps Lions have more FUN.**

Don't forget our Facebook pages and groups! Indiana Lions District 25C, Leadership Forum and Recruiting Forum help you get the most out of your Lions experience and share what works and what doesn't, while keeping up on the latest news.

THANK YOU for all you do as Lions. Every Lion is a community leader.

PDG Charlie Short, GLT
(765) 743-3160

Are You Working Out?

OK, have you honestly been working out this summer? Been pumping those pedals on that bicycle or has it been

gathering dust in the garage? It won't be long before **BRIAN'S TRIKE RACE** will be here. The question is-- **WILL YOU BE READY?**

Brian's Trike Race will be held October 4th and will benefit the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Team deadline entries will be September 21. More information will be included in next month's newsletter, or you can get a head start on the competition by calling Pat Henninger at 317-908-8884 or e-mail her at iwtlions@gmail.com.

You have been warned, Lions! At least get on that stationary bike in front of the TV! (And actually put your feet on the pedals and move them around and around!!)

ATTENTION, CLUBS!

Activities Chair Jana Schwartz would like to know the " Who, What, When, Where and How Many" of your club's activities! It will be quite helpful to share your activities with other clubs -- give all of us an idea or two for possible projects and fundraisers.

(In fact, we can publicize *before the event in the newsletter* to share with all Lions in District C!)

Contact Lion Jana at: joejanaschwartz@comcast.net

The (RE)-Newest Club in Town!

North Vernon Lions Club

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!:

You are invited to help **WELCOME BACK** and **CELEBRATE** the return of the **North Vernon Lions Club**. We'll be inducting new members and installing their officers



August 8th, 2015, 6pm to ???

Keynote speaker International Director Linda Tincher

First Christian Church
108 E Walnut St,
North Vernon, IN 47265

Pre-registration will be \$20.15
(in honor of chartering in 2015) by July 30, 2015 or \$25.00
after deadline (July 30, 2015) at the door.

Please mail checks to
Lion Secretary Shae Everage : 1305 N. Co. Rd. 615E , Butlerville, IN 47223

*****Special items for auction: '54 Milan Signed Basketball, Signed Indiana Basketball History, Holiday World Tickets, Airplane rides, plus many more!**

Club: _____ **District:** _____

Name and Title: _____

Name and Title: _____

Number Attending _____ **X \$20.15 = Amount Enclosed \$**



**2017 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
PIN DESIGN
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, USA**

**The 2017 International Convention is here in our own backyard...
In Chicago.....the Windy City**

1. Start thinking about the Chicago River, Willis Tower (formerly Sears Tower), Millennium Park, John G Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum, Lakeshore Drive, Navy Pier, Magnificent Mile, Art Institute, Adler Planetarium, Hancock Tower, Wrigley Field, the Loop, Lincoln Park, Watertown Place, Soldiers Field and of course, great pizza and Legoland!
2. This design does not have to be created by a Lion, but can be submitted by Lions friends and family members, Leos or students in your communities.
3. Remember, we are looking for concepts, not finished art
4. Each club is asked to submit 1 design to DG Dick McKellar by November 15, 2015.
5. One design will be selected and submitted to State Council in January.
6. The pin design must include:

- MD 25 Indiana (as text)**
- Chicago, USA representation**
- 2017**
- MD25 graphic representation**
- The Lion Club Intl. Logo**

7. Our MD 25 pin usually includes a race car and/or the outline of Indiana.
8. Other than these criteria, the design options are pretty much open.
So, get your creative juices flowing -- let's see a winning 2017 design from 25C!

PDG Pat Short -- District 25C State Pin Design Chair

2013 Hamburg

2014 Toronto

2015 Honolulu

2016 Fukuoka, Japan

2017 Chicago, USA



**(YOUR DESIGN
HERE)**



Battle Ground Lions with their food booth at the Indiana Fiddlers Gathering in Battle Ground.



Lafayette Lions Club "Shootout-Fore-Sight" \$10,000 hole-in-one fundraiser for sight-related Lions charities.

L-to-R: Pat and Lion Kelley Carr, Lion Keith Bundy and President Bob Goldberg

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joejanaschwartz@comcast.net

Please send articles/pictures to editor:

Charlotte Query

jequery@bluemarble.net

Share your club's news on this page! We try to keep the newsletter short, filled with up-to-date news to help make your club more effective, and still share the fun.

This editor is located in the hills of southern Indiana where e-mail reception can be messed up by weather and heavy loads. I humbly ask that your submissions be kept to 5 MB per submission by the 20th of the month. (Though you may make more than one submission!)



SR 231 S Roadside Clean Up – Lafayette Lions Club picks up trash on a 1 ½ mile stretch of US 231 S – 11 large garbage bags of trash collected. L-to-R: Lions Jerry Metzinger, President Bob Goldberg, Lion Dave Ehlers, Lion Tim Lawlor (taking photo), Jackson Lawlor and Lion Ron Castleberry.