



# District C Roars



**Issue 3**

**District Governor Richard McKellar**

**September 2015**

## On the Road

The year rolls on and Karen and I are starting our club visitations. So far it has been fun! We enjoy meeting the Lion members from other clubs, finding out what some of their activities are and getting ideas to pass on to others. Part of the job of the District Governor, when visiting, is to inform. We need to, or try to talk about membership, leadership, Lions Club International Foundation, etc., all the things that "you" do as Lions and sometimes are not even aware of. Many clubs, for example, do not participate in any way at the district level. I would like to say to those clubs that you are missing something. There are so many "helps" at the District, State and International level. If, in your heart, you really would like to increase membership, then tap into the LCI resource section. It takes hard work. Along with that hard work is a step up in dedication, there is no magic wand. Your club member status will be just what you make it.

On another note; Ross and I are still looking for that second vice district governor. Out of 1540 members in district C there must be someone that will take this position. Going beyond that,

what about the year after that and the year after that? This is not a hard job to do and believe or not I am having fun! You learn so much about Lions as you move along, in the training sessions and in meetings that you attend. We have a great district, and we could make it even greater with some help.

Ross is working with the eleven or so clubs that are in IRS suspension. This situation is critical to your charitable status. Even more debilitating could be the "old" rule that is now being enforced by LCI that is the rule of payment of dues or club supplies within 90 days or the club goes into LCI suspension. What does LCI suspension mean for a club: its' ugly!!!

- Suspension of the club charter
- All rights, privileges and obligations of the club
- Cannot conduct service activities and fund-raising activities
- Participate in district functions and seminars
- Endorse or nominate a

candidate for higher office

- Cannot submit monthly MMR reports
- Cannot sponsor new clubs

Suspended clubs can hold meetings to discuss the future of the club and to identify actions to take to regain and active status. If you need help in anyway, please contact either Ross or myself.



*Don't forget our District Cabinet Meeting October 10 at the Riley Lions building. We will also be holding a special convention.*



## September is Here...

and the district has one great big problem: **WE STILL DON'T HAVE A 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR!**

One of the things that DG Dick has emphasized is the need for our district to have a succession plan in place with Lions lined up to become district governor for two, three, or even possibly four years down the line.

"Succession" is defined as: A number of people (Lions), sharing a specified characteristic (a heart of service), following one after the other. Although there has been some interest shown by a few to get in the succession line next year, no one has stepped up this year.

One of the things that I have heard about is the amount of money it takes to be a district governor. There is no denying that it does take money to be district governor, but most of the district governor's expenses are paid for by Lions Clubs

International, the Multiple District 25 (Lions of Indiana), and by District 25C.

As with many looking to move through the DG chairs, my home club is excited about the opportunity to have another of its members serve as a district governor, and they have been gracious with their pledge of support.

When I actually decided to get in line towards becoming district governor, I actually made a tactical error. I thought that I was going to be installed as district governor during the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of Lions in Chicago, Illinois. No airline flight, no jet lag, and no language barriers to contend with. **OOPS!** I miscalculated that by a year and instead will be going to Fukuoka, Japan towards the end of this Lions' year. From Indianapolis to Fukuoka will require at least two layovers, with the longest flight being a minimum of 14 hours; there is an 11-hour time difference which will make it difficult to video chat with our 8-year old daughter back home, and we'll have to deal with the currency conversion from dollars to yen and back again. Not to even mention that I'm not a big fan of sushi.

So if you're worried about traveling to the International Convention during your district governor year, don't let that stop you. The next two conventions after Japan are in Chicago in 2017 for the *Centennial of Lions*, followed by Las Vegas in 2018. Both of these conventions are sure

to be memorable and much more affordable.

When looking at the word "succession," one thing pops out to me almost immediately. That is the word "success." If we as a district want to continue to have success, we must get a succession plan in order now.

Interested? Give me a call.

1VDG Ross Drapalik



**DISTRICT 25C HAS A NEW CANDIDATE FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR.**

Lion Chloe Weyrauch from the Prairie Creek Lions Club has expressed her desire to serve as 2VDG for the current 2015-16 year!

## **This Is My Club**

It is composed of people just like me.

It will be friendly...  
if I am.

It will do great work...  
if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes...

if I am generous.

It will bring others into its membership...

if I bring them.

It will be a club of loyalty and mutual care and service...

if I, who make it what it is,  
am filled with these.

Therefore, I dedicate myself to the task of being all these things I want my club to be.

Thanks to Lion Karen Ottjes for this.

**SERVICE,**  
**SERVICE,**  
**SERVICE.....WHY**  
**WE ARE LIONS!**

We've all heard "**Where there's a need, there's a Lion**" so many times that I sometimes think we take it for granted. We all know of people, young and old, who are struggling...so, there are lots of needs in our communities....and we are many Lions ...so let's get out there and determine where we can help most. Being visible in what we do draws others to us like moths to the light....if we shine bright enough, they can't resist!

Take a page from Lion James Brown (Jamestown LC) and arrange to be interviewed by your local radio/TV station or newspaper. Tell your story and like the Jamestown Club experienced, prospective new members will come knocking on your door.

Thinking of service, there are countless ways to impact youth through service.... Why not have your club participate in **Lions Children's Dignity Week** to benefit the most vulnerable members of our community and make the future brighter for our children... **August 30–**

**September 5**..... A great opportunity to promote your club and help children live happier, healthier lives. Invite friends, family and other community members to help you. Or what about inviting women's organizations in your community to work with you? Service projects involving children are generally part of their mission, and we all know what great Lions women make! Visit the [Children's Dignity Week](#) event page for planning guides and project ideas for this special event.

There are many other ideas for high-visibility service initiatives which can draw men, women and children into the Lion's sphere of influence including: special projects for schools, non-profit community centers, homeless or battered women's shelters; assisting food pantries; maintenance in public parks/playgrounds or organize a food, clothing, book or toy collection. Lions volunteer work crews will attract onlookers – all

potential new Lions club members.

**Most of all, go out into your communities work hard, share much and have FUN!**

PDG Pat Short  
Membership

## **CLUBS ADDING MEMBERS JULY 1 – AUGUST 20, 2015**

Brazil LC  
Earl Park LC  
Greencastle LC  
Lizton LC  
Michigantown LC  
Prairie Creek LC  
Riley LC  
Royal Center LC  
Terre Haute LC  
Walton LC  
Zionsville LC

PDG Pat Short  
Membership



## Lions Win Again!

The Clinton County Chamber of Commerce asked any of the small towns in Clinton County to have a booth describing their town in 2014 and in 2015. The Michigantown Lions committee of 8 decided that if they could win \$1000 in 2014, that they would try to do it again in 2015.

The Michigantown Lions Club then decided that education, teachers, and the schools would be their main topic with military service being a close second. An area was set up to describe the small one room schoolhouses that fed into Michigantown with a map detailing their position on the map. Three antique desks were placed in front of it. A tree of knowledge was made with names of Michigantown teachers. A display of the Michigantown veterans, that is housed at the Michigantown School (Community Center), was also constructed. In one area were pictures of the 1800s and 1900s businesses. The Lions Club again won \$1,000 for its 2015 contest submission.

**Congratulations,  
Michigantown Lions!**

## Leadership Lines September 2015

*"You build on failure. You use it as a stepping stone. Close the door on the past. You don't try to forget the mistakes, but you don't dwell on it. You don't let it have any of your energy, or any of your time, or any of your space."*

Johnny Cash said it. The Man in Black lived it. From dirt-poor beginnings and rockabilly roots to addiction and fame on national television, Johnny Cash made a music life from both faith hard-won and grace easily given. He knew how hard it was to build a life in show business. He and June knew each other's faults. But their commitment to move forward, despite the rocks and shoals, made them so much more than just their great songs.

The past is a great country, but we can't live there. Lions have to plan for what's next and be happy in the now, too. Yes, we have a great history. But we should never let our adoration of the past or recriminations over our mistakes blind us to the great fun we have and things we still want to do..

All clubs make mistakes: sometimes they are real doozies. But let's do a Cash and remember to travel lightly.

*Be mindful of the past, operate in the present, and always keep planning for tomorrow's better day to come.*

Take advantage of the online training offered through LCI leadership and the Lions University on lionsforum.org. Improve your knowledge and skills in project management, fundraising, recruiting, club officer roles, and many other professional and personal education opportunities. Many are available 24/7 for free.

The USA/Canada Forum is a very special opportunity this year, as it is being held both in Grand Rapids, Michigan and in a facility that has hosted an earlier Forum. This promises to be an extremely well-run forum as a result. September 17-19 will see many of the top leaders of Lions from around North America and around the world. And if you can't, get next year's Forum on your radar now!

## Leadership Star

This month's leadership star is Lucerne President Dirk Raderstorf. Dirk was nominated by his club for outstanding effort in outreach and activities. Lion Dirk was instrumental in starting the Lucerne Run with the Lions, a 5k run/walk that helped put the club back onto Cass County's radar. Lucerne LC also sent four lions to training for the annual school vision screening at Pioneer schools

in Royal Center. They actively work with other clubs in the area, and their fish fry is always a kick.

Great job, Lion Dirk and congratulations!

PDG Charlie Short

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## **Don't Forget :**

### **Brian's Trike Race**

This is an annual fundraiser for the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Don't forget to form your team, fill out the form and have fun! The deadline for the form is September 21. E-mail Pat at : [iwtlions@gmail.com](mailto:iwtlions@gmail.com)

(The form was published in last month's newsletter.)

### **Peace Poster**

Get your Peace Poster Kit soon and encourage your young artists to share their vision of peace. The deadline to our Governor is November 15.

It takes an artist time to find his inspiration and illustrate it, so get your kit early and get started! There is also an essay contest--words are chosen carefully. The application for a kit is included in this newsletter!

### **International Pin Design**

See the form--last time in newsletter!!

## **Remember!**

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](mailto:joejanaschwartz@comcast.net)

## **Service Activities**

Lion Jana has a lovely form for Service Activities. It asks:

Name of Club .....

Address .....

Phone..... E-mail.....

Briefly describe Service Activity.....

Describe planning, involvement of Lions.....

Include news articles & photos.....

Send all info to:

Lion Jana Schwartz  
9827 S. Evans Road  
Brookston, IN 47923

or email to the address given above.

## **Fund Raising**

Hello again! Just a reminder that Lion Jana Schwartz would like to hear from each club about its fund raising activities. *All information will be listed in the District 25-C newsletter if received 2 months before the event.*

Send in the following info:

Name of club.....

Address .....

Phone..... E-mail .....

Name of activity.....

Date..... Time.....

Place.....

Briefly describe activity.....

Include photos.....

Person to contact.....

Phone ..... E-mail

Send info to Lion Jana.

### **An example follows:**

#### **Spencer Lions Club**

59 N. Main Street, Spencer, IN

812-829-4496

[jequery@bluemarble.net](mailto:jequery@bluemarble.net)

Activity: Apple Butter Festival

September 19 & 20, all day

Spencer Town Square

The festival includes over 150 booths to shop at, over a dozen food choices, entertainment on stage, a parade on Saturday, Apple Anything Contest, pancake breakfast, laughs and fun! (The Lions rent out booth space, make breakfast, etc.)

Contact: PCC Vernon Provines at 812-829-3168





2014-15 Grand Prize Winner  
**"Peace, Love and Understanding"**

13-year old Wei Jin Qian  
Sponsoring Club - Gao E Fu Lions Club (China)

## 2015-16 International Peace Poster Contest / Peace Essay Contest

### "SHARE PEACE"

Each year, Lions Clubs from around the world encourage the youth in their communities to share their ideas about peace by means of the visual arts and by penned essays through LCI Peace Poster and Peace Essay contests. ***This contest is open to children 11-13 years of age on November 15, 2015.***

One winning poster and essay will be awarded with the international grand prize winner is awarded \$5,000 plus a trip to a special award ceremony. Twenty-three (23) merit award winners will each receive \$500 and a certificate of achievement.

- ***Kits must be purchased from the LCI Store by October 1, 2015 at a cost of \$20.90 (taxes and shipping included).***
- ***Participating clubs must have one (1) poster delivered/postmarked to DG Dick McKellar by November 15, 2015.***
- ***International contest winners to be notified by February 1, 2016.***

For more information, contact Lion Jennifer Drapalik at [jennifer.drapalik@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jennifer.drapalik@sbcglobal.net) or 765-346-1231.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/how-we-serve/youth/peace-poster-contest/index.php>

Remember! The contact is Lion Jennifer Drapalik for any questions! That's 765-346-1231 or [jennifer.drapalik@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jennifer.drapalik@sbcglobal.net).



**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)
- 2017
- The Lion Club Intl. Logo

- Chicago, USA representation
- MD25 graphic representation

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





Gov. Dick's work day at the state fair brought back many fond memories as he worked 37 years with Dow. (Picture provided by ID Linda Tincher)



Just a few of the over 2,000 meals that were served at the Spencer Lions Club during the Summer Food Service in June and July! This is a free lunch for any child 18 years or younger. The Spencer Lions Club has been home to this program for 8 years.





Photo of Clinton Lions members who helped cook and serve over 400 pasta dinners at the LITTLE ITALY FESTIVAL MEDIA DINNER held on AUGUST 22, 2015 at the WINE GARDEN IN CLINTON. A very festive time was enjoyed by all in attendance. Pictured L TO R IN FRONT ROW: BOB SPENCE, MONTE GILMAN, ARCHIE POLETTTO, DEAN STROHM, JACK GILFOY, CHUCK GEDRICK, BOB ALEXANDER, AND JEFF WILLIAMSON. BACK ROW LTO R : MIKE CURRY, PAUL FOLTZ, ALEX FOLTZ, KEN COLOMBO, TIM FOLTZ, MKE DOMEIKA, BARRY LILLEY JR. AND DARREN RINEHART.

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Lion Charlotte Query

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Please send flyers to PDG Sara : [sjprovines@att.net](mailto:sjprovines@att.net) for publication between the newsletter publications.

Send fundraisers/project reports to Lion Jana Schwartz:

[joejanaschwartz@comcast.net](mailto:joejanaschwartz@comcast.net)