

# DISTRICT 25B

## DECEMBER 2016

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### DISTRICT GOVERNOR COLUMN

What a fantastic group of Lions we are in District 25-B. I have been so impressed with all the projects I have heard about on official visits. I am also so grateful for the hospitality shown to my wife and me at those visits. If people knew how well the District Governor eats during their year as governor, we would have Lions knocking on the door to serve. Thanks again for all you do.

As of this writing, we are a -3 in membership for the year. This is fantastic!! I know there are several clubs that will be adding members in the near future. Keep it up and we will finish the year with a positive gain in membership.

It is time to start thinking about running for a trustee position. If you are interested in one of the state projects or the Foundation, we will be electing a trustee to each of those positions at the District Convention on March 18. Trustees serve a three-year term. To be put on the ballot, you need to have your club send a letter signed by your president nominating you for the position. It needs to be sent to our district Nominations and Elections chair, Lion Joseph Frymier, no less than 30 days prior to the District Convention which would be February 17. Lion Joe's address is in the District Directory. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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Please remember the District Christmas party on Friday, December 9. It is from 6 – 9 p.m. at the Cottage Event Center in Roanoke. It would be nice to have an approximate number attending so please RSVP to DG Al Arnold by December 5.

Thanks again for all you do serving your communities.

DG Al Arnold



DG Alan  
and  
45 year  
member  
Dick Stoner

DG Al  
welcoming  
new  
member



## VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S PAGE

### MORE RAMBLINGS OF THE 1VDG

It has been a busy month or two with Council meeting, cabinet meetings, training, new club development and club visits. Some days it seems as if I can't get done what all is required. But, when I look around at all that the Lions in the district are doing it makes it all worthwhile.

Still I must ask from time to time, "Why do we do it and why do we wear the name Lions?" Is it because we desire the recognition of others? Is it because we have nothing else to do? Or, is it simply we have the desire to serve where needed?

I truly feel that it is all the above and then some. Through Lions we get to be the servants we were meant to be. We get to see the smile on the face of the child who just got their own book for the first time. We also get to see the improvements in a child's life as their reading level improves from new glasses or just having someone to read to. Then there are the ones who will keep their sight because we provided the cure for river blindness or provided them with the corneas they needed. And of course it is great to be part of an organization that is over 1.4 million members strong.

Having said all of the above I wish now to look to the future. We will soon be half way through the Lion year. As we enter the second half we will start asking various ones to step up and serve in various positions in their local club and at the district level. Please consider carefully and agree to serve. Most positions will only be for a year but, a few will be for longer periods. Many will only take a small amount of one's time while others could take considerable time and a bit of financial cost. Still these positions are necessary to keep Lions helping others way into the future.

To keep Lions moving forward into the next century we need leaders at all levels. But those leaders have to step forward and lead. One cannot lead from the rear nor by simply setting around waiting to be asked. A leader prepares themselves by study, training and action. They then step forward and serve were needed.

## DISTRICT 25B CABINET MEETING

### HOSTED BY: ZONE F



Co-Zone Chairs Kathy Cooper (Shoaff Park Lions)  
and Nancy Daugherty (Central Lions)

**Sunday, January 29, 2017**

Fort Wayne History Center  
302 E. Berry Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802

#### Time

Registration 12:00 p.m.  
PDG Meeting 12:30 p.m.  
Cabinet Meeting 1:00 p.m.

#### Menu

2 piece chicken dinner with 2 sides, roll, dessert and drink

**Cost** \$14.00 (includes a tour of the History Museum)

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Fort Wayne Shoaff  
Park Lions Club**

#### SEND RESERVATIONS TO:

Kathy Cooper  
1922 Kelleys Landing  
Fort Wayne, IN 46825  
Phone (260) 615-3957  
Email [kathycooper1960@gmail.com](mailto:kathycooper1960@gmail.com)

**Payment must be received by Friday, January 20,  
2017**

Please bring a door prize to add to the fun

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Lion \_\_\_\_\_

Guest/Lion \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations \_\_\_\_ @ \$14.00 ea.

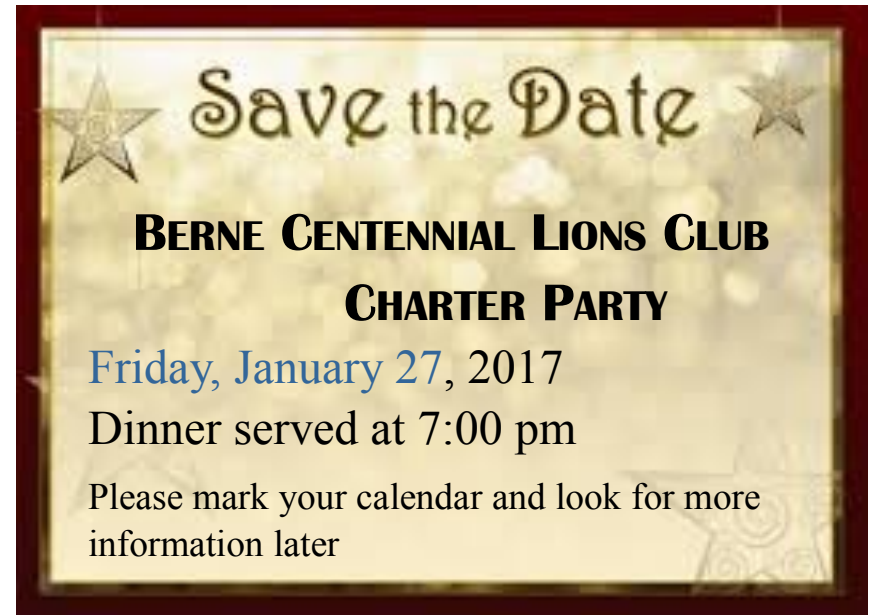
## DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP KEY

It's official, the *Berne Centennial Lions Club* has submitted their charter application to Lions Clubs International. Look for Charter Party information in this newsletter. The canvassing team has learned some new tips as we met with various people in Berne. There are many methods of inviting a new member. When starting a new club, the majority were cold calls. We didn't know the business owner/manager, but when we asked if they had a few minutes to hear about the new Lions Club that was coming to Berne, they gladly obliged.

No matter if it is a cold call or inviting a friend, co-worker or family member to join your Club, it's important to have an "elevator speech" ready. What is an elevator speech? It's sharing 3 or 4 talking points about who Lions are and why we are a member. Here is an example ... I'm one of 1.4 million members around the world who is part of the world's largest service organization with a passion to meet the needs of people where they are. Lions provide vision screening for kids, hearing aids for those that can't afford them, help an elderly person get their home ready for winter, and organize volunteers to clean up debris in a farmers field after a tornado so he can harvest the crop. Where there is a need, there is a Lion. Dues are \$6 a month and you don't have to attend every meeting. Help when you can. We need you. Would you like to serve along side me?

Starting an invitation like this often leads to questions and the opportunity for a more in-depth conversation. As we head into the Christmas season, look for opportunities to share our passion for service. The joy that comes from making someone else's life better is amazing.

*Merry Christmas!*  
*PDG Kaylene*



## BERNE CENTENNIAL LIONS CLUB CHARTER PARTY JANUARY 27, 2017

Celebrate our newest club by making a donation to build the Charities Funds as members starting serving the Berne Community. All contributions will be recognized in the Charter Party program.

***Centennial Level - \$100 or more***

***Silver Level - \$50***

***Bronze Level - \$25***



Makes checks payable to the Berne Centennial Lions Club and mail to:

Lion Shonna Grayson 300 Spring St. Geneva, IN 46740

Email: Shonnagrayson14@gmail.com

## CLUB EXCELLENCE

The mission of club leaders, every year, is to see that their club is a stronger, and hopefully bigger, club on June 30<sup>th</sup> then it was on July 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year. One of the simplest roadmaps to excellence is the “Club Excellence Award”.

Congratulations to the 25 B clubs that earned the award for the 2015-16 Lions year: Auburn; Auburn Classic; Cedar Creek; Cromwell-Kimmel; Shoaff Park; Heritage; Huntertown; Larwill; Monroeville; Ossian; Pleasant Lake; South Milford; St. Joe; Wolf Lake and Woodburn. Over 25% of the district’s clubs. Each of these clubs did those things that make for a stronger club: they did at least three service projects that benefited their community, their membership grew, supported LCIF with a donation, they took advantage of leadership development & training opportunities offered by the district and LCI, they attended Zone Meetings and conventions, they held regular meetings, they communicated with their communities (and also their members), they filed reports on time and paid their bills in a timely manner. Because of that, those clubs were not only bigger at the end of the year, but also stronger.

Earning the “Club Excellence Award” should be the goal of every club. Your club is probably doing most of those things now; with a little planning and work you should be able to accomplish all of them on a regular basis. Not only will your club be stronger, but your community will benefit from that strength.

Submitted by PID Dave Fiandt



## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE



DECEMBER UPDATE: Lions Clubs International Convention and 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

The parade shirts and hats have been revealed!



We have a few shirts remaining, but will have more available in late January 2017. The hats are in plentiful supply. You can order for late January delivery to your home (a small delivery fee will be included) from this website: <http://www.promotionsplus1.com/showrooms.htm>

Or you can wait until you see a Committee member in January. Don't forget to register for LCIcon. You will save money registering early and increase your odds of getting in the Indiana Delegation Hotel (The Palmer House Hilton).

Go to the LCIcon web site at <http://lcicon.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php> for more information and to register.

PDG Dan Wilcox, ICC Chairman – [danwpu@comcast.net](mailto:danwpu@comcast.net)

## ARCOLA LIONS CLUB

Submitted by Kevin MC Dermit

On Wednesday, October the 26th the Arcola Lions Clubs presented dictionaries to the third grade students at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Elementary and Arcola Elementary Schools. The students enjoyed looking up a few words in the dictionaries and searching for state birds in the bonus information included in the dictionary gazetteers.

One of the kids wanted to look up the word LION. And we learned that lions are one of the big cats of Africa. The also learned that 100 years ago the founders of Lions Club thought that big cat would be a great symbol for how our group could serve their communities.

I have a couple of pictures to choose from. The picture is of the Arcola Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class with their dictionaries.



The other is a scan of a thank you we got from one of the kids. It was fun since she had a Lion drawn in their vest. And she was wearing a tiger shirt.

Dear Arcola Lions Club,  
Thank you so much for the dictionary! I had never ever had my own dictionary! We appreciate all the things you do for our school and our community! Your Friend,  
Carly Linnemeier  
Mrs. Kirk's third grader class



## INTERNATIONAL BOB CORLEW AT INDIANA LIONS STATE OFFICE BUILDING



**Speaking with the Council of Governors**

## INDIANA DISTINGUISHED LION OF THE YEAR

It is time to submit your nomination for Indiana Distinguished Lion of the year. The application and criteria are available on the Indiana Lions website at [indianalionsfoundationmd25.org](http://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org). All nominees will be recognized at the state convention in Evansville. Nearly all clubs have someone eligible for this award. Please get your nominations in, as the deadline is January 31st, 2017. If you do not have access to the website, please contact your Foundation Trustee for assistance.



## Churubusco Lions Club

The Churubusco Lions Club now meets at Pappa's Place Restaurant, 209 South Main Street in Churubusco. Meeting start at 6:30 p.,\m.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS



## HAPPY NEW YEAR

## INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION

AT THE **NOVEMBER 12**, 2016 MEETING OF THE INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION THE TRUSTEES PASSED A POLICY TO DEAL WITH OUTDATED CREDITS AND MON- EYS THAT ARE SHOWN ON THE RECEIVED FUNDS LIST. THIS IS CREDITS EARNED BY WORKING AT THE STATE FAIR, RACE TRACK, ETC., OR MONEY DONATED BY CLUBS OR INDIVIDUALS. THE W.P WOODS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM BEGAN IN 1995 AND LIONS HAVE BEEN WORKING SINCE TO GAIN CREDITS TOWARDS A W.P WOODS FELLOWSHIP.

SOME OF THE CREDITS OR MONEY WERE EARNED OR DONATED AS FAR BACK AS 2006-7 LIONS YEAR. IN AN EFFORT TO USE THESE OLDER CREDITS AND MONEY THE TRUSTEES ARE GOING TO BE CON- TACTING EACH OF THE OLDER ACCOUNTS TO SEE WHAT THEY WANT TO DO WITH THEIR CREDITS OR MONEY. THE POLICY WILL TAKE EFFECT **JULY 1**, 2017.

EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO CONTACT THE ACCOUNT HOLDERS TO DETERMINE WHAT STEPS WILL BE TAKEN. ALSO YOU DO NOT NEED TO WAIT FOR A TRUSTEE TO CONTACT YOU ABOUT YOUR CLUB OR IN- DIVIDUAL ACCOUNT. YOU CAN CONTACT THEM. YOU HAVE 3 TRUSTEES IN EACH DISTRICT TO CONTACT. THEY ARE LISTED IN YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S DI- RECTORY AND THE STATE DIRECTORY.

PLEASE SEE POLICY THAT IS ATTACHED FOR REFERENCE.

THANK YOU AND I HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON,  
LION SANDY RUANE  
INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

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During the fourth year of inactivity of W.P.Woods ac- counts of credits and donations, the Foundation Trustees of each district will be notified in August by the W.P. Woods State Chair to make contact with each of the inactive account owners, or with the presidents of the clubs in which those owners are mem- bers, to explain the options for the inactive accounts. Method of use of credits or donations recorded in an account for a deceased Lion should be determined by his or her club. If an account owner cannot be located and his or her club has been dissolved, the appropriate District Governor shall be consulted for resolu- tion.

The options include:

1. Using the credits and donations for a W. P. Woods Fel- lowship; or,
2. making an account active again through additional credits or donations; or,
3. identifying recipients, other than the current owners, to receive the credits or donations toward W. P. Woods Fel- lowships; (recipients may be clubs and districts) or,
4. permitting the Foundation to apply the credits or donations to the districts in which they were earned.

W. P. Woods credits and donations in accounts that have been inactive for five years or more will be moved to the account of the district in which they were earned.





# DG ALAN AND DISTRICT B CALENDAR

## DECEMBER 2016



**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

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|   |    |    |    | 1  | 2<br>Past District<br>Governors<br>Holiday Party  | 3<br>                            |
| 4   | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9<br>DG Alan's<br>Christmas<br>Reception  | 10<br>                           |
| 11  | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16  | 17  |
| 18  | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23  | 24<br><br><i>Christmas Eve</i> |
| 25<br>Merry Christmas!<br> | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30<br> | 31<br>Hamilton Lions<br>Club Polar Bear<br>Plunge 2 p.m.  |

## AROUND THE DISTRICT

**Cedar Creek Lions Club** will be selling Texas Oranges and Grapefruit the first 3 Saturdays of December.

They will be selling in two places, the 4 way stop in Leo and by the Grabill Hardware in Grabill. Hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Call 260-627-2504 for large orders



Donations of used eyeglasses are welcomed

**Hamilton Lions Club** will be selling Florida Grapefruit, Navel Oranges and Tangelos at the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department meeting room. The fruit will be delivered on December 7th. The cost is \$17.00 a case. Contact Lion Beth Kohli at 260-668-6115 for information and availability.



## AROUND THE DISTRICT

**The Hamilton Lions Club** will be sponsoring a Polar Bear Plunge at the Public Beach on State Road 1 in Hamilton on Saturday, December 31 at 2 P.M. Donations are accepted. All of the proceeds goes to the Jack Gibson Memorial Scholarship for a senior at the Hamilton Community High School. Jack was a Lion as well as an educator. **COME JOIN THE FUN OR WATCH THOSE WHO PLUNGE IN.**



**District Governor**  
**Alan Arnold**  
**595 E. State Rd. 124**  
**Monroe, IN 46772**

**DISTRICT B**  
**DECEMBER 2016**

A festive graphic for the New Year. The words "Happy New Year" are written in a blue, stylized font. The word "Happy" is on the top line, and "New Year" is on the bottom line. The text is surrounded by colorful fireworks and stars in red, yellow, green, and pink. The entire graphic is enclosed in a green rounded rectangle.

**Happy**  
**New Year**