

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COLUMN

How are you doing on your personal New Year's Resolutions? How are you doing on the Lions New Year's Resolutions? Here's a recap.

Have you:

Brought in a new member?

Made a club donation to LCIF?

Made a personal donation to LCIF?

Participated in club activities?

Made sure your secretary is filing reports on time?

Made your reservation for District and State Convention?

Please try to accomplish each of those goals by June 30.

Our current district membership count is 1226 which is down 27 from the beginning of the year. We had a big drop in December because of clubs purging their roles. But that is OK. We can still have a positive growth if each Lion does his part and bring in a new member.

The District Governors are having a membership challenge in April. Each Governor and Vice-Governor have put money in a pot and the district that brings in the most new members in April will receive the pot. I have decided that if we win the money, which will be over \$1000, we will reimburse the new member the registration fee of \$35. If the club pays that fee, we will reimburse the club. But remember, we need to win the membership challenge to get the money. So if you get a new member before April, let them participate in all activities, just don't send the application in until after April 1.

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The Mid-Winter Conference was an outstanding event this year. If you missed it, you really missed out. As a service project, attendees were asked to bring new items such as mittens, hats, socks, etc. There were over 2000 items brought to the conference. These were then split between the seven district governors. Pam and I delivered two garbage bags full of items to the Charis House in Ft. Wayne. They were greatly appreciated.

You will find a registration form for the District Convention on March 16 in this newsletter. Cost for the day is \$29 per person. This includes a continental breakfast and a great lunch. See the menus on the registration form. Please try and have several members of your club attend. The goal is to get 120 people there. Our guest for the day is PIP Joe Preston. There will be several prizes awarded that day. First time District Convention attendees will have a chance to have their registration fee reimbursed and the club president with the most club members attending will also get a prize. There will also be several door prizes given out and a 50/50 drawing.

You should also be getting your registration in for the State Convention. Go to www.indianalionsconvention.org for more information and registration form.

DG Al

FROM THE DESK OF 1ST VDG TERRY MARKER

It's Saturday morning as I set at my desk to write this newsletter article, the snow is coming down and the weather forecasters are telling everyone to stay inside. It is the type of morning that I am glad I can stay in. The weather last week-end was not quite as bad but it did affect the turn out at the Mid-winter Conference. For those who were able to make it I'm glad because I feel that this is one of the best conferences that I have been to and the seminars and food were great..

As Lions we need to take advantage of these opportunities because it helps us become better leaders in our club, our community and our state. I believe that is one of our goals -- to become better leaders. We need members who become our leaders. And leaders who become servant leader to our communities, our districts and our state, and then the world.

We may feel like we are too small to make a difference and that makes me think about a story I heard. "A small boy was walking down a beach picking up star fish and throwing them back into the ocean one by one. A man approached him and told him he was wasting his time, there were to many of them. The boy looked up at the man and down at the star fish he held and said, "I may not be able to help them all but to this one I am making a difference." Author Unknown.

DG Alan reiterated his goals last month and we need to be asking ourselves how is our club doing. Are we on track to accomplish these goals?

As I think about my goals for next year they are most likely to be very similar. I am going to be like the District Superintendent that I have over me. He has basically preached the same sermon to our district for the last 3-4 years and says he will keep preaching it until we do it. Well this is what we need to do. We need to replace the members we lose and grow by at least one member for every twenty members that we have. We need to step up and take on leadership roles in not only our clubs but in our district and in our State.

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And we need to look for new ways to serve our communities and our world.

I want to suggest two ways you can help in serving.

One way to serve is to ask what preparation have you made to serve in the event of a disaster in your area. What assets do you have in personnel and material. The idea is to plan ahead. It is sort of like the old Boy Scout motto of being prepared. You can be prepared by contacting your county Emergency Management manager and ask how can you as a club assist them?

The second way is to support Campaign 100. By supporting Campaign 100 you are supporting:

Vision

Youth

Disaster Relief

Humanitarian Causes

Diabetes

Hunger

Childhood Cancer

Environment

The goal is to raise 300 million dollars over the next 3 years so that Lions can reach out to 200 million people per year.

You may not be able to give a \$1000.00 but can you give a dollar a week over the next 3 years. That's a pledge of over \$150.00. How about \$5.00 dollars a week or twenty dollars a month. That would be over \$750.00 dollars over 3 years and if each member of your club was able to do that you would become a model club. The idea is every bit helps and we can make a difference. Think of the little boy that was walking on the beach.

Clubs can also plan a fund raiser to support LCIF. The needs are not getting less and Lions are being asked to make a mark.



64TH ANNUAL DISTRICT 25B CONVENTION

March 16, 2019

Lester's Banquet Hall,
1500 Bluffton Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN
Located behind Hall's Drive-in, Quimby
Village in Waynedale

Guest Speaker: PIP Joe Preston

Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. with opening session at 9:00

Continental Breakfast: Muffins, Danish, Fruit, Coffee, and Juice

Lunch: Glazed Ham Steak, Swiss Steak, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, California Blend, Tossed Green Salad, Rolls, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, and Assorted Desserts

We will be holding several workshops. Titles to be announced later.

If you are a first time attendee of a District Convention, you will have an opportunity to have your registration reimbursed by attending a workshop. Details will be given at the Convention. There will be a special prize to the club president that is present with the most club members in attendance. There will also be several door prizes.



DISTRICT 25B CONVENTION

Saturday, March 16, 2019

Lester's Banquet Hall, Ft. Wayne, IN

COST:

\$29 prior to March 1 \$34 between March 1 and March 13

No reservations accepted after March 13, 2019

Make checks payable to: Monroe Lions Club

Send reservations to:

Lion Jim Moeschberger P. O. Box 9 Monroe, IN 46772

Check if first time District Convention at-
tendee
Names of first time attendees
Club
Lion_
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Number of reservations @ \$29 (\$34 after March 13)
Total amount due:
Total amount paid:
Special diet: Gluten Free Diabetic



DISTRICT 25B ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

The 2017-18 Environmental Photo Contest is open to all Lions and Leos in District 25B.

There will be four divisions: Wildlife 18 & under, Wildlife 19 & older, Scenery 18 & under, and Scenery 19 & older.

All photos depicting a natural theme (such as plants, animals, urban or natural landscape, weather phenomenon, etc.) are welcome.

Photos must be original and unaltered.

Photos must be taken within the community the Lions or Leos serves.

Photos must be on high-quality photo paper and measure 8" x 10' (20.3 cm x 25.4 cm)

Photos need to be submitted with entry form.

Photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing photos.

Contest photos become the property of the 25B Environmental Committee. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.

AWARDS

1st Place in each category: \$25 gift card



PHOTO CONTEST REGISTRATION FORM

Name	
Address	
City	
State	
Phone	
Age Category:	
	der 19 & older
Club	
Name	
Photo Category	
0 ,	Scenery
Send completed registrati	on form and photo to:
DG Alan Arnold	595 E. State Rd. 124
Monro	e, IN 46772

Please address questions to: DG Alan Arnold at 260-692-6610 or pamalarn@centurylink.net

Photos must be postmarked by March 9, 2019.

ACTIVITY AWARD APPLICATION 2018-2019 INDIANA LIONS AND LEOS

Name of Club (Circle one) Lion or Leo	
District	
Address	
Phone Number	
Email	

Attach a detailed written report including the following information

*** Describe the service activity

***Show the direct relationship between the determined need and the service activity of Lion or Leo Club

***Describe the planning, promotion, and involvement of the club members and the other volunteers

***Include news articles and photos

Rules

The activity must be held within the April 1, 2018 to April 1, 2019 time span. If the activity or project was begun before April 1, 2018 and finished within the above time, it is eligible. Service activities only will be accepted, no fundraiser for the Lion or Leo Club. The activity must have been within the community where the club is located. It cannot be an activity funded by Lions International, such as Habitat for Humanity. The activity must benefit the local community or a family/or families within the local community. This application must be received by your District Activities Chair by April 1st. If your district votes to pick a district winner, the entry must be submitted to the State Activities Chair by April 10th. If you do not have a district contest all of your entries must be submitted to your District Chair by April 1st and then sent to the State Chair by April 10th. All entries submitted will be judged. All judging will be done by an outside source. The winner will be announced at the State Convention. Note: Districts that pick a district winner may opt to enter all of their contestants in the state contest or they may send only the district winner. Only one contestant from each district will be considered at the State level.

For more information contact:

States Activities Chair:

Lion Melba Edwards P.O. Box 42 Zanesville, IN 46799 1-260-638-4327 Cell 260-417-8982



DG ALAN AND DISTRICT B CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 OV Albion	5 OV Arcola	6	7 OV Tri Lakes	8	9
Speech & Hearing Trustees meeting	11 OV Waynedale	12	13	Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18 OV Huntington	OV Bluffton	20	21 OV Harlan	22	23
24	OV Woodburn	26	27	28		

2019 Indiana Lions State Convention

The Grand Wayne Convention Center and Fort Wayne Hilton along with the 2019 Convention Committee are eagerly awaiting the Indiana Lions arrival in Fort Wayne April 26 – 28. If you are a golfer, join PDG Don Cooper and PCC Bob Morton for a round of golf Friday morning. Come early to relax and enjoy what beautiful downtown Fort Wayne has to offer. Registration, exhibits and certification will open at 12:00.

The Convention officially opens Friday with the 1st Business Session beginning at 5:00 pm in the Grand Wayne Center. Dinner will follow at 6:30 pm across the street at Parkview Field. After dinner, enjoy the music of the West Central Quartet or return to the Hilton for a lively Euchre tournament. A complete Convention schedule will be published in the February Hoosier Lion along with special events, seminar descriptions and registration details.

Register now to be among the first 400 and

receive your 2019 Convention Pin free. All registrations received by March 1st have the opportunity to win their Friday night Hilton stay. I'm



registered, ARE YOU?

SILENT AUCTION

PCC Bob & PDG Kathy Morton are chairing the Silent Auction at the State Convention in Fort Wayne. We have asked the Governors from each district if they have specialties we would like a basket of goodies from there. If you know of any business that might donate a large item it would be appreciated. Lions can also donate whatever they might have. Let us know what you have to donate ahead of time. It can be brought to the convention or give us a call.

The money raised will be used to offset the cost of the convention.

Contact them at: Home <u>260-344-1339</u> or cell <u>260-388-1098</u> or kmorton65@hotmail.com

THE MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Well, we have made it through over half of the Lion year. As I checked our figures, I see that the District is at a minus 29 form where we were on July 1, 2018. This is not bad but it is not good either. I do know that there have been some clubs have not gotten their newest members reported.

So, let us look at a couple of things. First are you each doing your best to make your club one would like to be part of? Secondly, are your service projects relevant to both your community and to your members. Remember, we are asking people to come share in our service to others.

I would also like to take a moment to remind you of the challenge that was offered at the beginning of the year. Any club increasing their membership by 25% will receive a cash prize to use as the club sees fit. I also was made aware of a contest that says the district in Indiana that has the greatest number of new members in April of this year will receive a cash prize. With this information in mind let us see if we can't have a positive growth for the second year in a row. Last year we were one of only two districts in the state with a positive membership.

Remember that the "B" stands for the best district in the state.

IPDG Roger Cash District GMT



JOIN THE LIONS IN MILAN!



The 102nd annual Lions Clubs International Convention will be in Milan, Italy, July 5-9, 2019. The Indiana delegation will be marching in the Parade of Nations on Saturday July 6^{th} and the parade route winds among beautiful historical buildings ending up in the square where the unique masterpiece of the Milan Cathedral stands. The Milan Cathedral or Duomo di Milano in Italian, is the cathedral church of Milan, Italy. Dedicated to Saint Mary Nascent, it is the seat of the Archbishop of Milan. The Gothic cathedral took nearly six centuries to complete.

<u>Italian Culture - a brief overview of Italian customs and traditions.</u>

Italy is home to more than 62 million individuals as of 2017 and is ranked 23rd in population size when compared with other countries

throughout the world. Italian culture is steeped in the arts, family, architecture, music and food. Home of the Roman Empire and a major center of the Renaissance, culture on the Italian peninsula has flourished for centuries.

Family is an extremely important value within the Italian culture," Talia Wagner, a Los Angeles-based marriage and family therapist. Their family solidarity is focused on extended family rather than the West's idea of "the nuclear family" of just a mom, dad and kids, Wagner explained. Italians have frequent family gatherings and enjoy spending time with those in their family. "Children are reared to remain close to the family upon adulthood and incorporate their future family into the larger network," said Wagner.

The Euro is the currency there and currently is worth more than the US dollar (\$1.14 Euro versus \$1 US). You may want to check with your bank to see if it provides a better exchange rate than what is offered in Italy. While credit cards are accepted at all of the larger stores and restaurant, the smaller and individually owned businesses may only deal in cash. Also the culture in Europe is that tips are not to be added onto the bill.

Art and architecture in Italy

Italy has given rise to a number of architectural styles, including classical Roman, Renaissance, Baroque and Neoclassical. Italy is home to some of the most famous structures in the world, including the Colosseum and the Leaning Tower of Pisa. The concept of a basilica — which was originally used to describe an open public court building and evolved to mean a Catholic pilgrimage site — was born in Italy. The word, according to the Oxford Dictionary, is derived from Latin and meant "royal palace." The word is also from the Greek basilikē, which is the feminine of basilikos which means "royal" or basileus, which means "king."

Italy also is home to many castles with the following in Milan. The Castello Borromeo d'Adda stands on the river banks of the Muzza at Cassano d'Adda, and dates from the 9th Century; restoration works here have even uncovered frescoes from the school of Giotto. In Legnano, the Castello di San Giorgio was built atop a pre-existing Augustinian convent in the 13th Century. In Cusago, the Visconti Castle is regarded as a major example of castle architecture in the region. And finally, in the zone south of Milan reside San Colombano al Lambro and the Castello Belgioioso, in addition to Casal-pusterlengo, with its crenellated Tower of Pusterla.

Florence, Venice and Rome are home to many museums, but art can be viewed in churches and public buildings. Most notable is the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel of the Vatican, painted by Michelangelo sometime between 1508 and 1512.

Opera has its roots in Italy and many famous operas — including "Aida" and "La Traviata," both by Giuseppe Verdi, and "Pagliacci" by Ruggero Leoncavallo — were written in Italian and are still performed in the native language. More recently, Italian tenor Luciano Pavarotti made opera more accessible to the masses as a soloist and as part of the Three Tenors. Italy is home to a number of world-renowned fashion houses, including Armani, Gucci, Benetton, Versace and Prada.

Italian cuisine

Italian cuisine has influenced food culture around the world and is viewed as a form of art by many. Wine, cheese and pasta are important part of Italian meals. Pasta comes in a wide range of shapes, widths and lengths, including penne, spaghetti, linguine, fusilli and lasagna.

No one area of Italy eats the same things as the next. Each region has its own spin on "Italian food," according to CNN. For example, most of the foods that Americans view as Italian, such as spaghetti and pizza, come from central Italy. In the North of Italy, fish, potatoes, rice, sausages, pork and different types of cheeses are the most common ingredients. Pasta dishes with tomatoes are popular, as are many kinds of stuffed pasta, polenta and risotto. In the South, tomatoes dominate dishes, and they are either served fresh or cooked into sauce. Southern cuisine also includes capers, peppers, olives and olive oil, garlic, artichokes, eggplant and ricotta cheese.

Wine is also a big part of Italian culture, and the country is home to some of the world's most famous vineyards. The oldest traces of Italian wine were recently discovered in a cave near Sicily's southwest coast.

Questions about the Indiana delegation should be addressed to any of the committee members. If any of our members are interested in possible joining other Indiana Lions to form a group for airline tickets or group tours please let me know. PCC Reed Fish – Indiana International Convention Committee

PDG Patty Cooke; CC Keith Thomas; PCC Sue Topf; Lion Bob Yunker.

2019 Indiana Lions State Convention Information

SEMINARS 1, 2 AND 4 WILL BE OFFERED TWICE

SEMINAR 3 HAS GAT IN SESSION 1 AND EYE BANK IN SESSION 2

SEMINAR #1: Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory – Surround yourself with nature at the Conservatory – an oasis in the heart of downtown Fort Wayne. Visit the Showcase Garden with its lush seasonal displays, wander through the Tropical Garden where orchids and palms thrive in the shadows of a cascading waterfall, or retreat to the quiet beauty of the Desert Garden. (NOTE: This is a self-guided tour). The Conservatory is right across the street from the Convention Center.

SEMINAR #2: The Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center is a unique and valuable resource for the Northeastern Indiana community and the entire genealogy community at large. The Center has one of the largest research collections available, incorporating records from around the world. The staff specializes in genealogy and member(s) of the staff will guide attendees through the research process. Attendees will take the very short walk to the Library from the Convention Center.

SEMINAR #3 A. PID Eugene Spiess: This workshop is for all Lions that hold a GAT position at any level. Also, any Lions interested in the future of Lions are encouraged to attend. We will look at both the past history and the future of Lions in Indiana. Tools will be presented to the attendees to help "REVERSE THE CURSE". Finally, a call will be proclaimed to those attending to 'DIAL IT UP."

SEMINAR #3 B. VisionFirst – Indiana Lions Eye Bank: Lion Mark Owens, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Eye Bank, will discuss the recommended changes to the Indiana Lions Constitution regarding the Eye Bank. This session will answer all the questions you will have regarding these proposed changes.

SEMINAR #4: Presenter: PDG Norma Callahan, Florida Lions Diabetes Chair – PDG Norma will discuss the progression of diabetes and the strategy of involving Lions in the screening/education process for Diabetes prevention. Screenings will also be offered during the Convention. Getting involved in these screenings would be a great project for your club.

MOBILE ELECTRIC CARTS:

James Medical will deliver motorized scooters to the Ft. Wayne Hilton on Friday and will pick up the scooters after the convention. The Carts are \$100 for the weekend. Contact PDG Kaylene Souers at amchud@aol.com by March 15 to make your reservation.





2019 Indiana Lions State Convention Information

MENUS

FRIDAY DINNER – Parkview Field

Grilled Hamburgers, BBQ Pulled Pork, Macaroni & Cheese Maple Baked Beans with Smoked Bacon, Garden Salad with trio of dressing Fresh Fruit, Apple Crisp Dessert, Iced Tea & Water

SATURDAY LUNCH

Caesar Salad Includes Romaine Lettuce, Parmesan Cheese & Croutons, Served with Caesar Dressing & Golden Italian Dressing ½ Turkey Sandwich on Pretzel Roll with Swiss Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato ½ Ham Sandwich on Pretzel Roll with Cheddar Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato Kettle Chips, Chocolate Brownies & Assorted Cookies Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaf Starbucks® Coffee, Iced Tea & Iced Water

ALL STATE BANQUET

*Choice 1 - Filet Mignon with Port Wine Sauce Fresh Asparagus with Red Peppers, Garlic Smashed Potatoes

*Choice 2 - Salmon Fillet with Mango Salsa

Fresh Asparagus with Red Peppers, Wild Rice

*Choice 3 - Breast of Chicken with Roma Tomatoes, Basil, Garlic & Balsamic

Vinaigrette, Topped with Provolone Cheese

Fresh Asparagus with Red Peppers, Garlic Smashed Potatoes

All entrees served with Hilton Signature Salad, Rolls and Butter

Alternating Desserts – Vanilla Cheesecake & Ultimate Chocolate Cake

Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaf Starbucks® Coffee, Iced Tea & Iced Water

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Deluxe Scrambled Eggs - Scrambled Eggs, Onion, Bell Pepper, Mushroom, Pico de Gallo and Cheddar Cheese, Cheesy Hash Brown Potatoes, Honey Glazed Ham Carving Station with Chef Attendant, Assorted Sweet Breads, Assorted Muffins Seasonal Sliced Fruit Display

Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaf Starbucks® Coffee, Assorted Hot Tazo Teas & Orange Juice

FRIDAY GOLF-The golf outing will be at Colonial Oaks Golf Course on Friday, April 26 at 10:00 a.m. 8218 Huguenard Road, Fort Wayne. The phone number 260-489-5121. The golf fee will be paid at the course. Food and beverages available at the course. Register with PDG Don Cooper at dkcooper81@msn.com

FRIDAY NIGHT EUCHRE TOURNAMENT - Please email PDG Peg VanNevel at pitchinpeg@yahoo.com and provide your name, email and phone number. You don't have to play euchre to be part of the fun and great food...potluck fare, please bring a snack or dessert to share. Volunteers also needed for scorekeeping and organizing the food.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON TOURS - Local tours will be available during the same time as the seminars. The tours that are on the list to date are: History Center, The Embassy, Fire Fighters Museum, Lincoln Museum

2019 Indiana Lions State Convention

Hosted by District 25B

April 26 - 28, 2019

120 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, Indiana

Special Guests

International President Gudrun & PID Jon Host Hotel – Hilton (attached to the Convention Center)

1020 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, Indiana

Room Rate: \$115.00 plus tax

Call 260-420-1100 or 1-800-445-8667 for reservations mention Lions of Indiana - Group Code LOI

Registration Form (one per person)



SESSION 2 SESSION 1 **SEMINARS:** 1. Fort Wayne Botanical Gardens () () 2. Allen County Library Genealogy Department () () 3A GAT Leadership – PID Gene Spiess (offered 1st session only) () 3B VisionFirst () () 4. Diabetes Education, Screenings and Lions () ()

Send registration and check payable to:

2019 IN Lions State Convention Lion Kevin McDermit 2227 O'Day Rd.

Ft. Wayne, IN 46818

Or Email to: krmcdermit@comcast.net

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Howe Lions Club



Lion District Governor Al Arnold of Monroe, IN visits the Howe Lions Club for a dinner meeting on Wed., January 16, at the LaGrange 1st Methodist Church. Arnold presented a 15 yr. member award to Lion Gary Chapman and the 10 year award to Ralph Abston. Lion Arnold also presented the Club Excellence award for last year to President Jeff Schrader. The Governor's motto this year is "If not you, then who?"/. Pictured from left is Governor Arnold, Lion Pam Arnold, Secretary Jim Parker and Howe Lion President Jeff Schrader.

SAVE THE DATE

Howe Lions Club 75th Anniversary Saturday, June 15, 2019. Dinner and Celebration

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CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

PDG DICK DODGE liondodge1@gmail.com



Your ISBVI Lion Trustees are sponsoring a **work day** at the school in Indianapolis on **Saturday**, **May 18, 2019**. This is a great opportunity for you/family/friends to walk the walk and put our "**We Serve**" motto into action. Our schedule for the day will be:

8:30 am Registration and donuts (of course!)

▶ 9 am - 1 pm Morning work Session

> 1 pm Lunch (provided by the school)

After Lunch Tour of the School for those interested

After lunch Afternoon work session until done

Come and help us beautify and improve this campus! Interested? Contact...

Lion Mike Okuly 260-519-3541

mokuly52@yahoo.com

It's a great day of fun, hard work and camaraderie and a chance to meet other Lions from around the state as well as visit this beautiful campus. This is one of **your** Lions State Projects.....take a few hours to help beautify and improve it. You'll get great satisfaction from doing so....and of course, a **free lunch!** Hope to see you there.



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

DISTRICT B
FEBRUARY 2019



No entry fee, but bring a gift card to be used for prizes (gas, grocery, coffee, restaurants)

Email PDG Peg VanNevel with questions or to register!

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