

DISTRICT 25B

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR COLUMN

Fellow Lions,

November is here, leaves have fallen, and winter is just around the corner. Getting cold on the outside, but I hope we as Lions are staying HOT! As cold weather sets in, our fundraising projects may slow down a little, but we can stay very active by asking people to club meetings, finding service projects that may take place indoors (nursing homes, hospitals, etc), and attending district functions.

First some great news. During the week of October 9-14, a New Club Development Workshop was conducted. We met Sunday evening and received training from Lion Ronnie Martin, a New Club Consultant. What we learned at that training was valuable in canvassing the Berne area and finding members for a new club. As of this writing, we are just a couple short of chartering a new Berne club. We have close to 30 call backs so I am sure we will be chartering soon. Watch for emails about a Charter Night. This would be the first new club in five years in our district. We will also be putting together a workshop that we can bring to your club to train your members on recruiting new Lions.

The houses for the blind athletes at Turnstone have been set and will be ready for residents soon. A great big thanks to PDG Ken Krauter for all his hard work and dedication to this project. Also, thanks to all clubs and individuals who donated to make this possible.

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Please don't forget to be collecting new books for Kate's Kart, our 2016-17 district project. You can bring them to the Cabinet meeting in Auburn on November 6.

Finally, I am responding to PIP Wayne's challenge at my Banner Night and we will have a district Christmas Reception on Friday, December 9. It will be at the Cottage Event Center in Roanoke from 6 to 9 p.m. There is no cost for this event, but we ask that each person attending bring a new children's book for Kate's Kart. This reception is open to all Lions in the district and their significant others. Please RSVP to DG Al (260-692-6610 or palarn@centurylink.net) by December 5.

DG Al

Mongo Lions Club new members, Davey and Kelly Blackburn



VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S PAGE

From The Desk of the 1VDG

It has been a wonderful and busy first quarter of the Lion year. In September I was able to attend the USA/Canada Forum in Omaha, Nebraska. It was a great three days of training and socializing with Lions from all over the globe. Besides the training there were opportunities to work with several different service projects. One such project was the packing of meals for disadvantaged children. In just over two hours we packed over 100,000 meals. We also learned the next Lion year the theme will be "We Serve." I encourage any and all Lions to make the USA/Canada Forum next year in Portland, Oregon. I was also able to visit with the Mesa Host Lions while traveling on a short vacation. They are a small but very active club. They had several service projects going along with a couple of fund raisers.

Now to look at what has been on my mind for some time, as I have visited a few clubs I have seen many very positive things and a few negative things. I know a few clubs are struggling with declining membership and a few with burn out, yet over all this looks like a very positive year for Lions in our district. We are seeing additions to some clubs, the formation of a new club and a greater awareness by the community of what Lions stand for and do for the community. There are a few new service projects being started and several excellent service projects continued. Having said that let me make a couple of suggestions. Have a few of your club members visit with your city government and see if they have projects that we can partner on through LCIF matching grants. Also the schools and libraries often need adults to listen to or read to children. Plus we can assist the schools with their eye screening and assisting parents to afford their children's glasses.

I know some are asking, "What kind of service can my small club provide?" How about just a visit to the local nursing home to visit with some of their clients, or providing funds to help

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Kate's Kart provide books to children in the hospital. Then there is take a veteran to dinner or have coffee with you local police and firefighters. When was the last time your club helped an elderly person with their yard work or shopping. Many projects only take a little time and NO funds. Also invite new members with a mind set to get them to come up with a service project they think the community needs.

As much as I hate to I do need now to touch briefly on some negatives I have seen. One is on asking new people to join the Lions. Someone asked me at the Forum how I had brought in 4 members to my club in the past 18 months. The answer was simple I asked them as often as necessary to get them to join. I am honest about the cost in time and money but also in the joys of serving their community. We often just need to ask our friends and family. Another negative I have heard is we tried that and it didn't work. Ask yourselves why did it not work. Did your members support it or did only one or two try to make it work. Could have a different approach made it work or is there that one or two who try to stop anything they can't control. Most of these can be overcome.

I will now put my money where my mouth is, if your club would like help with a fund raiser, service project, membership or leadership issues please contact me and I will do my best to help you. I am here to help the clubs and by extension the district have a very successful year.

VDG Roger

I have moved, not far, just down the road. New Address is 5027 N State Road 1, Ossian, IN 46777, my phone remains [\(432\) 638-8032](tel:4326388032), and email rogercash@att.net.

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP KEY

The week of **October 10**, various Lions from our District have been trained by PDG Ronnie Martin how to invite people to join a Lions Club. A new club is being started in Berne. In our training on **Sunday** evening, Lions Ronnie shared numerous tips that apply to all of our clubs. Here are a just a few of the things I learned ...

...hold board meetings with a conference call. There is a service called Free Conference Calling whose only cost is the phone call if you don't have free long distance.

...need to take care of business and no time for a meeting? Send a group text

...accept credit cards. The readers are free and funds can be deposited directly into the club bank account. Dues will be paid quicker and the public will donate more as we are becoming more of a society that doesn't carry cash.

...Charity Navigator, a national organization that rates non-profits, gave Lions International the top 4 star rating. Check it out.

...Financial Times voted Lions International the #1 organization with whom to partner. Walgreens and Lowes want their stores to partner with the local Lions Club, just to name a couple. Did you know that Lowes or your local Ace Hardware will often provide the supplies when someone needs a ramp or has a broken window?

...every club should have their own brochure. The Lions website provides a template to make it easy for anyone to create it.

Search publication MK20A in the search box on www.lionsclubs.org. If someone in your club has basic computer skills, this is easy. With more advanced skills, the template can be saved as a PDF and customized to the club by adding your own pictures and graphics.

These are just the tip of the iceberg, but using even one

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idea can bring new enthusiasm to the club. The world we live in is constantly changing. Shouldn't our Lions Clubs want to lead the way? I'll have more tips to share about inviting new members to join at the Cabinet meeting on **November 6** at the National War History Museum in Auburn. Plan to attend.

PDG Kaylene Souers



CENTENNIAL REPORT

By PCC Robert Morton

Several Lions asked me about the Indiana Centennial Coin and the Centennial Parade Banners. The Coins that have the original Lions logo on one side and the three Indiana Past International Presidents on the other side were approved by the Council of Governors last spring at the state convention. However funding was not part of the decision. District 25B then made a decision at the first cabinet meeting that we would fund this project. As of this newsletter they have been ordered through Recognition Services but have not been received yet. The purchase price will be \$10 per coin. Please let me or DG Al Arnold how many you would like to purchase. All Indiana District Governors will have them for sale.

The Centennial Banners, I am still awaiting the state Centennial Committee outcome concerning funding for the 500 Festival Parade and the Chicago International Convention Parade. This will determine if we will have any extra money. One club in District B has already purchased a banner. The banners will cost no more than \$100. We are about \$100 short of our matching grant money from LCI. In order to finish that, PDG Kathy Morton will supply at least a pie to be auctioned. The auction will take place at the next Cabinet meeting, November 6th. More information as it becomes available. Continue to plan for 2017.

LCIF IS OUR FOUNDATION

Lions Clubs International Foundation makes it possible for local Lions Clubs to provide service to their local communities on a global scale. It can only accomplish the miracles it performs with the support of Lions Clubs and Lions throughout the world.

LCIF provides all kinds of service, in many ways, in every corner of our planet; but when most of us think of LCIF, the first thing that comes to mind is disaster relief. We in 25B are very fortunate in that we have had no need to apply for a disaster relief grant for many years; it would be great if we never needed to apply for one again, but if we do LCIF will be there!

The Lions of Haiti are not as fortunate; we have all seen the photos and read the reports of the second major disaster to strike the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, within the last several years. LCIF was there within hours and LCIF will be there, providing relief, long after most other agencies are gone. Lions up and down the SE U.S. Atlantic coast are not as fortunate; we have all seen the news and read the reports of the destruction caused by “Matthew”. LCIF was there within hours providing local Lions with resources to help those affected in their local communities.

This year we have set a district goal of having 100% of our “active” clubs “Stepping up to the Plate” and donating to our Foundation and helping Lions around the world serve their communities. To date we have a way to go as donations have only been received from; Anthony Wayne (a memorial donation from Daniel Seitz in honor of Paula Whitmore, wife of long time Lion John); Auburn Evening Club; Hamilton (personal donation from Lion Don Norris); Heritage Lions; Huntington; Waterloo and Zanesville. That leaves about 50 clubs to go, but plenty of time to get there.

Congratulations to the Central Lions Club who have received a “\$100 per Member” patch from LCIF for 2015-16 donations. Central actually donated over \$175 per member! This included club donations and personal donations from several members.

LCIF, the global leader in humanitarian service!

CLUB EXCELLENCE

The objective of every club president; of every club is to see that your club is a stronger club on 6/30/2017 then it was on 7/1/2016. It won't happen without some goals and plans. The “Club Excellence Award” is the simplest road map to accomplishing that objective. Earning the “Club Excellence Award” should be the number one goal of every club.

There are 7 components to earning the award; some easier then others. One of the easiest (and often overlooked) is Communication – “The club has publicized the club's service activities to the public through local media and effectively communicated activities to club members”.

Let your community know when you do something for it; let your community know that your club is there to help those in need and there to make the community a better place. Let your community know that your club is a valuable resource. Send out news releases, write letters to the editor, and let the local media know what you are doing.

When doing fund raisers, make sure you promote it throughout the community (and to other Lions Clubs); make sure that your “customers” know what you are doing with the proceeds. Make sure that they understand that every dime you net goes back to the communities you serve.

Don't forget to communicate with your members. They need to know what the club is doing & when; they need to know that their help is needed and they need to be asked; they need to know that their contributions are appreciated. You would be amazed at how little our own members know about, not only what the club does, but what we do district wide and internationally. We oftentimes don't do a very good job of communicating with our own members. We oftentimes treat our members as employees rather then customers.

Club Excellence doesn't just happen, it takes planning. Club Excellence needs to be the mission of every club, every year.

Submitted by PID Dave Fiandt

DISTRICT 25B CABINET MEETING



HOSTED BY: ZONES C & D

ZC Kevin McDermit, Arcola Club

Sunday, November 6, 2016

At The

National Military History Center

5634 County Road 11A – Auburn

(At Interstate 69 & County Road 11A)

TIME:

Registration: Begins @ 12

PDG Meeting @ 12:30

Cabinet Meeting Called to Order @ 1 pm

MENU: Look for the details in the October Newsletter

Cost: \$16 – includes touring of the museum

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Arcola Lions Club

SEND RESERVATIONS TO:

Lion Kevin McDermit

2227 Oday Road

Fort Wayne, IN 46818

Phone (260) 348-8931

Email: krmcdermit@comcast.net



BRING A DOOR PRIZE

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS:

Saturday, October 29, 2016

Please bring a door prize to add to the fun Club _____

Lion _____

Guest/Lion _____

Guest/Lion _____

Guest/Lion _____

Number of Reservations ____ @ \$16.00 ea.



PDG Don Cooper installed new member Keith Berning. Pictured are left to right: PDG Don Cooper, Lion Keith Berning and sponsor Lion Gene Caryer.

Huntertown new members: Lion Sue Church, Lion Joe Church, Lion Dean Ehle, and sponsors



The Andrews Lions Club had a plastic cap sorting night. The Andrews Club has partnered with the Andrews Elementary and the Parent Teacher Organization to get Buddy Benches for the two playgrounds. The goal is 1600 pounds of caps and lids (which is a lot of plastic).

Sharon Johnston on left. Shirley Brown and Slim Fouts on the right



MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

SEGMENT 10

Written by Lion Bev Fiandt

Lions Clubs International is a federation of Lions clubs. Each Lions club has its own Constitution with control over its activities and monies.

Lions clubs are organized into larger groups to be able to handle services and activities on a broader scale. Four to eight clubs are organized into small zones to better serve local areas. Several zones are a region and regions make up a district. District 25-B eliminated the Region Chair when we added the 2nd Vice District Governor. We are in Zone F in District 25-B (substitute your club information here and wherever appropriate in this segment).

The presiding officer for District 25-B is elected to govern the combined business of the 62 clubs in this area. This District Governor appoints the Zone Chairman and other officers and committees. These appointees are called the Governor's Cabinet.

District 25-B is teamed with 6 other districts to form Multiple District 25. The Multiple District for us is the state of Indiana, but for some, it is several countries. Our seven District Governors working together are the State Council of Governors, or Multiple District 25 Council of Governors, or sometimes, just Indiana Governors. This Council of Governors, along with their State responsibilities, are liasons to Lions Clubs International, which is often referred to as LCI.

Historically, when Lions Clubs originated in 1917, Illinois and Indiana together were District I. As time passed and membership exceeded the minimum requirement of 35 clubs and 1250 members, Indiana became its own District. As Districts are numbered in order of development, this district became District 25. By 1938 there were 3 sub-districts – 25 A, B, and C

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.with 3 District Governors. By 1945, there were 6; by 1978, 8. Fort Wayne Central's George Bormuth was an extension star employed by LCI in 1956 to form new clubs in the tri-states.

This Multiple District is called various interchangeable names: Multiple District 25; MD 25; or Indiana Lions, as in Indiana Lions State Convention or Indiana Lions Foundation.

With all this layered organization, it is important to consider several things. First, these layers are each dedicated to providing more and better service opportunities to the individual Lion and Lions club. Second, in all of Lionism there are only two presidents: the Local Club President and the International President. And, third, Local Club DELEGATES, voting at the District, State, and International Conventions, ELECT the officers who will act for them the following fiscal year and decide on any changes in the direction of the Association. The individual Lion and the worldwide federation of local Lions clubs make up Lions Clubs International.

A big **Thanks** to Lion Bev Fiandt for composing these *Membership Minute* segments several years ago to promote membership and orientation in the Fort Wayne Central Lions Club. Please use these in your club meetings. They are a great tool to remind all of us who we are and why we are Lions. The complete set of 10 segments will be available on the District Lions 25B website



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BERNE CENTENNIAL LIONS CLUB

The *Berne Centennial Lions Club* officially has 17 Charter Lions as of October 19, 2016! Six District Lions, along with New Club Coordinator, Ronnie Martin, canvassed Berne the week of October 10. By the organizational meeting on [Friday, October 14](#), 15 community leaders had joined the club, with promises of more charter applications to be picked up the following week. We also have a list of more than 25 people who asked us to follow up in the next 2 weeks. A President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Membership Chair have been elected. They will start their training before the end of October with the goal of organizing the **Charter Party** before [Thanksgiving](#)

How can you help the *Berne Centennial Lions Club*? First, if you know someone in the Berne community, please let DG Al or me know and we will make the connection to invite them to join. Secondly, the Charter Party will be our opportunity to celebrate the birth of a new club. Every club will receive an invitation. Attend the party and meet our newest Lions. Lastly, support the Berne Centennial Lions financially. Each club is invited to send a donation to show your support and build the funds available to start serving the community. Watch your mail for more information.

Congratulations Lions, you are parents of a new club!



GOAL BALL HOUSE



The new Goal Ball Homes being set at Turnstone.



PDG Richard Hill, Cabnet Treasurer, and PDG Ken Krauter presenting the first draft to Scott McLeish from Premier Builders, (the Goal Ball housing project).

PDG Ken Presenting to the Premier Builders, Scott McLeish accepting the last Draft Check for the Goal Ball Homes





**INDIANA LIONS
2017 STATE CONVENTION
APRIL 28 – 30, 2017**



Exhibit Request

MUST BE RETURNED BY DECEMBER 31, 2016

State Project/Committee: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Yes, I would like to have an exhibit at the 2017 State Convention ☐

Setup: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday

Exhibits should be open from Noon – 5:00 pm Friday and 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday

Equipment Needed – **At Your Cost**

10 x 10 Booth (includes 1 table & 2 chairs) \$50.00 _____

10 x 10 Booth w/electricity (incl. 1 table & 2 chairs) \$85.00 _____

Additional Tables (4 x 8) \$15.00 _____

Additional Chairs \$5.00 _____

Booth is free to state committees and state projects **ONLY**

Additional Needs: _____

2017 Indiana Lions State Convention
c/o PDG Glen Georges, Co-Chair
6531 S 1025 E
Oakland City, IN 47660
Email: glengeorges@yahoo.com
(812) 215-9420



**INDIANA LIONS
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Seminar Request

Title of Seminar: _____

NOTE: All cost incurred to provide materials requested will be the expense of the requesting party. Payment will be due upon confirmation by the Convention Planning Committee.

Seminar rooms include electricity, a podium, one microphone, one dry erase easel, flip chart, tables, and chairs. Indicate additional equipment needs below:

Wi-Fi @\$10.00 _____ Laptop @\$100.00 _____

CD Player @\$25.00 _____ Microphone: _____

VCR @\$32.00 _____ hand held w/cord @\$10.00 _____

Slide Projector @\$56.00 _____ wireless, hand-held (VHF) @\$50.00 _____

Tripod Screen (6', 8') @\$25 _____ wireless, Lavalier (VHF) @\$50.00 _____

Extension Cord @\$5.00/cord _____ Overhead projector @\$44.00 _____

Tripod Screen (10 ft) @\$35.00 _____

Power Strip @\$10.00/strip _____

Additional Needs _____

Time Preference for Saturday Seminars: 2:15 p.m. ☐ 3:15 p.m. ☐

Indicate if you are willing to repeat your seminar: Yes ☐ No ☐

We will try accommodate all time requests; however, the committee reserves the right to decide which seminars will need to be moved if too many are requested for a specific time period.

State Project/Committee: _____

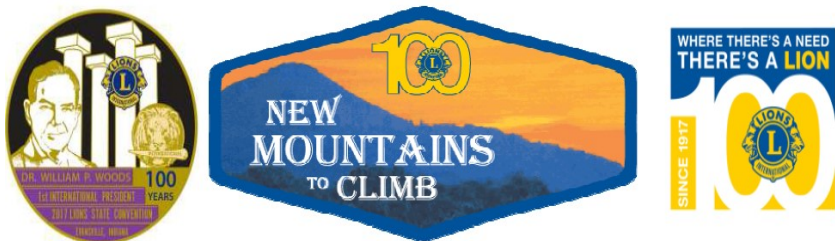
Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

COMPLETE AND RETURN NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2016 TO;

Lion Erica Thomas, 400 12th Street, Petersburg, IN 47567, (812) 766-0159,
Email: ericadthomas@yahoo.com

INDIANA LIONS STATE CONVENTION INFORMATION



Happy Birthday Lions!

That is the theme for the 2017 Indiana Lions State Convention in Evansville on April 28—30, 2017.

Make your plans now to join Lions from across the state of Indiana at the 2017 Indiana Lions State Convention to celebrate 100 years of lionism. More than 130 Lions have already pre-registered for the convention. The convention will be hosted by the Oakland City and Petersburg Lions Clubs, assisted by Lions from throughout District 25-E.

Lions Clubs International President Chancellor Robert Corlew will be our special guest at the convention.

IP Corlew will participate in the presentation of awards at the Awards Luncheon on Saturday, and will be the keynote speaker at the All-State Banquet on Saturday evening. Convention attendees will have an opportunity to meet IP Corlew during a seminar session on Saturday afternoon.

A frequently asked question about the convention is: “What is the dress code for the All-State Banquet on Saturday evening?” The District Governors and other Lions leaders seated at the head table will be wearing formal dinner jackets, but this is a Lions function and Lions apparel is always appropriate at a Lions function

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Please plan to attend the All-State Banquet, even if you don’t have a Lions vest or shirt. We want you there, no matter what you wear.

Several exciting events and tours are being planned including a Friday evening dinner aboard the LST 325. LST 325 is a restored, fully operational, Navy ship that actually served our country in WWII. The LST is docked in Evansville on the Ohio River and will provide a unique dining experience. There will be a special seminar on the “Legacy of Dr. William P. Woods”, LCI’s first International President, who just happened to be from Evansville.

A theme basket for the Silent Auction is a great way for your club to participate in the convention.

There is no charge to attend the convention business sessions, seminars, or visit the exhibit tables. We have done our best to provide affordable meals at the convention, including children menus for the Saturday Luncheon, All-State Banquet, and Sunday Brunch. Walk-in registrations will be accepted during the convention, however, no meal reservations will be accepted after April 20. The deadline for meal reservations at regular prices is April 1. After April 1, the price for each meal will increase by \$5.00. We encourage you to register early to avoid the added cost.



McMillen
Park Lions
Club new
member:
Patrick
Garrett



DG ALAN AND DISTRICT B CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2016



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1	2	3 Stroh Lions Club OV 	4 Indiana Lions Conference Dinner 	5 Indiana Lions Conference 
6 Cabinet meeting 	7 Auburn Lions Club OV 	8	9	10 Columbia City Lions Club OV 	11 Veteran's Day 	12 
13	14 Waynedale, Foster Park -Lions Clubs OV 	15 Anthony Wayne Lions Club OV 	16 Howe Lions Club OV 	17 	18 	19
20	21 Monroe Lions Club OV 	22	23	24 Thanksgiving 	25	26
27	28	29	30			

AROUND THE DISTRICT

HARLAN LIONS ORGANIZING TORNADO DEBRIS CLEAN UP

On August 24th , 2016 tornadoes struck near Woodburn ,IN. destroying farm buildings and homes, and sending debris through- out fields of corn and soybeans. This debris including farm machinery, furniture, and all sorts of other parts of farm buildings and the debris from destroyed homes. Fortunately no one was badly injured and there were no fatalities. Some items from homes in the Woodburn area have been found in the Hicksville, Ohio fields !

Because this debris must be removed before corn and soybeans can be harvested, the Harlan Lions Club sponsor of the Leo clubs (young lions) ask for volunteers from the students helping others Leo club, the Woodlan service club Leo club, The agriculture students from Woodland. Elementary and junior senior high school and young people from the Woodburn Christian children's



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AROUND THE DISTRICT

home. Nearly 30 young people came on Saturday the 24th to the Schlatter stock farms and removed debris from about 30 acres of soybeans. Many more acres must be cleared before the crops can be harvested. Volunteers are still needed for several farms in the Woodburn area, so we ask that other young people will volunteer to help the farmers in the tornado torn farming community



The Andrews Lions members Phil Rupert and Lowell Richardson created a new project along with the club members selling personal flashlights.

Thanks to sponsors underwriting the cost, the sales was all profit. The flashlights were used at the Andrews Festival for a light parade which was a huge success.

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR
ALAN ARNOLD
595 E. STATE RD. 124
MONROE, IN 46772**

**DISTRICT B
NOVEMBER 2016**



NOVEMBER UPDATE: Lions Clubs International Convention and 100th Anniversary Celebration

The Indiana International Convention Committee has chosen a parade uniform for our Indiana Lions. The expectation is to unveil the shirt and hat at the November 5 Indiana Leadership Conference. The parade gear will represent Indiana with a racing theme. Also at the November 5 Leadership Conference is a session presenting more information about how to attend LCIcon and how to experience and negotiate Chicago.

As always, you can go to the LCIcon web site at <http://lcicon.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php> for more information.

Look for the next ICC update in your December newsletters.

PDG Dan Wilcox, ICC Chairman – danwpu@comcast.net