## DISTRICT B

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#### DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COLUMN

Here we are at the month of November. The holiday season. As we go through the next couple of months, let's give thanks for all we have and remember those that may not be as fortunate as ourselves.

I would like to give you an update on how my goals for the district are going.

# Membership Goal: To have a positive growth for the District with each club having a net gain of at least one.

As of this writing, the District is a -9. That is not too bad, but it is not a plus. There are 13 clubs with a positive gain so far this year and 15 clubs with a negative gain. That leaves 23 clubs with no gain or loss. JUST KEEP ASKING!

# Leadership Goal: To have all club officers trained. Also to have leadership positions at the District level filled.

We held our officer trainings in the spring and they were well attended. As to District positions, we have all zone chairs filled except for the La-Grange county clubs. If anyone from Howe, Mongo, Orland, Stroh, South Milford, or Wolcottville would be interested in being a zone chair, please let me know. We also do not have an official 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor at this time.

# Service Goal: To have 80% of clubs report their service activities online each month.

So far this year, we have had 40 clubs report a service activity and 11 clubs that have not reported any activities. Please ask your secretary if they are reporting activities. It would be great to end the year with all clubs reporting.

May 1

LCIF Goal: To have 100% of clubs in the District donate to LCIF. Also encourage individual donations to LCIF.

On October 1, nine of the 51 clubs in our District had made a donation to LCIF this year. We have 42 clubs to go. I know that many clubs do not make their donations until later in the year, so please, when your club makes its distributions, remember to contribute to LCIF.

There will be a District Christmas reception at the Roanoke American Legion on Saturday, December 22, from 6 – 8 p.m. Please plan to come for a time of fellowship and good cheer. All district Lions and guests are invited.

Please put the following dates on your calendar and try to be in attendance.

**November 4:** Cabinet Meeting at Columbia City Church of the Brethren (see registration in this newsletter)

December 22: District Christmas Reception at Roanoke American Legion Post 160, 6-8 p.m.

January 11-12: Midwinter Conference, Indianapolis

January 27: Cabinet Meeting, Monroeville area

March 16: District Convention. PIP Joe Preston speaker

**April 26-28: State Convention, Grand Wayne Center, Ft. Wayne** 

May 19: Cabinet meeting, Auburn area

Yours' in Lions,

DG Al

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# FROM THE DESK OF 1st VDG TERRY MARKER

Greeting

It's the time of year when things are changing rapidly. The trees are changing. The temperature doesn't quite know what it wants to do. And clubs are settling into their routines. It's time to start thinking about Thanksgiving and then it will be Christmas. We, as LIONS have many things to be thankful for – especially the opportunities we has to serve and make a difference in our communities.

One thing that we may not think of is our opportunity to be leaders. Not just in our club or our district (although we certainly need people to step up there), but also in our communities.

And that brings me to what is on my mind today – that is the opportunities we have as Lions to grow and learn how to be great leaders. Lions are offered many opportunities to do this throughout the year. It starts with officer training happening usually in May or June. More information will be given on that later in the year.

There is the Mid-Winter Conference held on Jan. 12, at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Indianapolis.

There is the Indiana Leadership Institute held in April for people that are considering stepping up to a district office. Contact DG Alan Arnold if you want more information on this.

There is also some Lions International Training events that are held each year. They are ELLI (Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes) and ALLI (Advanced Lions Leadership Institutes.

ELLI focuses on building skills of Lions members for leadership opportunities at the club level, including the position of club president. Candidates must be Lions in good standing who have successfully served on a club committee and who have not yet attained the level of club president.

ALLI focuses on building the skills of Lions leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibilities at zone, region and district levels. Qualified candidates are Lions that have completed a successful term as club president, but have not yet attained the position of First Vice District Governor

If you need something to do through the winter, while you are shut-in, consider one or more of the many courses that are offered at the Lions Learning center at lionsclubs.org.

At the USA/Canada Forum, I found another avenue of training and that is Lions University (lionsuniversity.org). There you will find course for your club, your district, and others that will help you be your best as a Lions leader, also a leader in you community and your job.

Check them out. I think you might be surprised at what all is offered to you.

Lion Terry



## ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AUC-TION AT THE LIONS STATE CONVENTION TO BE HELD ON FORT WAYNE IN APRIL 2019

**CONTACT PDG KATHY OR BOB MORTON** (kmorton65@hotmail.com) or

(260-344-1339)

WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR ITEMS TO BE DONATED.



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THE LIONS OF DISTRICT 25-B AND THE LCIF HAS ALLOWED ME. MY TEAMMATES AND MY FRIENDS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE OUT OUR DREAMS PLAYING THE SPORT WE LOVE. OUR PURSUIT OF **EXCELLENCE IS A LIFESTYLE** AND YOU HAVE GIVEN US THE ABILITY TO COMPETE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR **YOUR SUPPORT AND LOOK** FORWARD TO MAKING YOU PROUD! - MARYBAI HUKING

PARALYMPIAN, TEAM USA











The Lions Clubs International Foundation has approved District 25-B's Matching Grant proposal in the amount of \$60,000 to complete the housing project for USABA's Goalball Center of Excellence in Fort Wayne.

LCIF will fund \$60,000, USABA will fund \$45,000 and District 25-B will fund \$15,000 toward the construction and furnishing project. Detailed information about the Goalball Center of Excellence can be found online by <u>clicking here</u>. The LCIF grant was approved May 11, 2018 with a 6 month deadline to raise \$15,000.

All donations should be sent to:
Cabinet Treasurer PDG Richard Hill
17611 DeVall Rd
Spencerville, IN 46788

For more information or a club program, contact:
PID Dave Fiandt
hdfiandt@comcast.net



## LIONS DISTRICT 25B CABINET MEETING

Sunday, November 4, 2018

At The

Columbia City Church of the Brethren 112 N Washington St., Columbia City, In. 46725 (Downtown one block east of Main & north of Van Buren)

TIME:

Registration: Begins @ 12 PDG Meeting @ 12:30 Cabinet Meeting Called to Orc

Cabinet Meeting Called to Order @ 1 pm

MENU: Chicken and noodles, mash potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert.

COST: \$12

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



#### **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS:**

Monday, October 29, 20168

Please bring a door prize to add to the fun
Club
Lion
Guest/Lion
Guest/Lion
Guest/Lion
Number of Reservations @ \$12.00 ea.
Amount included \$





# Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc. Annual Holiday Luncheon

You are invited to attend! The Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc. Board of Trustees will have our holiday luncheon on Sunday, December 2nd, 2018 at the Indiana School for the Deaf cafeteria, 1200 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Indianapolis, across from the State Fair Grounds. Activities will begin at 12:30 p.m. so plan to arrive early to check in at the registration table and visit with friends. The cost per person is only \$16.00.

Our special guests will be the deaf high school students, your donations helped sponsor, who attended the Deaf Youth Leadership Camp for four weeks in Stayton, Oregon last summer. As a highlight of the luncheon program, the students will report on their experiences while attending the Leadership Camp.

Also attending will be staff members of the Indiana School for the Deaf and members of the Riley Children's Hospital Audiology & Speech Department, and Riley Children's Foundation. Faculty representatives from our four state universities as well as scholarship recipients will be in attendance.

In support of your project, the Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing trustees sincerely hope you will join us

for this inspiring occasion. We encourage you to bring other Lions and friends to experience the good

work we do in fulfilling our motto "We Serve". Please complete the form below and return it with your check to arrive at the address shown below no later than November 25th, 2018. Thank you for your support.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_\_ dinners at \$16.00 each. (Children under 4 no charge)

Amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Make check payable to Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc.

Name Title District Club

Mail to:

PDG Melissa Baker

PO Box 711 Milan, IN 47031 812/621-8486

lionmelissab@gmail.com



# DG ALAN AND DISTRICT B CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Cabinet Meeting at Columbia City	5 Auburn OV	6 Anthony Wayne OV	7 Angola OV	8	9	10
11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14 South Milford OV	15 Hamilton OV	16	17
18	19 Monroe OV	20	21 Howe OV	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

## ALL NEW SEMINARS

- Eyeglass Recycling How you can help
- Marketing communications to improve your club's presence
- Membership Recruiting
- Anyone can make baked beans (or, We've always done it that way)
- Making community partnerships simplify your fundraising
- Leader dog puppy raising
- What's this fuss about MyLION?
- Orientation can improve your membership retention
- Getting out of the 'Club Box'
- Effective presentations-Steps to be an effective communicator
- Online Leadership Resource Center
- Internet Fraud Protection
- Organizing and reporting club service projects
- Diabetes Awareness
- Generational Leadership Styles
- Finding Money in Your Community

#### January 11-12, 2019

Watch for registration information Updates on Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference Facebook page



# 2019 INDIANA LIONS STATE CONVENTION GRAND WAYNE CONVENTION CENTER





### **Holiday Social**

#### **Hosted by Auburn Lions Club**

Guest Speaker: Lion Dottie Flack: Indiana Lions Cancer Control Project

When: Mon. December 3, 2018 @ Bridgewater Golf Course 1818 Morningstar Rd -- Auburn,

IN



Time: 6 pm social 6:30 buffet dinner 7:00 program

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Contact Lion Freda Donley: (260) 908-5071 or <a href="mailto:frejoe809@gmail.com">frejoe809@gmail.com</a>

No reservations after November 26, 2018

Make checks payable to: Auburn Lions Club and mail to:

Auburn Lions Club P.O. Box. 901 Auburn, IN 46706

# attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_

"It's always nice when friends gather round"

## Simplified Explanation of Eye Bank Amendment:

Founded in 1959 by the Lions of Indiana, the Indiana Lions Eye Bank Inc. (ILEBI) has grown from its meager beginnings of nothing more than an oversized broom closet into one of the premier eye banks in the United States.

The business of eye banking has changed much in the past 60 years. Where we originally relied on volunteers to procure and transport the corneas, we now have paid technicians in the field and use overnight shipping. Where surgeons once had to replace entire corneas with long recovery times for their patients, we are now able to provide specific layers of the cornea with much better results and minimal recovery times. Throughout, the ILEBI has been on the forefront of these innovations

Eye banking is going thru rapid changes of late, and the term "consolidation" has become the catch word with larger eye banks buying up smaller ones and creating large, regional eye banks or making deals with doctors and hospitals to force out smaller eye banks. Although the ILEBI is on the cutting edge, it is still categorized as a medium size eye bank. This puts us in the unique position of either initiating growth and expanding our operation or sitting back, doing nothing, and risking being swallowed up or forced out by one of these larger eye banks and thus losing our identity as the Indiana Lions Eye Bank.

Over the past couple of years, the ILEBI Board has been initiating changes to enhance our eye bank. Through a detailed marketing study of the hospitals which we work with on the recovery of tissue, the surgeons who use our services, and the general public which most commonly associated the eye bank (iBank) with Apple's iPhone, iPad, and iPod, it was determined that a change in our "doing business as" (d/b/a) would be beneficial, and thus VisionFirst Indiana Lions Eye Bank was developed.

The ILEBI is planning to stay on the cutting edge. The purchase and remodel of the new 21,000 square foot facility is a large part of the plan to stay on that edge. THE ILEBI expects to move in by June 2019. This new facility will be equipped with a larger technical lab, a training lab, and a research lab along with additional office space and conference rooms.

These changes have been implemented in order to become more aggressive at approaching collaborative relationships or mergers. The Board wants to be in the position of initiating the growth and protecting the Indiana Lions Eye Bank Inc. and the Lions of Indiana.

That is a brief history of the Eye Bank and why the changes are needed. Now for how the Lions of Indiana can help us continue to grow.

Article XI of the state constitution, requires that only active members of a Lions Club in Indiana may serve as a trustee for each of the state projects listed under Article XI. With the possibility of collaborating or merging with smaller eye banks becoming more of a reality, those eye banks may want to have representation on our Board of Directors. This is not possible under the current constitution.

By allowing the ILEBI to be moved into its own article of the constitution and still under the oversight of Lions of Indiana. The ILEBI would then be allowed to extend Board positions to those not allowed under Article XI yet maintain a majority representation of Indiana Lions.

The ILEBI falls within the guidelines established by Lions Clubs International as a "Lions Eye Bank" by maintaining a board comprised of a majority of Lions Members. The Board is committed to maintaining this affiliation.

Although the ILEBI seeks to be located under a different area of the constitution rather than remaining under Article XI pertaining to the state projects, the move is to allow flexibility in the governance and Board makeup. The Lions Clubs in Indiana will still be asked to financially support the ILEBI for continuation of the Operation KidSight and the Ocular Surgery Assistance programs.

#### In summary:

Eye banking is changing, and it is becoming commonplace for larger eye banks to take over smaller banks to create regional facilities or to just force them out.

Article XI of the State Constitution limits the flexibility of the Indiana Lions Eye Bank Inc. needed to deal with the ever-changing eye bank business environment.

The majority of the board of directors will remain Lions and be Lion controlled.

- Lions Clubs International has a set of guidelines which eye banks must follow to maintain their status as a "Lions Eye Bank." A majority of the Board must be Lions.
- The status of the Operation KidSight and the ILEBI Ocular Surgery Assistance Program shall not be changed upon adoption of this resolution, and the Lions of Indiana shall continue to be charged with promoting the financial support of the ILEBI and its programs.
- The Board of Directors is committed to growing the Eye Bank and protecting it from outside threats while maintaining the oversight by the Lions of Indiana.

The Indiana Lions Eye Bank is simply asking the Lions of Indiana to allow it to follow the LCI guidelines for Lions Eye Banks without any further requirements from the local level as this will create a structure for the Eye Bank to be most successful.

If you have additional questions or comments, please contact your district trustees and ask them or schedule a trustee visit to your club. The Trustees are happy to answer your questions. The trustees are counting our you 'yes' vote for the Article XIII.

#### Lions of Indiana Multiple District 25 Constitutional Amendment

The Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Incorporated (ILEBI), following on the Resolution approved at last year's State Convention, propose the following amendment to Article XI, and the creation of Article XIII of the Lions of Indiana Multiple District 25 Constitution:

#### **Article XI – State Projects, Section 2**

Strike "Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc;"

Section 2. The State Projects of Multiple District 25 are: Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc; Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc; Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Inc; Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc. and Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.

#### Article XIII – Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Incorporated (ILEBI)

Section 1. The ILEBI was established by the Lions of Indiana in 1959, with the purpose, scope, and objectives being: The conservation and restoration of human sight, the prevention of blindness, the support of eye research, and the education about and promotion of human tissue for transplant.

Section 2. The ILEBI shall abide by the terms and provisions established by Lions Clubs International for Lions Eye Banks. The Lions of Indiana shall promote the financial support of the ILEBI and its programs and objectives outlined in Section 1.

Section 3. The ILEBI shall be governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of:

Three (3) Lions from each District of Indiana Multiple District 25 elected to serve a three (3) year staggered term at the District Conventions. Their term of office shall begin on July 1<sup>st</sup> following election.

Any vacancy of a Trustee elected per Section 3 (a) shall be filled by a qualified appointee of the District from which the vacancy occurs for the balance of the term.

The Board of Trustees may appoint additional Trustees, Lions or non-Lions, to serve for three (3) year terms. However, the total number of Trustees per Section 3 (c) shall be less than the total number of Trustees from Section 3 (a).

Section 4. The ILEBI shall make available the following reports to the State Council Chairperson upon written request: Copies of the annual budget for the Board of Trustees;

Copies of minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings with the exception of Executive Sessions;

Copies of audit reports;

Financial summary showing income and expenses.

Section 5. Each District Governor shall forward to the ILEBI an annual list of all contributions made to the ILEBI by July 31<sup>st</sup>. The ILEBI shall make verification of these contributions within sixty (60) days and report any discrepancies.

#### **ROANOKE LIONS CLUB**



People in Roanoke's new member picture, L-R: Jon Perkins (Pres. and Al's sponsor), Al Amick (new member), Leah Viacara (new member), Jerry Anderson (Leah's sponsor), John Klingenberger (new member). Transfer new member Harold Mallo not in picture.

#### MONROEVILLE LIONS CLUB



Monroeville Lions welcome new member, Sarah Deans Adams. Sarah was inducted at the October meeting by IPDG Roger Cash. Also pictured is Paul Row, Sarah's sponsor.

## **CROMWELL/KIMMELL LIONS CLUB**



The Cromwell-Kimmell Club is honored to announce Lion Tina Kreischer as 2017-2018 Lion of the Year. In only her second year of membership, Lion Tina has assumed the responsibility of Leo Club Advisor and 2nd Vice President. She has been a cheerful and effective worker on several committees and participates in many of the Lion events. Pictured here Lion Tina Kreischer is receiving her award from club president Lion John Emmert.

#### **AROUND THE DISTRICT**

LARWILL LIONS CLUB



#### FISH FRY

Saturday, November 3, 2018

Serving at 3:30pm

Dinners are \$8 per person and carry out will be available.

Partnering with our Richland Township Fire Department for our first fish fry in 2

years!!

Don't forget to like our FaceBook page, Larwill Lions Club!!

#### AROUND THE DISTRICT

ZONE G ZONE MEETING

Monday, November 12, 2018

Taco bar meal

Cost \$6

Meeting at 7pm.

Program for night is owls.

If not you then hoooooo!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sent reservations to:

Zanesville Lions

3088 W Van Horn Street

Zanesville, IN 46799

Or

e-mail: mokuly52@yahoo.com



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

**DISTRICT B** 

**NOVEMBER 2018** 

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