



## DISTRICT B

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Well here we are at the end of October and it will soon be Thanksgiving time. That makes me start to think about the many things that we can be thankful for. Right now Nikki and I have two of our grandchildren with us and earlier in the week we were paid a visit by two of our granddaughters and two great-grandchildren. We are fortunate to have some of them living close by.

I am also thankful for the clubs in District 25 B and the hard work that you put into serving your community and the many causes that Lions represent. I have seen that the hard work of many that are going around to schools for the School Screenings. They keep saying we should hit close to 12,000 children this year. A BIG BITEM TO THIS GROUP.

It has been fun visiting the clubs in the district. To see the different ways that you operate (after all it is your club, your way.) It is also interesting to hear about your fund raisings projects, but more than that the way you are interacting with your community. I am of the firm belief that is a big key to being a good Lions club – a healthy one that can grow through this century. We must know our community to understand their needs. We should be inviting our communities to work alongside of our Lions clubs to meet those needs. One note on club visitations. There are still about 20 clubs who have not book a visitation. Please contact me and set up a date. If you have not done that by the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet meeting in Angola I will be contacting you to set up a visitation.

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## Name \_\_\_\_\_

## VICE GOVERNOR'S PAGE

1VDG Roger Cash

It does seem that time is really flying by. And I do know how things can sneak up on us. As I set here writing this, I realized that NO club has submitted entries for the one who recruited the most members during September and October. The scary part of that is as of this writing we are down seven from the start of the month and a minus 12 for the year. I do hope that we are out there asking people to join in our service to the communities.

If any club wish I will come and work with them to build up their clubs. Whether it be to help train your club members in recruiting, your leadership on retention or even working with your membership to advance their desire to stay Lions. Now to shift gears a bit. I would like to ask the question, "How do you show appreciation for the serve your members give." Remember we are working with volunteers and if they don't feel we appreciate their service they will leave. No longer do we have a group that serves because it is expected and feels good. We have many who are looking at what is in it for them and am I appreciated.

So, how do we show our appreciation? It can be as simple as shaking their or patting them on the back and saying, "Well done." Or, it could be a nice public thank you at a meeting. To show even greater appreciation there are very nice certificates, plaques and pins the club can give. I know one club that often give gift cards for a nice restaurant to members and other volunteers for a good job. Remember is a member or volunteer doesn't feel welcome and appreciated they will soon be gone. Some clubs hold annual Award Nights. These are nice and I feel we don't have enough clubs doing this, but recognition should not be left to only the Award Night. Sometimes a simple "Thank you" goes a longways.

Moving on to another concern. As I write this the district does not have a Second Vice District Governor in place. I am not sure why some are not stepping up. If it because you don't think

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you have enough knowledge about Lions, there is training. If is the fear of the cost I tell you that the cost is very manageable. This is my third time through the chairs and the net out of pocket expenses have averaged about \$378.00 per year. Now that is above what I would have given to Lions to start with. And yes, I am on a fixed income. But I have found the rewards of serving far and away out weigh the added cost. The only other thing I have heard is the time requirement. So, let us look at those. Two days of training for SVDGs, six days of training for FVDG/DGE in the Multiple District and four days with LCI. Then there is the USA/Canada Forum and the International Convention. These provide more opportunities for learning. Yes, as a VDG and DG you will be expected to visited the clubs in the district and to attend the Council Meetings. However, all of this is easily manageable. Plus, you will have the support of all the PDGs in the district.



## LCIF UPDATE

So far this year, we have had donations from 11 clubs. As of this writing, nine of our forty-nine clubs in the district have given a club donation. The other two clubs have donations from individuals. Those donations total \$3625. Last year at the same time we as a district had given \$1080 so we are \$2545 ahead of last year. Last year our total LCIF donation was \$21,874. Let's beat that this year. We can beat that especially if we as Lions give an individual donation. If you want to know how, please contact me at 260-216-1101 or [pamalarn@myfibersolution.com](mailto:pamalarn@myfibersolution.com). I know a lot of clubs do not make club donations until after January 1, but please, make sure LCIF is on your club donation list.

Thank you,  
PDG Al Arnold

District 25B LCIF Co-coordinator



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

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## GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

Fall has officially arrived as have all the fundraisers and service activities that clubs perform. The funds we raise do amazing things in our community. Do you have someone in your club who enjoys working with computers? Getting the word out through our local paper and social media is good way to educate our friends and neighbors about who we are.

Pictures taken at fundraisers and service activities can also be uploaded into the My Lion app and My LCI website. *Has the change in service and activity reporting gotten confusing? You're not alone.* As of July 1, you must use the My Lion tab to report all activities. Indiana Lions have the opportunity to get a better understanding of how to use this new reporting tool.

The October issue of the *Hoosier Lion* is promoting the Indiana Mid-Winter Conference on Saturday, January 11 at Crowne Plaza at the Indianapolis Airport. Full details are on the back page. Note Seminar 1 and Seminar 2 – PDG Ross Drapalik will present “Unmaking My Lion” at 10:10 am and again at 12:45 pm. PDG Ross is a wonderful speaker who will be able to give us first hand information to make our monthly duties less stressful. Fill your car with fellow Lions and enjoy a valuable day getting new information.

In the meantime, please reach out if I can be of any assistance. I'm learning along with you, but I know how to find the answers we need

Serving together,  
PDG Kaylene Souers  
260-438-0797



## PROJECT SCHOOL SIGHT

The screening team is busy visiting schools in our District and working with school nurses to meet the state requirements to screen 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. As of mid-October Lions have visited 32 schools and screened 5,345 students. Of those students, 640 have been referred for further testing for a referral rate of 12.2%.

Below are the dates and schools that will be screened in November. If you would like to volunteer or even watch the process, please contact either Al Arnold or Kathy Webb to learn the start time. Al – [pamalarn@myfibersolution.com](mailto:pamalarn@myfibersolution.com), 260-216-1101 or Kathy – 260-437-7057

Nov. 1: Norwell Middle School  
Nov. 1: Perry Hill Elementary  
Nov. 1: Roanoke Elementary  
Nov. 4: MSD Steuben Co. Angola Middle School  
Nov. 5: Dekalb Middle School  
Nov. 6: Aboite Elementary  
Nov. 6: Adams Central Elementary  
Nov. 7: Hickory Center  
Nov. 8: Ossian Elementary  
Nov. 11: Bluffton Elementary  
Nov. 13: Prairie Heights  
Nov. 15: Zion Lutheran  
Nov. 20: Southern Wells  
Nov. 22: Adams Central Middle School

We look forward to seeing you at a screening happening in your neighborhood!

PDG Kaylene







# DG TERRY AND DISTRICT B

## CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER 2019



Sun

Mon







Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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3 Cabinet Meeting at Angola American Legion 	4 Auburn Lions Club O/V 	5	6	7	8	9 Tri-Lakes Lions Club Fish/Tenderloin Fry
10	11 St. Joe Lions Club O/V 	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Howe Lions Club O/V 	21	22	23
24	25	26 Heritage Lions Club O/V 	27	28 	29	30

## IDEAS CLUBS USE TO GET AND KEEP MEMBERS INVOLVED

Strike up a friendly rivalry with another service club, like the Rotary, on a community service project. One club does this by seeing which club can raise the most money ringing the Salvation Army bell. They even have a song to motivate the members to participate and a joint meeting to share in the fun.

Have an occasional joint meeting with another service club. This helps with networking and lets Lions know they are not an island unto themselves.

Institute an “attendance award” where a member’s name is drawn. If present, the Lion wins a prize like maybe a free meal, or dollar amount that increases until some one wins. Publish the results in the club bulletin. One club calls it a “HaHa Raffle” if the Lion drawn is not present – members chant HaHa.

Have fun acknowledging birthdays and anniversaries. Get the club members to sing. If you can, get the birthday Lions to sing or pay a fine. Some times other members will pay NOT to hear them sign.

Hold a family outing. Be sure to include the kids –including grandchildren. Make it fun with maybe just hot dogs and burgers. Have games for both kids and adults.

Invite children to participate in fund raising and community service projects and in club meetings. Market the club as a family oriented group. Have a Leo or a scout care for the children at meetings.

Let newer members (1-5 years) come up with a project and let them run with it.

Ask more experienced Lions (8 years and over) to serve as advisers to newer members. Maybe take them to a Zone Meeting or to visit another club.

Set aside one meeting to brainstorm new ideas for community service and/or fund raising projects. Have a newer member act as a facilitator and an experienced Lion as scribe.

In the club bulletin, profile a newer Lion one month and a more experienced Lion the next.

Your ideas: \_\_\_\_\_

GMT Dick Silveira, PDG June 2019

## NEW HERITAGE LIONS CLUBS OFFICERS INSTALLED

Ed Coy was elected as the Heritage Lions club President for 2019/2020. Larry Smith has agreed to be First Vice-President and will become the President in fall of 2020. Rick Boys was approved as Second Vice-President. Cindy Wolfe was elected to serve as the new club secretary. Kathleen Coy volunteered to be the chapter’s Tail Twister, providing fun quizzes at each meeting.

Heritage Lions have donated well over \$100,000 to local organizations in the past 10 years. Recipients have included Monroeville Fire and EMS, Monroeville Park, Cornerstone, Hoagland Fire and EMS, Poe Fire and EMS, and the three local food banks. Several Heritage High School donations have also been made, including Prom/After Prom as well as uniforms for the Heritage Band and the JV team. Finally, Heritage Lions have provided funds for many eye-related projects including Lions School For the Blind, Lions Eye Bank, Lions Dog For the Blind, and for local in-school eye exams and for blind bowlers.



Lion Ed Coy at the Hoagland intersection on October 11. We sold over 7 cases of salted peanuts for local charities.

## MID-WINTER CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Members of the MWC planning committee have been meeting regularly for the past several months in preparation for the 2020 event, planned for January 10-11 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at the Indianapolis International Airport. Last year's MWC saw a dramatic change, in the seminars offered, the number of attendees, and the 'all under one roof' feature that the Crowne Plaza offered.

Additionally, an extensive evaluation survey last year resulted in an unprecedented 60% return rate, with many comments affirming the decision to return to the January dates as well as holding all events in one facility. The new seminar format, which eliminated the previous 2-hour workshops and 1-hour seminars was also seen as favorable, allowing more attendees to participate in more seminars.

This year we will also see a return of 16 seminar sessions, offered in four, 50-minutes time slots. A few of the seminars will be repeated twice. MWC committee members also poured through hundreds of individual comments in last year's evaluations, again resulting in additional changes made for this year's conference. In particular, the Friday evening keynote speaker has been replaced with the adoption of a special service project, a Million Meal Movement program. A separate article detailing this project has been distributed to district newsletter editors.

One of frequent comments from the surveys addressed the ten minute 'passing' period from one seminar to the next. This has been extended to 20 minutes. Many other details to enhance the enjoyment of the MWC were also addressed and should result in an even more enjoyable conference this coming January. Watch for registration information in the next several weeks as it will be distributed through district newsletters and the MWC Facebook page at Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference.

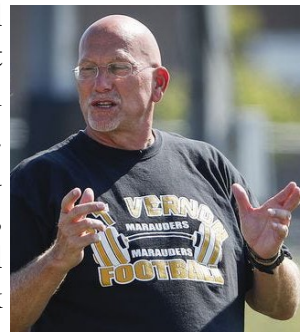


## HIGH SCHOOL COACH TO HIGHLIGHT SATURDAY MWC LUNCHEON

Mike Kirschner, a 1979 Warren Central graduate, will provide a motivational talk at the Saturday noon luncheon at the 2020 Mid-Winter Conference. The conference will be held January 10-11 at the Crowne Plaza at the Indianapolis International Airport.

Kirschner was a two-year letterman in football and received his BS degree from Ball State University in May of 1983, his teaching license from the University of Indianapolis in December of 1989, and his master's degree from Olivet Nazarene University in May of 2006.

Coach Kirschner served as assistant football coach, girls' basketball coach, and softball coach at Warren Central High School from 1990-1996. From 1996-2000, he served as the head football coach, assistant girls' basketball coach and head boys' track coach at Cascade High School. In 2007 he joined the coaching staff at Ben Davis High School and won two football state championships. In Jan. 2018, he was ready for a change and joined the coaching staff at Mt Vernon High School in Fortville, Indiana.



Coach Kirschner is not just a great coach. He is all about life and living it the right way. He believes real coaches never stop teaching and that it is important to develop the complete athlete, physically, mentally and spiritually. He speaks to many organizations and gave one of his rousing motivational speeches on the floor of the IN House of Representatives when they honored the 2017 Ben Davis team.

His talk revolves around providing a caring setting and expands upon experiences he had with his players over the years and how their experience shapes their roles in leadership. Make you plans to attend the exceptional Mid-Winter Conference. Watch the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference Facebook for additional information, including registration when it becomes available.



## ARCOLA LIONS CLUB

The Arcola Lions Club "RECYCLES FOR SIGHT". At our [September 17th](#) meeting we sorted and boxed over 6,000 pair of glasses to deliver to the Lions eyeglass recycle center in District 25A. There the glasses get catalogued and boxed for use in mission trips around the world. We had 30 Lions and friends from 6 clubs: Arcola, Churubusco, Shoaff Park, New Haven, Albion, Anthony Wayne and even had the former Coliseum club drop off glasses.

Some of the Lions in this picture: Lion Bill Brum-



baugh of Arcola (front right), PDG Don Cooper, New Haven (center left), DG Terry Marker, Albion (back center).

Submitted by Lion Kevin McDermit

## TRI LAKES LIONS CLUB

WHAT: Fish & Tenderloin Fry

WHEN: Saturday, November 9, 2019

WHERE: Tri Lakes Lions Hall

TIME: 4:00 - 7:00 PM



## UNION TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB

The Union Township Lions Club would like to thank everyone who stopped by the Lion's ice cream booth this summer at the Madison Street concert each Thursday night. With your patronage we were able to raise more than \$2000 for local organizations

Below is a list of the many groups we supported this summer.

Adams county crisis shelter

Hanna Nuttman ballpark renovation project

LOVE INC of Adams county

Decatur fire department dry hydrant project

2020 Decatur fireworks

Adams county Sherriff's K9 officers

Adams county Council on Aging, transportation service

United Way of Adams county

Kate's Kart (new books for children recovering in hospital)

2019 Callithumpian festival

Lions leader dog project (donated in memory of Frank Whitacre)

Hearing and vision screening during North Adams Kindergarten roundup

The Lions club would also like to thank Dean Foods of Decatur for the product donation and Thrivent financial for the monetary donation; without them our fundraising would not have been as successful. We also want to thank the Decatur Lions Club for the help they provided all summer.

Submitted by Lion Scott Marbach





## DISTRICT 25B ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

The 2019-20 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 state the Lions or Leos serve.

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 on next page.

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.

The photos will be displayed at the District Convention in March where the winners will be announced.

Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Place in each category: \$25 gift card

If you have a question please contact PDG Alan Arnold at 260-216-1101 or email [pamalarn@myfibersolution.com](mailto:pamalarn@myfibersolution.com).



## 25B LIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

### REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Age Category:

\_\_\_\_\_ 18 & under \_\_\_\_\_ 19 & older

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Photo Category

\_\_\_\_\_ Wildlife

\_\_\_\_\_ Scenery

Send completed registration form and photo to:

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

Please address questions to DG Alan Arnold at 260-216-1101 or [pamalarn@myfibersolution.com](mailto:pamalarn@myfibersolution.com).



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