

District 25 hronicles

Only 11 Months Left

It's hard to believe but time is already running out on my term as Governor! I only have 3 MD Council Meetings and 3 District Meetings remaining in my tenure! I only have eleven months left! O.K., so there is quite a bit of time left, but this last month has been very enjoyable, and there is so much still ahead!

Coming up on August 2nd, the Zionsville is throwing a 90th Celebration party! Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. Please step out and enjoy a Sunday evening in beautiful Zionsville with your fellow Lions!

District, State and PDG Directories will be heading your way in the next couple of weeks. Since our first District meeting was held online, a good portion of the directories may be mailed this year. The Cabinet Secretary has been hard at work all summer feeding kids at the Spencer Lions Club and has mentioned that she may be willing to hand deliver some of them also.

I encourage you to look in your area for events being held by Lions Clubs. If your club has an event, please send me the details and I will put them in the newsletter for all to see! I know of a couple fish fries coming up in the next few weeks; they may be out of our district, but they are Lions and need support too! The Carmel Lions Club is holding a fish fry on August 14; the Clermont Club on the 21st.



Coming up quickly at the end of the August is our Banner Night! It will be held at the "In God's Arms" building just south of the Spencer Lions Club building (at 59 N. Main St, Spencer, Indiana, 47460.) Social hour begins at 4:00 P.M. Dinner and program being at 5:00 P.M. Dinner will be \$25. Please send your reservation to PDG Jim Query at jequery@bluemarble.net; or mail your checks to PDG Jim at 2408 Shepard Patrick Rd., Spencer, Indiana, 47460.

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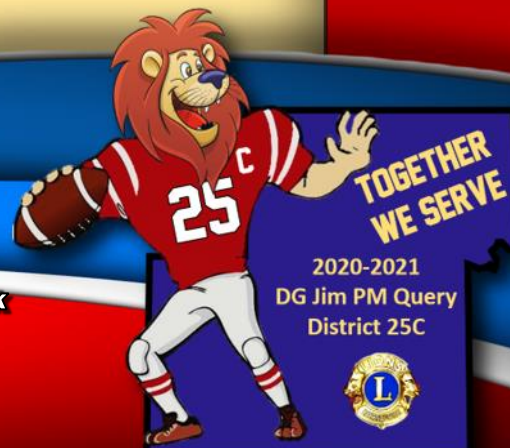
Upcoming District Events

Zionsville Lions 90th Anniversary

August 2, 2020 – 5:30 pm at Zionsville Lions Park

District 25C Banner Night

August 29, 2020 – 4:00 pm in Spencer



At Banner Night I plan to start something new. To kick that off, I will be asking the PDGs to briefly share a story of their most memorable moment as Governor; so, put on your thinking caps!

I will be hosting a Zoom Meeting Round Table on the last Saturday night of each month. The idea is to get people together to find out what's working, what isn't working, who needs help, who's willing to help other clubs; and well, just to bring us together to have a good time.

Presidents and Secretaries, please contact me to set up your official visit! I have only had a handful of requests and would love to hear from you!

In closing, I want to thank each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication to Lions. I am very blessed to have such a wonderful District to serve alongside. It truly is an honor to be your Governor! I look forward to meeting you all very soon!

Together We Serve ... Because Kindness Matters!

DG Jim P.M. Query

P.S. Now is the perfect time to make your reservations for your Governor Visit! Get it in early so you can get the date you would like! (Even Zoom!)



Lion James Roth
District 25C 1st VDG

Shout!

I want to shout about it. I want to tell the world about it: Our Lions clubs do great things!

Many Lions are on a neighborhood Facebook group like my Battle Ground Beat. Some Lions who live or work in nearby towns may also have a different neighborhood Facebook group. Posting is easy to do, but not so easy to getting around to doing it. It is easy to check if someone else has posted that item. If so, "like" it. We often do not post what we have done.

We should also consider posting on the Facebook page something like this: "Battle Ground Lions Club will be doing vision screening at Battle Ground Elementary on next Thursday. We have six Lions but could use three added volunteers. This will let us staff four, rather than three, eye charts and more quickly screen the first, third and fifth graders. We find several students each year that need glasses. Lions help with the cost of exam and eyeglasses

for those who cannot afford them. Be a part of helping a child see the board clearly and succeed in school. PM me by Saturday for details if you would like to help."

Lions may be doing vision screening in areas without a local Lions Club. Please consider asking for volunteers in that area. Afterward tell the people what we have done. This area is more of a challenge to get the Lions name and services out, but we must not hide our light under a basket!

Asking someone to volunteer for a specific need is a good way to get them involved and interested in being a Lion. One good thing is that the initiation fee for new members is waived for the rest of 2020.

I want you to shout about it. I want you to tell the world about it: **Our Lions Clubs do great things!** Thank you for your past service, and we look forward to being with you as....

Together we serve!

Lion Jim Roth
District 25C 1st VDG



Lion Bob Hrdy
District 25C 2nd VDG

My Journey

Hello, fellow Lions of 25C, 2nd VDG Bob Hrdy here. Last month I took the opportunity to introduce myself. This month I would like to give you a little info about my journey with my eye disease, Choroideremia (CHM)

Choroideremia is what is known as an “orphan disease” because of its rarity in the population. The estimated number of affected people in the USA is between 6000 & 8000 approximately .003-.005%.

Below is a short definition that I got from the website of the Choroideremia Research Foundation (CRF). Choroideremia is a condition characterized by progressive vision loss that mainly affects males. The first symptom of this condition is usually an impairment of night vision (night blindness), which can occur in early childhood. A progressive narrowing of the field of vision (tunnel vision) follows, as well as a decrease in the ability to see details (visual acuity). These vision problems are due to an ongoing loss of cells (atrophy) in

the specialized light-sensitive tissue that lines the back of the eye (retina) and a nearby network of blood vessels (the choroid). The vision impairment worsens over time, but the progression varies among affected individuals. However, all individuals with this condition will eventually develop total blindness, most commonly in late adulthood.

As for how this has affected my life: as a child I did not even realize I was different – but the fact that I was always the first one caught at Hide & Seek at night should have given me a clue – I wasn’t as hidden as I thought 😊

I was 14 before I convinced my parents that something was wrong – I wasn't just clumsy. A trip to Great Lakes Naval base yielded a diagnosis of Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP). This was the diagnosis I lived with until I was 30, when I volunteered for a RP research study in Boston. There I was told – not RP but not sure what I did have. My life went on not quite knowing what I had or how/if it could be passed on to my children. Early games of find the toy in the dark reassured me that my children's vision appeared to be fine.

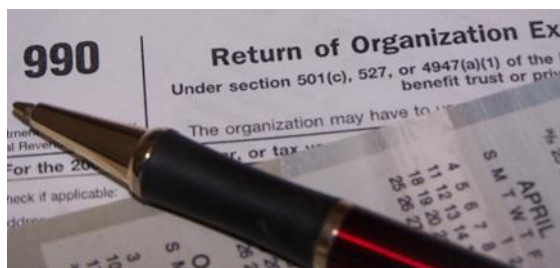
One day my wife Vicky attended a Bible study with a new pastor's wife. The discussion turned to her family and she said she had a son with a rare eye disease, Choroideremia (which was one of the several options I had been given for my eye disease). Vicky immediately got the information about the ophthalmologist who diagnosed her son. God's divine intervention was present that day.

I was finally diagnosed at age 40 sitting in the office of a pediatric ophthalmologist at the Cleveland Clinic. Even though there was no cure and the road ahead would get darker- knowledge was power. This led to our finding the CRF, in turn has led to my participation in a clinical trial that allowed me to receive an experimental gene therapy for the treatment of my eye disease in November of 2018. My vision, that I have lost, will not return but the goal is to maintain what little I have and potentially treat any future grandson's (my daughter is a carrier of the gene) before they lose their vision.

My message to you would be: Never give up; life goes on; keep searching for answers. Know that you as Lions and your support of vision services DOES have a real impact on people young and old.

We Serve,

Lion Bob Hrdy



HAS YOUR CLUB FILED ITS 2019 FORM 990 WITH THE IRS FOR THE 2019 FISCAL YEAR (July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020)? These are due before November 15th. Do it now so you don't forget. All clubs should file every year.

It must be done online and only takes 5 minutes.

If your club is incorporated with the State of Indiana, you must also file a NP20. The NP20 must be mailed.



Join us for a fun afternoon at Quail Creek Golf Club
7585 Quail Creek Trace N, Pittsboro, IN (directions below)

All proceeds will go to Indiana Special Olympics-Winter Games.
Lunch will be provided.

Hole Sponsors ☐ Silver \$50.00 ☐ Gold \$100.00

Name: _____

Contact Information: _____

Team name: _____

Player #1 _____

Player #2 _____

Player #3 _____

Player #4 _____

(Individual players are welcome)

Make checks payable to Indiana Lions 25-C
Send checks and registrations to:
Cindy Russell
5797 Hemlock Dr, Whitestown, IN 46075
lioncindy@yahoo.com
317-714-0754

Directions:

From West or South Side: West on US 36, turn Right (N) on IN 267, turn Left (W) onto US 136 to Pittsboro, turn Right (N) on Maple Street (Stoplight) to T turn Right (E) onto 750 N (Wall Street), approximately 1/2 mile to entrance on left.

From I-465: Take I-74 to the Pittsboro (Exit 61), turn Left (South) on 275 E (Jeff Gordon Blvd.), for approximately 1/4 mile, road T's turn left (East) and this becomes 750 N (Wall Street), continue East approximately 1 mile past water tower to entrance of Quail Creek Golf Community on left.

Zionsville Lions Club 90th Anniversary Celebration



Sunday, August 2nd

5:30PM – 8:30PM

Lions Park

(event to be held in an open-air tent adjacent to the gazebo)



Come join in the celebration of our club's 90th anniversary celebration with special presentations, reflections, food and a great concert by the Indianapolis Municipal Band

Cost for the evening is \$15 per person, payable at the door.

Wear casual clothing.

Please RSVP to John Wilkins at jw6222@earthlink.net.

LCIF Campaign 100 Report

Through the hard work of the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Club Coordinators, our District Coordinators, and the generosity of the Lions of District 25C, our district raised

\$36,044.60

for Campaign 100 during 2019-20. The District total since the campaign's inception is \$94,460.82. Great job!



Let's keep up the good work and attempt to raise that figure a bit. We are strong and we can do it. Thanks again.

Recruiting is Job One, Prospecting is the First Step

PDG Charlie Short, State Membership Chair (GMT)

When you go to the grocery, do you just walk in and buy everything you think you need?

Of course you don't. Well, most of us don't, anyway.

You look through your cupboards and fridge and find out what you need. You add them to a list.

We should do the same thing every time we see someone who would be a great Lion.

Since many of our clubs are in a "medically-induced coma" at the moment, making a grocery list for the needs of the club isn't a bad idea. Take the time to do a little club "grocery list" check and figure out what and who we need.

Identifying skills that your club needs, and intentionally watching for people that have them is the first step of the recruiting process. This is prospecting.

We all watch a lot of TV, read the paper, follow Facebook and Instagram, and see a lot of people who would improve our clubs. We meet people around town. We should write their names down on the list, even if we don't have contact information. We might make a note about what they do, where they work, or other details that help us remember why we thought they might be a good Lion. Writing this information down or putting it in your phone for later a good habit.

Share these prospects when you get home with your club President, Secretary and Membership Chair. They might know them, and help you plan an approach to ask.

So, let's get ready to shop for some new Lions! Let's build our prospect lists with names and skills of some great folks.

Indiana Lions Join North American Membership Initiative (NAMI)

Indiana Lions are now part of a voluntary combined effort to increase Lions membership across the US and Canada.

Started by the late LCI 1st VP Haynes Townsend and LCI 1st VP Brian Sheehan, NAMI is a pooled effort to share the best practices and processes for clubs, districts and States/Provinces to increase their membership. For more information on the resources available, see the LCI website at <https://lionsclubs.org/en/nami>.



***"The most effective Lions clubs
regularly identify ways to expand their services."***

W.P. Woods Applications

Lions, it has come to my attention that we need to get the word out about who to send the W.P. Woods applications to. One for sure fell through the cracks that was sent to the Foundation building. Luckily, they don't need it till August 24!

I realize that the virus has caused havoc with the way things are normally done. This may last a while.

If you can get the applications directly to me, they can be done in a timely manner. If I don't get them, I can't process them.

If you can't get the applications filed online, you can send to my address or scan and email to me.

Lion Sandy Ruane
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It Was One of those Mondays!

It happened again. The week before the send-receive function of my computer did not work. After several fruitless hours I gave up in frustration. I called the technician at my server who discovered a glitch and took care of it. On the next Monday the same thing happened. After first checking with the server again, I was given a number to call the program company. That call gave me only information to go on-line—and I didn't understand much of that. Back to the phone and in panic (I had district minutes to send to LCI—and over 100 pages of scanned information to send to the Indiana Department of Education describing the work I had done in June for the Summer Food Service Program by the August 7th deadline), I dialed the number again but made a mistake answering the automated questions. To my surprise a real human answered the phone!

As exciting as that was, our connection sounded like hundreds of rats gnawing on the line. (We don't get cell service in our area and every time it rains, the land line has this problem. The phone company relies on a dry climate to fix it usually.) So I'm listening to a foreigner, speaking clipped English, on a static-laden line, not understanding half of the technical jargon she is saying. I apologized, told her I was not technical savvy and needed more help than the average person. She asked to take control of my computer to analyze it—she patiently talked me through that process and then suggested I get some coffee because this procedure would take a while. She then inquired how I had spent my day.

I described that I cooked and fed almost 100 children a day, every Monday through Friday in June and July. With school starting the first week in August the program is then covered by the school cafeteria. Any child 18 years old and under is eligible in our county. Adults may have the same lunch for \$3.00. (Any money collected must be spent on the children.) The food cost is reimbursed by the government. Meals must meet the standards set up for the program: 2 ounces of protein, serving of grain, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of vegetables and/or fruit and 1 cup of milk. Now, folks, that can be 2 pieces of bread, 1 slice bologna, 1 slice cheese, $\frac{1}{2}$ an apple, 4 mini carrots and 1 small carton of milk—not much of a meal. (In 17 years I've served bologna one time.)

She inquired about my “staff.” I have one lady who helps me daily. We cook: spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread, ½ cup mixed fruit (fresh strawberries, grapes and blueberries) and that carton of milk, for example. Kids have insisted on Taco Salad Tuesday and Spaghetti Wednesday. We finish out the week with our choices, making sure they meet requirements. She exclaimed that it was such a blessing during this pandemic. Where did we do this marvelous work? I said we did it at the Spencer Lions building. “What are Lions?” Aha! That’s where my 2 minute elevator speech kicked in.

I know that it was over 2 minutes, but I shared the message of Lionism. She was thrilled to hear about our service. She listened about the eyeglass missions, the dictionary projects, the hearing aids, leader dogs, and I ran out of breath. She sighed and said, “You Lions feed the body and the spirit. How marvelous you are!”

She was kind, patient and understanding. She asked what I did during the rest of the year. I told her that my husband and I were both retired teachers. “Such giving people!” She took time to lift me out of anxiety. I thanked her for her great help with the computer. She replied that it was her job. Yes, it was, but it was the *way* she did it that lifted me up after a week of Mondays tromped all over me. Her kindness made a difference in a Lion’s life. I hope my service does the same for others.

Charlotte Query



PDG Doug Eversole inducted 3 new members into the Lucerne Lions Club.

Lucerne’s Treasurer Steve Thompson Sponsored Rob & Ruth Baker. President Paul Scheetz (not pictured) sponsored Wilma Bower. Congratulations & Welcome, New Lions. (Picture provided by Lion Gail Robbins)

Lucerne Lions Club President Paul Scheetz sponsored new member Wilma Bower. (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)



Mooresville Lions Club meets in person and soon will add electronic means to include all members.

Standing: PDG Tom Robbins had the honor to do Mooresville Lions Club Installation of Officers: President Treg Hopkins, 2nd VP Kim Thaler, Secretary Matthew Pranger, Treasurer Randy Stephens, Tail Twister Greg Haymaker.

Sitting: Immediate Past President & 1st VP Randy Haymaker, Lion Tamer Kristen Alexander & Club Administrator Wendell Thaler. (Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)



Lafayette Lion Larry Fisher, left, delivered Honey Baked Ham meals to the Lafayette Police Department. (Pic by PDG Pat Short)



DG Jim Query gives a wave to the photographer as he enjoys a fish fry by the Clermont Lions Club. He was checking out how a drive-by meal could safely be done.



PDG Charlie Short received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Lions NAMI Young Lions Task Force "in appreciation of his continuous support and significant contributions to the Lions Virtual Symposium" signed by Lion Jordan Glass-Williams, Young Lions Task Force Chairperson. (Pic by PDG Pat Short)



Lafayette Lions "Feeding the Frontlines" delivered 40 meals to the Springs Nursing Home staff. Meals purchased from McCords Candy.

(Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)



Since the 2020 Lions Clubs International Convention in Singapore was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a special ceremony was conducted during the July 18th Council Meeting in Merrillville. Pictured is Hamlet Lions Club President Wendy Semans, the wife of Council Chair Mitch, is pulling the District Governor “Elect” ribbon off of DG Jim’s name tag. Congratulations DG Jim Query!

(Photo by Lion Gail Robbins)



District 25C 1st VDG Jim Roth, Battle Ground Lions Club, is shown receiving his Vice District Governor's pin from DG Jim Query at the first council meeting in Merrillville, Indiana.
(Picture provided by Lion Gail Robbins)

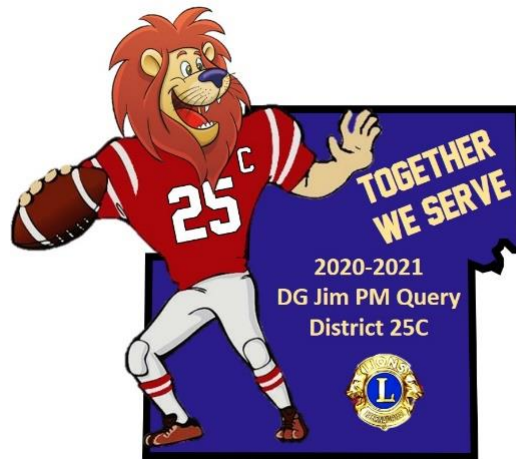


DG Jim and VDG Jim appear happy and ready to begin their year leading District C! Let's all do what we can to assist. (Pic by Lion Gail Robbins)

Just a reminder that the August 29th Banner night is a themed Hawaiian Luau. You are invited to dress in your island gear. Here Spencer Lion Don Miller models his "Old Beach Bum" costume and DG Jim is more sedately attired. (Photo by Lion Charlotte Query)



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by the **20th** of the month.



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“Ego is the anesthesia that deadens the pain of stupidity.”
- Goalcast