

Indiana Lions District 25C

District Newsletter

February, 2018



MMR: 100% since 07/2016

SAR: 100% since 11/2017

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DG Chloe's Notes:

Thanks once again to club secretaries and presidents who helped keep District 25C at 100% in filing of MMRs and SARs. Your help in maintaining these numbers is essential, and very much appreciated.

Coming up on February 24th is our District 25C Convention, which is being held in Terre Haute. Anyone is welcome to attend, even non-Lions. However, for your club to have a delegate for voting purposes, all club dues (district, state and international) must be paid 15 days prior to the convention. There will be no club dues accepted on February 23rd or 24th.

On page 5, you will find a biography of International Director Nicolin Carol Moore, who will be our Key Note Speaker for the District Convention. I was pleased to be able to meet ID Nicolin and her husband at the USA/Canada Forum in Omaha in 2016. She and her husband Rudy are very personable, and I'm sure that you will enjoy getting to know them.

We will have two seminars on Saturday. Lion Chris Reinhold, Lions State Diabetes Committee Chair, and Dr. Mel Prince from the Zionsville Lions Club will be presenting a program on Diabetes Awareness in the morning after our first business session. This will prove very beneficial to clubs who want to put on diabetes programs in their local area.

In the afternoon, we will have a seminar on Emergency Management given by Dr. Dorene Hojnicky, Director of Vigo County Emergency Management. With all the natural disasters that have happened in our area, state and nation, this should prove to be an interesting subject.

I look forward to seeing you at the District Convention, as well as during my official DG Visits (upcoming schedule listed on page 5). I truly do enjoy meeting with each of the clubs on their home turf, and if you tie in a service project, that's fine as well. And don't forget the State Convention—it's always enjoyable!

Regards, DG Chloe

Important Documents included herein:

February 24th District 25C Convention Registration Form

MD 25 State Convention Registration Form



First Vice District Governor Doug Eversole

Hello Lions All

The cold weather has affected business as usual. Events can be rescheduled; the important thing is to take care from frostbite, slip and fall hazards and slick icy roads. Our Lions need to stay safe and limit their travel to essential functions only. One broken bone can destroy all good intentions. Remember our most valuable resource is our Lions. Please be safe. Surely spring is getting closer.

We closed out 2017 with another month of 100% MMR & SAR. The efforts of many are truly appreciated by your district and state lions. Your help in reporting your service hours has pushed lions world wide assistance to 1.93 million served. The goal of 2 million served by the end of June 2018 is obtainable. Continue to report your MMR & SAR as they happen. Again big thanks to all who do the reports and events.

The big event is February 24—District 25-C convention in Terre Haute. A flyer for this event has been sent out and is again included in this newsletter. Get your registration in early. Make your plans to attend your District convention in Terre Haute February 24, 2018.

Membership for the district is at -47 members. We have six months to gain back our loss. I'm convinced that of the Fifty Six clubs a joint effort to finish on the Plus side is doable. We all know someone that we can invite to be a part of this great organization. We are always looking for new communities to start a Club in.

The State convention is April 26-29 in Muncie. Make your plans early to come and share this experience with other Lions. Look for the registration forms.

Thanks Lions

1st VDG Doug

IMPORTANT DATES

February 24, 2018

District 25C District Convention, Terre Haute (see flyer in this newsletter)

April 26-29, 2018

MD 25 State Convention, Muncie (link @ <http://indianalionsconvention.org/convention-registration> or see registration form in this newsletter) (you may pay by credit or debit card if registering on-line)

June 29-July 3, 2018

Lions International Convention, Las Vegas (link @ <http://llicon.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php>)



Second Vice District Governor Tom Robbins

Hello Lions,

Before the busy season arrives, I have a suggestion for you. Please consider having a representative of our 5 state projects come and give you a report. Clubs support the state projects financially, so you owe it to your club members to know what is happening.

When you do set up these meeting speakers, consider inviting neighboring clubs so that more people can hear the "good news" as its most unlikely that our leaders and trustees can attend every club.

Here are some folks that I have personally heard and they do an outstanding job. I'm confident they will be delighted to help you get a "full report" for your club. They may guide you to a trustee near your club but please have these speakers on your agenda.

Lion Jennifer Bland, Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing.

Lion Mark Owens, Indiana Lions Eye Bank, now known as "Vision First".

Lion Dottie Flack, Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund Inc.

Lion Pauline Ulrey and LD Satch, Leader Dog for the Blind

PDG Pat Short, Indiana Lions for the ISBVI

Plus you should know about the Indiana Lions Foundation, PDG Richard McKellar.

If you need help contacting these folks or other trustees, let me know and I will help.

I'll see you at the District Convention in Terre Haute February 24th.

Yours in service,

Lion Tom

There are two State Projects that do not have a trustee running this year: Indiana Lions for Cancer Control Fund, Inc. and Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the District 25C Convention in Terre Haute on February 24, 2018. If you are interested in finding out more about what these projects do, you can contact current trustees as follows:

Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund, Inc.

Lion Kathryn Mellinger
765-296-7881
mellross@mintel.net

Lion Shirley East
317-372-5405
shgeast@comcast.net

Lion Robert Goldberg (outgoing)
765-474-6929
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Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc.

Lion Ray Furner
317-852-8087
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Lion Jennifer Blandford
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Lion Thomas Rumble (outgoing)
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International Director Nick Xinopolous

My Fellow Lions,

It has been an amazing experience meeting so many incredible Lions around the world who are willing to do whatever it takes to serve their communities. We have learned so much from each other.

GOOD NEWS! We have surpassed our goal of serving 200 million people. I would like to thank each and every one of you Lions for your participation in serving your communities. Please continue to report your service projects on the myLCI website so we can watch these numbers grow.

On January 8, 2018, our Executive Officers made new commitments for our organization. Our new goals are to increase our membership to 1.7 million and increase LCIF contributions to \$300 million for the next three years to continue service for humanitarian needs. We can all make a difference by personally contributing to LCIF. No contribution is too small.

Our District will soon be having our convention. I encourage everyone to participate to learn of our district's accomplishments, service projects, learning opportunities, and to meet my fellow International Director Nicolín Carol Moore and her husband Lion Rudy who are from Trinidad and Tobago. I am sure that she will bring us a unique message of encouragement.

Our Multiple District Convention will be here before you know it. I hope everyone has plans to attend to meet IP Dr. Naresh and First Lady Navita Aggarwal. They are very passionate about Lions and our commitment to Service. Don't miss the opportunity to meet them and to hear him speak of the importance of Lions in the World.

Las Vegas, Nevada is the place to be for our International Convention. The new Diabetes Initiative will be formally introduced at this convention. For those of you who have not yet made their plans to attend, the time is fast approaching. It will be a fun-filled convention - don't miss this opportunity as this will be the last convention in the United States for a while.

As of January 27, 2018, our district shows that we are -60 members for the year. I encourage each and every one of us to "Ask 1" to join us in "Service." Don't let it be your best kept secret. I know we can do it. Together we can realize our potential and serve more people in more ways than ever before. I believe this is possible! We can do it in the name of "Service."

WE ARE LIONS!

Respectfully, International Director Nick Xinopoulos

<i>District Governor Visits</i>	
Crawfordsville	02/07/18
Greencastle	02/08/18
Morgantown	02/15/18
Jamestown	02/19/18
Monrovia	02/20/18
Newport	02/21/18
Cloverdale	02/26/18
Cayuga	02/27/18
West Point	02/28/18
Brookston	03/06/18
Earl Park	03/07/18
Lizton	03/12/18
Logansport	03/14/18
Pierson Township w/PC	03/19/18
Prairie Creek w/Pierson	03/19/18
Royal Center	03/20/18
Bainbridge	03/21/18
Oxford	03/27/18
Lebanon	03/28/18
Mooreville	04/02/18
Rossville	04/04/18
Whitestown	04/05/18
Eminence	04/09/18
Wolcott	04/10/18
Monon	04/11/18
Attica	04/16/18
Michigantown	04/17/18
Thorntown	04/24/18
<i>Not yet scheduled</i>	
Clay City	
Colfax	
Gosport	
Ladoga	
Paragon	
Twelve Mile	

**BIOGRAPHY OF
NICOLIN CAROL MOORE
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Nicolin Carol Moore from Arima, Trinidad and Tobago, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 99th International Convention held in Fukuoka, Japan, June 24 through 28, 2016.

Director Moore is a human resource consultant.

A member of the Arima Lions Club since 2000, and a Lion since 1992, she has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, region chairperson, district governor, multiple district LCIF coordinator, multiple district GLT coordinator and multiple district council chairperson.

In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards, including the Membership Key Award, District Governor Excellence Award and two International President's Certificates of Appreciation. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Director Moore has been active in numerous professional and community organizations, including member of the Board of Governors of the University of Trinidad and Tobago and member of the Human Resource Association of Trinidad and Tobago.

Director Moore and her husband, Rudy, have two



**Governor Chloe Weyrauch
25 C District Convention
Saturday, February 24, 2018**



**International Union of Operating Engineers
6801 S US Highway 41
Terre Haute, IN 47802**

Meet & Greet

International Director Nicolín Carol Moore

and Lion Rudy

Friday, Feb. 23

Social 6:00 p.m.



Buffet Dinner 6:30 p.m. *Pulled pork Bar-B-Q, meatloaf, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, salad bar, tea, lemonade, fountain drinks.*

\$15 per person

*Boot City's Pat's Café, 11890 S. US Highway 41, Terre Haute. Open to anyone arriving on Friday night. It will be a **Western theme**, so wear your jeans, boots and cowboy hat!*

Call the

Holiday Inn Express 812-234-3200

(Just N of I-70 - Exit #11 & SR 46/40)

2645 Joe Fox Street, Terre Haute, IN 47802

before February 1, 2018

*to take advantage of
the \$105 special Lions Rate.*

Advise you want: the Lions Club Block.

Agenda Sat. Feb. 24, 2018

- 8:30 a.m. Registration – Square Donuts, Fruit, Coffee, Juice
- 9:00 Convention Opening, Welcome
- 9:30 Memorial Service
- 10:00 1st Business Session
- 11:00 Diabetes Awareness Seminar – *Lion Chris Reinhold, Lions State Diabetes Committee Chair*

11:45-12:15 - Election

(All Dues must be paid 15 days prior to convention.)

Noon – Lunch \$12 per person *Honey Baked Ham, boneless chicken breast, apple pecan rice, parsley potatoes, seasoned green beans, tea, lemonade, coffee, cookies.*

- 1:00 Key Note Speaker ID Nicolín Carol Moore
- 2:00 2nd Business Session - Election Results
- 2:15 Emergency Management Seminar – *Dr. Dorene Hojnicky, Director, Vigo County Emergency Management*
- 3:00 Silent Auction Results
- 3:15 Closing Remarks

Bring Silent Auction item to Benefit LCIF Disaster Relief

Return bottom part of this form to Cabinet Treasurer Karen McKellar

by February 19, 2018

to C/T Karen McKellar, 8802 E 200 South, Zionsville, IN 46077

Email: kadica@tds.net



Name _____ Title _____ Club _____

Address _____ District _____

Boot City Meet & Greet meal: Number Attending _____ X \$15.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Noon Meal: Number Attending _____ X \$12.00 = \$ _____

Return this form By February 19, 2018 ---

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

to C/T Karen McKellar

(Make Checks payable to District 25C)

8802 E County Rd 200 South
Zionsville, IN 46077



Lions of Indiana 2018 State Convention

Horizon Convention Center, 401 S. High Street

Muncie, Indiana 47305

April 27-29, 2018



Convention Center and Meal Information

Meal Menus:

Friday Lunch: Soup and Salad Bar – Two salad mixes with toppings of two meats, assorted cheeses, seasonal vegetables, seeds, nuts, croutons. Roasted vegetable soup with assorted rolls and honey butter, fresh brewed coffee and iced tea.

Friday Dinner: Hickory and Applewood Smoked Pork Chop with maple bourbon glaze, sweet potato puree, sautéed green beans with bacon. Iceberg wedge salad with cherry tomato, bacon, red onion, and bleu cheese. Concannon's Classic Carrot Cake with assorted rolls and honey butter, fresh brewed coffee and iced tea.

(Alternate entrée: Mediterranean Chicken Breast)

Saturday Lunch: All-Natural Herb Roasted Chicken Breast, slow roasted and served in sage brown butter and white wine sauce. Rosemary roasted red potatoes and glazed carrots. Winter berry salad of spring mix, dried cranberries, blueberries, strawberries, cherry tomato, walnuts, bleu cheese. Assorted rolls and honey butter, fresh brewed coffee and iced tea.

Saturday Banquet Dinner: Beef Ribeye – Grilled 8-oz. ribeye fillet topped with roasted herb garlic butter. Yukon Gold potatoes and asparagus. Caesar salad. Peach crème brulee with fresh peaches, whipped topping, and mint. Assorted rolls and honey butter, fresh brewed coffee and iced tea.

(Alternate entrée: Lemon Caper Trout)

Sunday Brunch: Breakfast Buffet of fresh seasonal fruit, scrambled eggs, pork sausage links, Applewood smoked bacon strips, breakfast potatoes, and assortment of Danish and muffins with flavored butters. Fried chicken, sliced ham steaks, and mixed vegetables. Chilled orange and cranberry juices, fresh brewed coffee and iced tea.

Children's Meals: Contact Registrar for details

Directions to Convention Center and Courtyard Hotel:

From I-69 Indianapolis: Exit 234 (Daleville) at Indiana State Road 67, East 9 miles to Cowan Road. Turn left on Cowan for 2.1 miles and turn right onto Hoyt Road Exit. North on Hoyt to end, bear to left onto Liberty. North three blocks (1 block north of railroad tracks) and turn right into convention center parking lot or hotel parking garage.

From I-69 Fort Wayne: Exit 245 (State Road 28/35) East onto State Road 28 6.5 miles to Wheeling Pike. South on Wheeling for 6 miles when road becomes High Street after crossing White River. Continue south on High Street to Adams Street (one way west). Turn right on Adams for two blocks then left on Liberty for two blocks, then turn left into convention center parking lot or hotel parking garage.

Alternate from I-69: Exit 241 (County Road 800 North/Jackson Street /McGalliard Road). East on McGalliard to Chadam. Turn right for one block and pick-up Bethel again. Continue southeast on Bethel to Wheeling. Turn right on Wheeling going south to High Street. High Street (one way south) into downtown Muncie. Turn right onto Adams Street (one way west). Turn right on Adams for two blocks then left on Liberty for two blocks, then turn left into convention center parking lot or hotel parking garage.



Lions of Indiana 2018 State Convention

Horizon Convention Center, 401 S. High Street,

Muncie, Indiana 47305

April 27-29, 2018



Registration Form

Please Print or Type All Information

Name:				
	Lion Title	First Name	Last Name	Name on Badge
Name:				
	Lion Title	First Name	Last Name	Name on Badge
Address:				
	Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code
Telephone:		E-Mail:		
Club:		District:		
Special Dietary Needs:				
Emergency Contact:				
	Name	Daytime Telephone	Evening Telephone	

HOTELS

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR OWN LODGING BY MARCH 26, 2018

Rooms and rates cannot be guaranteed after March 27, 2018

Courtyard Muncie at Convention Center	601 S. High Street	\$ 129/night plus tax	Call: 765-287-8550
Holiday Inn Express on Bethel (off McGalliard)	4201 W. Bethel Ave.	\$ 129/night plus tax	Call: 765-289-4678
Hampton Inn on Bethel (off McGalliard)	4220 W. Bethel Ave.	\$ 129/night plus tax	Call: 765-288-8500

MEALS / CONVENTION MERCHANDISE

Meal Prices Increase by \$5.00 per meal after April 1, 2018. – No Meal Reservations Accepted after April 21, 2018

Make All Checks Payable to : Indiana Lions 2018 State Convention

Send Check and Reservation Forms to: Lion David DeVilbiss, Convention Registrar
10301 Central Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46280

Registration and Meals may be reserved and paid online at: <http://indianalionsconvention.org/convention-registration>

Event	Entree	Number	Price	Amount
Friday Lunch	Soup and Salad Bar		\$ 20.00	\$
Friday Dinner	Smoked Pork Chop, or		\$ 25.00	\$
	Mediterranean Chicken Breast		\$ 25.00	\$
Saturday Lunch	Herb Roasted Chicken Breast		\$ 20.00	\$
Saturday Dinner	Grilled 8 oz. Beef Ribeye, or		\$ 35.00	\$
	Lemon Caper Trout		\$ 35.00	\$
Sunday Brunch	Breakfast Buffet plus Fried Chicken, Ham Steak		\$ 25.00	\$
Saturday Afternoon	Strides Walk for Diabetes – T-Shirt and Donation		\$ 25.00	\$
	Convention Souvenir Limited Edition Pin		\$ 5.00	\$
	Convention Souvenir Limited Edition Mug		\$ 5.00	\$
	Total Amount Enclosed			\$
If Participating in Strides Walk for Diabetes, indicate T-shirt size:				



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Has your club given their “fair share” to support Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) during the 2017-2018 Lion Year?

As we say “Happy 60th Birthday to LCIF, let us reflect on one of our very important initiatives

Happiness is seeing healthy children run and play and go to school. Unfortunately, in areas where measles is prevalent, some children have those simple pleasures taken away. Nearly 400 people die from measles every day, most of them children. Survivors can be left with life-altering complications including permanent hearing loss, blindness, and brain damage. This doesn't have to happen. Measles is a preventable disease, which is one reason why Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is supporting measles initiatives. One measles vaccination costs about US\$1. I've seen Lions pull together and accomplish great things, so I know that we can eliminate measles by donating to the cause and volunteering in local measles campaigns. Let's see what we can do to fight measles and give all children a healthy start to life! Consider donating to LCIF's measles initiative, One Shot, One Life.

Year to date (July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017) the clubs and individual Lions in our District have donated \$16,781.00 to LCIF for humanitarian relief worldwide. Although, this number is good, only 22 or 39.29% of our clubs have made a contribution to LCIF during this year. During 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 our district achieved 100% club participation. Let's keep this record going and make 2017-2018 the third consecutive year of 100% participation.

- Do something creative – have a 60th birthday party for LCIF and pass the hat for a LCIF donation.
- Show one of the very interesting videos available on the Lions Clubs International Website (www.lionsclubs.org) showing what LCIF does.
- Ask your members to make a personal contribution - the cost of one “Starbucks” each week. Let's see which club come up with the most unique way of supporting our very own charity.

LIONS FOR THE ISBVI

First of all, I would like to take a few minutes now on behalf of your other trustees to thank you for your continued support of this amazing Lions State Project! Special thanks go to DG Chloe for serving as the Council's Liaison to this project and to the Cloverdale Lions for their very strong support.

This project remains one of our most effective programs, aiding hundreds of children and families every year. The ISBVI is not so much of a one-location entity in Indianapolis as it is a State-wide service provider. Its reach and effectiveness goes far beyond what we understand is provided by a traditional bricks-and-mortar school. The majority of students, including infants and toddlers, are being served within their local communities by ISBVI travelling outreach consultants/teachers.

The ISBVI provides the skills and training that the students need to help them lead independent productive lives. It also provides far more than just education to the blind and visually impaired school age students.

Since 2014, our project has provided full services for preschool blind and low vision impaired infants from 0-3 years old, and at that time was the only blind/low vision service provider under the State's First Steps Program. ISBVI has a team of 10 full-time, licensed blind and low vision teachers who are available to travel all over the state and provide weekly and/or monthly services to the infants, babies, and families in their homes. No infant or child helped by the ISBVI staff, teachers or consultants is charged for these services.

It is very important to grasp that the role of the ISBVI in the internet era is that of distributed education, not concentrated dormitories. The ISBVI may have its central campus in Indianapolis, but it is active in every Indiana County through local schools and outreach consultants.

By donating to the ISBVI through your trustees, you and your clubs are working to help the school provide more mobility to its staff and students, while keeping the programming agile.

Through our funding of the new IT backbone of the school, we made distance learning and content delivery possible. We continue to provide the lead funding for many programs that are innovative and exciting.

You have been a key part in the transformation of the ISBVI from a 20th Century Institution to a 20th Century system for blind education. Please continue to support this State Project which is transforming the lives of these young people.

PDG Pat Short

Chair - Indiana Lions for the ISBV



THE GOOD NEWS!!

Lions International Peace Essay Contest Winner- You recently selected an essay by Jacob Rawson, a student at the ISBVI, to represent Indiana in the Lions Clubs International Peace Essay Contest. A press release put out by the Indiana Department of Administration on behalf of the school included the following quote *“Jacob is a great student and we are proud to see him receive this honor,”* said Jim Durst, superintendent of the ISBVI. *“We are grateful for the leadership of the Lions Clubs and the many ways they have partnered with the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired through the years.”* In addition, it stated that *“Lions Clubs around the world are encouraged to sponsor students in the Lions International Peace Poster and Essay contests”* – great publicity for one of Lions youth related programs.

Smart Board Gift- *Boy Scouts, Cloverdale Lions Club Team Up to Gift Smart Board to ISBVI.* Through a partnership between the Cloverdale Boy Scout Troop #93 and the Cloverdale Lions Club (25C), \$3,314 was donated to our state project for the purchase of a smart board. The Cloverdale Lions Club has historically supported the troop's local Eagle Scout projects, while also supporting the funding of ISBVI needs through one of Indiana Lions Clubs' state projects. This teamwork led to the Troop's decision to fund the smart board through the Lions' state project. Many low vision students require high contrast and enlarged text to access materials. The smart board's high resolution provides this and is an excellent workspace for these students to work independently. Some ISBVI students have additional disabilities and the ability to stand while completing tasks, which the smart board provides, helps them stay engaged. *“We are grateful for strong community partners like Troop 93 and the Cloverdale Lions Club,”* said Jim Durst, superintendent of ISBVI. *“With their support, we are now able to improve our educational tools.”*

SPRING WORKDAY – SATURDAY, MAY 19 Your ISBVI Lion Trustees are sponsoring a work day at the school in Indianapolis on Saturday, May 19, 2018. This is a great opportunity for your clubs/Lions to walk the walk and put our “We Serve” motto into action. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. (registration/donuts!) and concludes early afternoon after lunch. Tours of the School will be available. It's a great day of fun/ hard work and a chance to meet other Lions from around the state as well as visit this beautiful campus. We hope that you will encourage your Clubs to give a few hours to help beautify and improve the school grounds.

BRIAN'S TRIKE RACE – 20TH RUNNING! – APRIL 22 Date of event changed from Fall 2017 to spring 2018 to better align with the ISBVI's calendar and allow students and faculty to participate more fully. This will be the ***20th running*** of the Race and we are working to make the event more fun for all ages while expanding the event to provide even greater visibility and benefit to the ISBVI and Lions!

CLUB PRESENTATIONS: Reminder that your district ISBVI trustees are available to visit clubs and tell the good story of the ISBVI and the impact the Lions of the State are having on the lives of these young people.

SCHOOL TOURS: Pre-arranged tours of the school are available to your clubs to see their donations at work. Your ISBVI Trustees would be glad to make the necessary arrangements.

PDG Pat Short – Chair



PDG Ray Collins (Riley Township) took this picture of recycled eyeglasses (approximately 70,000 pair) during the process of getting organized for the mission in Pachuca, Hidalgo, Mex. There were nine Lions and one non-Lion (maybe a future Lion) from District C on this mission. They were looking forward to extending our "We Serve" motto to 6000+ people in the 5 days of the mission, held during the last of January, 2018.

Celebrating Zionsville Lions Club's new member on January 23rd. Left to right: 2nd District Governor Tom Robbins, Past District Governor Richard McKellar, District Governor Chloe Weyrauch, new Lion Melissa "Erin" Epstein and Zionsville Lions Club President Gail Robbins.



2018 Special Olympics Winter Games --- This piece was posted on Facebook and spotted by PDG Pat Short, who contributed it to share in the newsletter. Thanks to Lions and all clubs in 25C for their kind contributions to this fabulous organization's event held in Lawrenceburg, IN. Congratulations to Committee Chair Kim Payton for her encouragement!

Zionsville Lion Club Members received a Chevron to wear for their years of Service to the ZLC.

Pictured above Left to right: Ralph Stacy, 45 Years; Gordon Mallett, 25 Years; Gerald Resler, Club Treasurer, 15 Years and DG Chloe Weyrauch, who made the presentation.





...stay Tuned!

What a fun night at Zionsville LC with awards and the Chili Cook Off night ! Pictured are the Chili Cook Off Winners. Left to right: *Hottest*: Montana Homestead by Club Secretary Karen McKellar; *Most Unique*: Crazy Sexy Vegan, Monique Clupper, *3rd Place*: Small Pot, Art Small; *2nd Place*: Fowl Bird, Mike Heffner, *1st Place*: (for the 2nd year) Club President Gail Robbins, and Contest Chair: Brian Earnhart.



Spencer Lions Club Secretary PDG Jim Query double checks paper work while Club President Jim P.M. Query signs the letter of intent for the club to sponsor a new cub scout pack. Kevin Trojan, representing Hoosier Trails Council, helped with all the paperwork involved.

(Picture by Charlotte Query)

A big night for awards at the Zionsville Lions Club!

ZLC President Gail Robbins and 2nd VDG Tom Robbins received awards for their club from DG Chloe Weyrauch for Lions Legacy Project, plus a 4 Diamond Award for their Centennial Service Challenge and a Club Excellence Award on their \$15,000 donation to Leader Dogs for the Blind, in Rochester, Michigan. The Zionsville Lions Club has a dog kennel named after their club. Congratulations!



Time to think about Law Camp!

Law Camps: boys and girls entering 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades

\$150 Wednesday afternoon - Saturday afternoon

June 20th - 23rd Vincennes University Law Camp

June 27th - 30th Anderson University Law Camp

Career Camps: \$250 week long

July 8th - 13th Trine University Career Camp

July 8th - 13th Vincennes University Career Camp

July 15th - 20th University of Indianapolis Career Camp

More info at www.Trooper.org

Note: click on camps (this site is for students paying their own way....using this link will cost an additional \$5.

For students being paid for by a Lions club please use link below or print a PDF version of the Camp application at www.trooper.org but please note: There has been a problem with this site printing the PDF version. It requires a google email address and an account password to get it to print! The ISP is working to correct this issue.

Lions Law Camp applications for printing are available by clicking on printable forms on the Indiana Lions MD25 web site. <http://e-district.org/userfiles/602/file/ISP%20Law%20Camp%20Registration%20forms.pdf>

In addition:

Some scholarship monies are available to Lions clubs wanting to send students. Please contact PID Linda Tincher or PDG Betty Weist....as always we ask that parents contribute something (if they can). Their financial contribution, even if only \$20, ensures the child attends.

By sending the application and payment with all checks made out to

MD25 and the child's name in the memo along with name of camp attending

to PDG Betty or PID Linda, we can also assist you in getting your money back if the child you sponsor doesn't attend! We will process the application for you and your club will receive credit for participating in the Law Camp program.

All applications should be received 2 weeks prior to Camp.

This is a great Camp for all age groups. Be sure to attend the seminar at Lions State Convention April 28, 2018 or call if you have any questions.

PDG Betty Weist
765-623-3553
P.O. Box 41
Markleville, Ind. 46056

PID Linda Tincher
812-240-0545
PO Box 158

VisionFirst is Indiana Lions Eye Banks New Effort

VisionFirst is committed to the restoration of sight through its core values of quality, teamwork, innovation, passion, and integrity. Founded in 1959 by the Lions of Indiana, the organization has been recovering, processing, evaluating, and providing sight-saving corneas for those in need.

VisionFirst has a dedicated volunteer board that provides considerable knowledge and expertise to meet the needs of the communities they serve. The board of directors is comprised of Indiana Lions members, who are responsible for assuring performance, developing governance policies, and supporting the strategic direction of the organization based on its mission.

Sight restoration for individuals suffering from vision loss is made possible by corneal tissue donation. The cornea is the clear dome-shaped window that covers the front of the eye and allows light to pass through to the retina, enabling a person to see.

Tissue is donated to VisionFirst so it can be recovered, then prepared for surgery, and ultimately distributed to surgeons for patients in need. In 2016, VisionFirst provided tissue for over 2,400 corneal transplants, with over 900 tissues going to Indiana residents. These beneficiaries are family members, friends, and neighbors who now have their vision restored.

One such recipient has shared her story about the impact cornea donation and transplantation has made on her and her family's life.

My name is Sarah. I am 37 years old and I am so blessed to have my family, my friends, God and the kindness of a stranger who changed my life forever.

I was born with congenital cataracts and had eye surgery to remove the clouded lenses in both of my eyes at the age of seven. I grew up wearing thick bifocal glasses and, later, contact lenses which led to a happy and visually functional life.

As a young adult, I was told by my optometrist that I had Fuchs' dystrophy, a degenerative corneal eye disease. I knew the disease might eventually require surgery, but thought it would likely be much later in my life.

I didn't really give the diagnosis a second thought. I was seeing well and living a healthy life. One day 2 ½ years later ago, my then 1-year-old son accidentally scratched my cornea. I went to the doctor when it didn't clear up in the first couple of days. I was prescribed antibiotic eye drops and as time went on, it became apparent my Fuchs' dystrophy was affecting the ability of my cornea to heal. It was as if this simple eye injury had exacerbated my underlying eye disease that had not really affected me up until this point.

Several months of praying and hoping my cornea could recover on its own resulted in eventually realizing the problem was not going to be resolved that way. My vision deteriorated and my cornea developed blisters, which were painful. It was difficult to be outside due to the light sensitivity, and my overall pain made it hard to live my normal life and be the mom I wanted to be. I couldn't help my kids with their homework, or play outside with them. It was difficult for me to do my part-time job as a secretary for a children's occupational and speech therapy practice. It also became difficult to drive.

I would require two eye surgeries. First, an intraocular lens implant. Several weeks later my eye would be ready for my DMEK-cornea transplant. I knew the surgeries were necessary, but it was a very emotional and scary experience to go through with them. Most overwhelming for me was the extreme gratitude I felt for my cornea donor's gift and my awareness of the weight of it. I knew this gift meant a hardship for the loved ones and family members of my donor and I was constantly thinking of and praying for them and my donor in the weeks leading up to my cornea transplant.

I knew I could never repay the gift that was being given to me, but I could honor the life of the person who gave selflessly and family also supported and agreed to that gift. I asked that my friends and family take this experience of knowing me and the drastic way this organ donation would improve my quality of life, and let it inspire them to consider being an organ donor and/or support the decision of the loved ones to be organ donors. And above all I asked them to pray for my cornea donor and their friends and family.

One week after my first surgery, most of my restrictions were lifted. One month later my eye was doing so well, I was able to see 20/30! My second surgery went very smoothly and I could not be happier with my outcome. I was living pain free and with much improved vision that continued to improve as my eye healed.

The more I continued this journey, and the struggles I faced with my eye and the limitations it placed on my life, the more I wondered why all this was happening to me. What was I supposed to learn from all this? I certainly am grateful every day for my sight and being pain free, but the more I reflect on my experience I am aware that a lot of very special people helped me through this. My family and friends praying for me, Price Vision Group, my surgeon Dr. Feng and all the staff, all the people at VisionFirst who helped me receive my cornea from the donor, and, finally my faith in God. Most of all, I am so thankful for my donor and my donor's friends and family. What a generous gift I have been given.

I want to share my story so people will understand what a priceless gift organ donation is. There is nothing more beautiful in life than choosing to help a complete stranger without any obligation. How selfless and loving is the gift of donation? What a beautiful way to honor a life by saving or improving the life of a perfect stranger. Thank you for helping people like me.

WHY ARE YOU A LION?

As Dr. Naresh Aggarwal, our International President, recently stated:

“There are no easy solutions to the challenges facing our communities. That’s why there are Lions. We know that it takes commitment and kindness to make a difference. We know it takes heart.”

I know that every one of you has this commitment and heart by what you and your clubs already do for your communities. This drive to help is *“within our DNA and has driven us to not simply identify problems—but to find solutions. When obstacles block our paths, we do not stop. We find the way forward.”*

There are many new challenges in our world today and many people depend on Lions to help them navigate these difficult times. So, don’t you know others --- friends, family members, and work associates --- who also have the heart of a Lion?

Encourage your club to look at possible new innovative service projects/to find new solutions to old problems and then invite the Lion-hearted to join you in accomplishing your goals. Don’t be invisible, share your goals with your communities and then reach out and invite others to join you and have “Pride” too. **Just ASK!** Need ideas on new projects -- look at what other clubs are doing or contact PID Linda Tinch, our District’s new Global Activities Team member.

With more members, we can do more, take on new challenges and continue to be those who others depend on to make their lives easier, to make them smile, to be joyful and to know that others care.

PDG Pat Short – GMT

“When we adopt this mindset, we can—no, we will—serve more people than ever before.”

(Dr. Aggarwal, Intl. President)

District 25C Peace Poster Submissions



Winner—District 25C
Drawn by Hannah Patrick
Zionsville Middle School
Zionsville Lions Club
4 contestants

Hayden Slate
East Tipp Middle School
Lafayette Lions Club
Unknown # of contestants



Michael Krueger
Frontier Middle School
Brookston Lions Club
43 contestants

Colleen Waggoner
Tri-West Middle School
Lizton Lions Club
51 contestants

