



District C Newsletter



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Hello, Lions All!

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Winter has arrived... as you know the weather caused the cancellation of our cabinet meeting in Frankfort. The 3rd cabinet meeting will be the caucus at the State Convention with a 4th in May. It was best to forgo Frankfort in the best interest of our Lions' safety.

Clubs that have not scheduled their Official Visit-- the time is getting shorter! Call me with a couple dates to look at. With the few clubs remaining *please take a few minutes and review your club schedule soon*. E-Mail deversole@tds.net or call 304-203-6877. Thanks.

It's time to start thinking of candidates for the April 6th Lions Leadership Institute training. Each district can send (3). Forward the candidate's names to me soon. You can submit more than 3 in case of vacancy. The sooner I get the names the better. With almost seven months as your Governor behind me, I want to thank all club secretaries, club presidents and our administrator for keeping the 100% MMRs & SARs reported on time. With everyone working together no challenge is too large. Another good thing happened-- the district finished December at a +2 in membership! I ask that each club strive to continue member retention and growth. A membership drive is being planned so in the meantime, keep asking those you know to join. Great Job Everyone!

If you have event flyers for your club, send them to Charlotte Query for posting to other clubs.

Our District Convention is set for March 2, at the Zionsville Municipal building. Come and enjoy ID Connie LeCleir-Meyer & Lion Michael from Mondovi, WI. Check the flyer attachment.

April 13: The Women's Symposium will be held at the Zionsville Lions Den. This exciting program is open to all Lions!

April 26-28: State Convention! Fort Wayne is the place to be, sign up soon.

We are looking forward to meeting you there!

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Lion Shelia's last work day is February 27. We are looking forward to enjoying more time together and helping Lions with projects. (OH, yes! Perhaps spending winter in a warmer climate!)

Thanks, Lions!

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those
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Hello again Lions of 25-C,

If you are like most of us, you probably have cabin fever by now. The weather kept us away from our District Cabinet meeting in Frankfort and if we're lucky, we will have a reschedule.

February is generally a very slow month for most Lions so I have one **very LARGE REQUEST**.

Please start your new officer election process now while you've got a bit of time. It will take time to get things in order but start now, as we need to be completed by April 1st.

There just a few things that we will need that aren't optional:

1. Complete Member Name and office elected to serve.
2. Complete mailing address.
3. Home phone and Cell phone numbers. (Text communications is often best)
4. Email address (check for completeness and accuracy).
5. Verification of meeting day, time and location.

We want to get our new district directory completed on time and have confidence that we can contact one another with the information listed.

Ok, what else you say? PEOPLE, yes, people are the answer because they have hands to help and hearts to serve, so let's be in the PEOPLE acquisition business.

Did I mention fun? Lions should inject a bit of fun in everything we do, so I'll close with a reminder that it's never too early to plan to attend the Indiana Lions State Convention, April 26-28, in Fort Wayne In, and let's make 25-C the largest contingent attending.

Best to you all,

Lion Tom

Service from the Heart.

Don't forget! You are invited to attend Feb. 16: Lions Diabetes 5K run / walk
in Zionsville

Vice District Governor
25-C Zone 3 Chair, GSC,
Leader Dog Associate



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2nd Vice District Governor Jim Query



Membership. Something that few people like to talk about and even fewer like to hear. Please, hear me out--don't skip to the next page just yet!

Everyone knows that our membership is aging, and that our numbers statewide are declining. So that brings up two questions: Who fixes this and how do we fix it?

The first question really is an easy answer-- all you have to do is look at the word "membership." Membership starts with ME! Read that again, out loud. Yep, that's right, your club membership is up to YOU... not your president, not your board, not your membership chair. It's up to you! The future of your club is in your hands.

So, where do I find these new members you might ask? Look around in your daily routines. Chances are you are surrounded by potential Lions EVERY DAY! Have you ever asked the people you play cards with? Golf with? Optometrist? Dentist? Doctor? Softball buddies? Book club? Librarians? Walking Club? Sewing Club? Workout pals? The people that sit in front of you at church? The friendly cashier that you see often? Starting to get some ideas?

Fantastic! Now, ASK them to come to a meeting or help with a project they might be interested in. Let them come a few times before asking them to join. Recruiting new members can take some time, be patient.

Let's start working towards building the future of Lions International!

STOP KEEPING LIONS CLUB AS THE BEST KEPT SECRET IN TOWN!

There are people who need our help, and there are people who want to help but have no idea how or where to begin. That's where we come in. It's up to us to find them!

Remember, they can't join if YOU don't ask!

Membership starts with ME!

2VDBG JIM P.M. QUERY

Zone 5 Chair

Spencer Lions Club President



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Join the Lions in Milan!

The 102nd annual Lions Clubs International Convention will be in Milan, Italy, July 5 – 9, 2019. The Indiana delegation will be marching in the Parade of Nations on Saturday, July 6th, and the parade route winds among beautiful historical buildings ending up in the square where the unique masterpiece of the Milan Cathedral stands. The Milan Cathedral or Duomo di Milano in Italian, is the cathedral church of Milan, Italy. Dedicated to Saint Mary Nascent, it is the seat of the Archbishop of Milan. The Gothic cathedral took nearly six centuries to complete.

Italian Culture - a brief overview of Italian customs and traditions.

Italy is home to more than 62 million individuals as of 2017 and is ranked 23rd in population size when compared with other countries throughout the world. Italian culture is steeped in the arts, family, architecture, music and food. Home of the Roman Empire and a major center of the Renaissance, culture on the Italian peninsula has flourished for centuries.

"Family is an extremely important value within the Italian culture," stated Talia Wagner, a Los Angeles-based family therapist. "Their family solidarity is focused on extended family rather than the West's idea of 'the nuclear family' of just a mom, dad and kids," Wagner explained. Italians have frequent family gatherings and enjoy spending time with those in their family. "Children are reared to remain close to the family upon adulthood and incorporate their future family into the larger network," said Wagner.

The Euro is the currency there and currently is worth more than the US dollar (\$1.14 Euro versus \$1 US). You may want to check with your bank to see if it provides a better exchange rate than what is offered in Italy. While credit cards are accepted at all of the larger stores and restaurants, the smaller and individually owned businesses may only deal in cash. Also the culture in Europe is that tips are not to be added onto the bill.

Art and architecture in Italy

Italy has given rise to a number of architectural styles, including classical Roman, Renaissance, Baroque and Neoclassical. Italy is home to some of the most famous structures in the world, including the Colosseum and the Leaning Tower of Pisa. The concept of a basilica — which was originally used to describe an open public court building and evolved to mean a Catholic pilgrimage site — was born in Italy. The word, according to the Oxford Dictionary, is derived from Latin and meant "royal palace." The word is also from the Greek basilikē, which is the feminine of basilikos which means "royal" or basileus, which means "king."

Italy also is home to many castles with the following in Milan. The Castello Borromeo d'Adda stands on the river banks of the Muzza at Cassano d'Adda, and dates from the 9th Century; restoration works here have even uncovered frescoes from the school of Giotto. In Legnano, the Castello di San Giorgio was built atop a pre-existing Augustinian convent in the 13th Century. In Cusago, the Visconti Castle is regarded as a major example of castle architecture in the region. And finally, in the zone south of Milan reside San Colombano al Lambro and Florence, Venice and Rome. All are homes to many museums, but art can be viewed in churches and public buildings. Most notable is the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel of the

Vatican, painted by Michelangelo sometime between 1508 and 1512.

Opera has its roots in Italy and many famous operas — including "Aida" and "La Traviata," both by Giuseppe Verdi, and "Pagliacci" by Ruggero Leoncavallo — were written in Italian and are still performed in the native language. More recently, Italian tenor Luciano Pavarotti made opera more accessible to the masses as a soloist and as part of the Three Tenors. Italy is home to a number of world-renowned fashion houses, including Armani, Gucci, Benetton, Versace and Prada.

Italian cuisine

Italian cuisine has influenced food culture around the world and is viewed as a form of art by many. Wine, cheese and pasta are important parts of Italian meals. Pasta comes in a wide range of shapes, widths and lengths, including penne, spaghetti, linguine, fusilli and lasagna.

No one area of Italy eats the same things as the next. Each region has its own spin on "Italian food," according to CNN. For example, most of the foods that Americans view as Italian, such as spaghetti and pizza, come from central Italy. In the North of Italy, fish, potatoes, rice, sausages, pork and different types of cheeses are the most common ingredients. Pasta dishes with tomatoes are popular, as are many kinds of stuffed pasta, polenta and risotto. In the South, tomatoes dominate dishes, and they are either served fresh or cooked into sauce. Southern cuisine also includes capers, peppers, olives and olive oil, garlic, artichokes, eggplant and ricotta cheese.

Wine is also a big part of Italian culture, and the country is home to some of the world's most famous vineyards. The oldest traces of Italian wine were recently discovered in a cave near Sicily's southwest coast.

Questions about the Indiana delegation should be addressed to any of the committee members. If any of our members are interested in possibly joining other Indiana Lions to form a group for airline tickets or group tours, please let me know.

PCC Reed Fish – Indiana International Convention Committee

PDG Patty Cooke; CC Keith Thomas; PCC Sue Topf; Lion Bob Yunker.



2019 Indiana Lions State Convention

The Grand Wayne Convention Center and Fort Wayne Hilton along with the 2019 Convention Committee are eagerly awaiting the Indiana Lions arrival in Fort Wayne April 26 – 28. If you are a golfer, join PDG Don Cooper and PCC Bob Morton for a round of golf Friday morning. Come early to relax and enjoy what beautiful downtown Fort Wayne has to offer. Registration, exhibits and certification will open at 12:00.

The Convention officially opens Friday with the 1st Business Session beginning at 5:00 pm in the Grand Wayne Center. Dinner will follow at 6:30 pm across the street at Parkview Field. After dinner, enjoy the music of the West Central Quartet or return to the Hilton for a lively Euchre tournament. A complete Convention schedule will be published in the *February Hoosier Lion* along with special events, seminar descriptions and registration details.

Register now to be among the first 400 and receive your 2019 Convention Pin free. All registrations received by March 1st have the opportunity to win their Friday night Hilton stay. I'm registered, ARE YOU?

Notes Nook...news from District C

Gosport LC has a holiday tradition that ties in with our RAP project. They do have a festival they've piggybacked on, however, this could easily be done alone (or it might spark a festival!) Lion Joe King, with his mellow voice and twinkling eyes, reads "The Night before Christmas" to children after they've decorated cookies and settled in to eat those cookies while listening. Afterwards each child is given a book to take home. (Lion Donnie Hall says they dropped the decorating part and opted just to eat cookies this year—much cleaner!) Thanks for sharing!

Rossville Area LC managed to squeeze a chili supper in at a high school basketball game before the big snow and ice storm! Lion Kathryn Mellinger said the donations for meals went very well! Thanks to all who responded.

ISBVI Work Day: Save May 18th. Questions? Call Lion Mike Okuly, 260-519-3541 or mokuly52@yahoo.com

Spencer LC: 2 Spencer Lions are also scout masters so their service also counts towards Lions' service! Do you have Lions who do service for others (as Lions) that might count towards your club's service?

The Walton Lions Club will soon have a new home within the Community Center, which will be constructed soon. The Lions contributed their building space to be used along with the adjoining store fronts for the new structure.

The Lions, Walton Main Street Association, the Town Council, community members and area business people joined together to raise funds for a matching grant from the Cass County Community Foundation. This made possible a grant from Indiana OCRA.

The center will provide space for Walton Lions. It will provide a meeting place for Scouts, Little League, family functions and any persons who need such a venue. The Walton Lions and others in the community have hoped for this to happen for many years and are very appreciative of the community support.



"Beyond the Horizon"

District 25C Convention, March 2, 2019

Guest Speaker: International Director Connie LeCleir-Meyer &
Lion Mike, Mondovi, WI.

Location: Zionsville Municipal Center
W. Oak St.
Zionsville, IN 46077



Registration and Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00 A.M.

Opening Session Begin at 9:00 A.M.

Hotel Information:

Embassy Suites
3912 Vincennes Road
Indianapolis, IN 46268

Phone: 317-715-4911
(ask for the Lion's block)
Price: \$129.00 + tax

Checking in on Friday, March 1, 2019 and checking out on Saturday, March 2, 2019

To get this rate you need to make your reservation by January 31, 2019.

(Rates are also good for 3 days pre and 3 days post event)

**Register before January 31, 2019 and your name will go into a drawing
to win a \$50.00 gas card!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

District Governor Doug and Lion Shelia Eversole invite you to join us at your District 25C Convention.

Friday, March 1, 2019 Meet International Director Connie LeCleir-Meyer and Lion Mike Meyer

Location: Zionsville Lion's Den, 115 S Elm Street, Zionsville, IN

6:00 P.M. Social Hour 7:00 P.M. Dinner

\$15.00 per person # _____ = \$ _____

Saturday, March 2, 2019 District 25C Convention – Zionsville, IN

Meal: Western ribs, meatloaf, potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert and drink
(If anyone needs a special meal, due to allergies or Lent, please let Karen know.)

Price: \$15.00

Club _____

Name & Title _____

Name & Title _____

Make Checks payable to: District 25C Lions

\$15.00 per person # _____ = \$ _____

Mail to: C/T Karen McKellar, 8805 E 200 S, Zionsville, IN 46077

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Governor Doug visited the West Vigo-New Goshen Lions Club in January.



During Governor Doug's visit to the Camden Lions Club he had the honor of presenting Lion David Jeffery his 30 year chevron! Thanks for your service, David!



Lion Sue Penn of the Camden Lions Club is shown being presented her 20 year chevron during Governor Doug's visit to the club. Congratulations, Sue!



Battle Ground Lions Club, Back Pack Program, at Battle Ground Elementary School. Battle Ground LC packs 24 back packs each week during the school year. Left to Right: Ed Geisler, Shirley Daulton, Lynn Rihn, Jim Roth, Tedd Hunt, Bob Montgomery, Don McKee, & Ron Knoy.



International Director Nick Xinopoulos and Indiana District Governors had the honor of presenting \$10,000 to fund the Winter Special Olympics.

Thanks to all the Lions and clubs who helped sponsor this great event!

Zionsville Alpha Leo Secretary Tori Hanshew, Board Member Conrad Waller, President Sara Vande Sandt, VP Gigi Giralte and Leo Bailey Voorhees were busy making cookies for the Zionsville Lions Club Chili Cook Off! (Skip the chili—let’s go straight to the cookies, shall we!)



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Zionsville Lion Brian Earnhart, Chair for the Lions Chili Cook Off, congratulates top winners, Lion Gail Robbins for Best White Chili and Best Chili, and Lion Chad Robbins for Best Red Chili.

Robbins has won Best Chili for 3 years in a row out of 17 entries!



Lafayette LC President Vicki Hrdy presented PDG Pat Short with a 10-Member Builder Key for her efforts in recruiting 10 new members for the club. Pat shared a picture of Keith Brown, Vision Centre IT Consultant whom she met while visiting the Chester Lions Club in England. The Bluecoat Vision Support Centre, a charity focused on independence and equality which has been made possible through a partnership with the Chester Lions. This drop-in center provides information, services, and practical advice to those with vision impairments to enable them to live independent lives. The center is run by people who are blind and partially sighted.



Vice District Governor Tom Robbins and Lion Gail dropped in on the Spencer Lions Club for some socializing and pasta during a cold night in January. Here VDG Tom and PDG Jim Query share a laugh after the meeting. VDG Tom was “forced” to take home the leftover fudge and Buckeye balls when he left.



Lions' service comes from the heart!

Leave a paw print of love.

Please send pictures and news items for the newsletter to Charlotte Query,
jequery@bluemarble.net.

Flyers will be sent separately.

Items for the Hoosier Lion should be forwarded to Cary Green, cngreen2@live.com