

DISTRICT 25C NEWSLETTER

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Hello Lions,

I have decided to dedicate this issue, my last as your Governor, to the Clubs of District C. I have had the time of my life, serving as your Governor. Lion Gail and I have been received by the **Clubs with kindness, courtesy, respect, laughter, and sincerity**. To say that we have enjoyed ourselves in your company is almost an understatement! We have been treated to wonderful meals, received many heartfelt gifts and been encouraged by you, the **Club Members of District-C** to do more, just as you all do every day.

After the conclusion of our District C Convention, everything came to a halt. None of us knew exactly what to do in the face of the Coronavirus Pandemic. At first, we all improvised by doing what we thought was right but soon we learned that we had a profoundly serious event we were dealing with. Some of our Lion friends were stricken with the virus and that is when we knew we had to curtail our activities until we understood how to deal with Covid-19.

Well, now we know, and it has been exceedingly difficult for every Club. Many of us are still wondering if our Clubs are going to host our events this year or if we will see each other at the Indiana State Fair but, one thing is for sure and that is that Lions Serve. **Our Clubs have persevered in these tough times and found many ways to be safe, to social distance, and still have meaningful activities.** They may not be what we had planned but Lions are a resourceful bunch of folks and we just never give up on our motto, **WE SERVE**.

We have had Clubs producing face masks, feeding hungry souls, working food banks, running errands, shopping for those that cannot get out and more. One Club undertook the task of developing a plan to "Feed the Frontlines" (read more in this issue) and it has gained the support of LCIF with a District C Grant of \$10,000. Often you may have wondered, where the money goes, when we have had our visits about LCIF. Well, now we know, it comes right back to us to serve our communities.

I am so proud of every single Club in our District and sometimes I pinch myself and ask if this past year has been real. To have the opportunity of a lifetime to lead volunteers in real genuine efforts of good will is a God send. **How could one not want to be a District Governor?**

Lion Gail and I owe you all our gratitude for what you do every day in your Towns, and Communities. **As I have said from our first Club visit, do what is needed in your Community, be Authentic and do not try to be like everyone else, just be Lions.**

With Respect I say, Thanks for the Memories and now let us welcome our new Governor for 2020-2021, DGE Jim PM Query and his Leadership Team.

DG Tom

Don't forget the application for Club Excellence Award!



**Cabinet meeting June 25, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm.
See "Save the Date" for information.**

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Glancing back, Looking ahead...

There's no way around it, it's been a tough year, going back to December with the passing of First International Vice President Haynes Townsend. Then word of a virus came out in January and caused problems in March: cancelling a few District Conventions and causing several of our Lions Family to fall ill, and, unfortunately, a few to succumb. Our State Convention was cancelled, and cabinet meetings have gone to video conferencing to keep things running. The International Convention in Singapore was cancelled, forcing a freeze on the International Officers since no vote could be taken. I have even heard of a Banner Night getting moved from July to October! Some clubs transitioned easily, finding new ways to help in their communities. Other clubs have hunkered down, waiting the virus out. Honestly there is no right answer to this dilemma; you must do what you believe is best for you, your club, and your community.

Due to COVID 19, our normal district officers training will be different. Currently I'm working out all the details with PCC Ross, but in a nutshell, the training will be conducted via ZOOM video conferencing, along with the Zone Chair Training.

At this time, my first Cabinet Meeting, scheduled for July 25, will also be a ZOOM meeting. Yes, it will be different, and will have some challenges, but it is nothing that we can't get through together!

Another date that you can put on your calendar is August 29th, planning a little shindig in Spencer called a Banner Night! Hopefully, after many have spent soooo much time inside, you will come down for an end of summer luau! Wear your best (or brightest!) Hawaiian shirt!

No one knows what "life after quarantine" is going to be like. One thing is for certain, we are Lions, and have adapted to serve the world for over 100 years. This is just one more challenge that we will overcome together!

Be kind to each other,
Together we serve,
Because Kindness Matters!



In memory of PIP Wayne Madden.

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Lions and Today's World

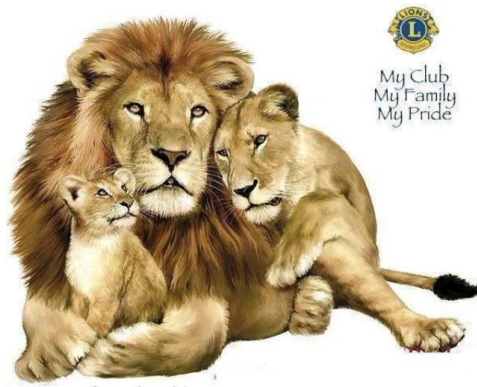
Maybe you are as eager as I am to get back to serving beside fellow Lions. We need to be careful about what we can safely do. Lions are good at seeing a need and jumping in to solve it. We don't want to give that up, but we do need to be more respectful of our health and the health of those around us. We see situations in need of improvement that Lions can make better. We can make the lives of those affected better. We do what we can in the situation that we are in. Be gentle with yourself. It's okay to fail. Actually, if you haven't failed you are either playing it very safe and comfortable, or not learning and getting things done. We should not be down on ourselves for failing. It would be worse if we did not try.

We look forward to face-to-face meetings. In the meantime, many clubs have tried new ways of doing things. We now have a learning experience with virtual meetings. We will make mistakes as we learn to have a virtual meeting and the manners of how to interact in a virtual meeting. Some Lions suggest that the Tail Twister control the mute buttons at the directions of club president and assess fines as necessary. There are things that we find that do not work well and others that work very well. Remember, we had to fall a few times before we were good at riding a bicycle. Hopefully, it will not be as jerky and as frustrating as learning to drive with a clutch!

So let's be gentle with each other as we all learn new ways to meet and to serve. Let us keep our Lion family serving together.

Together we serve!

Lion Jim Roth



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SAVE THE DATE

June 21-26

Leader Dogs for the Blind Virtual Teen Summer Experience Camp 2020

Camp dates: Sunday, June 21–Friday, June 26, 2020

Application deadline: Friday, June 5, 2020 This free camp experience gives teens 14–17 years old in the U.S. and Canada an awesome lineup of virtual activities to build their independence! Participants will explore mobility options like guide dog travel, build leadership skills and make lasting relationships with peers. Using Zoom video conferencing, we will lead two 30-minute virtual sessions each day at 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Teens can look forward to a Q&A session with a guide dog mobility instructor, a game session, a private Facebook group to keep the fun going through the week and lots more! Presenters include Leader Dog O&M Instructors, Leader Dog guide dog mobility instructors and some special surprise guests! Participants will receive a free LDB Virtual Summer Experience Camp t-shirt and a chance to win other prizes including a Humanware Victor Reader Trek. To confirm your commitment for this week of fun, please [complete the online application](#) by Friday, June 5. You'll need to check your email regularly after applying for updates and more information!

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Secretaries

Have you sent in your list of officers for next year?

Presidents

Have you checked with your secretary to see if your new officers have been sent to Lions International yet?

June 25

Cabinet Meeting of District C Lions,

As a follow up to the questionnaire I sent out about attending a Cabinet Meeting in person later this month, the results were heavily weighted to No. As a result we will have our last Cabinet Meeting for this season as a Zoom video call on June 25th, 6:30 pm to 8 pm. Instructions for the call will come out the weekend before the video conference.

What I need from You:

If you desire to give an end of year report for your Trusteeship or Committee, please advise me by *June 8th* so I can prepare the agenda. Please note that we will allow 3 minutes for each report. I will conclude the meeting with my "State of the District" report.

Warm regards,

Tom

LIONS OF INDIANA OCULAR SURGERY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Lions of Indiana have an ocular surgery assistance program administered by the Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc. (ILEBI) that provides vision-saving surgery to those in the community that require help in paying for it.

Community residents who are without insurance and are ineligible for government aid can apply for help through the assistance program.

This program is intended to cover ocular surgery and treatment for individuals who are no longer legal to drive (20/50 in each eye) without such surgery or treatment. Services and treatments include, but are not limited to:

- Cornea transplants
- Cataract surgery
- Laser treatment related to [diabetic](#) retinopathy
- Glaucoma Surgery
- Physician visits
- Diagnostic testing

Some of the requirements:

- A recent eye exam by an optometrist or ophthalmologist is required to show the need for the surgery
- If qualified, complete an application (available from the contact given below)
- A copy of the applicant's most recent tax return will be requested

Once the application is completed it will be forwarded to the chairman of the Ocular Surgical Assistance Program and will then be forwarded to the Ocular Assistance Committee for review.

Some services not covered will be discussed with the applicant at the appropriate time. If the application is approved, the applicant will be contacted and referred to a surgeon that works with the program.

Note that some expenses may not be covered. Again, these will be discussed with the applicant at the appropriate time.

The contact within the Zionsville/Lebanon community is:

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All contact and/or correspondence will be confidential.

District 25C Receives LCIF Covid-19 Emergency Grant of \$10,000!

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has awarded a \$10,000 grant to the Lions of West Central Indiana to help support frontline health care and emergency personnel during the pandemic.

The Lafayette Lions Club's "Feeding the Frontline" project will receive the funds, allowing them to continue to provide quality, hot meals from area restaurants and catering services. These meals are purchased in bulk at discounted rates. They are then distributed by Lafayette Lions and the provider of the day to the group requesting them.

"As a nurse, I've worked a lot of shifts where there just isn't time to leave patients to go find a meal", said Project Leader Lion Diane Haby. "This project is providing a real boost to the staff when they need it the most."

Lafayette Lions have provided over 1,700 meals over the last 60 days to a dozen different hospitals, nursing care homes, ambulance services, police patrols and fire departments. The club has raised over \$13,000 locally to purchase and provide meals.

"Thanks to LCIF, we will be able to continue this program for at least a month. It's great to have the Foundation's backup, and it comes at a perfect time. Helping our front line people while we also help our local restaurants and caterers is a win for everyone."

--PDG Charles Short

Membership Approach in 1927

From the 1927 Contests bulletin of Lions Clubs International:

"The most successful clubs of the association in conducting activities, in financial strength, in community reputation, are those which have a full and representative membership. A club with a very small number of members can be successful, but the chances for its success are less than those of the larger clubs. Membership in the Lions Club is a priceless possession. It is not necessary to go out and solicit members, for nearly every club member has a friend or two he would like to have associated with him in the Club. Fill the open classifications with your friends, if you believe in your Lions Club."

--PDG Charles Short

Editor's Note: The 1927-1928 Contests Bulletin has been sent as an attachment with this newsletter!

Indiana Lions Celebrate 100 Years in 2020-2021

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The Early Years: 1916-1930

Part One

From the early beginnings of Lions Clubs, Indiana has always been at the heart of Lions Clubs International. From our Hoosier leader Dr. W.P. Woods in 1916, and later to the famous Chicago LaSalle Congress of 1917 and Melvin Jones, Indiana Lions formed a critical part of our early history. We not only provided the Lions name and structure, but much of its early growth.

The clubs founded before the 1917 Congress by Dr. Woods are now known as Founder's Clubs. The only remaining Founders Club in Indiana is the Austin Lions Club, founded in 1916. After the 1917 Chicago Congress, the travel restrictions of WWI and the Spanish Flu pandemic began to be relaxed in early 1919. Lions Clubs were in a position to grow rapidly. Melvin Jones' vision of a consolidated, unified service movement under the Lions emblem spoke to a world weary of war and discord.

Communication between an organizing committee of Lafayette businessmen and the newly organized Association of Lions Clubs in 1919 led to the organization of the Lafayette Lions Club on March 23th, 1920. It chartered with forty-one members and is recognized as the first Lions Club in Indiana.

In 1920, the Lafayette Club became the first Indiana club in what was then known as the Ninth District, made up of seven states: Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and Eastern Wisconsin. The first District Convention of the Old Ninth that year was held at Quincy, Illinois. It was not much more than a conference, as most states only had only one or two clubs, except for Illinois which had nine. The 1921 convention in Peoria Illinois saw new Indiana clubs in Indianapolis, Kokomo, Marion, Gary, and South Bend. These were started by professional road salesmen employed by Lions, with help, endorsements, and good offices from Lafayette.

Indiana Lions leaders felt they had enough members and activity to branch off from the Old Ninth and be our own Lions district in 1923. At that point, Indiana Lions had five clubs with a total of 202 members. As a result, the twenty-fifth District of Lions was approved at the District convention held at Decatur Illinois on May 22, 1922. Lafayette's Frank "Ted" Tedford was chosen as the first District Governor of District 25 by the Indiana delegates, with L.H. Vaughn of Terre Haute as Secretary. A year later in 1923, Indiana had twelve clubs and 631 members. 1928 saw thirty-eight clubs with 1543 Lions. At the tenth anniversary of Lions in Indiana in 1930, one club of 41 Lions had become ninety-one clubs with 2,869 active Lions.

Early Lions pioneers such as Tedford and Phillips of Lafayette, Arthur C Call of Anderson, Rev. Elmer Ward Cole of South Bend, Jap Jones of Martinsville, and Frank Wickes and Leslie Bain of Gary worked tirelessly to expand membership and sponsor new clubs. Arthur C Call served three years on the Board of Directors, while W. P Woods served as the first President of the new Chicago-based International Association of Lions Clubs. On the eve of the Great Depression, Indiana's leadership in Lions International was firmly established.

--PDG Charles Short

In memory of PIP Wayne Madden

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Lions Day on Capitol Hill. This picture was taken in Washington D.C. after we had spent the day talking to congressmen and senators from Indiana about voting for the Volunteer Protection Act. (Photo by PID Linda Tincher)

Wayne was an active politician, insurance salesman, Lion, family man and made one feel like a life-long friend from the moment he met you. He shall be greatly missed. Due to the suddenness of this situation, Lion Linda and family need some time to themselves. A memorial shall be held later.

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One last thing: PID William (Bill) Schooler is in rehab with a broken hip. He could really use cheering up with some cards.

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Flyers will be sent separately

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