

# Indiana Lions District 25C

## District Newsletter

### November, 2017



**MMR: 100% since July 2016**  
**SAR: 100% since**

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DG Chloe's Notes:

Well, it's finally getting colder, although there are some warm days. I don't mind the cool nights, as long as the days warm things up. My house is 1860's vintage, with all its' problems, so when the sun shines bright in the afternoon, the house gets warm.

I want to thank all the Secretaries and Presidents that work on getting our reports into myLCI—the MMR's and SAR's are a vital part of how we can effectively know that a club is active. We are still 100% with MMR's for 15 months now, but our streak of 100% filing of SAR reports was broken. PID Linda Tinchler has mentioned to me that District 25C was going to be used at Lions International as an example of filing timely reports. Although we have broken the SAR, we can go back to being 100% in both. Let's make sure that we get the reports in on time, and not wait until the last minute.

If you haven't scheduled your official DG Visit yet, please consider doing so soon. I have enjoyed immensely my visits to all clubs so far. Each club is different in its' own way, and I can appreciate that very much. I get to see Lions that I would otherwise only see once or twice a year, and that brings more actual friendship to the relationship we have with each other.

One thing I would like to concentrate on in this message is gifts, and friendship. For those of you who have heard my talk, the long one that is, I talk about how each of us has been given a gift by God (1 Peter 4:10), and we need to find out what that is and use it to help one another. We also need to find the gifts that others have been given, and encourage those gifts. That comes at a price—the price is that we need to look past those things that we may not enjoy about another person or group, and actively work to encourage cooperation between members, clubs, districts, multiple districts and any other relationship that we're having problems with. This is necessary for the health of our clubs, and our association. It would be a shame if someone was hesitant to join a Lions club because there was animosity or bickering within our group. Do your best to see the gifts that are given to others, and to develop a friendship with them.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Chloe



# First Vice District Governor Doug Eversole

Hello Lions All

Our second cabinet meeting was hosted by the Brookston Lions Club and the meal was very good. Thanks Lions of the Brookston Lions Club for hosting.

Our council meeting was held at the state office and a lot was covered in the two day session. Thanks to all who attended for giving up their weekend to take care of the business of our district.

The 1<sup>st</sup> VDG training took place in Plainfield on the 28th & 29th. It was a jam packed intense two days. This is another opportunity to get to know the other VDGs.

A real concern is the District continues to lose members. A new member by each club would be a nice Christmas present for the district. Can we all ask a family member, co worker or a friend to join and share the rewards?

Hopefully Vision screening is continuing through the district and on track for a banner year.

Hopefully you were able to come to Plainfield for the Lions Leadership Conference November 4, 2017. This one day conference is always packed with training opportunities. If you didn't make it this year, come and make new friends and hang out with everyone next year.

Our club secretaries and others continue to report their MMR and SAR. Thanks to all of you.

Thanks

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Doug

## Official DG Visits Scheduled

November 8, 2017	Clinton Lions Club
November 15, 2017	Lafayette Lions Club
December 5, 2017	Paragon Lions Club
December 9, 2017	Walton Lions Club
December 13, 2017	Poland Lions Club
January 15, 2018	Pierson Township & Prairie Creek Lions Clubs
January 17, 2018	Battleground Lions Club
January 23, 2018	Zionsville Lions Club
February 14, 2018	West Point Lions Club
February 19, 2018	Jamestown Lions Club
March 14, 2018	Logansport Lions Club
March 21, 2018	Bainbridge Lions Club



First of all our continued *thanks* to all Lions/Clubs for their generous donations to this State Project. This past year (2016-2017) your donations to this state project were up 15% providing needed funds to enhance the learning/living experiences our State's blind

and visually-impaired students, both in residence and through outreach programs.

### 2017-2018 GOALS

**IMPROVED FUNDING FOR ISBVI MISSIONS STATEWIDE**

**ENHANCED SUPPORT FOR LEARNING TECHNOLOGY**

**COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION TO BETTER ADDRESS FUTURE NEEDS**

### WHO DOES THE SCHOOL HELP?

ISBVI currently serves 428 students (128 on campus/ 300 outreach) through on/off campus programs

Majority of students, including infants/toddlers, are served by ISBVI teachers in local communities

72% of the students served are in grades six and above

70% of on campus students have additional handicaps

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SCHOOL:

**Summer Programs:** This summer, your donations helped sponsor the following programs at the school:

STEP - Student Training/Employment Skills - job interview skills/internships with employers

EYH - Expanding Your Horizons camp - go-cart racing, skull rowing, zip lining, camping, hiking and archery.

**ISBVI Holiday Program** is scheduled for Friday, **December 22<sup>nd</sup>** in th Gym at 10:00 AM. This is a fun event and

we encourage you to attend if in the area.

### HOW LIONS ARE SERVING!

**ISBVI Summer Programs** - up to \$14,000 provided to help underwrite the school's summer programs

**Braille Challenge Nationals** - four students were provided with \$500 scholarships to attend this fall event

**Brian's Trike Race** - to better align this event with the school's calendar and allow students/faculty to participate more fully, the new event date is **APRIL 22 2018**. (please share the flyer on reverse with your clubs)

**School Workday** - the next Lions schools workday will be held in spring 2018 - date to be determined

**Anthem Volunteer workday - October 21** (9 am - noon) - Thanks to the Speedway Lions Club as sponsor

of the workday, 85 Anthem Volunteers will be on campus working alongside Speeday Lions and Lions

for ISBVI volunteers to renovate house 120 on campus (painting the exterior, completing some

landscaping and some interior painting), as well as do landscaping and mulching around the school's

ground. The Anthem Foundation will be providing up to \$1,500 to support the workday. Several PU

sorority students will also be assisting.

**CLUB PRESENTATIONS:** 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*

# Tips and Hints for Great Vision Screening For when using Charts November 2017

Dear Lions Vision Screeners!

You are all doing an amazing job! I wanted to share with you a couple chart skills "tune-ups" to improve the accuracy of our screenings.

As you know, we have commonly used blue masking tape to create a "stop" at the 20/30 line on our far acuity charts. This was a field-expedient fix for our Good-Lite 110 chart sets that we started with four years ago. This chart set did not have an included chart designed with a "target line" for 20/30.

Now that many of us have the newer, recommended Good-Lite 120 chart set, we don't have to do that. So let's update how we use the far chart for the grades we screen:

**First Grade:** Use the Far acuity threshold chart (the one with DRZKO 20/100 line and two descending charts for right and left eye) to screen. If you use 110 charts, remove the blue tape "stop".

All first graders should be asked "read to me the smallest line that you can read, one letter at a time" after occluding. Three of the five letters read accurately will pass that line. Record that number.

Why do this? First graders are provided a limited eye exam known as the Modified Clinical Test. If we provide the actual acuity line they read, it helps the eye care pros do a better, faster, easier MCT on them.

**Third, Fifth and Eighth Grades:** one may use the target line chart with the RVZOS 20/100 line at the top. Present the chart with your hand over both boxed lines. Once they have covered their left eye, drop your hand to show the NCKHD line. Then raise it after they switch eyes and present the ZHCSR line. That's it. If the student can't read the target line, switch to the threshold chart you use for First grade and have them read the smallest line they can until they can't read three of the five letters accurately. For what it's worth, it is almost as fast to use the unobstructed threshold far chart with the 3/5/8 kids, as it is to use the target line chart. It's usually a difference of less than five seconds per student. If an operator prefers to do this, seat them between others using the target line to vary presentations.

**Bottom line:** use the blue tape on the floor for position, not the charts.

**Asking a child to read the line backwards is a good way to prevent overheard info from another screening lane.** This is more effective with kids in the higher grades, and not First Graders.

The longer the child stands and doesn't engage the line, they start to grab for clues like a struggling swimmer grabs for a hold on the dock.

So don't let them drown, but don't let them freeload on the other swimmers either. Ask them to read it backwards and get their little sneaky head back into the chart and off distractions.

I hope you find this little note helpful. We should always try to be better in what we do. This note and other ones in the future are offered in that spirit. Dr. Neely has reviewed this letter for its content and sends his continued congratulations on your achievements.

As Lions and Hoosiers, you should be immensely proud. We Serve.

Charlie Short State Chair Indiana Lions Vision Services Committee

## Zionsville Lions Club Makes Diabetes a Special Focus

(Press Release to Local Newspapers)

Diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death worldwide, killing one person every six seconds and over 5,000,000 people annually—plenty of reasons for Lions Club International (LCI) to make it a new special and ongoing area of focus. LCI is meeting this global health emergency head on by raising awareness of diabetes, expanding access to care through screening and treatment programs, and improving quality of life for sufferers through special camps and recreational programs.

Approximately 750,000 people in Indiana alone have diabetes; that's enough people to fill Lucas Oil Stadium more than 10 times over. Regretfully, up to one-half of those with diabetes do not even know they have it. So, Zionsville Lions Club (ZLC) is doing its part to combat the rising diabetes epidemic in this community by choosing November, National Diabetes Awareness Month, to kick off a ZLC Diabetes Group. The group, led by Zionsville Lions Club member Mel Prince, MD, (see photo to right) retired senior medical director in diabetes for Eli Lilly & Company, will support LCI's goal to raise awareness and improve education efforts around diabetes.



“The Zionsville Lions Club has a number of members, several who are dedicated health professionals or who are living with diabetes, that are passionate about educating the public on the risks of diabetes and the importance of a healthy diet and exercise,” said Prince. “We look forward to implementing activities in support of LCI’s diabetes mission over the coming months, and to finding ways to utilize Lions Park in that endeavor.”

Add to this equation the fact that 86 million Americans have pre-diabetes (among them 1.9 million Hoosiers) and 90 percent don’t even know it, and the urgency around getting the word out becomes even more apparent.

“We encourage everyone to take a diabetes risk assessment test, to see their physician if the test indicates a risk of diabetes, and to urge friends and loved ones to take the assessment test as well,” Prince said.

To take the online diabetes risk assessment test or download a printable version, go to [www.diabetes.org/are-you-at-risk/diabetes-risk-test/](http://www.diabetes.org/are-you-at-risk/diabetes-risk-test/).

And for tips for healthy eating this holiday season, visit the *Diabetes Forecast* (the Healthy Living Magazine), with special emphasis on holiday recipes, at [www.diabetesforecast.org/2017/nov-dec/holiday-food-recipes-from.html](http://www.diabetesforecast.org/2017/nov-dec/holiday-food-recipes-from.html).

## **Plainfield Lions Club Promotes Diabetes Awareness**

To coincide with National Diabetes Awareness Month, the Plainfield Lions Club and IU Health Hospital West are co-sponsoring a diabetes awareness community educational program and free diabetes screening at the Plainfield Public Library, 1120 Stafford Road, Plainfield, IN on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Members of the community are invited join them for this free event to hear Chris Reinhold, Indiana Lions State Diabetes Committee Chair speak on diabetes. Chris is also on the speaker's bureau of the American Diabetes Association. Topics to be covered during Chris' presentation include: Prevalence, Risk Assessment, Types of Diabetes, Symptoms, Complications and Prevention. In addition, volunteers from IU Health West Hospital will be providing free A1c diabetes screenings. These screenings measure three month-average blood sugar with a finger prick that could alert you to an elevated risk for diabetes before serious symptoms begin. Results are confidential and available immediately. The Plainfield Lions Club supports several service projects both locally, state-wide, and internationally and we are looking for service-minded individuals interested in making a difference in their community. For more information, please contact Tom Iles by emailing to [t.iles@sbcglobal.net](mailto:t.iles@sbcglobal.net).

## **GREAT PARTNERSHIPS YIELD GREAT RESULTS**

In April, the Lafayette Lions Club visited Right Steps Child Development Centers to conduct vision screenings on children ages two and up. At Right Steps Dennis Burton, we had 39 children participate in vision screening with a total of 10 referrals given to children who showed various vision concerns. All parents received a letter of passing or of referral after the screenings were reviewed.

At Dennis Burton, two of the children that were referred are now seeing more clearly with the help of glasses! In fact, one referral led to an entire family seeing a local eye doctor and they are all seeing more clearly! Another referral led to glasses for a child who was headed to Kindergarten, so they will definitely help in her future learning success!

JaMaya was referred at the end of the Early Education Matching Grant and went through with the referral to Lens Crafters to get her new glasses. She came back for a visit and modeled them for the Right Steps staff! JaMaya was enrolled as an infant and was with us until she left the EEMG program in May. This bright little girl recently started Kindergarten I August. We are excited to continue our partnership with the Lafayette Lions Club and Lens Crafters to provide our families with the benefit of good eye health!

## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (LIONS ALERT)**

I just want to let you know where I am so far. I met with one of the Marion County Emergency Managers to discuss development of a Memorandum of Understanding that can be used by the County Emergency Managers and local Lions Clubs. I believe that local Clubs who desire it should be part of their particular county's emergency plan. To that end, I ask that the District Committee Chairs work closely with their Governors to spread the following message:

A nationally recognized program called Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is available to Lions at no charge. I strongly recommend that interested Lions take this training and then get registered in their county with Emergency Management. I will have more information on the way to you soon regarding County Emergency Management contacts and CERT training. I have secured a strong commitment that CERT instructors will travel anywhere around the state to train Lions. Since winter is coming soon, the emphasis right now is Influenza Immunization and Cold Weather Preparedness.

Thank you for your time and efforts!

Lion AJ Johnson, MD 25 State Committee Chair



International Director Nick Xinopoulos informed Lions at the October 14th District C Cabinet meeting in Brookston of the new International directives concerning Diabetes and Pediatric Cancer. (Photo provided PDG Pat Short)



Past President of the Zionsville Lions Club, Tom Robbins, was appointed 2nd Vice District Governor at the District C October 14th Cabinet meeting. (Photo courtesy of PDG Pat Short)



PCC Reed Fish( Speedway Lions Club), PDG Pat Short (Lafayette Lions Club), Jim Durst (ISBVI Superintendent), Tiffany Etter (Anthem Foundation Grants Manager), and Lisa Ooley (Site Captain) are pictured proudly displaying shirts provided by Anthem during a joint work day at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Anthem volunteers, Lions and Purdue University Delta Gamma Sorority students had a wonderful time together while working at the school. Anthem is looking forward to helping with the upcoming Christmas tree sales, also being held as a benefit for the school.



Lafayette Lions Club members anxiously await bidding to begin on this fabulous painting during their annual Tail Twister's Auction. The Tailtwister has a fundraising budget of \$1,000 per year and this auction is part of his program. He also presents trivia each meeting and then fines members who don't know the answer to an obscure related question. He also fines members a \$1 if his/her name should appear in the local media.

Left to right in the photo: Lions Guthrie and Kelley Carr (brothers). In the background is Lion Denny Clark, fabulous auctioneer ...very adept at getting you to bid against yourself or raising your bid if you are not paying attention. The hat that Lion Kelley is wearing is one of his auction treasures. (Photo provided by PDG Pat Short)



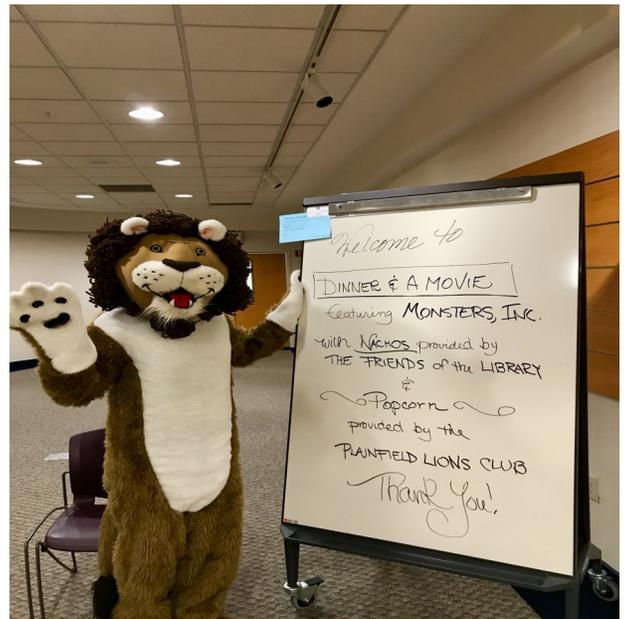
Governor Chloe Weyrauch recently inducted 18 year old Hannah Kiefer into the Spencer Lions Club. Hannah has worked with Lions for several years with their Apple Butter Festival Parade line up and the Summer Food Service Program served every summer out of the Lions' kitchen. Looking on proudly is Lion Charlotte Query (grandmother and Membership Chair who thought she had backed out of the way enough not to be in the picture!), sponsor PDG Jim Query (her grandfather and secretary of the club) and Governor Chloe. Hannah has already been appointed chair of the club's newest project, a fun run she has suggested and outlined to the club before she became a member. (Picture taken by President Jim Query, uncle of the new Spencer Lion.)





Plainfield was happy and proud to co-sponsor their first free movie screening at the library. Everyone enjoyed watching Disney Pixar's "Monsters Inc". A build-your-own-popcorn bar was provided by the club. Lion Tom Iles and Brianna Wright-Sullivan are shown setting up the table.

Lion Toni Tew's daughter, Savannah, is wearing the costume and pointing out the menu for the evening: "Welcome to Dinner and a Movie, featuring *Monsters, Inc.*, with Nachos provided by The Friends of the Library and Popcorn provided by the Plainfield Lions Club"



Zionsville Lions welcomed a new member, Dean Hardy, shown with his sponsor Tom Robbins and being inducted by International Director Nick Xinopoulos. (Photo provided by Zionsville President Gail Robbins)



Vinton Elementary School in Lafayette found a unique way to thank the Lions for their vision screening! Lafayette, Rossville and West Point Lions screened 181 students.

Brookston Lions Club held a very successful Fish Fry to raise funds for local community volunteer fireman injured in line of duty and no longer able to work.





So, it's your first time in Vegas? Perfect! We can help you plan a trip.

Vegas is a place unlike any other city in the world. Where else can you go from Paris' Eiffel Tower, to the canals of Venice, to downtown New York City in just a few blocks? With endless possibilities, knowing what to bring to Vegas isn't always straightforward. But we're here to help you prepare and be your checklist's jump-start to think of the things you may not have thought of! Alright, let's do this!

Your trip starts on the plane. If you want to arrive feeling your best, prepare to hit the town. Here are a few travel ideas to get you started on the right foot.

- Lip balm, earplugs, hand sanitizer, eye drops. The climate there (as well as on airplanes) is very dry, so be sure to keep your lips, hands and eyes moisturized.
- Leave space in your carry-on and suitcase for souvenirs. Vegas is almost overwhelming with shopping opportunities, from small souvenir shops to high-end fashion retailers, so you'll want some extra space.
- Shoes for walking, shoes for show. We can't emphasize this enough. Be prepared with the proper and appropriate footwear. Visitors can do a lot of walking around there, from strolling the Strip to hiking the surrounding areas, so you'll need the right shoes. But then, there are nice restaurants and clubs where hiking gear won't quite cut it. Pack smart and be prepared for both.
- Bring a light sweater or blazer. You read that right. You might just need a warm cover while you're there. Oh, sure, it's plenty warm outside, but the casinos are not stingy with the A/C, so be prepared.
- Sun hat. It should be no surprise that the weather there tends to be warm and sunny. A good (and cute!) sun hat could be your most underrated trip-saver. Whether walking the Strip, sitting by the pool or out for a hike, keeping the sun off your head is key to keeping your energy level up so you can keep on going!

Watch for more articles about Las Vegas, site of the 2018 Lions International Convention brought to you by the Indiana Lions International Convention Committee.