

DISTRICT 25C NEWSLETTER



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Greetings District C Lions,

Hello Lions, and welcome to Harvest Season. I could have called it fall because that's what the leaves are doing, but as we travel the byways of Indiana what we really see are very large harvesters at work, and often when we are returning home late into the night, you are still out there. It's really easy to see why this is the season of Thanksgiving. Many of those men and women operating these machines and driving the trucks are the same people we know as Lions. Many of you jump off the machines to get to the Lions meeting to hear success stories of service in your community. Yet others get to that meeting to offer a friendly and warm welcome to the District Governor who has traveled just for a chance to visit with you. We break bread together in small clubs and large ones and other than the number of people, Lions Clubs are much the same. It is remarkable to Lion Gail and me that though you do things differently, the results are often very similar. Small Schools are helped with vision screening with the same care and love that medium and large Schools receive. The children and the school nurses are all happy when they see the women and men in yellow shirts coming to their school for another season of screening. It is crystal clear that through vision screening of our school children, YOU ARE CHANGING LIVES for many of them.

Much the same as the harvest comes to an end, so does vision screening but the work isn't done as there are backpacks to fill, warm lunches to serve, eyeglasses and hearing aids to collect. *Lions just keep planting seeds of service* in our communities, providing those things that are needed when someone needs a hand or a bit of help through a tough spot.

As much as we enjoy sharing the Lions International message with you (I hope you're really listening), we actually enjoy the feedback and the ideas we collect along the way. In the end, it's what happens at club level that really counts and your commitment to service and hard work is second to none.

Lion Gail and I look forward to seeing you at your Lions Club and don't forget to have a little fun along the way, it's good for the soul.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving,

DG Tom



Life...

In case none of you have noticed, I'd like to make this announcement: Life is hard. I know, I know...I'm preaching to the choir.

Schedules get messed up, people get sick, people take off work, deadlines fly by, and time disappears.

As we enter the season where we think so much about other people, I encourage you to not forget what our most valuable asset is...Time.

The time we spend with other people is far more valuable than any amount of money we could spend on them. Look around at your club meetings; who is not there that had been? Take time to call or visit them. You never know how important, how precious just a few minutes can be.

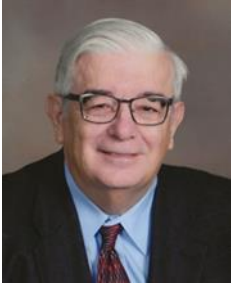
Even more important is taking care of ourselves! I know it's hard but try to dial back on the sweets and eat a little healthier. Make time in your schedule for a brisk walk or engage in a light workout! Got that flu shot yet? You can't take care of others if you don't take care of yourself!

Service begins in the Heart!

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PS: Thanks to all who came to the Spencer Lions Club 90th Anniversary party. We had a blast! Great food, great people, great speaker—and the torrential rain stopped!



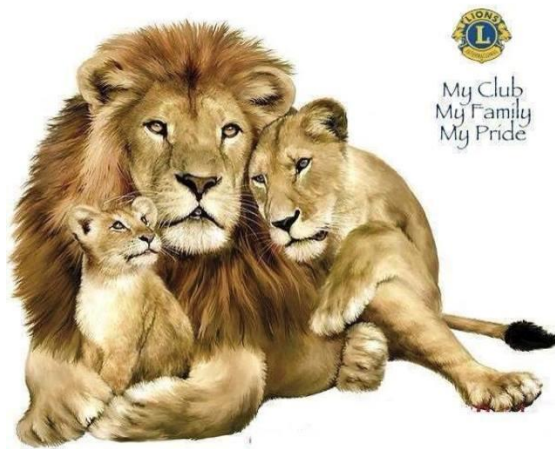


Together We Serve

TOGETHER WE SERVE. We joined a Lions Club to serve. How often do we say that? Actually we joined a Lions Club to serve with fellow Lions. When the need is still there, but the Lions Club members are few, Lions from other clubs help out. There is a very informal network bringing members of different Lions Clubs together. Smaller Lions Clubs help each other out so that needs are met and funds raised. Vision screening in a school often involves more than one club. Our club gets help from other clubs to screen, and we help other clubs screen. Lions Clubs volunteer extra help when another Lions Club could use the help. Lions Clubs also have developed a network of non-Lion volunteers to also help. This informal network of volunteers and Lions helps make Lions Clubs greater than each club standing alone.

TOGETHER WE SERVE. You may notice the picture of a Lion Family at the end of my article each month. Women make up a large part of our membership and our leadership. This is a reminder that in our Lions Clubs we have male Lions, female Lions, and Lion cubs (Leos), each serving and making a difference. I see the same Lion Spirit and willingness to serve in all the Lions that I have met. Many Lion families serve together and we belong to a family of Lions. I want to celebrate that.

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SAVE THE DATE

November 2, 2019
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November 7, 2019
November 15, 2019
November 16, 2019
January 10-11, 2020
January 25, 2020
April 25, 2020
June 6, 2020

Lucerne Lions Club Fish & Tenderloin Dinner, 3 – 7 pm
Peace Posters Due: Send to Lion Roberta Roth
Zone 2 Meeting: 7:00 pm, Lucerne Lions Hall
990N Due
International Pin Design Deadline: Send to Lion Chris Landskron
Mid-Winter Conference
District Meeting, Martinsville
District C Caucus, Bloomington Convention Center
District Picnic, Zionsville Lions Park

Conventions

March 7, 2020

District Convention, Zionsville Town Hall
Could each club send 4 members to our convention?!! (How about even 1 from each club!! You meet such great Lions here!)

April 24-26, 2020
June 26-30, 2020

IN Lions State Convention, Bloomington Convention Center
Lions International, Singapore



HAS YOUR CLUB FILED ITS 990N?
DUE NOVEMBER 15

Have your event listed here!

Send to Charlotte Query
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LIONS OF INDIANA FOUNDATION, INC.

YOUR FOUNDATION!

I will say it again “The Lions of Indiana Foundation serves all the Lions in the state of Indiana whether or not all of you realize it.” The Foundation does a number of things to help make “Lionism” better for everyone.” The foundation has several fundraisers during any one Lion year:

Lions working at the state fair



- Through purchase of a special Lions state license plate
- Through purchase of a W. P. Woods Award
- Lions direct contribution to the permanent endowment fund
- Lions direct contribution to the general fund
- Receipt of a small percentage for handling of pass through funds
- Through purchase of brick pavers for the brick plaza

Lions Working at the State Fair –

Funds are raised through volunteer work contributed by the Lions of Indiana and their friends by selling tickets, scanning tickets, or other jobs at the Indiana State Fair. For each shift worked at the State Fair, each Lion earns the current scale in dollars which will be paid to the Foundation, or as \$10 to his or her Lions Club, or to any State Project, or to a charity of his or her choice, or will be accumulated as credits towards W.P. Woods Fellowships. Any Lion who works the early day shift receives one W.P. Woods Fellowship credit. A Lion who works the second shift receives two credits. The maximum number of credits for one day is three (first and second shift in one day). It only takes 10 credits to earn a W.P. Woods Fellowship to be presented to some worthy member of your club.

This fundraiser is not being adequately supported by the Lions of Indiana. District C worked 75 shifts out of **387** available vs one district that worked 271 shifts out of the 387. Only 10 clubs out of 56 in District C participated and only **13 lions** out of 1490 in District C filled the 75 shifts. Certainly, more of you can afford to give a day at the fair to support the Foundation. Make it a point to join in the next time around. It is easy and fun.

PDG Dick McKellar

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Please send pictures and news items for the newsletter to Charlotte Query,
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Flyers will be sent separately

Items for the Hoosier Lion should be forwarded to Gail Robbins,
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Put the March 7 District Convention on your calendar!

(And bring some friends with you!)

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