

# DISTRICT 25C NEWSLETTER

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**October 2019**

**Hello District C Lions,**

“Where there is a need, there is a Lion”, often said and repeated by us all but what does that really mean. Well, for one thing there is LCIF and still while confused with LCI, this is the arm of Lions that really does some giving. I’m often asked, what does LCIF do with all the money? Well, too be sure, they are very good stewards of the money donated to LCIF. These dollars are for HELPING only, no overhead, no advertising or administrative expense.

While we watched on TV from afar and the safety of our homes, the Bahama Islands were ripped apart by a devastating Hurricane named Dorian and before the hurricane ever grazed the Southeastern US, LCIF had sent \$100,000 to the Bahamian Islands for emergency relief funds. You see, the “real deal” is that we live by our motto of “Where there is a need, there is a Lion”.

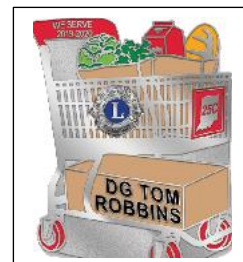
LCIF Campaign 100 was designed to be sure that there would always be funds available for emergency help during natural disasters or catastrophes around the world. Your donations are gladly accepted, and nothing is ever too small or large for that matter. Worldwide only 7% of Lions are donating to LCIF and that drops to 3% for the US. (We can do better.)

The “Model Club” designation is just \$500 per member over five years (28 cents per day) and many are accomplishing these amounts. The key thought to this message though isn’t how much you can give, it’s that any amount donated will translate into helping someone and it could be your very neighborhood. (LCIF was first to help when a tornado hit Kokomo Indiana)

Grants from LCIF are available for a variety of causes: HUNGER, VISION, HUMANITARIAN, CHILDHOOD CANCER, DIABETES, YOUTH, and NATURAL DISASTERS. All you need do is apply for a grant today by calling your LCIF Club or District Coordinator.

Thanks for reading and thanks for supporting LCIF.

DG Tom





Be our guest, be our guest, BE OUR GUEST!

O.K. be honest, how many of you just sang that in your head? Yep, me too! So, this month I am going to take a little different approach to this article. I would like to take this space to invite each and every one of you to come join in a special celebration!

The Spencer Lions Club is celebrating 90 years of service on October 26, 2019. The festivities will be at the Christian Life Center in Spencer, Indiana (157 S. Montgomery St.) starting with a 5:00 p.m. social hour. Dinner will consist of roast beef, grilled chicken, sides, drinks and desserts!

See flyer to make your reservation!

Can you remember the last time you celebrated with Lions? Make sure that you celebrate the little things along with the big. Yes, we want you to come to our celebration; but it's also important to celebrate each and every project you complete, not just anniversaries!

We only have one trip around in this world, let's work together and celebrate each other!

Hope to see you soon!

Jim P.M. Query  
VDG District C



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## ***What We Can Do***

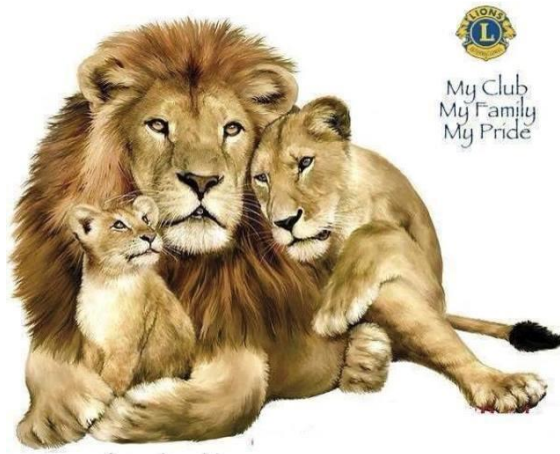
I talked with PDG Ray Collins, our District's Chairperson for Eyeglass Recycling. They only use eyeglasses in frames for recycling or reuse. "Reading glasses" can be reused. Broken frames are sent to be recycled for plastics/metals. They cannot use non-prescription sunglasses, goggles or clip-ons. The eyeglass cases, loose lenses, etc. also go to the trash.

Lions sort through all the eyeglass donations taken to the state office building and keep only the eyeglasses in frames. So you can help out these Lion volunteers. Please sort the donations accordingly and only take the eyeglasses in frames to the state office or other collection site.

We can keep the eyeglasses cases out of the landfill by using them for another purpose. A possible use is to fill the eyeglass cases with first-aid supplies such as bandages, wipes, antibiotic ointment, etc. Lions could distribute these at food pantries or community lunch sites, etc. Some groups fill 5 gallon pails with these first-aid kits to go to disaster areas. Other cases can be filled with dental supplies or hygiene products, or made available for someone to carry their medical supplies. Some Lions may have other ideas for uses as well. A club could fill the cases at a meeting or almost any time. If a club has the desire to do this, then we can start saving eyeglass cases.

Fellow Lions, please sort eyeglass donations (after club meeting?) and only forward eyeglasses in frames. Until some club comes forward and wants to use the eyeglass cases, those will still be going to the trash. Thank you.

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## SAVE THE DATE

October 10	Peace Poster Deadline: Lion Roberta Roth must have posters by this date. Send to: Lion Roberta Roth 11179 S 100E Battle Ground, IN 47920
October 12	<b>District Meeting</b> , Lafayette
October 26	Spencer Lions Club 90 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary at corner of Market & Montgomery Streets
November 16	Deadline for International Pin Design to Lion Chris Landskron
January 25, 2020	<b>District Meeting</b> , Martinsville
April 25, 2020	<b>District C Caucus</b> , Bloomington Convention Center
June 6, 2020	<b>District Picnic</b> , Zionsville Lions Park

## Conventions

March 7, 2020	<b>District Convention</b> , Zionsville Town Hall
April 24-26, 2020	<b>IN Lions State Convention</b> , Bloomington Convention Center
June 26-30, 2020	<b>Lions International</b> , Singapore

Have your event listed here!

Send to Charlotte Query  
jequery@bluemarble.net

## Don't forget!

Peace Poster entries  
need to be to Lion  
Roberta Roth by  
October 10, 2019!



## NOTICE for CLUB TREASURERS

We have been notified by the Indiana Department of Revenue (DOR) that you can now file your form NP-20 Nonprofit Organization's Annual Report online. Previously the NP-20 could only be filed on paper. For more detailed information and to create an account visit <https://intime.dor.in.gov>.

To create an online account, visit the INTIME homepage referenced above and select "Don't have a username? Create one" and follow the instructions to get started. You will need to have your Taxpayer ID (FEIN, SSN, etc.) and the unique Letter ID. After logging in, you will see a file panel which will allow you to complete the Nonprofit Organization's Annual Report.

If you have any further questions contact DOR Customer Service at (317) 232-0129.

## **LIONS OF INDIANA FOUNDATION, INC.**

**YOUR  
FOUNDATION!**



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 Board of the Foundation is made up of 21 trustees with each of the seven districts electing one lion every year for a three-year term. The Board has a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer with the president, vice-president and secretary serving two year terms.

Listed below are some of the things that the Foundation does:

- Monitors the W.P. Woods Fellowship recognition program
- Reviews and awards \$750 matching grants upon request
- Is qualified to receive and disburse permanent endowment funds
- Serves as a certified 501 (c)3 "pass through" for funds for the benefit and use of specific Lions' Clubs
- Each year coordinates and presents the lions "Distinguished Lion Award"
- Each year provides Banner Patches to those clubs that have provided significant service to the Foundation
- Through the Holding Corporation maintains and provides office services and a meeting place
- Has a committee that coordinates shifts for working at the State Fair as a fundraiser for the Foundation
- Through the donations to various funds provides certain types of scholarships

One of the ways to get to know what your Foundation is doing is to contact and speak with one of your three trustees:

- 1<sup>st</sup> year                      Wayne Carter  
[cwayneec@aol.com](mailto:cwayneec@aol.com)                      317 839 8019
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year                      PDG Richard McKellar  
[macagcon@tds.net](mailto:macagcon@tds.net)                      317 769 2427
- 3<sup>rd</sup> year                      PDG Bill Penn  
[bpenn@remconline.net](mailto:bpenn@remconline.net)                      765 564 3707



More about the Indiana Lions Foundation in the next newsletter.





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LIONS OF DISTRICT  
C  
ON YOUR SUPPORT  
OF  
CAMPAIGN 100

We are now 27 months into this five year program and I am happy to report to you that as of this morning, September 19, District C has donated \$59,824.22 to the Campaign 100 Fundraising Campaign with 212 donors averaging \$293.58 per donor.

There are several goals that individual clubs can reach during this five year program: to achieve model club status a club must contribute an average of \$500/per member over the five year period (July1, 2017 – June 30, 2022). Other categories are: an average of \$100/per member, \$75 per/member, etc.

**Congratulations to the following clubs for achieving one of these goals:**

**MODEL CLUB PLEDGE:**

Lafayette Lions Club

**\$100/per member average donation**

Eminence Lions Club

Plainfield Lions Club

Zionsville Lions Club

**\$75/per member average donation**

Brownsburg Lions Club

Riley Township Lions Club.

Although they have not reached the goal, 14 additional clubs are only a few dollars away from reaching the \$50/per member average. Remember, for every \$1,000 a club or individual donates to LCIF a Melvin Jones Fellowship is awarded. This is a great way to recognize a hard working individual in your club.

At Midwinter Conference you will have the opportunity to learn just where these dollars are being used. Last week LCIF authorized a \$100,000 grant for immediate direct humanitarian relief in the Bahamas.

To date \$14,082,092.75 has been raised by clubs and individuals in the U.S.A. and affiliates constitutional area with 23,959 donors with an average per donor of \$293.58. Multiple District 25 has raised \$37,787.25 with 975 donors.

(Contact Karen McKellar, District 25C LCIF Coordinator at [kadica@tds.net](mailto:kadica@tds.net) for additional information)

## **Million Meal Movement service project scheduled at the 2020 MWC**

In Indiana alone, 1 million people, including one if five children, don't know where they'll get their next meal. Attendees at this year's Friday night service project at the Mid-Winter Conference, scheduled for January 10 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at the Indianapolis International airport, will have an opportunity help provide an answer for hungry Hoosiers.

The Million Mile Movement (MMM), an Indianapolis-based not-for-profit, has a two-fold vision to feed the hungry and teach the importance of volunteerism. Annually millions of meals are distributed to hungry families throughout Indiana by thousands of volunteers. At the Friday night event at the Crowne Plaza, Lions will work to package precisely measured meals that will be given to agencies in Indiana. In a two-hour period, thousands of meals will be packaged, consisting of high-energy meals with vitamins and minerals, dried vegetables, protein, and rice. The meals will be distributed to food banks along with written instructions for their use.

Since the MMM was founded in 2007, over 28 million meals were packaged and distributed. The program has been highly refined, and each volunteer at a typical food packaging event can prepare 200 meals in an hour. Each meal costs \$.27 to feed an individual. MWC event organizers are hoping to have more than 100 volunteers at the Friday night packing, resulting in more than 20,000 meals prepared.

Additionally, a seminar session on Saturday, January 11 will feature representatives from the Million Meal Movement who will detail how local Lions clubs can develop partnerships in their own communities. The MMM is an excellent new service project that involves volunteers to meet the needs of over 1 million children and adults throughout Indiana.



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## **Mid-Winter Conference Announces Conference Schedule**



## **High School Coach to highlight Saturday MWC Luncheon**

Members of the MWC planning committee have been meeting regularly for the past several months in preparation for the 2020 event, planned for January 10-11 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at the Indianapolis International Airport. Last year's MWC saw a dramatic change, in the seminars offered, the number of attendees, and the 'all under one roof' feature that the Crowne Plaza offered.

Additionally, an extensive evaluation survey last year resulted in an unprecedented 60% return rate, with many comments affirming the decision to return to the January dates as well as holding all events in one facility. The new seminar format, which eliminated the previous 2-hour workshops and 1-hour seminars was also seen as favorable, allowing more attendees to participate in more seminars.

This year we will also see a return of 16 seminar sessions, offered in four, 50-minutes time slots. A few of the seminars will be repeated twice. MWC committee members also poured through hundreds of individual comments in last year's evaluations, again resulting in additional changes made for this year's conference. In particular, the Friday evening keynote speaker has been replaced with the adoption of a special service project, a Million Meal Movement program. A separate article detailing this project has been distributed to district newsletter editors.

One of frequent comments from the surveys addressed the ten minute 'passing' period from one seminar to the next. This has been extended to 20 minutes. Many other details to enhance the enjoyment of the MWC were also addressed and should result in an even more enjoyable conference this coming January. Watch for registration information in the next several weeks as it will be distributed through district newsletters and the MWC Facebook page at Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference.

Mike Kirschner, a 1979 Warren Central graduate, will provide a motivational talk at the Saturday noon luncheon at the 2020 Mid-Winter Conference. The conference will be held January 10-11 at the Crowne Plaza at the Indianapolis International Airport.

Kirschner was a two-year letterman in football and received his BS degree from Ball State University in May of 1983, his teaching license from the University of Indianapolis in December of 1989, and his master's degree from Olivet Nazarene University in May of 2006.

Coach Kirschner served as assistant football coach, girls' basketball coach, and softball coach at Warren Central High School from 1990-1996. From 1996-2000, he served as the head football coach, assistant girls' basketball coach and head boys' track coach at Cascade High School. In 2007 he joined the coaching staff at Ben Davis High School and won two football state championships. In Jan. 2018, he was ready for a change and joined the coaching staff at Mt Vernon High School in Fortville, Indiana. Coach Kirschner is not just a great coach. He is all about life and living it the right way. He believes real coaches never stop teaching and that it is important to develop the complete athlete, physically, mentally and

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spiritually. He speaks to many organizations and gave one of his rousing motivational speeches on the floor of the IN House of Representatives when they honored the 2017 Ben Davis team.

His talk revolves around providing a caring setting and expands upon experiences he had with his players over the years and how their experience shapes their roles in leadership. Make you plans to attend the exceptional Mid-Winter Conference. Watch the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference Facebook for additional information, including registration when it becomes available.

### **Don't forget those hearing aids!**



Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing is collecting hearing aids to support our Hearing Aid Loaner Bank. Lions should give the hearing aids to Club Presidents, Zone Chairmen, and District Governor or take them directly to the State Office on Purdue Road in Indianapolis. Donate them, even if they don't work. Donate them if they are in a drawer. Donate them, if you don't need them any longer. But donate them!

I will provide a program on hearing loss to any club in the District.

If there are questions about this collection, contact me at 317-852-8087 or [furner@ameritech.net](mailto:furner@ameritech.net).

Thanks for your help.

Yours in Lionism,

Ray Furner

Please send pictures and news items for the newsletter to Charlotte Query,  
**[jequery@bluemarble.net](mailto:jequery@bluemarble.net)**

Flyers will be sent separately

Items for the Hoosier Lion should be forwarded to Gail Robbins,  
**[gail45robbins@gmail.com](mailto:gail45robbins@gmail.com)**

**Nothing is stronger than the heart of a volunteer.**  
**Jimmy Doolittle**



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