

# DISTRICT 25C NEWSLETTER



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## **May 2020**

Hello Lions,

Here's wishing you a happy first of May and I hope all of you are doing well and renewing your perspective about Life in general and Lions going forward.

As we used to say in business, "The only thing for sure is Change" and oh how that is at the forefront now. Have you been thinking about your Club projects? How will they be different? How **MUST** they be different as we go forward? Club meetings, how are they different? How can we accomplish our goals, complete our plans if we don't get together and talk it out?

Think about this: 90 days ago, most of us didn't know what Zoom was, other than a very fast car! Well, now it's how many of us communicate and you should be thinking about it for your club meetings.

"Carry out" has a completely new meaning. It is no longer the drive up at McDonalds but it's our dry cleaners, restaurants, pharmacy, food store, and even doctors' offices. Yes, some offices have you waiting in your car until your appointment time slot is open and then you go in. You see, we are all faced with **CHANGE**.

If you give it some serious thought, "brainstorming" with others, you may come up with a new way to have your events. Maybe the annual fish fry will be a drive up affair with patrons staying in their car and just driving in. Lions will wear a mask, gloves, take a credit card or check and the patrons will be on their way. Maybe they will drive home, maybe they will picnic or have tailgate meals with others and maintain their safe distances. Maybe your annual auction will be online, as Qutego and others make this very possible without the need to be face to face. I know, nothing replaces a "firm handshake or a nice hug" but that's what **CHANGE** brings us. Can we do our events but do them differently? Could we do meetings differently? Yes, I think we can.

Just think about this for a moment: Where were you on 9-11-2001? I was 800 miles from my family and only 125 miles from the epicenter of

disaster. I had always run, full speed ahead to catch a plane, ticket in hand just before they closed the door. Immediately thereafter I found myself being questioned, scanned and waiting an hour or more to board flights. Today we all get to the airport an hour or more ahead, go through security and wait until we are called to board. **YOU SEE, WE CAN NEVER GO BACK TO WHAT NORMAL WAS BECAUSE IT ISN'T ANY LONGER.**

**Let's decide right now, as Lions, that SERVICE might just take on a new look and new feel. Think about fundraising, it will be different, and we can make it GOOD, as agents of change, and we forget about "woe is me".**

I prefer to think that we will come out on top and I'd like you to think the same and figure out how to make Lemonade out of the lemons. Let us all consider the platforms available, Microsoft, Google, Zoom, Skype, teleconference. We can have a meeting, save time and money, no driving, and be very productive. There are some amazingly effective scheduling tools, one is **Signup Genius** and it lets you schedule the help for your events electronically. Yes, there will always be some areas where we do not have good internet, but we can deal with that.

Some say how about the fellowship of a dinner meeting, we will miss that. As we progress a few months from now maybe we can have group meetings but please don't wait to re-establish your relationship with club members until you can meet face to face. Many of us experience good feeling and vibes by just seeing each other on the computer screen and make it fun! Schedule your meeting as a funny shirt night, hat night, sports jersey night, share your dinner menu night and even eat together or share a drink on the conference.

I surely don't have all the answers, but I assure you of this, we are not going to let the Covid19 drag Lions Clubs of District C down, but rather use it to motivate us to new highs. Look at what the Lafayette Lions Club is doing with **"FEEDING THE FRONT LINES"**. Let's really learn from each other and share experiences. I will be happy to be the "clearing house" for ideas and experiences.

Lastly, I am cancelling the District Cabinet Meeting, scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> and we will reschedule and most likely it will be a zoom meeting where you can all attend without the driving.

I believe in each one of you and we look forward to seeing you.

DG Tom

*Don't forget the application for Club Excellence Award!*



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## Decoration Day

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Sleep, comrades, sleep and rest  
On this Field of the Grounded Arms,  
Where foes no more molest,  
Nor sentry's shot alarms!

You have slept on the ground before,  
And started to your feet  
At the cannon's sudden roar,  
Or the drum's redoubling beat.

But in this camp of Death  
No sound your slumber breaks;  
Here is no fevered breath,  
No wound that bleeds and aches.

All is repose and peace,  
Untrampled lies the sod;  
The shouts of battle cease,  
It is the Truce of God!

Rest, comrades, rest and sleep!  
The thoughts of men shall be  
As sentinels to keep  
Your rest from danger free.

Your silent tents of green  
We deck with fragrant flowers;  
Yours has the suffering been,  
The memory shall be ours.

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



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## Lions and Today's World

When we fly, we are told that in case of an emergency in which the cabin loses pressure, a mask with oxygen will drop down in front of you. Then the instruction is to put your mask on first, before you help others. This is not selfish, but rather an important step so you will be able to help others. So put your mask on first before you go to help others.

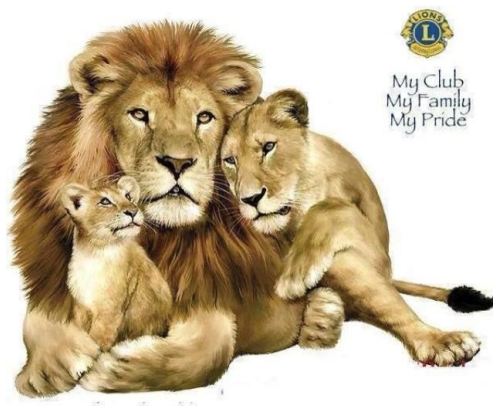
I think that our current medical situation is like the cabin losing pressure. Our first instinct is to help others. However, on the plane we must get our oxygen on first. Likewise, in this pandemic we need to take care of our health and that of our family that depends on us. This is hard for Lions. Where there is a need, there is a Lion. Stepping up comes easily when we see a need. None of us can meet all the needs that we find, but we can each meet part of the needs. We need to take care of ourselves so we can be there.

First we have to protect ourselves by social distancing, staying at home, wearing masks, etc. Some of us and some family members are at high risk. We need to do this as a duty to our family so that we might avoid both passing the virus to one of them and being unable to be there for them.

Some Lions are working in healthcare, public safety, providing food, etc. They cannot stay home, they have to go into more potentially unhealthy situations. Remember to honor and support them in this stressful time. Check with these fellow Lions Club members to see if they need help in getting groceries, etc. for their families. Some kind words would be nice too.

Together we serve!

Lion Jim Roth



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## SAVE THE DATE

*Activities through May have been cancelled.*  
Announcements will be e-mailed.

January 22-23,  
2021

**Back in Indy !!**

The 2021 Mid-Winter Conference returns to the Crowne Plaza at the Indianapolis Airport.

Everything under one roof!  
It's a 'One-stop' environment for Indiana's premier conference.

**SAVE THE DATE**

January 22-23  
2021

Mid-Winter Conference  
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**2021**



The Indiana State Police Superintendent has decided to cancel the 2020 Indiana Lions Law camps for this year due to the Corona virus pandemic.



Please note this cancellation for the camps this summer.



Around 80 meals, with catering done by Revolution BBQ, were delivered to IU Health Arnett West Lafayette on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.



**A huge THANK YOU to the Lions Club of Lafayette Indiana USA and Revolution Barbecue for our Lunch!! Sooo sweet. Facebook thank you**



**Lafayette Lions**  
**"Feeding the Frontlines"**  
**This Project Roars!**



When the virus lockdown started, Lion Diane Haby of the Lafayette Lions saw a real service opportunity: purchase meals from local restaurants and catering services desperate for business, and provide them to hungry medical, emergency, and nursing staffs around the Lafayette area. Working with her husband Lion Steve and their nephew, Lion Diane set up a committee including 2VDGE Bob Hrdy and Lion Carl Landskron. An immediate goal of raising \$56,000 for a twelve week feeding program was agreed upon, and the club's Board voted to proceed. A GoFundMe page was set up to raise money online later in the week, with the first 80 meals being delivered only four days after the project was approved.

As this is written, nine days into the project, the GoFundMe page has raised over \$6,000 and 619 meals have been delivered to eight area medical, EMS, Police and Fire services. Five additional services contracted for the next ten days will deliver another 730 meals.

Total fundraising as of April 24 is over \$12,000 and gaining momentum....funds donated by the Lafayette Lions Club, individual Lions, the Indiana Cyber Club, friends and family; and through the GoFundMe site. A big "Thank You" also goes out to the Indiana Lions Foundation for their matching grant support of this project!

The response from local restaurants and catering services has been strong and enthusiastic, with top quality nutritious meals being delivered. ***"The spirit that these people are sharing with us now, when they have been dealt such a hard blow, is really inspiring."*** said Lion Diane. ***"As a retired nurse, I've worked a lot of understaffed and hectic shifts. This is a great way to say to everyone that we have your back, and support both the frontlines and our local food service folks."***

Follow the progress of this project on the club's Facebook page, Lions of Lafayette Indiana USA.

PDG Charlie Short  
 Lafayette Lions Club

## What Can Lions Do to help during this Pandemic?

Past Intl. President Joe Preston forwarded the LCIF Area Leaders an email he received from an LCIF Dist. Coordinator in CT. It has some ideas you or your club might be able to utilize; or it might even inspire some Lions to think of additional ideas that can be used even on a smaller scale for their local area.

The following is the email PIP Preston forwarded to us from a Lion in CT.:

**Operation Faceshield in Ann Arbor, Michigan.** This organization makes face shields and distributes them gratis. All we had to do is pay for postage. We initially ordered 100 to check the quality of the face shields. We received many compliments so have just ordered 200 more. (They supply the entire U.S. so I want to be considerate.)

From a small local supplier, we are ordering hospital grade disinfectant, 3-ply masks, (we elected not to order the N-95 because of the cost and others are purchasing them), 4 different sizes of gloves and booties. We are getting a good price from this supplier and it has helped him stay in business because his regular accounts are businesses that are not operating). At another supplier we are getting Tyvek suits (disposable clothing) when they're available. All 85+ nursing homes in all four of counties have been contacted and most have wanted supplies. One nursing home in Middlesex County receives all the positive nursing home patients upon hospital discharge. We contact them daily for their needs since these supplies are sometimes difficult to obtain.

Most police departments, fire departments and shelters have been contacted and have also received supplies. Every evening we access where we are at with supplies, what requests we have received, and 4 teams go out the next morning. Most mornings it starts with a trip to our supplier, a meeting of the teams to "stock up" and off they go delivering. Fortunately, when our supplier receives a shipment, we are one of the first he calls to tell us what has come in. Masks for instance comes in, in dribbles. Yesterday I received 10 boxes of 50. Today none came in.

The disinfectant we are giving out comes in gallon containers which you mix 2 ounces to a gallon of water. Some of our clubs have gone the extra mile and have provided 55-gallon containers with spigots to their ambulance companies. The entire gallon can be poured in the barrel and filled with water. This really simplifies using it.

**Publicity-** Our local Fox television station today asked for a video of our work. We are continually putting pictures on Facebook. (Google Don Grise and you'll see 12 he put up yesterday) **All our supplies have LCIF logos on them** along with a 2nd sticker asking them to send us an acknowledgement.

Our 2nd service project is EXCITING!

Gowns are a premium! There is just not enough anywhere. When we visit that is the first thing we're asked for. We networked and found a company where the CEO has decided to stop their production and make gowns. I had a great conversation with him. He is purchasing the material and has the capability of making the gowns. His company has already made 5,000

gowns. His frustration is that he doesn't have the physical space to have more employees sew the volume of gowns he wants to produce. I suggested to him that he **PARTNER with the Lions of District 23-C**. He provides the material, precut the gowns and the Lions will sew them and distribute them locally to his list. **IT'S A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN!!** We sent out an email blast and we are starting on Monday. We have 25 Lions ready to begin sewing the **500** gowns we will be receiving. They will be packed in bags of 10 with a label with our logo stating, **"SEWN BY A CONNECTICUT LION."** This is the pilot run. If it's successful we have non-Lions that want to participate so we'll add "or a friend of a Connecticut Lion" and also ask the other two districts in Conn. if they want to participate. Our only cost is the thread if someone asks us to pay for their thread and the labels. We should be able to reach a volume of **1,000 a week**. We will send pictures and a video!

Stay Safe!

PDG Mary (Krogh)

*Lions ... this is what we do. We partner with others to maximize our service impact. I hope you borrow a few of these ideas for your district or multiple district, after all, LCIF is not out of money and wants to support Lions' efforts. Spread the word of the good we are doing.*

Thank you,  
Joe Preston

This email was truly inspiring and gives us all something to think about. Some may be asking how we raise funds during this time. Talk to your District Governor: he/she may be able to apply for a \$10,000 emergency grant. As of April 22, 2020, LCIF has awarded **121 grants** totaling **US\$2,629,405** for COVID-19 relief activities.

Grant projects being funded:

- Most of the projects that are being funded are for PPE.
- Those include masks, gowns, thermometers, and testing kits.
- Most of these districts are working in conjunction with hospitals, long term care facilities, medical centers, and emergency management systems (ex.: Fire departments, EMT, etc.)
- The priority for the emergency grants are for medical needs, not to provide food.

Other information:

- If a district qualifies for the DCG they could use that for food or other COVID-19 related projects, if they are denied for the emergency grant.
- Remind Lions not to send in duplicate request because they will delay the response time. Response time will not exceed a week.

Sometimes we just need to think outside the box, and surprise ourselves with what WE CAN DO!

PID Linda Tincher

## **New Idea!**

The Indiana Cyber Lions Club hasn't figured out how to raise money through tail twisting, fining members, or raffling off items during its online meetings. Instead the Indiana Cyber Lions Club raises money for its administrative fund by selling white Lions Vinyl Car Decals. These decals are custom made, with the name of the Lions Club across the top centered around the Lions Club logo, at a cost of \$5.00 apiece. These 3 ½" × 3 ½" stickers are made of 651 oracal vinyl (the high quality of the vinyl increases the life of the car's decal). The club has filled orders for not only several current Lions, but some clubs have purchased decals to place into the welcoming packets for new members. To get more information and to receive an order form, send an email request to: [indianacyberlc@gmail.com](mailto:indianacyberlc@gmail.com)

## **Shall we do lunch?**

In times of social distancing and statewide shut down, the Indiana Cyber Lions Club has tried something different. The club hosts a multi-club zoom meeting called the Lunch Counter Idea Exchange. These Monday meetings are moderated by PDG Charles Short of Lafayette Lions Club. By advertising through social media, these meeting are open to all Lions, have been visited by a few international Lions. Primarily it is a platform to talk about what different clubs are doing for their communities, with a focus on staying healthy. The lunch discussions have addressed the strengths and weaknesses of different internet communication devices, along with a few pointers as to how to use various platforms to conduct meetings for Lions Clubs. The conversation is inspiring, and the multiple perspectives of its attendees helps to refine ideas that can then be transferred to other communities.

## **When that sweet tooth calls!**

The Indiana Cyber Lions Club is working through a company out of Wisconsin on an online Fudgeraiser. There are eleven types of fudge available for sale, and the orders are delivered, throughout the United States, directly to the customers. The Indiana Cyber Lions Club then receives 30% of the Fudge sales. The fudge company provided the Club with a website and along with a link to their order page to make for an easy purchase. The club promotes the project through social media such as Facebook and Instagram directing potential customers to the club websites e-club house and [indianacyberlions.org](http://indianacyberlions.org).

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Flyers will be sent separately

Items for the Hoosier Lion should be forwarded to Gail Robbins,  
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