

District 25 hronicles

Just as long as you START!

With September comes falling temperatures and falling leaves, and visitations!

First and foremost, I want to thank all of you who were able to attend my Banner Night on August 29th. It was truly a memorable occasion. Thank you to all of the PDGs for sharing their memories with everyone. The stories ranged from Presidents in grass skirts to skunks and dead rat adventures, to missing train stops! In the upcoming days you will see a special edition of the newsletter with pictures and a printed copy of my speech.

I encourage everyone to follow safety protocols to avoid COVID. Masks were worn and sanitizer was aplenty at Banner Night. I would love to see more clubs starting to become active again. I understand wanting to be safe, but COVID is not going away and we must learn how to operate safely in this challenging environment. Start small, perhaps do smaller projects such sweeping sidewalks in your neighborhood or town. Maybe get groceries for someone who needs help, or mow lawns, or clean gutters. I know they are not big projects that we may be used to, but they will put you in your communities' eye and will allow you to safely help others!

With all that is going on in the world, Lions are needed more than ever. Start small!
Just as long as you START!

As of August 31, all District, Past District Governor, and State Directories have been mailed out. If you do not get yours in the next week or so, please let me know so I can get you taken care of!

At the end of the month, on September 26, we will have our first District Round Table Zoom Meeting. It is going to be a place where we can get together and talk about what is working, and what is not. See what clubs need
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Upcoming District Events

District C Special Olympics Golf Outing

September 22, 2020 – 12:00 pm in Pittsboro, Indiana

District C Round Table Zoom Meeting

September 26, 2020 – 6:30 pm (your own comfy chair)



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2020-2021
DG Jim PM Query
District 25C



help, and what clubs are willing to help others I have provided the information for you below.

Topic: District C Round Table Zoom Meeting

Time: Sep 26, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82344822433?pwd=cVY2ZEFhTWNTZnVyR1IxM0xQWlArZz09>

Meeting ID: 823 4482 2433

Passcode: md25cLions

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 823 4482 2433

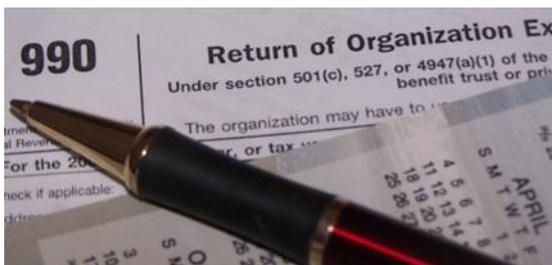
A few dates for everyone to keep in mind:

- September 8, Frankfort Visitation
- September 9, Brownsburg Visitation
- September 19 Spencer Drive by Fish Dinner
- September 21 Mooresville Visitation-Online
- September 22, Golf Outing to support Special Olympics, please see form for more information. I do not golf, but am looking forward to a fun day with all of those who do that day!

As always, if you have an event coming up, please let me know. We will get it in the newsletter so your fellow Lions can join you!

Together We Serve ... Because Kindness Matters!

DG Jim P.M. Query



HAS YOUR CLUB FILED ITS 2019 FORM 990 WITH THE IRS FOR THE 2019 FISCAL YEAR (July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020)? These are due before November 15th. Do it now so you don't forget. All clubs should file every year. It must be done online and only takes 5 minutes.

If your club is incorporated with the State of Indiana, you must also file a NP20. The NP20 must be mailed.



Lion James Roth
District 25C 1st VDG

Everybody Loves Puppies

When you cannot think of what to write about, puppies are always a safe bet.

Usually in the summer, 1st VDGs go for a visit to Leader Dog in Rochester Hills, Michigan. We did three sessions on Zoom instead. About 100 of the 1st VDGs from across the country and Canada were in the sessions that I attended, plus more attended the alternate sessions. We missed the traditional chili and donuts that are served during the in-person tours.

The school breeds retrievers, German shepherds and labs. After the puppies are weaned, they go to puppy raisers who train the puppies as you would any puppy, but more as to how to be out in crowds, stores, etc.

When the puppies return, they are again evaluated and the chosen puppies enter the training program. The dog has to become accustomed to the harness, recognize curbs, obstacles above the dog that her partner should

avoid, to walk ahead, not next to a person, and not be distracted by other dogs or the school's cat and many other things. There are months of training. The test comes when a supervisor observes the dog and its blindfolded trainer go into town, etc. (The blindfold is to cut down on unintended clues that the dog might pick up from the trainer.)

Each year 200 Leader Dogs are matched with clients. Six clients who are deaf and blind receive customized guide dog training. The result is over one million days of independence each year. All this is done at no cost to the client.

So, I say "Well done!" to all the Lions who have helped. The next time that you see a Leader Dog working, please remember the work and training that each dog received as well as the training with each dog's new partner. Lions help make this happen with both money and many volunteer hours.

Together we serve!

Lion Jim Roth
District 25C 1st VDG





Lion Bob Hrdy
District 25C 2nd VDG

The way I “see” it.

“You don’t look blind.”

Often when I am out and about with my Leader Dog Finn, people ask me if I am training him. When I reply that he is MY Leader Dog – that I am legally blind, I frequently hear “You don’t look blind.”

What is “Blind”? The definition of legally blind is “correctable to 20/200 or greater; or a visual field of 20 degrees or less.”

When many people think of a blind person, they may picture someone between Stevie Wonder and Helen Keller. 80% of individuals who are legally blind have some amount of vision – ranging from light perception only to a small amount of clear vision.

As Lions one of our founding tenets is to be “Knights for the Blind”, however many people have never encountered a blind person thus are not sure of the

best way to interact with them.

Here are some ‘rules of the road’ when interacting with anyone with low vision:

- When meeting someone for the 1st or the 101st time – state your name and possibly how I know you – while some people may have distinctive voices – if I have not interacted with you often, I may not recognize you
- Ask if the person needs assistance – They may or may not, but simply taking their arm when they may not even know you are there may make them uncomfortable or feel disrespected.
- When opening a door – indicate that you have opened the door and what direction – “away on your right” or toward you on the left” etc.
- If I ask you where something is located, ‘over there’ is not helpful – think in terms of a clock – straight ahead is 12; behind me is 6 o’clock
- When assisting with food or drink – again think of a clock- your drink is at 1, the potatoes are at 3 etc...
- When you have a question address the person, not anyone with them; “Bob, would you like another drink” rather than asking my wife “Does Bob need another drink?”
- Don’t be afraid to use words referring to vision: I saw; they looked;

Individuals who are blind are just as varied as those who are not. Treat them as individuals, help when asked but respect their ability to be independent. Remember in a group setting you can see them, but they don’t see you so go over to them to say hello.

Looking forward to “*seeing*” you at the next event!

We Serve,

Lion Bob Hrdy



TUESDAY
SEPT. 22, 2020
12:00 PM

\$40 PER PLAYER
GREEN FEE & CART
INCLUDED

Join us for a fun afternoon at Quail Creek Golf Club
7585 Quail Creek Trace N, Pittsboro, IN (directions below)

All proceeds will go to Indiana Special Olympics-Winter Games.
Lunch will be provided.

Hole Sponsors Silver \$50.00 Gold \$100.00

Name: _____

Contact Information: _____

Team name: _____

Player #1 _____

Player #2 _____

Player #3 _____

Player #4 _____

(Individual players are welcome)

Make checks payable to Indiana Lions 25-C
Send checks and registrations to:
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Directions:

From West or South Side: West on US 36, turn Right (N) on IN 267, turn Left (W) onto US 136 to Pittsboro, turn Right (N) on Maple Street (Stoplight) to T turn Right (E) onto 750 N (Wall Street), approximately 1/2 mile to entrance on left.

From I-465: Take I-74 to the Pittsboro (Exit 61), turn Left (South) on 275 E (Jeff Gordon Blvd.), for approximately 1/4 mile, road T's turn left (East) and this becomes 750 N (Wall Street), continue East approximately 1 mile past water tower to entrance of Quail Creek Golf Community on left.

What's New with GST

PID Linda Tincher, MD25 Global Service Team (GST)

As everyone knows **SERVICE** is a big part of what Lions do! **SERVICE** helps those in need and **SERVICE** brings new members to our clubs

The COVID-19 Pandemic not only stopped clubs from meeting in the traditional manner but brought **SERVICE** and fundraising to a halt as events were cancelled. Many Lions adopted a wait and see attitude because they were included in the endangered categories, while some clubs found new ways to provide **service**. The Statewide GST's recently met via ZOOM and discussed ways both groups of clubs can once again provide **SERVICE** and even fundraising.



1. **Clubs need to meet** – in person, via telephone or by one of the many new online methods such as ZOOM. I will tell you at first, I was not a fan, but I am now. ZOOM is free for 40 minutes, so I tried it out. Not only was my meeting better attended than if I had held it at the State Office, but everyone was focused, they didn't talk on top of each other like on a conference call. Attendees accomplished a lot, and when it was over, there was no long drive home! There were several like me that were skeptic and I think they were surprised too how easy they got online.

2. So, if you have not tried it at your club –try a trial run and form your own opinion!

3. The GST's discussed numerous **SERVICE PROJECTS**.

Some were simple, like sending a card or gift basket to someone who is “trapped” at home!

4. Help a family out and pick up grocery order then deliver it to their door.

5. Have a meal delivered to someone.

6. Bring your neighbors newspaper (if they still get one) from their driveway to their door.

A service does not have to be big to be meaningful!

7. Purchase school supplies – even if kids are staying home – they still need supplies.

8. People are doing lots of cleaning – so provide a dumpster for the community.

Many fundraisers have been cancelled but DRIVE BY Fish Fries are quickly becoming popular and profitable.

All you need is a driveway, with an entrance, and an exit. It even takes fewer people as there are no tables and chairs to set up, clear off or take down! Most have a standard menu with no substitutions. 2-3 fish, baked beans, slaw. No desserts to bake or cut either!

As cars drive in, the first person determines how many dinners they need and puts a card with a large number on windshield stating 2A and 1 C, which means two adult dinners and one 1 child. The next person takes the money, and a runner or someone with a walkie-talkie tells the Sackers. A sack is filled with the carryout order. Usually, carryout container contains the hot items and a separate sack contains the 4-oz container with a lid of slaw/salad, plus the napkins and utensils. Some places include a bottle of water/soda, but most do not. No one gets out of their car. The only time traffic may snarl a little is when the fish fryers cannot keep up! (A nice problem to have!) This could be done with any meal. *(continued)*

Lions, just talk with each other. It is a good way to check up on everyone, and put some ideas together to figure out how you can continue to not only stay safe, but provide a service, maybe gain a member or even make a little money for our good causes.

Tips for When the Governor Visits Your Club

Sometime during the course of the District Governor's year in office, an official visit will be scheduled with each club in the district. The following are some guidelines that will help make the visit productive as well as remove many of the uncertainties in the planning for that meeting.

- 1) Once the visit has been arranged by the District Governor, confirm the following items:
Date (including day of the week), time and exact location, including street address of the function. The use of GPS will not direct the visitor to 'the building across the street from the bowling alley'. Also, ask the DG for a copy of his/her biography to assist in your introduction.
- 2) If there will be a meal before the meeting, confirm the exact time of the meal and the meeting, and indicate if there will be a social/gathering time prior to the meal. When a DG is travelling a distance, ample time is required to plan arrival at an appropriate time. ALWAYS confirm that the club will be responsible for the cost of the visiting DG's meal. Confirm if the DG will be accompanied by a spouse or other guest, and whether or not that meal will be paid by the club being visited. It is also the responsibility of the DG to inform the club if additional persons will be accompanying the DG on the visit.
- 3) The DG visit should NOT be a part of a meeting where another program or speaker has been arranged. The DG will have a prepared talk, including many items directed to the club by the International President. Additionally, DG visits should not be done at social events or special events, such as club anniversaries, Christmas, Valentine and other seasonal parties. If the club visit will be in a public restaurant or facility, a private room is essential to avoid any distractions to the DG. It is appropriate to include the DG to a club's special event, but be aware that LCI does not provide reimbursement for most of those events and the cost will be the responsibility of the DG. Also, during the course of the year, the DG schedule is filled with many other events and it may not be possible for a DG to make additional visits to a club.
- 4) Clubs should be informed about the protocol and respect that should be given to the DG. Prior to the meeting, the club president (or whoever will be in charge of the meeting) should review the DG's biography, the meeting's agenda and where the DG will be introduced for the presentation. The DG should never be introduced with such remarks as, "Do you have a few brief remarks for us?" The purpose of the visit should be treated as special and ample time given for the presentation to the club.
- 5) When the DG is properly introduced to the club, Lions and guests should be informed to 'stand and give the DG a round of applause'.

- 6) In some cases, the DG may have guests to introduce, such as spouse, zone chair or other district or visiting dignitaries. The introduction of those persons should be discussed with the DG prior to the meeting so it will be clear who will be responsible for those introductions.
- 7) If a club has new members to induct, install club officers, or other special presentations (such as Melvin Jones Fellowship) for the DG to present, be sure to go over these items before the meeting begins. It may be a good idea to share this with the DG prior to the club visitation to ensure he/she has the proper scripts to follow. This is a good time to give the DG additional information, including the proper pronunciation of names. Clubs should have new member packets (available from LCI at no charge) prepared in advance of the DG visit.
- 8) Clubs should re-confirm the information in the current district directory is correct, especially the date of meetings, location, and the correct names and contact info for Lions listed in the club's listing in the directory.
- 9) If for some reason the club needs to cancel its meeting (due to weather, spring break, or other unforeseen situation) be sure to contact the DG as soon as possible. At the time of the initial contact with the DG in arranging for a visit, be sure both you and the DG have the necessary phone numbers for any last-minute changes that might occur.

Courtesy of PDG Marty Juel, (25G)

**Statement of Support for the People of Beirut Lebanon
from
The Lions of Indiana**

August 6, 2020

In the aftermath of the explosion in the Port of Beirut on August 4th, the Lions of Indiana offer our sincere sympathies to all those affected by this industrial disaster.

Coming as it does during a time of pandemic and national financial crisis, we ask that our best wishes and efforts for relief be joined by all people of goodwill and peace.

We support Lions Clubs International Foundation's Disaster Relief efforts, knowing that our international partners and providers in the Beirut area will deliver aid in the weeks and months to come.

More information is available at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/give-our-focus-areas/disaster-relief> .

We offer our sincere condolences to those injured and the families of those lost in this catastrophe.

For the Lions of Indiana,

Mitchell Semans
Chair, Council of Governors
Lions of Indiana, USA



DG Jim Query held his 1st district meeting via computer. He gathered 32 Lions together to share some new valuable information using Zoom. One even joined while on vacation out of state! Special thanks to Lion Jennifer Drapalik for hosting the meeting. (Is your club meeting this way?) It is fairly easy to use. (Picture sent by Lion Gail Robbins)

The Plainfield Lions Club was a donor to the building of the Celebration of Service Memorial located in Friendship Gardens in Plainfield to honor First Responders (Plainfield Police, Plainfield Fire Territory & the Hendricks County Communications Center.) A brick listing the club as a donor has been placed on the back side of the memorial. (Photo by Lion Thomas Iles)



Pictured are 1st VP Ruth Kelly, Zionsville Mayor Emily Styron presenting a Proclamation making May 16, 2020, and Zionsville Lions Club Day to President Dr. Jeff Papa, IPP & 90th year Celebration Chair John Wilkins. (Picture by Lion Gail Robbins)



DG Jim Query spoke at the Zionsville Lions Clubs 90th Anniversary Celebration. PDG Tom Robbins talked to the guests about Plainfield being the sponsors of the Zionsville Lions Club back on May 16, 1930. Our 3 Past International Directors, PID Nick & Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos, PID Linda & PDG Vern Tincher, PID Doug & PDG Kathy Lozier joined CC Mitch & Hamlet Lions Club President Wendy Semans gave a bit of history about the growth and involvement of the ZLC. Our Historian Lion Ralph Stacy discussed founding leaders, PP John Wilkins gave us a history lesson on Zionsville, and Zionsville's Mayor Emily Styron gave a brief talk on how the Lions have impacted her family's lives. A meal and an outdoor concert followed the speeches. Thank you to all guests that shared their Sunday with us in the Park!

(Photo and commentary by Lion Gail Robbins)



Lizton Lions Club's fish fry attracted people from all over! Left DG Ken Faulkner of District F had a few words with District C's VDG Jim Roth while they both enjoyed great fish sandwiches.

(Picture provided by DG Jim Query)



Lafayette Lions Club Service Project Chair, Lion Diane Haby, is shown delivering lunch to the Lafayette Police Department. These meals were purchased from Revolution BBQ in Lafayette. (Photo by PDG Pat Short)



Earl Park Community Lions Club sponsored a ballgame on a beautiful August afternoon. Pictured is Lafayette Lions Club Carl Landskron, Indiana Cyber Lions Club Chris Landskron, Earl Park Community Lions Club Harry Hoover, Battle Ground Lions Club 1VDG Jim Roth, and Earl Park Community Lions Club Jim Snell. (Picture provided by Lion Chris Landskron)



At 25G Banner Night for DG Brian Thomas PDG Charlie Short (State GMT) presented a Club Extension Award pin to a surprised PDG Marty Juel (25G) for his support in the start-up of the 25C Indiana Cyber Lions Club. (Picture by PDG Pat Short)

Indiana Cyber Lion Carl Lee Landskron is shown serenading his grandparents while social distancing. Grandma is Indiana Cyber Lions Chris and Grandpa is Lafayette Lions Club Carl. The grandparents enjoyed the ukulele music from the garage. (Photo by Lion Chris Landskron)



Spencer Lions Club Cub L.J. Jenkins was hard at work mowing the lawn of the Spencer Lions Club, demonstrating the “Power of One” philosophy! Though he may be just one 12-year-old, he did a dandy job of proving that one person can make a difference. He dumped his grass catcher several times, which left him with a bag of over 35 gallons of grass! There were a couple of really happy horses after that bag was lugged out! (This was just 2 days after a “professional” had mown the lawn.) His grandmother, Lion Linda Davis, took the photo.

Saturday, Aug. 26, 9-11 am shift sorting donations at local Food Finders Warehouse in Lafayette. Left to right: PDG Pat Short - Lafayette Lions Club, Lion Laura Moss - IN Cyber Lions Club, Lion Chris Landskron - IN Cyber Lions Club, Lion Lauren Reed - Lafayette Lions Club, and PDG Charlie Short - Lafayette Lions Club

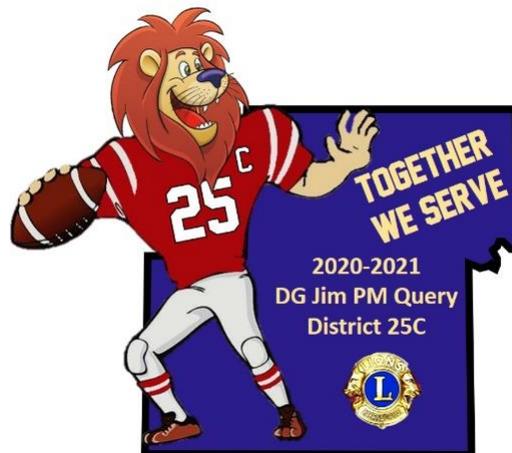


Lion Kathy Frederick, president of the Lizton Lions Club, was quite surprised to be awarded a Presidential Leadership Award at DG Jim P.M. Query's Banner Night August 29th in Spencer. PDG Tom Robbins had nominated her during his term. PIDs Linda Tincher and Nick Xinopoulos had the pleasure of presenting the award. (Picture submitted by PDG Charles Short)



Among the many Lions who attended District C's Banner Night were fellow District Governors on this year's council who came to celebrate with DG Jim. Left to right: DG Kenneth Williams (25E), DG Will Farrellbegg (25A), DG Jim P.M. Query and DG Ken Faulkner (25F). (Photo by Lion Don Miller)

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“It’s OK to fall apart. Tacos fall apart and we still love them!”