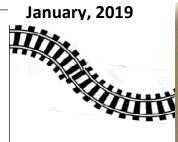
# 25-D ROARS

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# **Happy New Year!**

As I write this, the New Year of 2019 is just around the bend. December flew past with fun activities and important tasks. I enjoyed my December visits to clubs. It is such an honor to present membership chevrons for longevity as a Lion. I also had a good Christmas visit with my family.

It is disappointing that we lost a number of members in December. However, if the clubs which dropped members talked with each dropped member to determine why the member was leaving Lions, I will say the club did its duty to learn why and, perhaps, try to retain the member.

Welcome to 2019! There are many activities to look forward to! First Mid-Winter Conference. It looks like there will be very interesting speakers. The new list of seminars also looks interesting. I have always learned useful information and met new Lions. I hope you planned to attend.

Next is that nominations/Club endorsements for 25-D Officers and Trustees were due by January 11. See information in December newsletter.

Third is the third Cabinet meeting in Sheridan on January 29 at 6:00 PM. Be sure to wear an interesting Lion shirt or Lion project shirt!

There are lots of future events to consider attending. The District Convention will be March 23. It will not be long before it is time to sign up for the Indiana Lions Leadership Institute which will be April 6 and 7. It would be wonderful to have three District D Lions attend! It is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Lions and to develop leadership skills. The following Saturday is a Women's Symposium in Zionsville. Our past International President's wife, Dianne Corlew, will be a presenter. The last item in April is the State Convention in Fort Wayne on April 26-28. It is close to District D and I hope to see many District D Lions around the bend at the State Convention.

Now that we are through the holiday season, I hope individuals and clubs are gearing up to invite more good people to join Lions. Why did you join? Who do you know who would be a good addition to your club? Be sure to ask! I am looking forward to hearing about new members around the bend.

Líon Isabel Atcheson
Governor 25-D

Each year, January first brings thoughts of renewal, regeneration, and new horizons. People use the occasion to make personal and professional resolutions for change in the coming year. These resolutions can be as easy or difficult as they are varied. Some are successful; some are not.

It is not difficult to list reasons why yearly promises of action or change fail as good intentions are often delayed for "good reasons." "I'll start that diet this year, but not until after the holidays." Then comes an unexpected event like a cold, a vacation, or possibly travel for work, setting you off course before you have even begun.

Lions Clubs goals can fall to the same pressures. If a new goal is not incorporated into regular Club routine early, it will quickly be set aside for more pressing matters. Service projects, leadership changes, and even weather can negatively affect progress to a new goal.

A solid method for success is to break a goal into increments and subdivided timelines. If you have a goal to add ten members to your Lions Club this year, set a goal of two to three new members per quarter. Maybe your Club will be lucky enough to find all ten in the first attempt. If so, continue on with the quarterly plan. You just might find ten more. Which Lions Club couldn't use the help?

Do not let your Lions Club's goals fall prey to the pitfalls of typical New Year's resolutions. Set achievable goals. Break them into manageable parts. Make plans and adjust as you progress. New goals and new members keep our Lions Clubs active and vibrant. Reaching them is the kinetic energy that will propel Lions Clubs into the future of service.

Lion 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Dan Wilcox

Hello 25-D Lions,

Does your club conduct an orientation class for each new member?

Does your club have an eyeglass recycling project?

Does your club teach your members about internet fraud?

Does your club inform their members of diabetes awareness?

Does your club work with other service clubs on community projects?

Does your club have a website and use social media to keep your members informed?

If your answer to any of the above questions is no and you want to know how your club can get involved and learn about these areas, I hope you start planning now to attended the MID-WINTER CONFERENCE next year. At this conference you could have attended classes on each of the above topics. You could have also met other Lions and shared from their experiences relating to some of these areas. The keynote luncheon speaker told us about Helen Keller's speech to the Lions at the 1925 World Convention and challenged us about vision in our communities. She played out Helen Keller's role in the third person.

You could have learned new ideas that would help your club grow and attract new members.

You could have met new Lion friends from all over the state.

You could have learned how to be a better Lion.

Isn't it GREAT to be a LION!

Mike Imbler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor

#### **DONATION PROJECT A SUCCESS**

Over 1,000 items of mittens, gloves, scarves and caps for needy children were donated at Mid-Winter Conference. The items were divided among the districts and sent home with each governor.

With these small gifts, we have not only warmed the child, but our hearts, knowing we have once again been able to "Serve" those who need help.



Have you been able to keep up with our Governor, going to all the events and club visits? She seems to be constantly on the move to a meeting or some event just around the bend.

## GOVERNOR ISABEL'S CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE 2019	Event	Club	Misc. Info
Jan 11-12	Mid-Winter Conference	Indianapolis Airport	Crown Plaza Hotel
Jan 29	3 <sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting	Sheridan Community Center	6:00 p.m, Meal 6:30 p.m.
Feb 12	Official Visit	Marion Lions Club	Official Visit
Mar 22 & 23	District 25-D Convention		Ivy Tech - Marion
April 26-28	Lions State Convention	Ft. Wayne	Host District: B
June 8	4 <sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting	TBA	

# WELCOME

<u>CLUB</u>	<b>NEW LIONS</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>
Carmel	Matthew Bartlett	Tom Lorson
Selma	Troy Striegel	Bob Shroyer
Selma	Duane Swingley	Samuel Harris
Westfield	Amanda Maze	Jeffrey Larrison
Westfield	Nick Schnur	Jeffrey Larrison





#### Join the Lions in Milan!

The 102nd annual Lions Clubs International Convention will be in Milan, Italy, July 5-9, 2019. The Indiana delegation will be marching in the Parade of Nations on Saturday July  $6^{th}$  and the parade route winds among beautiful historical buildings ending up in the square where the unique masterpiece of the Milan Cathedral stands. The Milan Cathedral or Duomo di Milano in Italian, is the cathedral church of Milan, Italy. Dedicated to Saint Mary Nascent, it is the seat of the Archbishop of Milan. The Gothic cathedral took nearly six centuries to complete.

#### Italian Culture - a brief overview of Italian customs and traditions.

Italy is home to more than 62 million individuals as of 2017 and is ranked 23rd in population size when compared with other countries throughout the world. Italian culture is steeped in the arts, family, architecture, music and food. Home of the Roman Empire and a major center of the Renaissance, culture on the Italian peninsula has flourished for centuries.

Family is an extremely important value within the Italian culture," Talia Wagner, a Los Angeles-based marriage and family therapist. Their family solidarity is focused on extended family rather than the West's idea of "the nuclear family" of just a mom, dad and kids, Wagner explained. Italians have frequent family gatherings and enjoy spending time with those in their family. "Children are reared to remain close to the family upon adulthood and incorporate their future family into the larger network," said Wagner.

The Euro is the currency there and currently is worth more than the US dollar (\$1.14 Euro versus \$1 US). You may want to check with your bank to see if it provides a better exchange rate than what is offered in Italy. While credit cards are accepted at all of the larger stores and restaurant, the smaller and individually owned businesses may only deal in cash. Also the culture in Europe is that tips are not to be added onto the bill.

#### Art and architecture in Italy

Italy has given rise to a number of architectural styles, including classical Roman, Renaissance, Baroque and Neoclassical. Italy is home to some of the most famous structures in the world, including the Colosseum and the Leaning Tower of Pisa. The concept of a basilica — which was originally used to describe an open public court building and evolved to mean a Catholic pilgrimage site — was born in Italy. The word, according to the Oxford Dictionary, is derived from Latin and meant "royal palace." The word is also from the Greek basilikē, which is the feminine of basilikos which means "royal" or basileus, which means "king."

Italy also is home to many castles with the following in Milan. The Castello Borromeo d'Adda stands on the river banks of the Muzza at Cassano d'Adda, and dates from the 9th Century; restoration works here have even uncovered frescoes from the school of Giotto. In Legnano, the Castello di San Giorgio was built atop a pre-existing Augustinian convent in the 13th Century. In Cusago, the Visconti Castle is regarded as a major example of castle architecture in the region. And finally, in the zone south of Milan reside San Colombano al Lambro and the Castello Belgioioso, in addition to Casalpusterlengo, with its crenellated Tower of Pusterla.

Florence, Venice and Rome are home to many museums, but art can be viewed in churches and public buildings. Most notable is the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel of the Vatican, painted by Michelangelo sometime between 1508 and 1512.

Opera has its roots in Italy and many famous operas — including "Aida" and "La Traviata," both by Giuseppe Verdi, and "Pagliacci" by Ruggero Leoncavallo — were written in Italian and are still performed in the native language. More recently, Italian tenor Luciano Pavarotti made opera more accessible to the masses as a soloist and as part of the Three Tenors. Italy is home to a number of world-renowned fashion houses, including Armani, Gucci, Benetton, Versace and Prada.

#### Italian cuisine

Italian cuisine has influenced food culture around the world and is viewed as a form of art by many. Wine, cheese and pasta are important part of Italian meals. Pasta comes in a wide range of shapes, widths and lengths, including penne, spaghetti, linguine, fusilli and lasagna.

No one area of Italy eats the same things as the next. Each region has its own spin on "Italian food," according to CNN. For example, most of the foods that Americans view as Italian, such as spaghetti and pizza, come from central Italy. In the North of Italy, fish, potatoes, rice, sausages, pork and different types of cheeses are the most common ingredients. Pasta dishes with tomatoes are popular, as are many kinds of stuffed pasta, polenta and risotto. In the South, tomatoes dominate dishes, and they are either served fresh or cooked into sauce. Southern cuisine also includes capers, peppers, olives and olive oil, garlic, artichokes, eggplant and ricotta cheese.

Wine is also a big part of Italian culture, and the country is home to some of the world's most famous vineyards. The oldest traces of Italian wine were recently discovered in a cave near Sicily's southwest coast.

Questions about the Indiana delegation should be addressed to any of the committee members. If any of our members are interested in possible joining other Indiana Lions to form a group for airline tickets or group tours please let me know.

PCC Reed Fish – Indiana International Convention Committee

PDG Patty Cooke; CC Keith Thomas; PCC Sue Topf; Lion Bob Yunker.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye,
The 25-D District Convention
March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the
Conference Center at
Marion Ivy Tech
Watch
for more information to come!

# 2019 Indiana Lions State Convention Grand Wayne Convention Center and Hilton Fort Wayne



Saved the Date – April 26 – 28, 2018

Hotel Reservation made by calling 260-420-1100

Sent in Registration to Lion Kevin McDermit

#### 2019 State Convention Update

The countdown has begun for the 2019 Indiana Lions State Convention in Fort Wayne. 116 Days after you turn the page on 2018 we will gather in Fort Wayne to be encouraged by IP Gudrun Yngvadottir, celebrate Vision Screening with live music, take care of State Business, attend seminars, play golf and euchre, attend the All-State Banquet, remember Lions who have completed their service and cast our ballot.

The registration form is available in this newsletter, on the web and by following the link on Facebook. You have the option to register and pay online or fill out the form and mail it in. Remember, the first 400 to register will receive a free 2019 Convention pin. All Lions registered by March 1 will also be entered to win a free hotel night at the Hilton for Friday, April 26.

Visit our table at Mid-Winter Conference on January 12. We will have registrations and convention details, Fort Wayne information and be able to accept credit cards if u would like to register in person. Follow the Indiana Lions State Convention on Facebook and www.indianalionsconvention.org for all the latest information.