



District 25D Newsletter

Vital News for
Vital Lions

November 2019 Issue



IPDG Isabel Atcheson presents a 45-year chevron to Kempton Lion Howard Leckrone. Lion Howard serves in the Kempton Lions Club with his wife Lion Rosemary.



Upcoming Events

BE THERE OR YOU'LL

WISH YOU HAD BEEN

November

- 1 International Leo Day Video contest Submissions due
- 5 DG Visit Upland Lions
- 9 ILF Meeting, Diabetes Gala**
- 11 DG Official Visit –Saratoga Lions club**
- 14 World Diabetes Day
- 15 Postmark Deadline for club Peace Poster Submission to District Governor
- 15-16 Westfield Lions Poker Tournament—Hamilton County Fairgrounds
- 19 **DG Official Visit—Dunkirk Lions Club**
- 20 Russiaville Lions Christmas Dinner
- 20 **DG Visit Kokomo & Area**

December

- 1 Postmark Deadline for DG to send District Winning Peace Poster to MD Council Chair
- 2 Russiaville Lions Christmas Dinner –Corrected Date**
- 5 International Leo Day
- 7 Indiana Lions Foundation Christmas Luncheon
- 7 Council Christmas Dinner
- 8 Lions Speech and Hearing Luncheon
- 9 **DG Official Visit Yorktown Lions Club**
- 10 **DG Official Visit Sharpsville Lions Club**

January

- 10-11 Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference—Plainfield, IN
- 12 DG Council Meeting
- 12 Long Range Planning Meeting
- 29 25D 3rd Cabinet Meeting—Albany Lions Club

November Newsletter – Thoughts from DG Dan

Lion Tammy and I have visited several clubs in the district by now. Each time we learn something new about that club or of service opportunities. Many of you are gearing up for the holiday season with fruit sales, lighting ceremonies, community dinners, and other outreach. Your service to Indiana communities is vital to its health.

If you are finding it increasingly difficult to properly staff your service project, maybe another Lions Club in the area can assist. Contact your Zone Chair to help you reach out to clubs in our district. Surely, there is bandwidth somewhere that can keep your project vibrant and successful. Of course, more members is an answer, too. Partner with your local government, then encourage them to join you in other projects. When people see the impact you have, they certainly will want to join you for upcoming projects.

As of this writing, District 25-D is positive in membership by eleven and the state by twenty-four. Thank you and keep up the good work in recruiting new members. Don't forget to encourage your current members. Adding fifty-four and losing forty-three is not sustainable for long.

Have a fun Thanksgiving with your families and Lion friends. Safe travels!

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District 25D held its second Cabinet Meeting at the Tipton Lions Club on October 29. In homage to the upcoming Halloween celebration many of the Lions attending came in costume. Your newsletter editor, also came in costume, but since no one could figure it out and when it was explained they just groaned, it was decided I should be the photographer for this shot. For those of you who missed it, a great time was had by all, and the Tipton Lions were excellent hosts . Everyone went away well fed and on a candy sugar high.

Thoughts from Mike Imbler 1st VDG/GST

Hello 25-D Lions,

Fall is a beautiful time of the year. It's not only the beautiful trees with their pretty colors and smells it is the beginning of the season of blessing and giving. In November the farmers of our state celebrate the harvest season. Most of them have all of their crops harvested by now. It also is our countries celebration of the national holiday of THANKSGIVING. The New England colonists were accustomed to regularly celebrating THANKSGIVING for the blessing of that year's harvest and answered prayers.

This season is also a great time for Lions to celebrate their blessing of a great harvest with others in their communities. In our district a lot of Lion clubs collect food and give out food baskets to needy families in their communities during this time of the year. Some clubs give Thanksgiving baskets and some clubs give Christmas baskets in

their area. There are other ways to bless people at this time of the year. One club collects coats, another club collects gloves & mittens. Some clubs buy children Christmas gifts for the children in their community. There are many clubs who ring bells for the Salvation Army. One club takes all of their community children for breakfast with Santa. Does you club do any of these things during the upcoming holidays? During the next two months ask your club to do another activity to bless the children or adults in their community. My grandma always told me to count your blessing and share some of them with your neighbors who are in need. The early New England colonist had it right from the start. So keep your eyes open looking for a person who you can bless. Happy THANKSGIVING and a MERRY CHRISTMAS early.

Isn't it GREAT to be a LION

Mike Imbler

1st VDG

Lions State Project News



Lion's Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc.

Treatment · Education · Research

<https://www.lionscancercontrol.org/give/>

Board of Trustee's Meeting

November 10 Indiana Cancer Pavilion
First Floor, Room RT101
535 Barnhill Drive,
Indianapolis, IN 46202

INDIANA LIONS SPEECH AND HEARING, INC.



"I am just as deaf as I am blind. The problems of deafness are deeper and more complex, if not more important than those of blindness. Deafness is a much worse misfortune. For it means the loss of the most vital stimulus - the sound of the voice that brings language, sets thoughts astir, and keeps us in the intellectual company of man..." Helen Keller



<http://www.indylionsspeechhearing.org/>

See the invite for the Lions Speech and Hearing Holiday Luncheon later in the newsletter.

Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Inc.

We support Leader Dogs for the Blind, founded by Lions & dedicated to providing independence for the blind and visually impaired. Serving Indiana & MD25.

@IndianaLions4LeaderDog on Facebook

<https://www.leaderdog.org/donate/>

Lion Kassie Lemons shared her gratitude that October was Blindness Awareness/Guide Dog Awareness month. October 15th was celebrated as White Cane Awareness Day. The white cane is a universal symbol and is essential for a sight impaired person when traveling. White cane skills are a requirement for someone to be paired with a guide dog. Guide dogs make many choices about what is the safest way to travel. They are an essential travel aide for direction and safety. Some travel directions have been augmented with speaking GPS units that provide for a much broader range of travel and more precise location information. One of the important functions of a guide dog is also to be a companion. In addition to the GPS, computers, cell phones, and specialized software, ride services such as Uber, and delivery services for ordering, food, groceries and other items have greatly improved the life of the blind and visually impaired persons.



Indiana Lions

Mid-Winter Conference

Mid-Winter Conference Announces Conference Schedule

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-minute 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.



Working for a
Sound quality of life

Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc. Annual Holiday Luncheon

You are invited to attend! The Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc. Board of Trustees will have our holiday luncheon on Sunday, December 8th, 2019 at the Indiana School for the Deaf cafeteria, 1200 East 42nd Street, Indianapolis, across from the State Fair Grounds. Activities will begin at 12:30 p.m. so plan to arrive early to check in at the registration table and visit with friends. The cost per person is only \$17.00.

Our special guests will be the deaf high school students, your donations helped sponsor, who attended the Deaf Youth Leadership Camp for four weeks in Stayton, Oregon last summer. As a highlight of the luncheon program, the students will report on their experiences while attending the leadership Camp.

Also attending will be staff members of the Indiana School for the Deaf and members of the Riley Children's Hospital Audiology & Speech Department, and Riley Children's Foundation. Faculty representatives from our four state universities as well as scholarship recipients will be in attendance.

In support of your project, the Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing trustees sincerely hope you will join us for this inspiring occasion. We encourage you to bring other Lions and friends to experience the good work we do in fulfilling our motto "We Serve". Please complete the form below and return it with your check to arrive at the address shown below no later than November 21st, 2019. Thank you for your support.

_____ *****New this year—silent auction baskets, come early to shop!***** _____

Please reserve _____ dinners at \$17.00 each (Children under 4 no charge)

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Make check payable to Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc.

Name	Title	District	Club

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Are We Ready for Millennials and Gen Z?

Millennials were born between 1981 and 1996; this makes them currently between 38 and 23 years old. There are roughly 75 million Millennials in the US and they are projected this year to overtake Baby Boomers as the nation's largest living generation.

Generation Z (or Gen Z) members were born between 1997 and 2010; this makes them currently between 22 and early teens. There are roughly 65 million Gen Z'ers in the US.

Is your Lions Club making the necessary changes to attract Millennials and Gen Z'ers?

These generations are different in many ways from the current average Lion; they grew up using computers, are very savvy on social media, consume news and entertainment in vastly different ways than their parents and prefer to use social media for communication. They are also more racially and culturally diverse than prior generations.

As these generations are different we need to think of Lionism differently. When I hear "young people do not want to join service clubs", my blood pressure shoots up. Today's young people grew up having to perform service hours for sports teams, church groups and school organizations. They absolutely want to belong to groups and serve. What they don't do is join a Lions Club that hasn't changed in 30 years. We must change. And the sooner the better -- the future of Lions depends on this change.

Are we open and welcoming to ALL groups in our communities? Indiana is becoming more racially and culturally diverse; are we cognizant of this and aware of what we can do to attract these groups? Lions clubs are non-religious, yet many Lions meetings and events open with a prayer -- are we open and welcoming to ALL groups in our communities?

My son is 22; he joined the Carmel Lions Club when he turned 18. When he was home for the summer, he showed up on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays for the social hour and grilling prior to meetings. He would not sit through the meetings. What can we do to make Lions meetings attractive to Millennials and Gen Z -- this question is critical to our future.

As always, I am happy to discuss membership with fellow Lions.

Tom Lorson—Global Membership Team



District

Membership: The round up efforts in October showed a continued increase for this Lions year to 1241. Total number of clubs remains solid at 41.



On Wednesday, October 9th the Noblesville Lions awarded a \$1,000 check to the Fueled For School organization. Fueled For School is a relatively new non-profit organization. This organization provides weekend nutritious meal packs for needy students in the Noblesville area. 1 of 4 students in Noblesville schools suffer from food insecurities! It costs \$200 per year to provide for one student. They have needs not only for donations of money and food, but also drivers to deliver the food to the schools. Interested in helping, go to www.fueledforschool.org.
Kristin Trusty with Lion Gary Hipes



On October 8, 5 schools from Carmel received their books from our new media project. We are trying to help the 3rd graders enjoy reading by adding new books to their classrooms. In the picture are the 5 teachers, Bill Ryan—1st VP, and Jason Randlett—President Carmel Lions Club

Editor: Knowing that Carmel had previously been involved in giving out dictionaries to third graders as many clubs are, I asked 1st VP Bill Ryan to provide some more information on this new program:

We were thinking that dictionaries had outlived their usefulness. Most children have access to a device (phone, tablet, or computer) that has a virtual dictionary, spell check or a thesaurus on it. I spoke to one of Carmel's Vice Principals and he agreed. He added that at the end of the year they were cleaning out classrooms and would find 20 plus dictionaries that were going into the trash, barely used.

The money spent on dictionaries wasn't providing the same value to children as it had in the past. The Vice Principal and I came up with an idea to spend the same amount of money at each school and work directly with the Media Director to provide useful books that the children could learn from and build their reading levels.

In the form of a grant, the schools get to pick the books. We purchase them and add a "donated by the Carmel Lions Club" sticker to the inside cover.

The schools loved the idea. We gave books to 5 local Carmel schools. The best part was 2 of the schools had brand new teachers so this put \$300.00 worth of new books into the classroom of a teacher that is just starting out.

COATS FOR KIDS



Union City Lions Club Membership Chair
Larry Amspaugh sponsored new Lions Rob
Meyers and Dean Coats

The Albany Lions Clubs is working with their local school district to keep kids warm this winter. They have purchased a dozen coats on sale at a local retailer to be distributed based on the recommendation of the school nurse. Does your club also provide coats for kids? If so send in pictures and information we can share with the District. As winter fast approaches, the need is great and other clubs can find inspiration and direction from what you club is doing.



District Diabetes Chair Lion Tammy Wilcox reminds you that November is Diabetes Awareness Month. World Diabetes day is November 14th. Diabetes is the signature cause of Lions and Leos around the world. Lions Clubs in partnership with the International Diabetes Federation are on a mission to screen 1 million people for Type 2 Diabetes this year.

Consider partnering with a local health clinic to setup diabetic screenings or conduct general diabetes awareness sessions for your communities. Indiana Lions State Diabetes Chair Dr. Mel Prince is working with the Diabetes Committee to raise awareness in sessions at the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference (January 11, 2020 – Plainfield) and at the Indiana Lions State Convention (April 24-26, Bloomington). Dr. Prince is a diabetes advisor to Lions Clubs International, as well. His sessions would be most beneficial. From the LionsClubs.org web home page, roll your cursor over “Start your service” at the top of the page, then click on “Diabetes” for more information. Report your activities through MyLion.com.



THE GREENHOUSE
at ISBVI

Holiday
Open House
& Plant Sale

Thursday, December 5	noon to 5PM
Friday, December 6	noon to 5PM
Saturday, December 7	9AM to 4PM
Saturday, December 14	9AM to 4PM

featuring beautiful poinsettias, blooming holiday planters,
fresh greenery arrangements, and gift items including
ceramics and ISBVI note cards

DECEMBER 7TH SPECIAL EVENTS

IBCF Pancake Breakfast 8:30-11:30

Christmas Tree Sale 9:00-3:00

Visit with Santa 10:15 to 11:00

Entertainment by the Indianapolis Ukulele Club 12:30 to 1:30

Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

7725 N. College Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46240

317.253.1481 x 207

www.isbvik12.org

25D District Banner Night



The Greentown Lions Club led by 1st VDG Mike Imbler had a good membership showing at the 25D District Banner Night in Russiaville.

Banner Night truly lived up to its name. There were a good number of clubs represented and most brought their banners for display. Every Lion, but especially the District Governor needs the support of their family. DG Dan's parents, children and spouses, and grandchildren are show here as they came out to lend their support.



Cabinet Treasurer PDG Kathy Lozier emceed the Past District Governor passing of the torch ceremony. DG PDG Dan played a dual role. There were a total of 9 past district governors present who participated.