

District 25E Southwest Indiana Lions

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Attention and Work

As we approach the New Year, we need to pay some attention to our membership costs. LCI no longer will give a "grace" period in January or July. For example, if a club intends to remove a member from its rolls it must be done before LCI establishes the semi-annual membership statements for the following half year. Otherwise the club will be responsible for the member's dues.

We have a mountain to climb with regard to members. Overall our district continues to lose members faster than we can gain new ones. Our communities depend on us to fill needs not being addresses by other entities and we cannot let them down. As of this writing we have gained 38 members but have lost 68 members for a net of minus 30. Starting a new Club requires 20 minimum members, but you can see just starting a new Club will not make up our losses and we are only half way through the year.

Reporting is important. Lions Clubs International (LCI) as well as I, 1st VDG Sheryl and 2nd VDG Kenny read your service reports. LCI uses these reports as evidence indicating how many Clubs and Members are available as well as the service projects we are involved in. They categorize our projects to show how we affect our combined goals. Everything we do in our communities not only affects the local people, but also allows LCI to use this information to partner with other entities to help meet our goals of service. Presidents and Secretaries may submit both membership and Service Reports. If you do not have internet service, send your membership and service activities to Lion Keith Thomas who is our Administrative Assistant. To those Clubs submitting your reports, I extend my THANK YOU.

Hopefully everyone is becoming familiar with My Lion. It will be very important after July 2019 to submit our service reports.

If your club hasn't scheduled an Annual Visit, please call to make arrangements.

Since this is the last message this year, let me wish every Lion the Merriest Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you for your service to your communities.

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Upcoming Events:

- 12 Jan: Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conf.
- 16 Feb: 25-E Planning Event & Long-Range Planning Mtg
- 8-9 Mar: 25E Spring Convention

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Official Visits:

11 Dec: Evansville Eastside

12 Dec: Rockport

18 Dec: Salem

10 Jan: Seymour Eve

14 Jan: Wheatland

15 Jan: Corydon

17 Jan: Dugger

See more details at our Website under Calendar

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1st Vice DG Corner

Your Club & Community

This is the time of year when Lion Clubs are all trying to help their communities get things they need for the Holidays. Clubs in our district make a lot of people happy at Christmas time. From breakfast with Santa, food baskets, toys for little ones, parades, clothe-a-child, Angel Trees, and other programs. Keep up the good work! I am so excited about all the Clubs in our District, what does your club do for your community, our District, the Lions of Indiana, and the World?

Clubs in our District are also starting to plan what they are going to do next year. I too am starting to plan for next year. I am starting to plan my Banner Night, Training, Cabinet meetings, Spring Convention, and where these meetings will be held in our district. I am trying to find locations where more Lions will come to the training, cabinet meetings and Convention. There are always new things to learn and fellow Lions to meet.

On another note we will looking for a new Newsletter Editor. PCC Jeff would be glad to show someone how he does the newsletter or help if a different format is preferred. PCC Jeff will be busy with me as District Governor next year.

I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Remember, Lions Can Do It!

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Download at:

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2nd Vice DG Corner

We are blessed to be in an organization that has built its foundation on strong moral beliefs. Our diversity is one of Lions' biggest strengths. We are not here to favor any one country, but to go where there is a need. Lions serve just about everywhere. It reminds me of the song, We are the World. Now, I can't get that song out of my head, but that is a good thing.



In this holiday season, enjoy it however your religion or culture believes. I know my family will celebrate Christmas, as the birth of our Savior and be with family and friends. But remember those who do not have shelter, food, or safety. Make sure we Lions go the extra mile to provide those of low estate something to be happy about this holiday season. Help fill up a food pantry, volunteer at a food kitchen, provide toys, jackets, and essentials to kids and families in need. Give whatever time and money you can afford. It doesn't take much to make someone's life just a little better, even if it is just for a short while. This is what we do and who we are. We Serve. Run with it this holiday season.

Lastly, from my family to yours, have a very Merry Christmas and let's look forward to a better, prosperous New Year in 2019.

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Care & Concerns:

Our thoughts and prayers are with those Lions and their family members or friends around the world that are sick or in the hospital or at home, and all others whose losses were unknown to us at this time.

Please email PDG Phil at <u>plange@twc.com</u> or call or text at 812-677-0500 with names, club and condition of those needing prayers.

Lion Doris Bliss Lion Cindy DeHart Lion Dave Milby Lion John Davis Lion Nora Nixon Lion Joan Bode Lion Jaline Spurgeon Lion Bob Evans Lion Kermit Flinn Lion Henry Spindler Lion Harry Martin PDG Glen Georges Lion Mary Chisham Lion Alma Graf Lion Bill Stoops Lion Jeff Byrne Lions Brenda & Gib Hayes Lion Richard Dean PDG Paul Schoonmaker Lion Betty Taylor Lion Betty Schoonmaker

Newsletter, Public Relations & Hoosier Lion

Some of you have asked the question of whom to send information (photos including captions, event flyers & articles) to when it comes to the newsletter, public relations and the Hoosier Lion. Below are the points of contact and deadline (if there is one) for each:

25E Newsletter: PCC Jeff Schafer, jeff.schafer1@comcast.net. Deadline by the 25th of each month. Public Relations: CC Keith Thomas, kthomas@threeidesign.com. No deadline. Hoosier Lion: Lion Jaline Spurg@notmail.com. 5th of each month.

Club Anniversaries

Club	Charter	Age (Yrs)
Campbellsburg	12/15/1938	80
Rockport	12/22/1997	21
Mitchell	12/07/2005	13
Georgetown	12/8/2009	9



New Members Reported in November - Welcome!

Club	Member	Sponsor
Worthington	Jay R Groves	Jerry Murdock





Indiana Lions www.Facebook.com/IndianaLions



Fallen Lions Reported in November 2018

Club	Member
Fayetteville Community	L C Kern

"Secretary's Challenge"

In November, we had 70% Monthly Membership Reports (MMRs) and a 54% on the Service Activity Reports (SARs) submitted. This is an EXCELLENT and the MMRs reporting remained the same and a small decrease of 5% in our SARs reporting over October! Overall, there was 731 Lions helping donating over 2,800 hours and serving over 115,000 people in our community. Please keep up the OUTSTANDING work in this area.

<u>Need Help:</u> Call or email CC Keith Thomas, 812-354-4637, <u>kthomas@threeidesign.com</u> **anytime! Let's keep up the GREAT effort and work!**

District 25-E Points Contest (as of November 30, 2018)

<u>Large Clubs (>30 Members)</u>		Small Clubs (<= 30 Members)		
Bedford Eve	28,850 pts	Petersburg	16,550 pts	
Georgetown	7,700 pts	Bloomfield	14,750 pts	
Fayetteville Comm	nunity 7,475 pts	Bedford Noon	7,700 pts	





Pursuing New Horizons with International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir

Your service has changed lives in your community, and, together our work has saved countless lives around the world. When we work together, we are bigger and we are better. Your Global Action Team (GAT) can maximize your service and multiply our impact - locally and around the world.

Collaborating with your GAT will help your club achieve new breakthroughs in service. They have the experience and the resources to help you transform your service ideas into results. Keep reading to learn how your GAT is always available to empower your club to do more for more people.

In friendship,
Gudrun Yngvadottir
Your International President



See Global Action Team (GAT) in Action

The GAT can help you multiply your service impact, just like it did for Lions in Nairobi, Kenya, who have made huge strides in the fight against diabetes. Kenyan Lions started with an idea and ended up helping more than half a million people.

Read the full story (<u>www.lionsclubs.org/en/blog/gat-kenya-blog-november</u>) to see how Lions and the Global Action Team did it.



Club Quality Initiative

The Global Action Team is all about leveraging resources and creating synergy so we can do more. The same is true for your club. Here are some great resources that can help your club better serve your members and the community.

Club Quality Initiative

Ready to take your club to the next level? The Club Quality Initiative takes a whole-club approach to strengthening your club. Get started on the Club Quality Initiative today.

Community Needs Assessment

When we better understand the needs of our community, we can deliver even better service and discover new projects. Start your Community Needs Assessment now.



LCIF Impact

A World in Need, a Foundation of Support

On her 16th birthday, Brooklyn Driver earned her driver's license. In her teens, she also captained her tennis team, backpacked through Europe, and became a skilled trap shooter. Not easy for the American teen from Lafayette, Tennessee, who at age 18 months was diagnosed with numerous eye complications and subsequently told

she'd never drive a car, play sports, or function normally because of them.

Thanks to Lions, Brooklyn overcame her obstacles. For 10 years, she received care at the Tennessee Lions Eye Center at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville. "Without Lions, I'd never have accomplished so much and seen the world," says Brooklyn. "Lions Clubs International Foundation [LCIF] changed my life, making the seemingly impossible a reality."

Global Foundation

<u>Local Impact.</u> In many communities, Lions are best known for serving individuals with visual impairment. But Lions' work expands far beyond the realm of vision. In fact, Lions provide comfort and care across eight critical areas, and LCIF's Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service will ensure Lions have funding to serve well into the future.

Increase Service Impact

<u>Vision:</u> Through Campaign 100, LCIF will help erradicate infectious blindness, reduce avoidable blindness and visual impairment, and improve quality of life for people with blindness or visual impairment.

<u>Youth:</u> Our Lions Quest program has already served 16+ million youth. Through Campaign 100, LCIF will improve access to quality education, health services, social and recreational opportunities, and positive development programs. Discover more at www.lions-quest.org.

<u>Disaster Relief:</u> Through Campaign 100, LCIF will prepare for, and respond to, natural disasters to provide short-term relief and long-term recovery of communities worldwide.

<u>Humanitarian Causes:</u> Through Campaign 100, LCIF will sponsor and deliver programs addressing the distinct needs of at-risk and vulnerable populations disproportionately impacted by social and economic factors.

Fight Diabetes

<u>Diabetes:</u> Diabetes is a leading cause of death worldwide, and of blindness and visual impairment. It's also the sixth leading cause of women's death. Through Campaign 100, LCIF will respond to this epidemic, helping prevent the devastating disease through comprehensive health initiatives.

Expand Our Global Causes

<u>Childhood Cancer:</u> Every two minutes, a child is diagnosed with cancer, with survival rates of children in low-income countries as low as 10 percent. Through Campaign 100, LCIF will strengthen medical and social services, increasing global life expectancy of children with cancer and enhancing their quality of life.

<u>Hunger:</u> LCIF will work toward a world in which no one goes hungry. Campaign 100 will enable us to improve food access by investing in infrastructure and improved transportation systems that increase capacity of food banks, feeding centers, and distribution facilities.

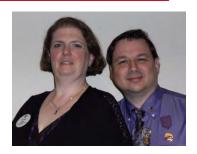
Environment: Worldwide, some 1.8 billion people use a drinking water source contaminated by fecal matter, and 40 percent are affected by water scarcity. Through Campaign 100, we'll protect environmental health, generating long-term, positive ecological impact.

Sincerely, Dr. Naresh Aggarwal Chairman, Lions Clubs International Foundation



Erica's Thoughts

Reading Action Program: By now, I hope that each club has done something to promote reading and literacy in their community. Maybe a daycare or health clinic needs some children's books. Maybe the food pantry needs some books so that the young ones have something to read or look at while their parent or grandparent is getting needed food. Do the communities Little Libraries need replenished? Keep up the great services!



Long Range Planning: Please plan to participate in the district planning event December 16th at 1:00pm at the French Lick Comfort Inn. Following are the items being discussed:

- 1. How do you know if the services your club provides are relevant for your community?
- 2. How do you find new services to provide?
- 3. How do you get something new started?
- 4. Who do you get to help?
- 5. How do you define a project a "Success"?

Does your club have a long range plan? Does the club know where it is going for this year, the next three years, or the next five years? If not, how will the club go anywhere or do anything? Who wants to join a group that has no direction to go or even purpose in being there? This is a great time to start planning for next year's events! Happy planning!

Indiana Lions Foundation: The board continues to provide matching grants and process dedicated grants. Did you know that clubs can still buy bricks for the plaza? Did you know that the Foundation receives \$25.00 for each Lions Foundation specialty plate purchased and all of that money goes into the matching grants fund? Did you know that the centennial medallions were a huge success and almost gone? Did you know that this was the best year yet with volunteers working at the State Fair? District E needs to work on getting more volunteers for that event. Did you know that State Office Building is available for Lions groups to meet for free? Did you know that you can leave money to the Foundation in your will? For more information, please contact one of the Trustees.

May everyone remember to take a little time for themselves in this crazy busy season of giving. May you have many moments of joy, peace and memories to last a lifetime. Many blessings to you in the coming year.

Lion Erica 25E Reading Action Program Chair Long Range Planning Chair ILF Trustee

2019 Indiana State Convention: 26-28 April 2019

Why should you attend the State Convention in Ft Wayne? Along with business sessions, Friday night Party, W.P. Wood Luncheon, All State Banquet, seminars Memorial service and voting, there will be golf at Colonial Oaks Friday at 10 am and Walking Tours Saturday afternoon. More details will follow. Check our Facebook page and website for updates.



Like & Share Indiana Lions Convention on Facebook to get updates throughout the year for the Fort Wayne 2019 convention. https://www.facebook.com/IndianaLionsConvention



Ready to have some fun!? Then come play EUCHRE with some of the best players in the state...at least that's what we've been told!

The 8 round tournament will begin after the Friday night dinner. There is no registration fee, but we ask that you donate a small gift card that can be used for prizes. It promises to be a fun night of cards and great food...potluck fare, please bring a snack or a dessert to share.

Pre-registration is requested. Email PDG Peg VanNevel at pitchinpeg@yahoo.com and provide your name, email and phone number. If you don't play euchre and would like to be a part of the fun, volunteers are needed for scorekeeping and organizing the food.

Kaylene Souers 2019 Convention Chair amchud@aol.com



Have you seen our new web site!! Lions Clubs International recently completed many changes to improve the functionality and usefulness to Lions and potential Lions. LCI worked extremely hard to keep it on the cutting edge.



What has changed? Quick access to information from your finger tip on every page. Want some history, click on **Discover Our Story**. Want to know find a project that supports one of the five global causes, then **Start you Service**. In case you don't remember -- they are diabetes, hunger, vision, childhood cancer and the environment.

LCI has always had an extensive resource center in the website, but it wasn't always easy to find what you were seeking. The new website not only has more information in the **Resources Center**, but also a new powerful searchand discover tool. This should help you find what you are looking for quickly!

The Club Locator function —Find a Club—has been enhanced to work with the MyLion app to showcase the **club's** information, photos and upcoming projects to help attract new members

Donating to LCTF online has become easier!! They have added a button to the top of every page so all website visitors are aware of the opportunity to support our foundation and support the work of Lions around the globe.

While the website may be getting a new look and feel, the good provided by Lions to the world remains the same. The goal of the new site is simple: to provide an excellent experience to Lions members.

Membership Date of Birth Change

To improve security when verifying the identity of a member, LCI is asking each new Lion for their complete birthdate -

not just their birth year. You will no longer be able to complete new membership information on MyLCI without it.

The birth dates for current members are showing as January 1 of their birthyear. For a birth year of 1951, the birth date is 1/1/1951. Although LCI says that correcting the birth date is optional for existing members, the MyLCI webpage is not behaving. So it will be necessary to update this information for all Lion club members.

This might be an excellent time to make sure the club secretary has all the correct information. Has anyone moved, changed phone numbers or email addresses? Secretaries, This is bit more work, but before the next club meeting, please print out the "Member Information Update Report" located under "Available Reports" or do a "Data Down-load". Take this report to the meeting and ask members to verify their information. If you need help with these reports, please contact your District Leadership — Zone Chairs are a good place to start.

CC Keith Thomas
PID MD-GST Linda Tincher
PDG CST Patty Cooke
PDG CST Mark Clark



Lions have add a new website for the "New Voices" initiative at www.weserve.org/newvoices/. New Voices cele- brates women's contributions to Lions Clubs International as it welcomes its first female International Presi- dent. This initiative promotes gender parity by focusing on increasing the number of women in Lions Clubs, as well as closing the gap between men and women in leadership positions. Read the stories of all the are the mem- bers of the New Voices team! And maybe post a story of how you have supported women in your area on social media. We need more women Lions and definitely more women Lions Leaders!

Mid-Winter Conference Silent Auction

The Mid-Winter Conference will be here before we know it. We are again holding a Silent Auction at the conference on January 12, 2019. Each Indiana Lions District is asked to donate at least 3 items worth \$20 or more for the auction.

Last year we were successful in raising funds for Youth Programs. If you have items to donate for this year's auction, please let your District Governor know and send what you are donating to: lindamscott@comcast.net. That way I will be able to make the bid sheets before the auction and have things ready to go on January 12. Items may be brought to the dinner on Friday night January 11, or they may be brought first thing Saturday morning.

We will have a nice surprise for the person who donates the item that has the most bids on it.



Bedford Lions Club

Ringing the Bell for Salvation Army

Members of the Bedford Lions Club have been ringing bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettles for the past 70 years. Eighteen Lions volunteered during a two-day weekend this year. Pictured are (I-r) Lions Club volunteers PDG Newell Clifton, Judy Clifton, JoHannah Edwards and DG Ron Edwards ringing bells at the Rural King store in Bedford supporting the Salvation Army's annual Christmas Red Kettle Campaign.

Photo by Lion Jim Fisher

Rockport Lions Club

Members of the Rockport Lions Club along with members from the Evansville Eastside Lions during their annual Christmas Dinner

Photo by PDG John Wilcox, Rockport Lions Club President



Worthington Lions Club



PCC Jeff Schafer inducted two new members into the Worthington Lions Club. Photo (I to r): PCC Jeff Schafer, President Jerry Murdock (Sponsor), new members Lion Lori Dickinson and Lion Jay Groves.

Photo by Lion Kelly Reel, Worthington Lions Club Treasurer



Pershing Township Lions Club Christmas Party





Left Photos: Sutton Sparks having his face painted by volunteer Kenny Sherman. Sophia Rudolph catching a duck in the pond. Center top photo is of Ashlyn and Adalia Walker enjoying some snacks. Right photo is of Santa (aka Lion Dan Robertson) during the Pershing Twp Christmas Party

Photo by Lion Phyllis Looper, Pershing Twp Lions Club



Evansville Eastside Lions Club *LensCrafter Day*

Lions Don & Peggy Bakel and Lions Bill & Ceal Schulz. The Evansville Lions Club welcomed people to LensCrafters and 15 people were helped with eyeglasses. One lady was found to have a detached retina and sent to a surgeon ASAP!

Photo by Lion Bill Schulz, Evansville Eastside Lions Club

French Lick / West Baden Lions Club

Pictured in photo is PDG Bill Willis (on far right) shaking hands with new member, Lion Marty Goldman.

Photo provided by DG Ron Edwards, Bedford Lions Club



Indiana School for the Deaf

Holiday Lunch and Awards



Holiday lunch and awards included grants given to IU Research Equipment of \$500. Others include the following:

- Indiana University Research \$500.00 he- Sherman Charles
- Ball State University Scholarship/Research \$500.00 Joi Murray (Evansville)
- Indiana State University Scholarships \$200.00 each: Sierra Bell (Bloomington, Taylor Cattol (Dubois City), Megan Grundhefer (Ferdinard HS), & Alisha Schwiersch. Research \$775.000 Dr. Min Kyung Han

Photo provided by DG Ron Edwards, Bedford Lions Club

Simplified Explanation of Amendment for Indiana Lions Eye Bank (ILEBI):

Founded in 1959 by the Lions of Indiana, the Indiana Lions Eye Bank Inc. (ILEBI) has grown from its meager beginnings of nothing more than an oversized broom closet into one of the premier eye banks in the United States.

The business of eye banking has changed much in the past 60 years. Where we originally relied on volunteers to procure and transport the corneas, we now have paid technicians in the field and use overnight shipping. Where surgeons once had to replace entire corneas with long recovery times for their patients, we are now able to provide specific layers of the cornea with much better results and minimal recovery times. Throughout, the ILEBI has been on the forefront of these innovations.

Eye banking is going thru rapid changes of late, and the term "consolidation" has become the catch word with larger eye banks buying up smaller ones and creating large, regional eye banks or making deals with doctors and hospitals to force out smaller eye banks. Although the ILEBI is on the cutting edge, it is still categorized as a medium size eye bank. This puts us in the unique position of either initiating growth and expanding our operation or sitting back, doing nothing, and risking being swallowed up or forced out by one of these larger eye banks and thus losing our identity as the Indiana Lions Eye Bank.

Over the past couple of years, the ILEBI Board has been initiating changes to enhance our eye bank. Through a detailed marketing study of the hospitals which we work with on the recovery of tissue, the surgeons who use our services, and the general public which most commonly associated the eye bank (iBank) with Apple's iPhone, iPad, and iPod, it was determined that a change in our "doing business as" (d/b/a) would be beneficial, and thus VisionFirst Indiana Lions Eye Bank was developed.

The ILEBI is planning to stay on the cutting edge. The purchase and remodel of the new 21,000 square foot facility is a large part of the plan to stay on that edge. THE ILEBI expects to move in by June 2019. This new facility will be equipped with a larger technical lab, a training lab, and a research lab along with additional office space and conference rooms.

These changes have been implemented in order to become more aggressive at approaching collaborative relationships or mergers. The Board wants to be in the position of initiating the growth and protecting the Indiana Lions Eye Bank Inc. and the Lions of Indiana.

That is a brief history of the Eye Bank and why the changes are needed. Now for how the Lions of Indiana can help us continue to grow.

Article XI of the state constitution, requires that only active members of a Lions Club in Indiana may serve as a trustee for each of the state projects listed under Article XI. With the possibility of collaborating or merging with smaller eye banks becoming more of a reality, those eye banks may want to have representation on our Board of Directors. This is not possible under the current constitution.

By allowing the ILEBI to be moved into its own article of the constitution and still under the oversight of Lions of Indiana. The ILEBI would then be allowed to extend Board positions to those not allowed under Article XI yet maintain a majority representation of Indiana Lions.

The ILEBI falls within the guidelines established by Lions Clubs International as a "Lions Eye Bank" by maintaining a board comprised of a majority of Lions Members. The Board is committed to maintaining this affiliation.

Although the ILEBI seeks to be located under a different area of the constitution rather than remaining under Article XI pertaining to the state projects, the move is to allow flexibility in the governance and Board makeup. The Lions Clubs in Indiana will still be asked to financially support the ILEBI for continuation of the Operation KidSight and the Ocular Surgery Assistance programs.

In summary:

- 1) Eye banking is changing, and it is becoming commonplace for larger eye banks to take over smaller banks to create regional facilities or to just force them out.
- 2) Article XI of the State Constitution limits the flexibility of the Indiana Lions Eye Bank Inc. needed to deal with the ever-changing eye bank business environment.
- 3) The majority of the board of directors will remain Lions and be Lion controlled.

- 4) Lions Clubs International has a set of guidelines which eye banks must follow to maintain their status as a "Lions Eye Bank." A majority of the Board must be Lions.
- 5) The status of the Operation KidSight and the ILEBI Ocular Surgery Assistance Program shall not be changed upon adoption of this resolution, and the Lions of Indiana shall continue to be charged with promoting the financial support of the ILEBI and its programs.
- 6) The Board of Directors is committed to growing the Eye Bank and protecting it from outside threats while maintaining the oversight by the Lions of Indiana.

The Indiana Lions Eye Bank is simply asking the Lions of Indiana to allow it to follow the LCI guidelines for Lions Eye Banks without any further requirements from the local level as this will create a structure for the Eye Bank to be most successful.

If you have additional questions or comments, please contact your district trustees and ask them or schedule a trustee visit to your club. The Trustees are happy to answer your questions. The trustees are counting our you 'yes' vote for the Article XIII.

Lions of Indiana Multiple District 25 Constitutional Amendment

The Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Incorporated (ILEBI), following on the Resolution approved at last year's State Convention, propose the following amendment to Article XI, and the creation of Article XIII of the Lions of Indiana Multiple District 25 Constitution:

Article XI - State Projects, Section 2

Strike "Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc;"

Section 2. The State Projects of Multiple District 25 are: Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc; Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc; Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Inc; Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc. and Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.

Article XIII – Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Incorporated (ILEBI)

Section 1. The ILEBI was established by the Lions of Indiana in 1959, with the purpose, scope, and objectives being: The conservation and restoration of human sight, the prevention of blindness, the support of eye research, and the education about and promotion of human tissue for transplant.

Section 2. The ILEBI shall abide by the terms and provisions established by Lions Clubs International for Lions Eye Banks. The Lions of Indiana shall promote the financial support of the ILEBI and its programs and objectives outlined in Section 1.

- Section 3. The ILEBI shall be governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of:
 - (a) Three (3) Lions from each District of Indiana Multiple District 25 elected to serve a three (3) year staggered term at the District Conventions. Their term of office shall begin on July 1st following election.
 - (b) Any vacancy of a Trustee elected per Section 3 (a) shall be filled by a qualified appointee of the District from which the vacancy occurs for the balance of the term.
 - (c) The Board of Trustees may appoint additional Trustees, Lions or non-Lions, to serve for three (3) year terms. However, the total number of Trustees per Section 3 (c) shall be less than the total number of Trustees from Section 3 (a).
- Section 4. The ILEBI shall make available the following reports to the State Council Chairperson upon written request:
 - (a) Copies of the annual budget for the Board of Trustees;
 - (b) Copies of minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings with the exception of Executive Sessions;
 - (c) Copies of audit reports;
 - (d) Financial summary showing income and expenses.

Section 5. Each District Governor shall forward to the ILEBI an annual list of all contributions made to the ILEBI by July 31st. The ILEBI shall make verification of these contributions within sixty (60) days and report any discrepancies.



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