



# Lions of 25G Newsletter

## February 2018

### From the Desk of DG Lion Tom Polk

A man was driving out in the country and came across an old barn that was covered with bullseye targets. He looked and saw that everyone had a hole dead center of the circles. He was so impressed he went to the house up the road. A young boy came to the door and the man asked "Do you know who shot all of the bullseyes on the barn down the road?" "Sure" the young man replied "I did all of them". "Well that's the best shooting I have ever seen!" the man replied. "Nah – them just hillbilly bullseyes" "Hillbilly bullseye? What's a hillbilly bullseye?" the man asked. The boy replies "Them the easiest to shoot! – You just shoot the side of the barn and then go draw circles around the hole!

In the July 2017 newsletter I asked you "what is your moon?" and talked about John F. Kennedy's challenge to the nation to reach the moon before the end of the decade. We are now a little more than half way thru the Lions year. So, are you shooting for the moon or are you shooting "hillbilly bullseyes" – doing the same thing and not really trying anything. Kennedy's challenge to "go to the moon" was not a small challenge. It had never been done and the US was behind in the "space race" – but the United States accomplished the task.

As Lions Clubs, we need to not give up. We need to be challenging ourselves and to try new things. We need to explore new ideas, new programs, new methods and things that don't necessarily make us comfortable. Kennedy said it best – "we do these things not because they are easy but because they are hard". We need to choose to undertake the mission to improve and expand our clubs. Not looking to others but to each of our members to do what is needed to get to the goal.

We need to tell our communities what we do and then ask them to join us to help.

We need to serve with a purpose.



# Mentone Lions Club

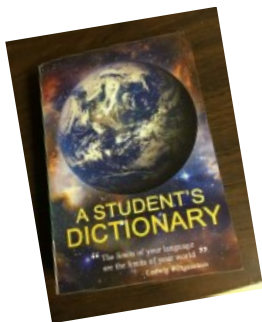
Chartered 3/31/1933

The Mentone Lions Club was chartered on March 31, 1933. It is celebrating its 85th year next month. The Mentone Lions Club main fundraiser is their Sausage Sales. With the profits of the Sausage Sale, the Mentone provides eye glasses to those in need, flags at the cemetery, dictionaries for the local school, food items for the local food pantry, and provides scholarships for Camp Mollenhour Summer Camp. The Club members sponsor blood drives, assists with community needs as they arise.

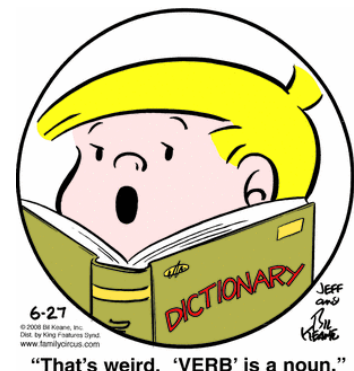
Although the club is small in numbers, it continues to meet the Mentone Community needs. They continue to serve with a purpose.

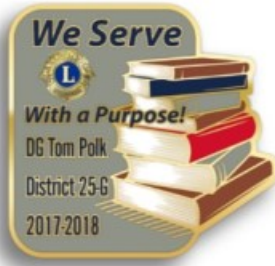
## Dictionary Project

Lion Howard reported at the District Meeting on January 27th that the District has reported handing out 3981 dictionaries. The Peru Club reported that they handed out English/Spanish Dictionaries at the request of teachers. These dictionaries are available from The Dictionary Project as well. Only 24 clubs have reported their numbers to Lion Howard. Please send an email or call Lion Howard with your club's report. Lion Howard Heines encourages all clubs to participate in this project.



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# 25 G District Convention

**Schedule**

**8:00—Registration Opens/Continental Breakfast**

**9:00—Convention Opens**

**Noon—Buffet Lunch**

**4:00—Convention Concludes**

Plan to spend Saturday, March 10, 2018 in Historical Wabash, Indiana. The District Convention will be held at the Honeywell Center. For hotel information see the ID Welcome Dinner flyer

You will hear inspiring words from ID Joyce Middleton , from Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Director Middleton is a computer engineer. She is a member of the Bridgewater Lions Club since 2008, and a Lion since 2002, she has held many offices within the association, including club president, district governor, multiple district GMT coordinator and council secretary. She was also chairperson of the Peace Poster Contest. In addition to her Lions activities, Director Middleton has been active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the General Federation of Women’s Clubs of Massachusetts and the National Braille Press.

You will be entertained as Jessica Michna portrays Helen Keller, In a Life Nearly Lost, as she recites excerpts from the 1925 speech Helen gave to the International Lion’s Convention. The program continues in third person as Michna talks about Helen’s life and experiences.

The business meeting, service project as well as educational workshops are being planned.

**Make plans to attend now.**

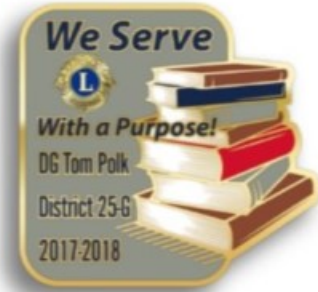
25G District Convention Reservation Form Reservation Due by 2/25/2018

Name Club \_\_\_\_\_

Names of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Convention Food, \$39/per person (includes Continental Breakfast, Noon Meal and Afternoon Break )

Checks should be made out to “District 25-G” and mailed to CS PDG Ann Haffner; 11268 N. State Road 13; Syracuse, IN 46567.  
Ann can be contacted at 574-457-3054 or ann\_haffner@yahoo.com



## District 25G

# ID Middleton Welcome Dinner

March 9, 2018

Social time 6:00—Dinner 6:30PM

Honeywell Room, Honeywell Center, 11 W. Market St, Wabash, IN

Join us as we welcome ID Joyce Middleton from Bridgewater, MA to District 25G. We will have a buffet meal in the Honeywell Room at the Honeywell Center and an opportunity to get to know ID Middleton prior to the district convention.

Spend the night in an area hotel and enjoy historic Wabash, IN!

- Charley Creek Inn, Convention hotel, 111 W. Market Street, Wabash, IN—voted one of the top boutique hotels in the USA.
  - Special rate of \$139.00/night (plus taxes) - **reservation must be made by February 23, 2018**. Call hotel at 260-563-0111 and mention “Indiana Lions District 25G” for special rate
- Holiday Inn Express, 1311 N. Cass Street, Wabash, Indiana 46992
  - Rate of \$144.00/night (plus taxes) —contact hotel at 260-569-1189
- Knights Inn, 1950 South Wabash Street , Wabash, Indiana 46992
  - Rate of \$59.00/night (plus taxes) —contact hotel at 260-563-7455

25G District ID Welcome Dinner Reservation Form

Reservation Due by 2/23/2018

Name Club \_\_\_\_\_

Names of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cost \$20/person—Dinner is buffet with choice of Caprese Chicken or Baked Steak

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# District 25-G Leader Dog Bus Trip

Saturday, May 5, 2018

The Leader Dog Difference



## What We Do

To this day, the mission of the Lions, "We serve," perfectly complements the Leader Dog mission of empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for independent travel.

## JOIN US ON MAY 5, 2018

This is the perfect opportunity for you to represent your club and learn first-hand how Leader Dog works.

From the selection of FLD's - Future Leader Dogs - to the training process - you may just find that raising a Leader Dog puppy is in your future!



## Bus Pick-up in Plymouth and Mishawaka

Meet the Royal Excursion bus at Wal-Mart in Plymouth at 2505 N. Oak Dr., Plymouth with **departure at 5:30am.**

Meet the bus in Mishawaka at the old K-Mart parking lot at 420 W. McKinley Ave. with **departure at 6:30am.**

- ◆ Breakfast rolls & muffins, water & juice provided en route
- ◆ Lunch is being catered by Antoniou's Towne Square Pizza (price included)
- ◆ Stop for quick dinner at Old China Super Buffet in Battle Creek at 6pm (cost on your own) - depart at 7pm
- ◆ Drop off in Mishawaka at 8:30pm
- ◆ Drop off in Plymouth at 9:15pm

### Cost: \$60 per person

### LIMITED SEATING!!!

### Get your reservations in quickly!

### How to make your reservation...

You can reserve your seat(s) by mailing this form, along with a check or debit/credit card information to:

CT Ronald Guth  
2386 W. Broadway  
Bunker Hill, IN 46914  
765-460-7177 / guthron@comcast.net

DO NOT email your card number! You may also call CT Ron to provide your CC #.

### Your card info will be secure

After processing your payment, this form will be shredded as a security measure.

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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For email or text receipt:

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

# of Seats at \$60 \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Reserve your seat TODAY!

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**DO NOT EMAIL YOUR CREDIT CARD #**

Please make checks payable to:  
**District 25-G**



## 1st Vice Gov. Jim Reeve

As an incoming Governor they are putting me through lots of training so I'll be ready to take the reins once they are handed to me. Membership is always part of every training session I attend. But I want to talk about a very important thing, even though membership is important there's ne another thing just as important and that's pediatric cancer.

Cancer has touched many lives in our Lion family. But one out of every five children develops some form of cancer. If you as a Lion had the power to destroy cancer would you do it? I would venture to say the answer is yes. We can raise thousands of dollars to build much needed dog kennels, put books in the hands of children to give them the power of reading and what if we were to raise money for research to destroy cancer forever how much money would we need? I will be setting a goal for our district and will be asking you as a Lion and your clubs to step up to the plate and help me destroy cancer through research. Researchers can't do this alone, but as Lions with hearts, we can do our part to help. If your club had a fundraiser and asked your community to stop cancer how would they respond? Together we can attack this terrible disease and see it raise a white flag and surrender. So as Lions **Get On Board**, roll up our sleeves, and go to war to fight cancer.

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Member Center > Clubs > Club Officers > Club Marketing Communications Chairperson

Club President/First Vice President  
Club Secretary  
Club Membership Chairperson  
Club Treasurer  
Club Service Chairperson  
Club LCIF Coordinator  
**Club Marketing Communications Chairperson**

### Club Marketing Communications Chairperson

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As the Marketing Communications Chairperson, you will play a lead role within your club. Using social media, you will be able to motivate and excite new and existing members. Ways you can do this are by publicizing club activities, growing your club's membership, and assisting the club president in communicating with club members.

**Three new club officer possibilities**

The Marketing Communications Chairperson e-Book provides a list and logical link to the information you need to know and links to resources for promoting your activities, ideas of what you can post, how to engage your club members or ways to use social media more effectively. The e-Book makes it easier to access the information, tools and resources you use most often to help you stay on top of your busy schedule. The following are helpful tools to ease the task as Marketing Communications Chairperson.

## New Club Officer Positions Can Help Clubs Increase Impact in Local Communities

On the LCI website, additional information on three relatively new positions are detailed. While not mandatory, they are suggested for clubs' consideration to help make them more effective in providing service to their respective communities. The **Club Service Chairperson** will assist clubs implementing impactful service and fundraising projects, increasing service project engagement

of members, and elevating awareness of Lions' collective impact in fulfilling global humanitarian needs. The **Club LCIF Coordinator** will help educate each club's members about Lions Clubs International Foundation programs and initiatives, as well as the many benefits of supporting LCIF. The **Club Marketing Communications Chairperson** will play a led role within the club, using social media to motivate and excite new and existing members. Each of these positions had additional links to useful information for the position. You can access this page from the LCI website <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/clubs/officers/>



**From the Desk of**  
**Cabinet Secretary PDG Ann Haffner**  
**District Convention Voting**

The following candidates' intent to run and letters of endorsement from their clubs were filed with District Nominations and Elections Chairperson Lion Ann Kalman by the Third District Meeting deadline, announced and introduced by her at that meeting in Denver January 27, and will be voted on at our District Convention March 10, 2018 at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, Indiana.

District Governor—1<sup>st</sup> VDG Jim Reeve, Lake City Lions Club

First Vice District Governor— 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Mary Klempay, Lydick Lions Club

Second Vice District Governor—Lion Brian Thomas, Elkhart Lions Club

Trustees:

Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc.—PDG Paul Russell

Vision First, Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc.—

Indiana Lions for Leader Dog, Inc.—PDG Jeri Seely, Milford Lions Club

Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc.— 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Mary Klempay, Lydick Lions Club

Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind & Visually Impaired, Inc.—Lion Kim Polk,  
LaFontaine Lions Club

Indiana Lions Foundation and State Office Holding Corp.—Lion Marlyn Fast, Dunlap Lions Club

No nominations will be allowed from the floor at the convention for the above positions unless a current candidate withdraws his/her name.

No candidacy was filed for the 3 year term as Trustee for Vision First, Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc. beginning July 1, 2018. Any Lion in good standing in a club in good standing in the district wishing to run for this position should come to the District Convention with his/her letter of intent and club's letter of endorsement and a Lion who will place his/her name in nomination at the convention in Wabash March 10.

No amendments to our District 25-G Constitution and By-Laws will be voted on at this convention.

In order to be certified as a delegate or alternate your club's dues must be received in their entirety by Lions Clubs International and me or CT Ron Guth by February 23, 2018, 15 days prior to the convention. This rule went into effect July 1, 2016.

Each chartered club in good standing with Lions Clubs International and the District and State shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. The major fraction shall be five (5) or more members. This does not mean that a brand new member in good standing cannot vote. Bring that new member with you and have him/her register as a delegate or alternate and have a voice in the future of our district. In addition, the District Governor and each Past District Governor who is a member in good standing of a club in good standing in District 25-G has one vote independent of his/her club's delegate quota. A list will be sent from LCI to DG Tom early in February with the number of delegates eligible for each club. If you wish to know that number please call or e-mail me at 574-457-3054 or [ann\\_haffner@yahoo.com](mailto:ann_haffner@yahoo.com). If your club will have more than the number of delegates you are entitled to in attendance at the convention, please call or e-mail me the names of members who will serve as your delegates and alternates. If I don't have that list I will certify the first ones to arrive.





# Indiana Lions Leadership Institute

This institute is designed for those persons interested in becoming leaders in their club or district. The only costs to participants are transportation to and from the institute and dinner on Saturday night. **The institute is limited to 3 participants per district.**

Date: April 7-8, 2018

Beginning Time: 10:00 am, April 7th

Location Baymont Inn, Plainfield (317-837-9000)  
(Participants must make their own reservations with the hotel.  
Be sure to tell them you are with the Indiana Lions.)

## APPLICATION FORM

Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

District Governor  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed registration form to: PCC David Eisen, 1112 E. 3rd Street, Mishawaka, IN 46544

Or Email: [d.eisen01@yahoo.com](mailto:d.eisen01@yahoo.com).

Or call: 574-250-1469

**Deadline for Registration is March 23, 2018**



# Around District 25-G

25G District Lions enjoyed fellowship and fun at the District Meeting hosted by the Denver Lions Club on Saturday, January 27th.



Seven Dunlap Lions attended the 25G District Meeting .



DG Tom left the meeting with lighter pockets after Tail Twister Assistant Lion Howard Heines fined DG Tom for a number of infractions!

## **Richvalley Lions Club completes their first year as a donation site for the American Red Cross.**

On Dec. 20, 2017 the Richvalley Lions Club held their 6<sup>th</sup> blood drive for the American Red Cross. What started out as potentially a one-time blood drive has turned into an ongoing event that is held every other month in the Richvalley Community Building. Our original goal was to collect 40 units and we fell a little short, only collecting 38. However, with the subsequent collection events that were held, we have driven the total units collected for the year up to 259. With that many units, the Red Cross would have been able to help 777 people that were otherwise having a very bad day and many of those units could have been a contributing factor in saving several lives.

We want to thank all the donors who take the time to come to Richvalley to make their life saving donations. A special thank you goes out to the congregation of the Richvalley United Methodist Church who are always a tremendous support at our blood drives by giving of their time, baked goods and blood donations.

We would like to invite anyone, who isn't already donating regularly somewhere else, to join us at our next blood drive on February 21, 2018. The event hours are from 2pm thru 7pm. To make an appointment or for any other information, please call Doug Simons at 260-571-5514

# Little Free Library



Little Free Library in Grass Creek, outside of the Fire Station. It hosted by the Grass Creek Lions Club and the Fulton County Library. It has been in place since 2017. It will well used by the community

## District Project—Little Free Library

Information about how your club can place a Little Free Library can be found on the web at: [www.littlefreelibrary.org](http://www.littlefreelibrary.org). You may also contact DG Tom Polk or speak to 25G Reading Action Committee Chairperson:

**Mary Butler-Knight**

[mariebk48@gmail.com](mailto:mariebk48@gmail.com) or 317-490-5286

Let DG Tom know if you are placing a Little Free Library. If you have a library, send a picture to: [tomkimpolk@embarqmail.com](mailto:tomkimpolk@embarqmail.com) so we can feature them in upcoming newsletters and they can be included in the District Little Free Library Collage.

# ***Membership Update***

## **District 25G—Completion of Service—1/1/2018—1/29/2018**

**James Weschgel—A 27 year member of the Clay-Granger Club**

**Ron York—A 32 Year Member of the Etna Green Club**

**Larry Condon—A 9 Year Member of the Mexico Club**

## **District 25G Welcomes New Members—1/1/2018—1/29/2018**

### **Akron**

Blaine Conley

### **Greene Township**

Terry Heckman

### **Argos**

Debi Scott

### **North Webster**

Byron Kaiser

### **Dunlap**

Lyle Gaff

Terri Gaff

## **District Website**

**25 G District Website has a new address and a new look. District Events are on the Website. District Directory updates are available on the Website.**

**Check it out at [www.lions25g.com](http://www.lions25g.com).**




# District Club Visits

DG Tom still has 4 clubs that have not scheduled their Official District Governor Visit. DG Tom's goal is to have these completed by the end of March. If you have not scheduled your club's visit, please look at your upcoming club meeting dates and contact him by phone (260) 571-5123 or email: [tomkipolk@embarqmail.com](mailto:tomkipolk@embarqmail.com) to schedule his visit to your club. DG Tom may contact your club if he has a vacancy

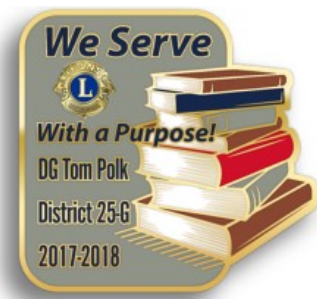
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Wakarusa Club Visit	13		15 Clay-Granger Club Visit	16	17
18	19	20 Peru Club Visit	21 Mexico Club Visit	22	23	24
25	26 Bristol Club Visit	27	28			

## 25 G District Goals for 2017-2018

- ◆ Focus on our clubs that have less than 15 members by helping them increase their membership to at least that level;
- ◆ Support the placement of Little Free Libraries;
- ◆ Have a positive membership growth;
- ◆ All clubs to report their activities and membership every month.



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