

Lions of 25-G Newsletter February 2019

GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Due to 7 inches of snow and 40 miles per hour wind with lots of drifting and icy roads, as your Governor I had to weigh what is more important, a cabinet meeting or my Lion friends safety; so, I had to cancel the cabinet meeting that was to be held at the Urbana Clubhouse. I have spoken to Urbana's President and we have decided to reset the cabinet meeting for March 23rd at 9:00 a.m. which will follow our District Convention on March 9th in Argos. Our special guest for the District Convention will be International Director Don Noland and his wife. Please mark your calendar for March 9th and for March 23rd.

Just a quick reminder that our 2019 Indiana Lions State Convention will be held April 26, 27, & 28 at the Hilton Hotel and Convention Center in downtown Fort Wayne, Indiana. Our International President, Gudren & PID Jon Yngvadottir will be there. Please look for more convention news in this newsletter.

Lion Sheri and I visited the Mid-Winter Conference in Indianapolis and had a great time with a lot of wonderful Lion friends. We heard many reports at the Council meeting which makes me believe that we Lions are moving straight ahead and are growing.

Speaking of growth, if you have not invited someone you know to visit your club so that they can experience all the good we do as Lions and it also gives you an opportunity to invite your guest to also be a Lion.

Please remember that Lions are currently raising funds for their Campaign 100 cause. If you have any questions or would like to have a speaker concerning this topic, please contact PDG Marty Juel at 574-534-8867 or 574-322-1660 or you can email Marty at marty@martyjuel.com, he would be more than happy to come speak to your club about Campaign 100.

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PDG Jeri Seely would like to receive any articles and pictures concerning all the great things your clubs are doing so she can publish them in the Hoosier Lion. You can send them to PDG Jeri at jeri_seely@gmail.com.

Please keep in mind that this year my slogan is simply "GET ON BOARD" which means I am asking your club to help me fight and conquer pediatric cancer. All donations should be sent to Cabinet Treasurer PDG Robert Myers and he will forward your donations to LCIF in your club's name.

In closing, I want to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and remember those that love you.

DG Jim Reeve



Please submit your articles for the March District 25-G Newsletter no later than February 22nd. Thank you very much.

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District 25-G
District Convention

Saturday, March 9th

9:00 AM

Argos United
Methodist Church



Michigan Steet, Argos, IN

Breakfast: muffins, rolls, coffee, & juice

Dinner: Fried chicken, swiss steak, mashed potatoes & gravy,
peas & corn, salad, rolls & dessert bar.

\$20.00 per person

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Must RSVP by February 22nd to

PDG Robert Myers, 2507 E 225 S, Warsaw, IN 46580

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Registration Time
8:00 a.m.

District 25-G District Convention

March 9, 2019

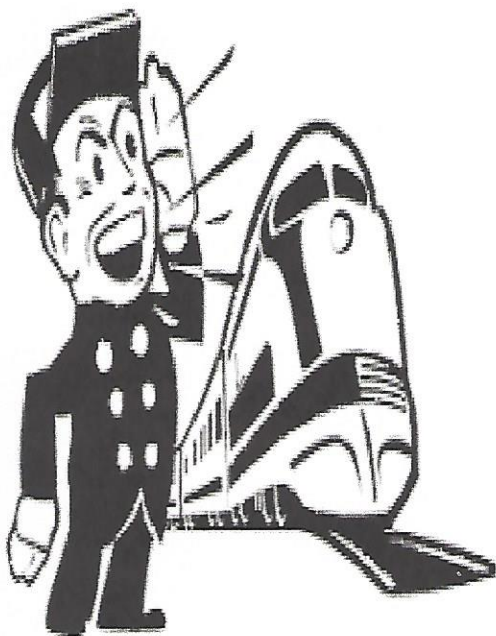
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Club/District _____

Names & Titles _____

Number Attending _____ X \$20.00 = Total \$ _____

Make Checks payable to District 25-G Lions



District 25-G
DG Jim Reeve's
Third District Meeting
Saturday, March 23rd
9:30 a.m.
Urbana Community Building

Breakfast Casserole, Crossiants and Jam, Fruit Cups, Coffee, and
Orange Juice

Social Time
9:00am-9:30am

\$5.00 Donation per person

RSVP by March 15th to

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Consider RMD?

Many Lions are receiving checks from their individual retirement and other tax deferred plans. While this doesn't come as a 'shock' to anyone, the tax deferred status of those accounts means that when you take a payment, you pay taxes on the amount. And you thought there was a free lunch?

There is a way to ELIMINATE paying taxes on some of these retirement programs. After a person reaches the magical age of 70-1/2, the retirement plan advises the participant (YOU) that even though you may not want a payment, you must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). This allows the government to get the taxes you originally avoided when you put money into the account during your working years.

In many situations, you can opt to gift an RMD (or part of it) to a qualified 501(C)3 charity, such as LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION. The net affect is that the ENTIRE amount of an RMD gift satisfies your RMD and the charity receives the entire amount.

If you're been taking an RMD and then gifting the net amount, it is considerably less than you took as the RMD. For example, if you took \$1000 out as part of your RMD, and were taxed 25%, would only receive \$750. True, your gift of \$750 would qualify as a charitable contribution, however even after you declared this, it would be less than gifting the entire amount.

If this concept interests you, please check with your financial advisor or tax consultant for how this may apply to you. For many individuals, this alternative can mean you will end of giving more to a charity and reducing your tax liability more.

Before sending an RMD to LCIF, make sure you include documentation so LCIF will know to credit your account. You must have the check made payable to LCIF. Have it sent to you so you can transfer it to LCIF with the correct form to credit you for the gift. The new Campaign 100 pledge form will work for this purpose. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

To schedule a program on this campaign, contact PDG Marty Juel, District 25-G LCIF Coordinator.



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2019 Indiana Lions State Convention

The Grand Wayne Convention Center and Fort Wayne Hilton along with the 2019 Convention Committee are eagerly awaiting the Indiana Lions arrival in Fort Wayne April 26 – 28. If you are a golfer, join PDG Don Cooper and PCC Bob Morton for a round of golf Friday morning. Come early to relax and enjoy what beautiful downtown Fort Wayne has to offer. Registration, exhibits and certification will open at 12:00.

The Convention officially opens Friday with the 1st Business Session beginning at 5:00 pm in the Grand Wayne Center. Dinner will follow at 6:30 pm across the street at Parkview Field. After dinner, enjoy the music of the West Central Quartet or return to the Hilton for a lively Euchre tournament. A complete Convention schedule will be published in the February Hoosier Lion along with special events, seminar descriptions and registration details.

Register now to be among the first 400 and receive your 2019 Convention Pin free. All registrations received by March 1st have the opportunity to win their Friday night Hilton stay. I'm registered, ARE YOU?

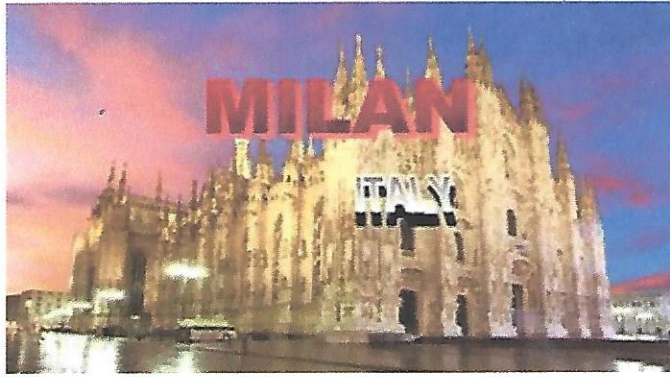


**Please join us for some Friday night fun at the
2019 Indiana Lions State Convention!**

No entry fee, but bring a gift card to be used
for prizes (*gas, grocery, coffee, restaurants*)

Email PDG Peg VanNevel with questions or to register!

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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 6th 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.

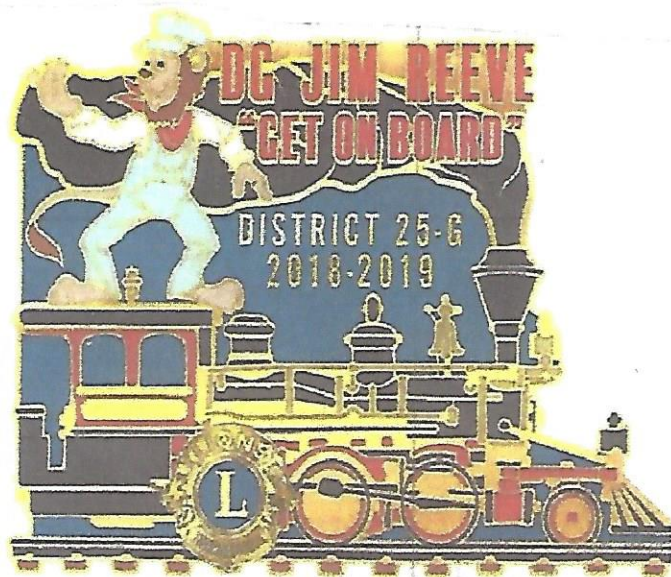
No one area of Italy eats the same things as the next. Each region has its own spin on "Italian food," according to CNN. For example, most of the foods that Americans view as Italian, such as spaghetti and pizza, come from central Italy. In the North of Italy, fish, potatoes, rice, sausages, pork and 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.

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