

Lions of 25G Newsletter

March 2018

From the Desk of DG Lion Tom Polk

Abbott: I've been exercising to get into shape. How about you?

Costello: I wake up in the morning and feel like getting up and running a mile, getting a basketball and shooting baskets and then swimming laps.

Abbott: So, what do you do?

Costello: I stay in bed until the feelings go away.

We laugh at that comedy routine, but it has a fundamental truth. There are three decisions that occur in response to any situation. Those things we "could do", those things we "should do" and finally those things we "will do". We list all the items that we could do and that is an important step. Determine and discover all sorts of responses and options. All the things we "could do" to deal with a problem. The list needs to cover all sorts of options no matter how unlikely they initially appear. From there we need to reduce the list down to those things that make the most impact. The list is now down to viable options and potential solutions.

The most critical list is the next one. Those items that we will try to accomplish. Unfortunately, most people don't go to the next level. They prefer to talk about things instead of acting. So, we continue to talk, and review, and then talk some more. They want things to be perfect, with guaranteed results instead of just trying something and dealing with the problems. Paul Arden, the famed designer and author, once said, *"Don't look for the next opportunity. The one you have in hand is the opportunity."* He also said, *"Too many people spend too much time trying to perfect something before they actually do it. Instead of waiting for perfection, run with what you got, and fix it along the way."*

So how does this apply to Lions? We, as an organization, are facing many problems. Declining membership, aging members, lack of members willing to serve in leadership and the list goes on. The answer, for all us, is simple. Find items that we can do, that makes sense and then execute! Try to do something! There is no "better time" – an old Chinese proverb says – *"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, the second-best time is today"*

Make a decision to take action. To move forward with some plan – no matter how messy it may be. Remember one fact – Babe Ruth, when he retired from professional baseball, held two major league records – most home runs and most strike-outs.

We need to serve with a purpose!

DG Tom Polk



Goshen Lions Club

Chartered 10/28/1936

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

1st Vice Gov. Jim Reeve

Once again off for more training to become your Governor. This time it was all about the team needed to move your district forward. But I know that team is every Lion in our district. Without your help our district cannot move forward. My slogan is simple "GET ON BOARD" and be the best Lion for your club and our district.

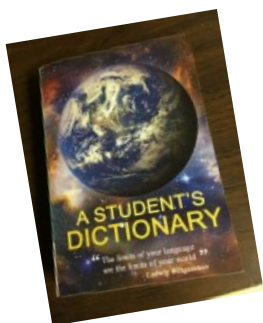
I have elected to put children cancer as my message to all of our clubs. One out of every five children born will get some type of cancer. But with your help we can do our part to destroy cancer. So its simple 'GET ON BOARD" I'll be asking all the clubs I our district to put on a fund raiser to raise funds to help the wonderful folks that spend their time and energy to attact cancrer.

I cannon finish this message without saying some thing about membership or do I need to say anything. We all know the need for members without new Lions we can't do the things we do. Enoff said about membership.

Looking forward to meeting all of you and visiting your club so be the best all you can be and every time you come up to bat hit a home run lets all 'GET ON BOARD"

Dictionary Project

Lion Howard reported at the District Meeting on January 27th that the District has reported handing out 4,610 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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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 # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Exp __ / __ Code # _____

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

***PLAN AHEAD TO RECEIVE A MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP
AT THE INDIANA LIONS STATE CONVENTION THIS YEAR***

Any Indiana Lions Club or Lion that would like to receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship presented during the Indiana Lions State Convention on Saturday April 28, 2018 should plan for it now. Current LCI President [Dr. Naresh Aggarwal](#) and PIP Wayne Madden will be making these presentations. This will be a great photo opportunity for you and your Lions Club. Deadline to apply is April 20th, 2018 to have arrangements completed for the presentation at the state convention.

Even if you have not received the actual MJF plaque during the Indiana Lions State Convention, we will make the presentation using a “sample” MJF plaque and then you will receive your personalized plaque later.

Please contact PDG Marty Juel, District 25-G LCIF Coordinator if you have any additional questions.



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

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Send all LCIF contributions to the address below. DO NOT send checks to the district's treasurer. When sending checks, use the MJF application form, available at this link: <https://goo.gl/vlvMst>

**LCIF
Dept. 4547
Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547**

From the Desk of Cabinet Secretary PDG Ann Haffner

Nominations and Elections: March is the month when your club's Nominating Committee should meet to propose a slate of officers for the 2018-2019 Lions year. Elections should be held by April 15 and your officers reported on the MyLCI website by May 1. Either the club secretary or president can do this. Be sure to select term of office and click on 2018-2019 before reporting each officer for next year. All information for your president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary, treasurer, and membership chairperson should be reported. LCI now asks each club to report an LCIF coordinator, service chairperson and marketing communications chairperson. Your club's directors can also be reported.

It is important that each officer's information is updated before you file the report. You will probably need to add officers' birth years in order to update their information if the year is not already recorded with their entry. Please make sure names, addresses, phone numbers, spouses' names and e-mail addresses are correct. It is very important that e-mail addresses for all officers are included and correct. Most communication is now done by e-mail and your officers will not receive those communications if their e-mail addresses are not known or are incorrect.

As you report each officer for next year, be sure to click "save" before starting to report the next officer. Before you log out, click on "Club Information" and check to make sure the correct days of the month and meeting times are recorded along with the place and address of your meeting place.

Once you have finished, click on "Reports" and then "Lions Club Officer Report for Next Year." Save the report to your computer and then e-mail it as an attachment to 1st VDG Jim Reeve at reeve7677@embargmail.com so he can get a head start on his district directory for next year. The report will not include spouses' names, so when you e-mail the report to him please include in your cover note the names of the spouses of each officer.

Convention Voting: At our district convention on March 10 each club in good standing with Lions Clubs International and District 25-G on February 23th shall be entitled to 1 delegate and 1 alternate for each 10 members, or major fraction thereof, who have been members of your club since February 1, 2017. In addition, each PDG who is a member in good standing of a club in good standing in 25-G has one vote independent of his/her club's delegate quota. If you have a question about the number of delegates your club has, please contact me. If you will have more present at the convention than the number of delegates you are entitled, please send me the names of those who will serve as delegates and alternates. Otherwise, I will certify the first ones to arrive.

E-Mail Addresses: If you change or have changed your e-mail address please send it to me at ann_haffner@yahoo.com and to DG Tom Polk at tomkimpolk@embargmail.com so that you will receive the district newsletter and other district communications.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail or at (574) 457-3054 with any questions or concerns you or your club officers have and I'll do my best to help in any way I can. Thank you for your cooperation this year and best wishes to each of you and your clubs as you successfully complete these last 4 months of the 2017-2018 Lions year.

I look forward to seeing you at the District Convention March 10 in Wabash.



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.

Or call: 574-250-1469

Deadline for Registration is March 23, 2018

Around District 25-G



On Saturday, February 3, thirty-one Lions from eight district clubs in District 25G washed almost 3,000 pairs of glasses for the Eyeglass Mission to Mexico in October. Following the washing, everyone enjoyed a meal of pizza and salad.

The Dunlap Lions inducted a new member at their February 1st meeting. Pictured is Lion Eunice Wenger and her sponsor Membership Chair Lion Jackie Kurley.



Little Free Library



The DUNLAP LIONS CLUB is proud to announce that the little library dedicated to the memory of Lion Bill Douwsma will be set in place at the Spectrum Eyewear office of Lion Dr. David Britzke, DO for all to enjoy. Lion Bill Douwsma was a 42-year member of the Dunlap Lions Club and faithfully served as the Club Treasurer for many, many years.

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. You may also contact DG Tom Polk or speak to 25G Reading Action Committee Chairperson:

Mary Butler-Knight

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 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—1/29/2018—2/25/2018

Larry Urschel—A 23 Year Member of the Urbana Lions Club

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

Dunlap

EUNICE WENGER

North Manchester

JEFF A. HIRE

Madison Township

WILLIAM DAVIS

Silver Lake

ERIC KELLEY

LYNDA KELLEY

Mishawaka

RYAN P. AUSTIN

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.

District Club Visits

DG Tom is winding his Official District Governor Visits to a close. 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: tomkimpolk@embarqmail.com to schedule his visit to your club. If DG Tom can assist your club in some way, please contact him.

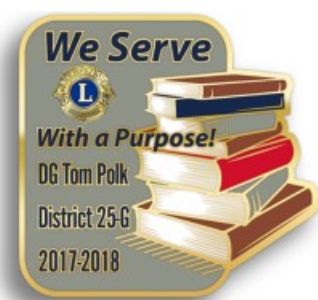
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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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4	5	6	7	8 LaFontaine Lions Club	9 ID Dinner	10 25G District Convention
11	12	13 Madison Township Club Visit	14 North Manchester Club Visit	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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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