



District 25-G



Service with a Heart

District Governor Mary Klempay

Are you surviving COVID-19? Are you staying safe? Is your club reaching out to find new ways to serve?

Included in this newsletter are many new ideas and grant opportunities for you and your club to SERVE. Yes, we can get back on track, and create our new normal.

New information has been relayed throughout the world for COVID-19 Grant Opportunities. Please, check out page 8 to find out how your club can serve. Also, with the ideas mentioned on page 9, your club could also be involved with Operation Faceshield.

Not only can our clubs do similar service projects, but knowing how creative we all are, I have great faith in that you can brainstorm even MORE!

Although the State Convention was cancelled, all of the District Governors will be meeting in June. There, we will discuss how to acknowledge and present awards that would have been given in Bloomington.

With our growing Cyber Clubs in Indiana, check out page 24 to help support their fundraiser!

Have you heard of ZOOM? It's a great way



to keep your members connected, and your projects moving forward.

Not only can it keep you connected until social isolation is lifted, it can be a great recruiting opportunity to the younger demographics!

How many Lions does it take to survive the COVID-19?

1.4 MILLION of us!

1st Vice District Governor Brian Thomas

As I write this May article we are teased with the anticipation of "stay at home" being lifted in early May with the "return to normal". I think that our old normal might be gone while our lives are now influenced by new social **norms**.

Even if we are freed from stay at home edicts-Be Careful- abide by the same precautions.

Practice social distancing, wash hands frequently and if you feel symptomatic, see your doctor and stay home!

INVEST

1. Invest in yourself by staying safe and healthy
2. Invest in your community - come out of this quarantine with a recommitted concern for your neighbors and, by all means, return to business with your LOCAL merchants and restaurants.

They are the ones who have supported your Lion's activities for years and were the ones forced to curtail their operations while the big boys were allowed to remain open.

3. Invest in your Lions club - as soon as

allowed, be prepared to run your next big project or think outside the box for a brand new one ;for example, gather your members in a car caravan festooned with Lions signage and cruise thru town letting everyone know that Lions are still here!

Finally, if you had fallen into the pattern of being a part-time or absent member of your club now would be the time to renew to Lions and bring your participation back to full-time.

Our Pride is Lions
Brian Thomas 1st VG

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Important Dates

District Meeting **TBA**
in Akron, IN

NOT EVERYTHING IS CANCELLED

sunshine is not cancelled
spring is not cancelled
love is not cancelled
relationships are not cancelled
reading is not cancelled
naps are not cancelled
devotion is not cancelled
music is not cancelled
dancing is not cancelled
imagination is not cancelled
kindness is not cancelled
conversations are not cancelled
hope is not cancelled



#keeplookingup
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The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is still on schedule to take place September 17-19, 2020 in Louisville, Kentucky.

However, the Forum Planning Committee is very much aware of the pandemic COVID-19 virus that is affecting the world. The Committee will continue to monitor the situation and re-evaluate our position. At this writing, the Forum is still six months away. None of us can predict the future but we will consider the safety of all and comply with any CDC recommendations as we move forward.

Many have asked about our cancellation policy. The policy is stated on your registration form but it is reproduced below as it appears on the form:

"CANCELLATION POLICY: If you must cancel your registration and/or room, notification must be in writing to the Forum Registrar. Any cancellations received between July 1, 2020 and August 1, 2020 will be subject to a \$50 per person cancellation fee and forfeiture of the Hotel Deposit. After August 1, 2020 no refunds will be issued. Cancellation notification must be received on or before August 1, 2020.

Please send cancellation notice to: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, PO Box 723, Rapid City, SD 57709. Phone (605) 723-4007; FAX (605) 791-0950; E-Mail: registrar@lionsforum.org"

Should the need arise to cancel the Forum, the Planning Committee will evaluate the above stated cancellation policy to do what is best for our attendees.

I would encourage all who have pre-registered to not panic as you can see there is plenty of time to make a decision. The Planning Committee remains optimistic that we will be able to hold the Forum and we have even discussed extending the Early Bird registration deadline due to the current uncertainty of the situation.

The Forum will continue to update you on a regular basis as conditions change.

Our latest newsletter is now available and being sent out. You can also access it on our website by clicking the link below.

See you in Louisville!

April 28, 2020

Lions HQ Oak Brook office closure extended to May 30

The Illinois State government in the USA announced that its stay-at-home order will be extended until at least May 30 to slow the spread of the coronavirus. The measures included the requirement to cease all nonessential services in the state. Lions Clubs International is identified as “nonessential.” To comply with the state mandate, the Lions Clubs International Headquarters in Oak Brook will be closed at least until May 30, 2020.

While staff will not physically be in the building, staff teams will be working remotely and available during business hours to respond to the needs of Lions. You may [contact LCI staff](#) or [LCIF staff](#) as needed.

The performance of systems may be impacted due to the increased number of people working remotely, and response time may be affected. Some of our business operations that require physical interaction will likely be limited.

More details will be provided as the situation evolves, but here is some preliminary guidance:

- Regarding payment of outstanding dues, we recommend that districts allow clubs that are able to demonstrate they have sent or submitted payment to participate in voting. This could be via a bank statement, copy of demand draft, etc. Clubs will not be cancelled during this time based on the challenges related to receiving and processing physical checks and electronic payments.
- For Lions International payments, please utilize online payment options via MyLCI or any other electronic payment method (ACH, SEPA, Boletto, NEFT, etc.) instead of sending checks to the office.
- Please [submit LCIF donations](#) via the website instead of sending checks to the office. Please also note that grant disbursements and recognition will be delayed while the office is closed.
- There will be delays in shipping awards and recognitions, club supplies orders, as well as delays in processing reimbursements.

We appreciate your patience during these extraordinary times and wish for the health and safety of all our Lions and staff around the world.

CS Ann Haffner — *Please share this information with Club Officers and Board of Directors*

MELVIN JONES, W. P. WOODS & MIYAMOTO FELLOWSHIPS

If you are submitting \$1000 for a Melvin Jones Fellowship or \$500 for a W. P. Woods or Dr. Richard T. Miyamoto Fellowship **BE SURE YOU INCLUDE THE PROPER FORM.**

A **W. P. Woods Fellowship Form** can be downloaded at www.indianalions.org under *Printable Forms*.

A **Melvin Jones Fellowship Form** can be downloaded at www.lcif.org or www.indianalions.org under *Printable Forms*.

For a **Miyamoto Fellowship Application** contact Speech and Hearing Trustee DG Mary Klempay or Lions Jerry Wright or Gary Chastain. That \$500 donation can be paid over a two-year period of time.

Mail your applications and checks directly to the addresses on the forms to ensure receiving your awards quickly.

REMEMBER, it sometimes takes a month or longer so be sure to apply in plenty of time, so your award is received by your planned presentation date.

LCIF guidelines state that clubs can accumulate donations toward Melvin Jones Awards if each payment is at least \$100 and the required \$1000 is accumulated within five (5) years.

If you anticipate doing this, you need to indicate with each payment your club's intentions by checking that you will supply a designee at a later date. If you have a question about the amount your club or individual Lions in your club already have on deposit with LCIF, contact PDG Tom Polk.

The Indiana Lions Foundation has similar guidelines regarding installment payments. If your club feels it can accumulate \$500 within a reasonable period of time you need to indicate with each payment your club's intention with a note that you will supply a designee at a later date.

To learn how much your club has on deposit with the Indiana Lions Foundation, contact a trustee or Lion Sandy Ruane at fsruane@frontier.com.

Lions can earn a \$50 credit toward a W. P. Woods Fellowship for themselves, another Lion or their club by working a shift for the Indiana Lions Foundation at the State Fair. To work at the fair this summer you can sign up directly on the Indiana Lions Foundation link at www.indianalions.org.

THESE ARE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CLUB TO SUPPORT OUR FOUNDATIONS AND INDIANA LIONS SPEECH & HEARING AND HONOR OUTSTANDING LIONS FOR THEIR SERVICE AT THE SAME TIME!

By the time you receive this newsletter, I hope you have reported your club's officers for 2020-2021 on the MyLCI website and submitted that report to DGE Brian Thomas. This is urgently needed, so that his District Directory can be completed and to the printer in June.

CLUB OFFICER TRAINING will soon be held in several locations on different evenings. Please watch for the schedule and encourage ALL OF YOUR OFFICERS to attend, whether new to the position or a returning officer, as new information will be given for all officer positions. All Lions are welcome to attend as there will be information of interest to everyone.

If you have questions about any of the above or other topics, please don't hesitate to contact me at (574)457-3054, (574) 457-6118 or ann_haffner@yahoo and I'll do my best to assist you.

Best wishes to each of you and STAY SAFE in this difficult time.

GLT Dave Eisen

Musings From My Solitary Room

This has to be one of the strangest Spring seasons for Lions I've seen since I joined 38 years ago. We are asked to stay home, many of the places where our Clubs meet are closed, the number of people gathering are limited, and typical Spring festivals and fundraisers are delayed or cancelled.

In our Mishawaka Club's case, we sold thousands of dollars of flower and vegetable plants, only to find that the greenhouse in Michigan which sold them to us almost wasn't going to be able to deliver them to "essential" restrictions in Michigan.

Now we are hearing that meat may be in short supply due to the virus among packing plant workers. It will be interesting to see what the next few weeks brings to us.

In speaking with CS Ann Haffner, to date only a small percentage of our Clubs have reported their officers to District Governor Elect Brian Thomas. Of our District's 50 Clubs, only 15 have turned in their officer's reports. These Clubs include Bristol, Denver Community, Dunlap, Fulton

Liberty, Grass Creek, Lake City, Laketon, Leesburg, Lydick, Madison Township, Middlebury, North Manchester, Silver Lake, Somerset, and Syracuse.

If your Club's name isn't on this list, and you are sure you have turned in your officers' lists, contact DGE Brian right away, not me. He's the one with the deadline to put next year's district directory together... he needs your information now.

I can understand if your Club is not meeting due to coronavirus restrictions, but please find a way to vote on your officers, whether you use the phone, email, snail mail, or some electronic meeting package. Directories don't wait for viruses.

Officers Training does wait for viruses. I believe I gave you the dates and locations in my last article for our District training sessions. Well, scratch that. With the uncertainty about group meetings, DGE Brian and I have decided we need to push back the timeline for our sessions. So instead of the June 10th meeting in Greene Township being our last session, it will probably become our first session.

We will try to reschedule Peru, Culver, and New Paris for later in June or early July, if needed. When we know more about restrictions being lifted and dates confirmed, we will immediately let you know, so that you can plan to attend.

The added benefit of later dates is that your elections will be over, and your new officers, or repeat officers, will have a better idea of who needs to attend and what questions they want answered.

The new issue of HOOSIER LION discusses lots of service given in this coronavirus age. Just because we can't meet, that doesn't mean we can't do anything. I, for one, would be fascinated to read about what your Clubs are doing. If enough of you respond to this, it might make a terrific special section or even issue for the next District newsletter. And, in the years to come, it could be a great resource for future Lions to know how much we served when serving wasn't all that easy.

Stay safe and healthy
PCC Dave



GMT Peg VanNevel

How is Social Distancing affecting your club?

Many may feel that it's all a negative effect, but, consider this...How can the new opportunities of online meetings BENEFIT your club?

Do you have members who, under regular circumstances, are unable to attend due to work or home responsibilities?

The Mishawaka Lions Club has been

having a great time with Zoom meetings and intends to continue using the technology AFTER the isolation order is rescinded. Club members we see on a very irregular basis can NOW continue to be involved with first-hand participation!

Not only can you have your club members join online, consider having a CLUB VISIT using this technology!

Yes, we've had some set-backs, especially with fundraisers, but again... MAKE THAT LEMONADE!

By developing creative Facebook advertising and finding new groups to post the ads, our club showed a big increase with online sales...a whopping 600%!

See where I'm going with this? Use that SAME idea for MEMBERSHIP! It will target that younger demographic we're all looking to acquire!

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GST Al Beehler

I'm aware that most, if not all clubs are at a standstill in these days with Covid 19 and travel restrictions.

Now is a time when Lions' service can be most helpful in our communities by supplying necessary items to those in need.

Think outside the box to find ways to help, maybe by making meals to pass out or delivering groceries to those who can't get out.

Clubs also need to find new ways to hold fundraising events on social media. Please share any

ideas with other Clubs if you have a reasonable fundraising idea.

Let's do all we can to keep all of our Clubs strong. Please report any activity you or your club is doing to a club Secretary or President so they can report it on MyLion.

Also, all Clubs need to have their election in April and fill out the PU 101 report on MyLCI before the end of the month.

This most likely will need to be done online for the safety of everyone. Send a slate of officers by emails to all your members to

look at then a week or so later send another one for the vote. This way the new officers will be elected on time and the report can be made.

Continue doing the great work in Service and a BIG THANK YOU to the clubs who are reporting.

Stay safe and Lions will be stronger when these trying time end by continuing Serving when possible.

"WE SERVE"

Sincerely,
GST Lion Al Beehler

District Meetings

TO BE ANNOUNCED WHEN BUILDING IS REOPENED

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Supporting Lions. Serving Humanity. Giving Hope.

Lions respond to a world in need.

There are many needs that are going on right now – and how can we, as Lions, serve?

The corona virus has impacted most all of our lives – closing restaurants, limiting travel and now cancelling the state and international Lions conventions. So, our foundation is in a position to help – how can you do that?

- ✓ Now, more than ever, individual gifts are important
- ✓ Donating on-line is by far the easiest way to do it
 - <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>
 - Choose area that you designate your donation (empowering service, disaster relief)
- ✓ Mail checks to
 - *Lions Clubs International Foundation*
Department 4547
Carol Stream, IL 60122
 - **DO NOT mail checks to District Treasurer**

Although the corona virus is of great impact - **DO NOT write or designate “Corona virus” or “COVID-19” on your checks or in your correspondence.** Doing so means that LCIF cannot use the funds for anything that cannot be directly tied to the virus response. That causes important and potentially impacting programs to not get funding because of the restriction. For example, a meal program has an increase in demand and needs additional funds may not be able to get them because the need isn't a direct response to the virus.

The foundation prides itself on its longstanding record of quality projects. LCIF stands for quality (effective programs with excellent follow-up), efficiency and uniqueness (the only Lions foundation that serves the world). In fact, the foundation was named the #1 NGO (non-governmental organization) to partner with for these reasons by the Financial Times.

LCIF has also earned its eighth consecutive 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for its effective fiscal management and its commitment to accountability and transparency. This 4-star rating indicates that LCIF consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way. LCIF donors can be confident their donations are being used in support of the programs for which they are intended.

As always if you have questions please reach out to me:

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LCIF Grants - LCIF is giving *priority consideration* to support regions with extreme rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases. The focus will be on addressing those needs that exist within local medical and emergency management systems that are coordinating efforts with the World Health Organization (WHO) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDD) guidelines.

For consideration, applications need to:

1. Follow the Emergency (EMR) grant criteria of having at least 100+ people infected (confirmed cases) in the immediate area/district.
2. US\$10,000 maximum grant amount.
3. Funds available only to address active and immediate cases; not future outbreaks. Disaster Preparedness grants are excluded.
4. Funds should be used for Lions to work with local medical and emergency management services that are addressing the outbreak. This could be for sourcing medical supplies, quarantine-related expenses, etc. for those infected.
5. Funds may not cover personal expenses for those infected or quarantined.
6. Another option is to consider Multiple District level grants, as appropriate, for areas with a significant number of cases (5,000+) over several districts.
7. All requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

For inquiries on emergency grants please contact lcifemergencygrants@lionsclubs.org

LCIF Donations and Campaign 100 - Donations for our COVID-19 response are being accepted through LCIF's General Disaster Fund. Please [make a donation](#) to help us in the fight to keep our families and communities safe. All donations to this fund are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellows and Campaign 100. Please be aware acknowledgements and recognition for LCIF donations will be delayed due to COVID-19.

LCIF recognizes and thanks its Campaign 100 International Committee members, area leaders, multiple district coordinators, district coordinators and club coordinators for their dedicated efforts to empower Lions' service both locally and globally. Our campaign leadership is in the process of evaluating the impact that the COVID-19 crisis is having on Campaign 100. In the weeks to come, we will provide you with more information about how Campaign 100 is adapting to address this unprecedented situation.

Campaign 100's support of Lions' service is more important now than ever. LCIF would like to take this opportunity to encourage all those who are working hard in support of Campaign 100 to prioritize health and safety, while remaining connected with your fellow Lions and the LCIF staff supporting you. Thank you for safely communicating the mission and impact of LCIF in your communities.

CA1 Leaders,

Here is but one example of what our \$10,000 Emergency LCIF Grants are being used for, as reported by PDG/DC Mary Krough:

We contacted Operation Faceshield in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This organization makes face shields and distributes them gratis. All we had to do is pay for postage. We initially ordered 100 to check the quality of the face shields. We received many compliments so have just ordered 200 more. (They supply the entire U.S. so I want to be considerate.)

From a small local supplier, we are ordering hospital grade disinfectant, 3 ply masks, (we elected not to order the N-95 because of the cost and others are purchasing them), 4 different sizes of gloves and booties. We are getting a good price from this supplier and it has helped him stay in business because his regular accounts are businesses that are not operating). At another supplier we are getting Tyvek suits (disposable) when they are available.

All 85+ nursing homes in all four of counties have been contacted and most have wanted supplies. One nursing home in Middlesex County receives all the positive nursing home patients upon hospital discharge. We contact them daily for their needs since these supplies are sometimes difficult to obtain.

Most police departments, fire departments and shelters have been contacted and have also received supplies. Every evening we access where we are at with supplies, what requests we've received, and 4 teams go out the next morning. Most mornings it starts with a trip to our supplier, a meeting of the teams to "stock up" and off they go delivering. Fortunately, when our supplier receives a shipment, we are one of the first he calls to tell us what has come in. Masks for instance comes in, in dribbles. Yesterday I received 10 boxes of 50. Today none came in.

The disinfectant we are giving out comes in gallon containers which you mix 2 ounces to a gallon of water. Some of our clubs have gone the extra mile and have provided 55-gallon containers with spigots to their ambulance companies. The entire gallon can be poured in the barrel and filled with water. This really simplifies using it. Enclosed is a picture.

Publicity- Our local Fox television station today asked for a video of our work. We are continually putting pictures on Facebook. (Google Don Grise and you will see 12 he put up yesterday) All our supplies have LCIF logos on them along with a 2nd sticker asking them to send us an acknowledgement. (I am attaching one of the many we have received which happens to be from a state police barracks)

Our 2nd service project is EXCITING!

Gowns are a premium! There is just not enough anywhere. When we visit that is the first thing we're asked for. We networked and found a company where the CEO has decided to stop their production and make gowns. I had a great conversation with him. He is purchasing the material and has the capability of making the gowns. His company has already made 5,000 gowns. His frustration is that he does not have the physical space to have more employees sew the volume of

gowns he wants to produce. I suggested to him that he **PARTNER with the Lions of District 23-C**. He provides the material, precut the gowns and the Lions will sew them and distribute them

locally to his list. **IT'S A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN!!** We sent out an email blast and we are starting on Monday. We have 25 Lions ready to begin sewing the **500** gowns we will be receiving. They will be packed in bags of 10 with a label with our logo stating, "**SEWN BY A CONNECTICUT LION**" This is the pilot run. If it's successful we have non-Lions that want to participate so, we'll add "or a friend of a Conn Lion" and also ask the other 2 districts in Conn. if they want to participate. Our only cost is the thread if someone asks us to pay for their thread and the labels. We should be able to reach a volume of **1000 a week**. We will send pictures and a video !

Stay Safe !

PDG Mary (Krogh)

(Mary is an LCIF District Coordinator in CT)

Election FAQs During COVID-19

Frequently Asked Questions

- May we change the multiple district or district convention to a later date?
- May the district convention happen after the multiple district convention if need be?
- May we hold our elections electronically?
- How can clubs pay dues if banks are closed?
- Are district governors allowed to extend their terms for another year?
- If we are unable to hold our convention to elect officers, what happens next?
- If our club cannot meet, how can we conduct our annual election of club officers?

Overview for Districts and Multiple Districts

As global concerns surrounding the Covid-19 virus (“Coronavirus”) expand and world governments take steps to minimize the spread of illness, many districts and multiple districts are inquiring about the obligations and the challenges in holding constitutionally-mandated conventions. LCI understands those concerns, and supports the efforts of districts and multiple districts to ensure the safety of our Lions convention attendees and the community at large.

For districts and multiple districts in areas that are unaffected, and who are able to safely conduct normal business, we recommend that conventions be conducted as planned, but that you continue to monitor the situation in your respective districts.

For those Lions Districts (single, sub- and multiple) that are located in countries where government restrictions are limiting the ability of the district to conduct elections, or where public gatherings are being discouraged in order to protect the safety of citizens and minimize the potential spread of illness, please be advised that alternative methods for conducting the requisite elections, and conducting voting on any resolutions that are not able to be postponed, will be permissible if district conventions cannot be held in-person.

Many of the provisions of your district’s constitution and by-laws must still be applied to conducting elections, including the following:

- a. Issue an Official Call detailing the time, date and location of the convention
 1. If not being held in person, the official call must indicate
 2. the manner in which voting will be conducted,
 3. when outstanding dues must be paid in order to be entitled to delegates,
 4. when elections will end and ballots must be received (or postmarked if by mail) in order to be considered valid
 - a. District must be able to provide evidence sufficiently demonstrating that all Lions Clubs in the district received the necessary information
 - b. Nominating Committee must be named
 5. Candidates must submit their intention to contest for a respective office, and the nominating committee shall validate candidates as provided in the district's constitution and by-laws
 6. Credentials Committee must be established
 - a. Committee must verify club delegate credentials and ensure that only those clubs entitled to delegates are permitted to vote
 - b. Committee must ensure that those clubs eligible for delegates receive formal ballots for voting purposes
- b. Elections Committee
 - i. Committee is responsible for establishing the ballot format and other election materials, vote tabulation and resolving all questions concerning the validity of individual ballots
 - ii. Vote tabulation must be conducted in the presence of the full elections committee, including each candidate-appointed observer eligible for delegates receive formal ballots for voting purposes

We strongly recommend that all districts seek to comply strictly with the International Constitution and By-Laws and mandatory provisions of the Standard District Constitution and By-Laws in order to minimize the likelihood of an election complaint being filed.

However, please note that all actions taken in good faith by a respective district in an effort to ensure a free and fair election will be taken into consideration in the event a formal election complaint is filed.

If you have any questions, please contact the Legal Division at legal@lionsclubs.org.

Election FAQs During COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to adapt the way we work, live and serve. With the current limitations surrounding meeting in groups, Lions Clubs International has developed these helpful answers to some of your most asked questions regarding holding district conventions and club elections.

District Conventions

1. May we change the multiple district or district convention to a later date?

Yes. We ask that reasonable notice be provided through an official call (or an amended official call if notification has already been provided), and that the district convention be held by May 31, 2020 and multiple district convention by June 15, 2020.

2. May the district convention happen after the multiple district convention if need be?

Yes. If there are no resolutions approved at a district convention that must also be ratified at the multiple district convention, a district may hold their convention after the multiple district convention. Again, the district convention must be held by May 31, 2020.

3. May we hold our elections electronically?

Yes, the International Board of Directors has authorized districts and multiple districts to conduct conventions and/or elections via alternative means, such as mail, email, mobile application or other reasonable method.

4. How can clubs pay dues if banks are closed?

In the event it is impossible for a Lions club to pay outstanding dues due to bank closures or other government restrictions, district credentials committees are being encouraged to permit delegates for those clubs that are able to produce a demand draft, check, or other payment method that reasonably demonstrates a club's ability to pay outstanding dues.

5. Are district governors allowed to extend their terms for another year?

No. The mandatory provisions of the Standard District Constitution and By-Laws requires districts to elect officers annually, and failure to do so will result in vacancies for fiscal year 2020-2021. While an induction ceremony is generally conducted during the International Convention, it is not required in order for district governors to take office.

6. If we are unable to hold our convention to elect officers, what happens next?

If a convention is not possible and no elections are held electronically or otherwise prior to May 31, 2020, then an anticipated vacancy will be declared for the officer positions, and the district governor team will be filled under the proper vacancy filling procedure. Should this occur, the Immediate Past District Governor should contact DistrictOfficers@lionsclubs.org and instructions for the process on how to fill these vacancies will be sent.

Any questions or concerns regarding your district or multiple district conventions should be directed to DistrictOfficers@lionsclubs.org.

Club Elections

1. If our club cannot meet, how can we conduct our annual election of club officers?

Unless prohibited under a club's constitution and by-laws, the Standard Club By-Laws permits all Lions clubs to conduct meetings via alternative meeting formats. This allows each Lions club to choose a method of conducting elections that is suitable for those members. This can be via phone, email, a combination of the two, or any other method that is acceptable to the Lions club members.

For additional questions or concerns regarding your club operations or elections please contact us via email at clubofficers@lionsclubs.org.

Lions ... this is what we do. We partner with others to maximize our service impact. I hope you borrow a few of these ideas for your district or multiple district, after all, LCIF is not out of money and wants to support Lion's efforts. Spread the word of the good we are doing.

Thank you,

Joe Preston

News from Kathleen Breen at Leader Dog



LEADER DOGS
FOR THE BLIND



GUIDE DOG
TRAINING



ORIENTATION & MOBILITY
TRAINING



SUMMER EXPERIENCE
CAMP

The Match Has Dropped!

Leader Dogs for the Blind is excited to announce our 1st ever Spring Match Mail Campaign. It arrived in your club's mailbox within the past few weeks featuring Lion/client Wendi Simpson-Dyer and her Leader Dog, Lily (pictured right). While club meetings, fund raisers, and conventions have been suspended, our client needs, and the care of our canines never takes a hiatus.

"We want to pay it forward," explained St. Jacobs Lions Club (1-CN, IL) President Guideon Richeson of their \$20,000 match campaign donation. Combined with Ramsey Lions Club's (5M-7, MN) pledge of \$50,000 our spring mail campaign has a \$70,000 goal! Regardless of amount, *every* donation will provide twice the impact. Thank you to both clubs for their generous support.

Help us meet our goal either via mail or online:

A) A remittance slip is in the mailer. If that isn't available due to meetings cancellations, make sure you write "match campaign" in the memo or with a short correspondence. When mailing in your club's donation, please include your club's updated contact information including mailing address, contact phone and email and mail to:

Leader Dogs for the Blind Attn: Lions Team, 1039 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307

B) Gifts received online via this link will count as well! Give online at <https://www.leaderdog.org/lionsgive/>

The 3rd quarter donation reports will arrive in the next two weeks. As always, a complete list of club donations is available on our website: [leaderdog.org/lions-club/club-donation-reports](https://www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/club-donation-reports).

Attention club presidents/secretaries/treasurers: please take a few minutes to update your club contact information with us. Simply email Lion Kathy Gilchrist at KGilchrist@LeaderDog.org with your club name, mailing address, main contact phone and email address. This information allows us to quickly and accurately recognize each club's good work and continue to provide you with timely updates.

Together We Serve,

Lions Beth, Mike, Kathleen and Kathy

Your Leader Dog for Lions Engagement

PS: Keep us connected -please share our emails with your club, district members and newsletter editors!



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Please check out newest info during COVID-19
<https://www.leaderdog.org/blog/amid-coronavirus/>

Submitted by Ray Furner
Brownsburg Lions Club,
Trustee, Indiana Lions Speech
and Hearing, Inc.



Lion Ray has shared an ongoing series of reports with District-G

Part I - Hearing Screening: Hearing Loss and You

Hearing loss is a problem for many people! In fact it is number three on the disability list, affecting 20-30% of all people between ages of 20 and 55. Beyond age 55 the percentage affected by hearing loss increases dramatically. Major problems associated with hearing loss include poor communication with family and friends, poor prospects for education and employment, invisibility and even depression. Reasons given for not addressing hearing loss are: Lack of knowledge--I hear perfectly well; financial concerns—hearing aids cost too blamed much; and social stigma - I don't want anyone to know that I can't hear.

As Lions we try to help others connect to the world by helping them with connective services such as eyeglasses and hearing aids. **That is who we are—We Serve.** But wait. What if, “*Others*” are in fact “*Us*”? What better way to recruit ambassadors for our programs?

Hearing loss could be a reason why some Lions no longer attend meetings. Being unable to understand what is being said may cause embarrassment, particularly, if the listener misunderstands what was said and then voices an opinion unrelated to the topic of conversation. I have had that experience, and it is not fun.

The result of such a negative hearing experience may be invisibility, where a person withdraws from social contact, becomes a recluse and is essentially lost to society. Helen Keller said, “Vision connects us to things—Hearing connects us to people.”

At least three steps are required to address hearing loss:

1. Identify the problem
2. Diagnose the extent and cause of the problem
3. Treat the condition as needed.

Part II - Hearing Screening: How do you know that you have a hearing loss?

Identifying hearing loss maybe called screening, and frequently there is no formal procedure at all. Your wife, children or someone close to you may tell you directly that you “flat-out” have a hearing problem. Others may say you frequently ask them to repeat what has been said. You may turn up the TV or stereo volume such that it bothers others.

You respond to questions or comments inappropriately. Your thought may be: “It’s not my problem. If you would just speak up and stop talking like you have a mouth full of gravel, I could understand you quite well.” That may earn you a laugh or two. But it may be the embarrassment that convinces you to get a “non-biases” opinion.

Denial doesn't work. It's just the first step in the five stages of hearing loss. These steps include:

1. Denial - it's not my problem
2. Anger that others don't share your opinion--resulting in a loss of friends
3. Bargaining - praying to hear a grandchild or understand the preacher
4. Depression – seeing a loss of friends, and that your prayers have not yet been answered
5. Acceptance - understanding that you have hearing loss and vowing to use every tool available to hear as well as possible.

On average it takes an individual five to seven years to move through these stages. Getting an opinion about your hearing from someone you trust is the beginning of acceptance. Make no mistake! Acceptance will not necessarily improve your hearing. However, it will improve your attitude, and allow people to start liking you again.

Screening may be done by a physician, an audiologist or virtually anyone who has access to appropriate equipment. One device used is the Ero-Scan, which depends upon auditory acoustic emissions. It requires no responses from the individual, which makes it effective for all ages. An “ear-bud” delivers a calibrated tone to the ear, which triggers a response from hair cells in the cochlea. Hair cells respond to this tone, and if a response is not detected, the tone was not “heard”.

Remember, hearing screening suggests only that a hearing problem exists. It should nudge you to seek professional help, to determine if your hearing loss is caused by congestion from a cold, wax in the ear, ossification of bones in the middle ear, loss of hair cells in the cochlea, a tumor on the 8th cranial nerve, or something else. These conditions should be treated by a specialist.

Remember, screening is focused on identifying a problem and motivating an individual to address that problem. Diagnosis is left to a professional clinician such as an ENT, otologist or an audiologist.

Part III - Hearing Screening: What will you do about *your* hearing loss?

“Yes, you really do have a hearing loss!” Now, what are you going to do about it? Resistance and denial may not cease immediately. Some common attitudes linger:

- “It’s *really* not that bad.”
- “I still get along *pretty* well.”
- “Hearing aids are just so darn *expensive*.”

You are not alone—far from it. On the average it takes an individual 7 to 10 years to address a hearing problem. Some never do.

Please remember though, that your failure to act extends your own solitude, and prolongs the pain for those who care about you. Is this a guilt trip? Yes, indeed. Your journey into a soundless world only gets worse. Do something for others who need your hearing to gain your understanding. They will love you for it.

The very first step in solving a problem is identifying it. You have done that! So, fix it!

I know. Fixing hearing loss nearly always requires money, sometimes lots of money. Do not despair. Help is available for many. Consider contacting one or more of the following agencies/organizations for help:

- Veterans Administration
- Medicaid
- Medicare
- Corporate or Private insurance plans
- Lions Speech and Hearing

Contact information for these groups is available on the web, and there is likely an office near you. Ask them if you are qualified. *Hint: A Speech and Hearing Trustee may be able to help.*

Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc. focuses on a need for hearing and the ability to afford that hearing. There are two hearing aid programs available:

1. The Hearing Aid Loaner Bank is responsible for collecting and rebuilding hearing aids. These are loaned to qualified individuals for a year with the possibility of renewing that loan. The cost is minimal.
2. The Affordable Hearing Aid Program allows a qualified individual to purchase new hearing aids at an affordable cost. Contact your Trustee for further information.

To sustain these programs Lions Speech and Hearing needs donations. These may take the form of cash or used hearing aids. Used hearing aids are rebuilt and are distributed from the Hearing Aid Loaner Bank. Cash donations are needed to rebuild those aids. You can donate through your club, or directly to Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc., which is designated as a 501(c)(3) organization.

If you have more questions now, than when you started, that's a good sign. Contact me, and we'll look for answers together.

I hope you have learned and benefitted from this series on hearing loss, and I hope that you will join with Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing to become a part of a hearing solution—for yourself or for someone else. You will be glad you did.

New collection buckets ready

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We have several eyeglass collection buckets now available for clubs who need to either replace one of the older wooden or cardboard boxes or place one in a new location.

The buckets are made from sturdy plastic pails and have decals on all four sides. They can be used for floor or counter display.

While the buckets are free, we are requesting a donation of \$7.50 per pail (two or more pails) to cover our cost for the decals.

For more information, contact PDG Marty Juel (574-534-8868) or marty@martyjuel.com.

Sorry, we cannot ship the pails at this price.



**Plan on attending one of the
2020 Wash-A-Thons**

Sat. June 6

**All sessions START
at 8:30 a.m. at the
Concord Fire Dept.
CR 13 & CR 18
Elkhart, IN**

**Lions
RECYCLE
For Sight**

**Reserve a spot for you or your club. Send
the names of those who will be attending
to: marty@martyjuel.com**



Have you had the opportunity to be part of this impressive mission!?

Spaces fill up quickly, so please remember that it is important to reserve a space for these events.

There is limited space and cannot accommodate additional persons.

DISTRICT-WIDE ORGANIZATION OF ALL EYEGLOSS & HEARING AID COLLECTION SITES

THIS MEANS YOU! WE NEED YOUR INFO ASAP!

***NOW, with all the time we have on our hands –
Assemble your LIST and SEND IT IN to Lion John!
Please send it by June 1, 2020.***

DG Mary Klempay has asked Lion John Krzyzanowski to coordinate the effort to compile a comprehensive list of all collection boxes in District 25-G.

In the email that came with this newsletter, there is an Excel form entitled Eyeglass & Hearing Aid List to use for your club. When it's complete, please email it to:

jkrzyzanowski@sbcglobal.net

Your assistance with this new project will help identify where additional boxes can be placed, to increase the donations that provide our Eyeglass Missions with the necessary glasses.



Lions Clubs International

**Hearing Aid
Recycling**

SYRACUSE LIONS CLUB!



Thank you, Lion Jerry Wright, for putting these messages on the Syracuse Lions Club Community Events sign.



Let's have some fun!

How many can YOU get right?

children's book

EMOJI Pictionary

GUESS THE TITLE OF THE CHILDREN'S BOOK BY USING THE EMOJIS!

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LIONS VINYL CAR DECALS

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*Share your club name proudly on your vehicle window
and help a fellow Lions club raise money at the same time.*

The Indiana Cyber Lions Club is selling white vinyl decals similar to the decal pictured, with your club name across the top. These decals may be placed on any hard surface such as a window or the back of a computer. These 3 ½" x 3 ½" stickers are made of a quality vinyl Oracal 651 which is made with clear, solvent-based adhesive, ORACAL 651 is permanent, durable, and aesthetically flexible.



The cost is \$5.00 per decal, shipping and handling included.

Email questions about our product to Lion Chris Landskron (christylandskron@yahoo.com)

Please allow 6 to 8 weeks for delivery. Please include this completed form with each club order:

CLUB NAME TO BE IMPRINTED _____

NUMBER OF DECALS REQUESTED _____

MAIL ORDER TO:

CLUB MEMBER _____ EMAIL _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

ZIP CODE _____ PHONE _____

Send Your Club's Order to: Chris Landskron
Attn: Decal Order
156 Trackside Drive
Lafayette, Indiana 47905

Make check payable to:
Indiana Cyber Lions Club

Who's that LION!?



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NICE MASKS!



Clay - Granger Lions

The Clay - Granger Lions held its annual Arbor Day tree giveaway on Saturday, April 25th.

220 flowering plum trees were distributed in just one hour!

Eyeglass Washing Continues Despite Pandemic

Most Lions in District 25-G are already familiar with the work in our monthly Wash-A-Thons to prepare glasses for eventual use on our eyeglass missions to Mexico. During the months of January-May we usually get together one Saturday a month and wash approximately 3000 pairs of glasses each time. About 30-34 Lions get together at the Concord Fire Dept. on the east side of Elkhart and from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30, we enjoy the camaraderie of this vital service project. And yes, we enjoy pizza and refreshments afterward.

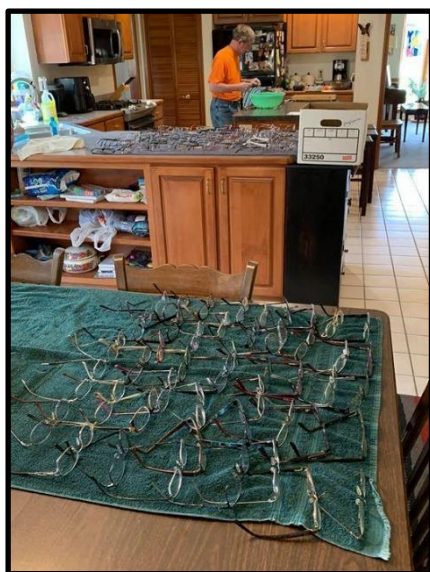
With the coronavirus situation, the gathering for this project has not been possible since our March Wash-A-Thon and the April session had to be scheduled. We still had thousands of glasses to be washed and eventually, read by our two lensometer volunteers. Then they were sorted, filed, and packaged for eventual shipment to Mexico.

We decided to revert to the process we used prior to the Wash-A-Thon, having individual Lions take glasses to their homes for washing. With this, the 'Wash-At-Home' wash-a-thon came about. Since late March when it was evident we had to cancel the monthly sessions, we called upon Lions already involved in the washing program to take a box of glasses, wash them, and return them so as not to interrupt our schedule of getting glasses ready for the missions.

So far, 20 individuals have each taken a box (some took several boxes!) totaling nearly 6,100 pairs of glasses. That normally would have required two normal Wash-A-Thons. To those individuals, we extend a HUGE thank you for stepping up to the plate.

We still have more glasses that are being readied for continued washing. We will not have any additional Saturday Wash-A-Thons so more At-Home volunteers will be needed. If you can share your time to help, contact Lion Marty Juel at marty@martyjuel.com.

(Two photos attached to the email. Use these to describe the photos.)



Shown here is Lion Wade Wenger with his 'At-Home' washing station ready for action.



Lion John Preheim is shown with the 32 boxes (12,800 glasses) that will be shipped to Mexico for this Fall's eyeglass mission in Abasolo and Huanimaro.

APRIL 30TH WAS THE DEADLINE FOR ALL CLUB ELECTION RESULTS!

Please read pages 16-17 for LCI mandates for delayed elections

MAKE SURE YOUR SLATE IS POSTED THREE TIMES PRIOR TO THE ELECTION:

- ANNOUNCED AT MEETING
- IN YOUR CLUB NEWSLETTER
- EMAIL

Please call those members who do not have email to read them the slate of officers for election.

**If you have not yet submitted your results,
contact CS Ann Haffner at ann_haffner@yahoo.com**




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