

Lions of 25G Newsletter

December 2017

From the Desk of DG Lion Tom Polk

I came across this story and I think it is worth sharing:

Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed.

Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot and ground coffee beans in the third pot. He then let them sit and boil without saying a word to his daughter. The daughter moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing. After twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He took the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup.

Turning to her, he asked. "What do you see?" "Potatoes, eggs and coffee," she hastily replied.

"Look closer", he said, "and touch the potatoes." She did and noted that they were soft.

He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg.

Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face.

"Father, what does this mean?" she asked.

He explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity – the boiling water. However, each one reacted differently.

The potato went in strong, hard and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak. The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard. However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new.

"Which one are you?" he asked his daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean?" (<http://beginwithyes.com/potatoes-eggs-and-coffee-beans.htm>)

As Lions we are facing many issues and problems. We are seeing a decreasing membership and the aging of our members. But we need to ask ourselves – "how are we going to respond?" are we going to be "potatoes, eggs or coffee beans". We have a choice – we can let the issues change us like the potato and the egg or we can change the situation like the coffee bean. We can think in a new way, look for new solutions, not be satisfied with the direction that we are going.

It is important that our communities be served. We, as Lions, need to be making each of our communities a better place to live each day with the service that we perform for our communities.

We serve with a purpose



Wakarusa Lions Club

Chartered 1/30/1931

The Wakarusa Lions Club was chartered Jan. 30, 1931 and still thriving today with a membership of 33.

Every year in April, during the Wakarusa Maple Syrup Festival, the club holds a two day pancake and sausage meal. This annual event is the clubs highest grossing fund raiser and a crowd favorite.

In addition to the pancake and sausage event, the club has **Pork Chops in the Park** at the Wakarusa Town Park each June, and a pork burger meal at one of the NorthWood High School home football games each season. These fundraisers provide the funds to offer Scholarships and support the Indiana Lions State Projects.

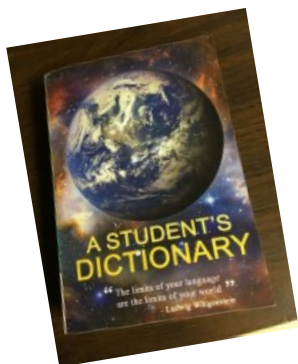


Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with finding purpose as we serve our communities.

DG Tom & Lion Kim

Dictionary Project

As of November 11th, the District Clubs have reported handing out 2,039 dictionaries to area schools. Only 18 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.



Lion Howard Heines

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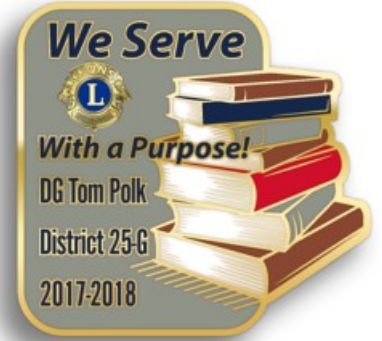
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The
Heines

"That's weird. 'VERB' is a noun."

25G District Meeting

Januray 27
9:30—Noon



Hosted by the
Denver Lions Club
196 Emmons Street
Denver

Light Breakfast will be served.
Cost \$5/per person
Reservations due by January 24th

SAVE THE DATE
DETAILS IN THE JANURY NEWSLETTER



25G District Meeting Reservation Form

Reservation Due by 1/27/2018

Name of Club _____ Number of Attending: _____

Names of those attending: _____

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

LCIF continues efforts to meet Helen Keller's challenge at 1925 National Convention

Ever since Helen Keller challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness," Lions have done just that. Lions have dedicated much of their work to restoring vision and fighting preventable blindness alongside Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and its partners. Since the founding of SightFirst, LCIF has awarded 1,287 SightFirst grants totaling \$342.6 million. SightFirst initiatives take place in more than 100 countries across the globe. SightFirst's work led to the elimination of river blindness in Guatemala, it restored sight to more than 7 million people with cataracts, and prevented serious vision loss for more than 30 million people. In addition to the outstanding work SightFirst is achieving, LCIF has many partnerships that are succeeding in saving sight for people of all ages, including Sight for Kids, a partnership with Johnson & Johnson Vision Care; Opening Eyes, a partnership with Special Olympics International; and the Project for the Elimination of Childhood Blindness, a partnership with the World Health Organization.

Lions, as you plan your clubs' service projects and think of ways LCIF could boost your impact, keep in mind our battle against preventable blindness. With estimates showing that 80% of blindness or visual impairment can be prevented, remember that while we have accomplished great things, there is still much work to be done. Consider how your club can make a difference in continuing the "crusade against darkness."



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

PDG Marty Juel
3204 Village Ct.
Goshen, IN 46528
(574) 534-8868 – marty@martyjuel.com

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/yIvMst>

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

From the Desk of CS PDG Ann Haffner

THE IMPORTANCE OF CLUB REPORTS

CLUB SECRETARIES: I hope you are aware of the important position you hold in your club. You are the liaison officer between your club and District 25-G and Lions Clubs International. Your promptness in submitting reports on time keeps LCI and 25-G's officers informed and is much appreciated.

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT: The MMR is used to report membership changes: new, transfer, reinstated and dropped members; address, phone numbers, e-mail and name changes; corrections and additions. Either the club president or secretary can file this report and the Monthly Activities Report on MyLCI. If you don't have a username and password you can set this up following the directions on the log in page on MyLCI. You'll need your LCI membership number to do this. From the top of the LCI Home Page click on "MyLCI." The MMR must be filed every month even if there are no changes.

For the time being it can still be mailed in paper form to LCI and the district governor but is due at LCI the 20th of the month; i.e., the December report is due at LCI on December 20. The electronic version must be filed by the last day of the month; i.e., the December report must be filed by midnight CST December 31. Filing online with MyLCI does not mean that DG Tom will receive a copy. It must be viewed and saved to your computer and then sent as an attachment to him at tomkimpolk@embarqmail.com. It is a nice gesture to also send it to your zone chairperson, 1st VDG Jim Reeve at reeve7677@embarqmail.com and 2nd VDG Mary Klempay at maryrsb@comcast.net.

New Lions will not receive the HOOSIER LION or LION magazine until their membership is recorded with LCI. Several clubs have members on the rolls at LCI with no addresses or incorrect addresses. Hence, they do not receive these publications. If your club still has members on record at LCI that are deceased or have dropped out your club is liable for paying LCI, district and state dues for them. Please make sure this is taken care when submitting your December MMR or your club will be liable for January through June dues for those dropped or deceased members.

CLUB ACTIVITIES REPORT: Activities reports can no longer be mailed to LCI. They may be submitted online monthly or periodically to report service activities, donations, and service hours. This is especially important now as we strive to reach Lions Clubs International's Service Challenge Goal of serving 200 million people every year.

INSTRUCTIONS: If you need directions for filing reports they can be found online. From the LCI Home Page, www.lionsclubs.org, click on "MyLCI." On the Logon Page there are help information links shown at the right under "Support Center." If you do not already have a username and password you will need your membership number to set that up. I can help you with that if you don't know it.

Once you've logged on, click on "My Lions Club" and then "Members" to update a member's information or drop or add a member. Click on "Reports" for a number of reports you can view or print. Click on "Membership Cards" to print them for your members. Only Club Secretaries and Presidents can make changes or additions. Treasurers can view and print reports if they have activated a username and password. If you have difficulty filing reports, making changes, or need help securing a username and password contact me at ann_haffner@yahoo.com or 574-457-3054 and I will be happy to assist you.

WHEN YOUR CLUB TREASURER RECEIVES YOUR CLUB'S JANUARY LCI AND DISTRICT AND STATE DUES BILLINGS PLEASE MAKE SURE THOSE BILLINGS ARE PAID IMMEDIATELY. UNLESS THEY ARE RECORDED AS PAID ON MyLCI AND WITH ME AND CT RON GUTH BY FEBRUARY 23, 2018 YOUR CLUB WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO VOTE AT OUR DISTRICT CONVENTION IN WABASH ON MARCH 10. THIS NEW RULE WENT INTO EFFECT JULY 1, 2016. STATE AND DISTRICT DUES SHOULD BE MAILED TO ME AT: CS PDG ANN HAFFNER; 11268 N. STATE ROAD 13; SYRACUSE, IN 46567. LCI DUES SHOULD BE MAILED TO THE ADDRESS ON YOUR STATEMENT.

25G Nominations and Elections



The following positions will be up for election at our District Convention on March 10, 2018:

District Governor

First Vice District Governor

Second Vice District Governor

Trustees:

Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund

Indiana Lions Eye and Tissue Bank

Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing

Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Indiana Lions for Leader Dog

Indiana Lions Foundation

DEADLINE IS JANUARY 27TH!

A candidate seeking election to one of these positions must submit a letter of intention as well as a letter of endorsement from his or her club prior to the January 27, 2018, District Meeting to:

Lion Ann Kalman, Chairperson District Nominations and Elections

1414 Navajo Street

Elkhart, IN 46516

akalman2@frontier.com

SCHOOL SIGHT SCREEING PROGRESS!

Dear Lions Vision Screeners!

We are continuing to make amazing progress this year with School Sight and its supporting programs. All our Lions teams are doing amazing work, screening literally thousands of kids per week, and maintaining our high quality standards.

Thank you also for reporting your screening data to PDG Charles Roth. His database is the only unified record we have of what we have accomplished. If you still have data to report for this year, you may email it to him at lioncroth@comcast.net.



If you have new or revised information from prior years, please submit it as well. We are very close to a major milestone, and we want to celebrate it!

Every school we screen we seem to inevitably find the third or fifth grader that can only read the 20/100 line. By helping detect these kids, you are literally saving lives: not from death, but from a life less bright, less well-lived.

THANK YOU for your dedication as LIONS.

Now if you'll excuse me, we have another school to screen today! KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!

As Lions and Hoosiers, you should be immensely proud. We Serve.

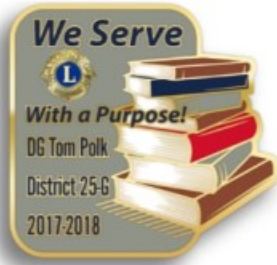
Charlie Short Chair Indiana Lions Vision Services Committee

Diabetes Awareness Corner

Lion Chris Reinhold, MD25 Diabetes Chairperson shared the following facts at the 25G District Meeting held on November 11th:

- ◆ 1 out of 11 adults are living with diabetes.
- ◆ 1 out of 3 adults are pre-diabetic. 90% of these individuals are unaware.
- ◆ 2 out of 3 adults 65+ are pre-diabetic. 90% of these individuals are unaware.
- ◆ A diabetics blood is thicker than a non-diabetic. This thicker blood affects all of the systems of the body.

Lion Chris challenged clubs to find ways to increase awareness of the disease by providing information to our club members as well at the public, through screenings, informational handouts, risk assessments, etc. Visit www.indianalions.org for additional ideas and resources



25 G District Convention

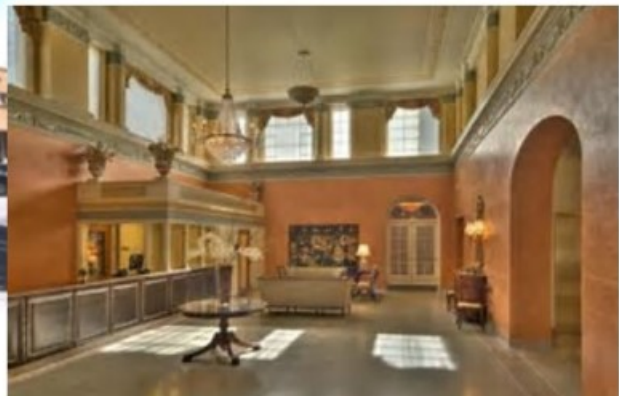
Details in the January Newsletter

SAVE THE DATE 3/10/18

Plan to spend Saturday, March 10, 2018 in Historical Wabash, Indiana. The District Convention will be held at the Honeywell Center. The Charlie Creek Inn will serve as the Convention Hotel. Be sure to check out the stores in Downtown Wabash. Wabash was selected in 2017 for the Deluxe Corporations Small Business Revolution. Visit downtown Wabash to see how the small businesses were impacted by this award.

You will be entertained during the luncheon 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 as well as educational workshops are being planned. Make plans to attend now. Further details will be featured in upcoming newsletters.



Honeywell Center, above and Charlie Creek Inn to the right



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

Pictures Around 25-G



On November 8 four Lions from the Madison Township Lions Club and one Bremen Lions Club member donated \$400.00 to the Grace Food Pantry in Bremen. The funds were raised from the Fall Pork Chop Sale in late September put on by the Madison Township Lions, with help from the Bremen Lions at Woodies Supermarket in Bremen. The Madison Twp. Lions Club is dedicated to helping rebuild the Bremen Lions Club in order for them to be able to assist those in need within the Bremen community.

(L to R) Lion Jim Richardson, Marge Shorter, Lion Amanda Miller, Lion Brian Schlarb presenting check to Marie Hartsell (Pantry Dir.), Jeanie Smith, Jaree Kratzeer and Lion Mike Hunsberger.
Lion Al Beehler (not pictured)



FULTON LIBERTY CLUB SUPPORTS SPECIAL OLYMPICS



The Fulton-Liberty Lions Club hosted the Bingo Game Night for the Fulton County Special Olympics this year when the state organization disallowed Bingo games to be sponsored by any Special Olympics group. The Fulton-Liberty Lions obtained a license from the Indiana Gaming Commission for this group and carried out all advertising as well as working the Ticket Sales and Raffle Sales at the October 24 event held at the Fulton County Museum. With close to 200 players in attendance, the night brought in \$4,188 which was given to the Fulton County Olympics. In the picture, Lion Linda Wade hands off the check to Amy Kellenburger, Fulton County Special Olympics Coordinator.

Little Free Library

Little Free Library



Syracuse Lions Cliff Wogoman, John Searfoss, Marie Butler-Knight, Tom Thornburg, & Ann Haffner presented our second Lions Clubs International 100th Anniversary Legacy Project—“Little Free Library”—to Syracuse Elementary School on November 2. Shown in the photo above with Lions Cliff, John, Tom & Marie are the students that will maintain the library. Many thanks to Lions Cliff, John, Marie & Joe Hibschan for building it and the students at the school who painted it.

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—10/29/2017—11/25/2017

John Buhrt—66 Year Member of the Leesburg Lions Club



District 25G Welcomes New Members—10/29/17—11/25/2017

Baugo

Larry Stuble
Bill Wooley

Plymouth

Suzanne Feece

Bristol

Kelly Rentfrow
Raymond Rentfrow

Sidney

Tom Brainard

Converse

Jeff Sheedy

Urbana

Ben Corn
Luann Craft
Shujaatali Khan

Dunlap

Chandavy Yun

Directory Corrections!

Lion Howard Heines, Dictionary Project—new email address: ghh8666@outlook.com

Lion Becky Wertz, District Auditor—New Phone number: 574-292-0268

Please correct your directory!

Also check out the directory on the District Website for ongoing for corrected directory:


www.lions25g.org

District Club Visits

DG Tom still has 10 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 to schedule his visit to your club. DG Tom may contact your club if he has a vacancy in his schedule or if he is in the area.

December 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1	2 ISVBI Council Christmas
3 School for the Deaf	4	5	6	7 LaFontaine	8	9 LaFontaine Christmas
10	11	12 Pierceton Visit	13	14 Mishawaka Visit	15	16
17	18 Plymouth Visit	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
 <p><i>Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from DG Tom & Lion Kim</i></p>						
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District 25G Calendar of Events & Deadlines

SAVE THESE FUTURE DATES!

January 6—Wash-A-Thon : Reserve your spot at info@elkhartlions@org

January 13—Council of Governors—Muncie

January 13—Greene Township Pancake Breakfast

January 13—Silver Lake Fish Fry

January 26, 2017—Deadline for District Letter of Intention for Positions

January 27, 2018 —District Meeting hosted by the Denver Lions Club

March 10, 2018 —25 G District Convention—Honeywell Center, Wabash, Indiana

April 22, 2018—Brian's Trike Race to benefit ISVBI

April 28 & 29, 2018—Indiana State Convention—Muncie, Indiana

*****See Separate Email with Convention Information**

May 5, 2018—Leader Dog Bus Trip

May 12, 2018—25 G District Meeting hosted by the Lydick Lions Club

June 29—July 3rd, 2018—International Convention—Las Vegas

*****See Separate Email with Convention Information**

**Early Bird Registration Ends on
January 12, 2018.
Register Now to save!.**



Bulletin No. 5 *"Las Vegas here we come"*

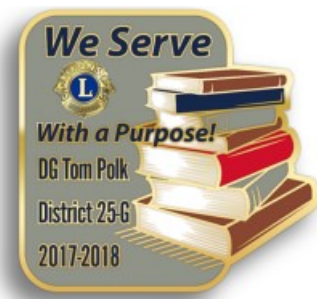
By PDG Gary Ochs, Chairperson

Early registration is BEFORE January 12, 2018; Regular registration is January 13 through March 31, 2018; and Late registration is April 1 to May 1, 2018. Plan early! All convention venues are located at the MGM Grand on the Las Vegas Strip. The Indiana Lions attending will stay at the Luxor "Egyptian Pyramid" hotel within walking distance of the MGM Convention Center. Visit online at www.lionsclubs.org for update.



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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