

MANE EVENTS

in District 25-G



September, 2016
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September 17th

Madison Township Pork Chop Sale
2 locations -

Madison Twp. Fire Station, Wyatt
Woodie's Supermarket, Bremen

11:00 am—2:00 pm

Carryout only

Cost \$5.00

September 17th

Urbana Lions Club Golf Outing

Waldo Golf Course

9:00 Tee Off Time

Contact: Mary Ann 260-225-0654

Or e-mail: Joe.solutions@gmail.com

Team prizes

Chance to win a new Harley



Here We Grow Again

The Middlebury Lions Club in District 25-G is Indiana's newest Lions Club. LCI issued Final Approval of the club's application on August 31st. At that point, the club had 24 charter members, however, the original charter members are still bringing in additional charter members.

The Middlebury Lions Club was sponsored by the Dunlap Lions Club, a strong, active club which is deeply involved in Lions vision-related projects. Several members of the Dunlap Lions Club served on the team which started the Middlebury Lions Club and have volunteered to serve as Guiding Lions for the new club. We anticipate that the Middlebury Lions Club and the Dunlap Lions Club will be working together on service projects in both communities for a very long time.

Our district leaders and the membership team were excited to see 18 of 24 charter members at the organizational meeting on Thursday, August 25th. Club members elected a full slate of officers, set a meeting schedule, and began discussing dues and potential community service projects. It appears that they are off to a good start.

Please welcome these new Lions to the largest - and arguably greatest - volunteer service organization in the world.

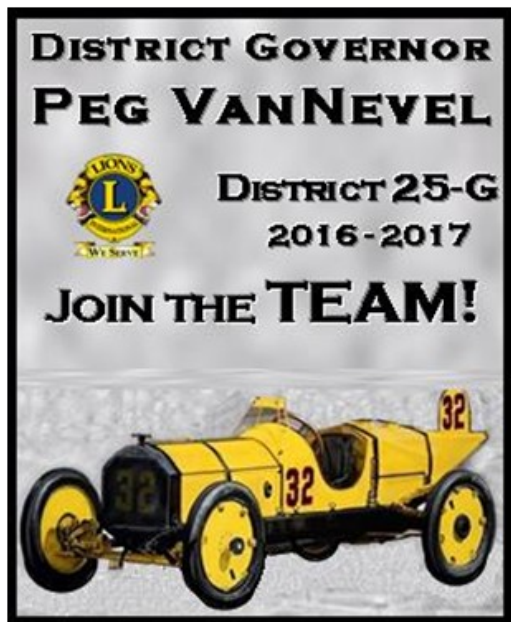
We're on Facebook!!!

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Lions District 25-G



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Greetings Lions of District 25-G!

Where did the summer go? Granted, we still have some hot days ahead of us, but these cool nights are getting us all ready for Fall, be it football games, a Fish Fry or just plain FUN with each of your clubs!

The schools are back in session, so how many clubs already have their vision screening visits on the calendar? And if you haven't done the Dictionary Project yet, THIS would be a great year to introduce it as a project. Your club members will experience the joy of seeing the 3rd grader's faces light up when they get a special book of their own. The words in that book can change their lives.

Several clubs have already contacted me to arrange their club visits, but I would like to talk to more of you before that dreaded four-letter word hits the ground...S * * W. Emails and phone calls will be coming your way to get my visits in place. If you know of a special night that you want members inducted, or awards presented and would like me, or one of the District 25-G team there, please contact us!

Let me be the first to invite you to the Middlebury Lions Club Charter Night on September 20, 2016 at 6:30pm at the Meadow Valley Golf Club on SR 13, just off of US 20. Twenty-four NEW Lions are joining District 25-G, with a very honored guest speaker: International President Chancellor Bob Corlew! IP Corlew will join our throng for dinner and induct the new members that night. How often do we get the chance to share a meal and ideas with Lions Clubs' International President?

Watch the District 25-G page for more details on how to make YOUR reservation.

Several people have contacted me saying that their information in the 2016-2017 directory is inaccurate, due to changes in emails or cell phone numbers, or heaven forbid, someone MOVED! Yes, we're all in transition...it happens. So, please, if you have updates you'd like to share with District 25-G, please contact Rose Russell so that it can be listed in the monthly newsletter: rosew Russell@gmail.com

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Last month I talked about growing our membership, and participating in the district-wide project for blood drives, and working on the Centennial Challenges for our 100th year of Lionism. This month, after seeing some of the reports from LCI, overall, our District is doing fairly well, with the Monthly Membership Reports and getting our dues payments in on schedule. If you know that your club has some catching up to do, let's make THIS be one of our 100% participation items, too.

It's hard for Lions Club International to send out awards for your great projects, if you don't report them! And since we're showing growth in the district, let's keep all of our clubs in good standing. If you have questions on any outstanding balances that are attributed to your club, please do not hesitate to ask for help. We're a team...and we're all here to help.

And speaking of 100%...remember to get your club donation into LCIF, so that District 25-G can once again be among the FEW in the world who reach that level of support. Whether our funds are used in Italy or Indiana...we know WE SERVE through this very important program.

So to recap...DG visits, District-Wide Blood Drive Project, Middlebury Charter Night / Meeting IP Bob Corlew, Monthly Membership Reports, Overdue Dues, 100% LCIF and TEAMWORK! Let's work together and show what we can do in District 25-G!

~ District Governor Peg VanNevel



District Eyeglass Collections

Many clubs in District 25-G are quite involved in collecting used eyeglasses. Recently LCI has 'decertified' eyeglass recycling center at Upland, due to several compliance issues. The Upland eyeglass recycling center is not out of business and will continue to provide glasses to groups throughout the county who depend on this facility for glasses for their missions.

District 25-G has a unique eyeglass recycling program, unlike any in Indiana. For over 25 years, the district has been nearly self-sufficient in collecting, processing and shipping glasses for its own missions to Mexico. When our mission group needs additional glasses to fill in missing prescriptions, we have arranged to 'trade' glasses with the District 25-A recycling center in Wanatah. It has been a 'win-win' situation for both of us.

Our group encourages all clubs in District 25-G to forward their glasses to our own processing center, located in Elkhart. Please give me a call and I'll arrange to have your glasses picked up so we can continue serving our group's annual Mexican missions.

Lion John Krzyzanowski
jkrzyzanowski@sbcglobal.net
(574) 360-9323

Is Lions your best kept secret?

We are coming into the part of the year where new TV shows and movies are released. We talk to co-workers about what we have seen, what they should see and what they, in our opinion, should avoid. We give ratings to various things all of the time but do we treat Lions Club the same way? How many people around us know what we do with Lions Club? If we are going to attract and retain members all of us need to become “cheerleaders” for Lions Club. Here are some ways to do that:

1. Think about (and rehearse) a short one to two-minute speech explaining Lions Club and why YOU became a member. This should be focused on the service we do to the community and not the fundraisers (like fish fry, tenderloin fry, etc.) but focused on the projects like park renovation, wheelchair ramps, Leader Dog or other projects. You don't need to explain it ALL – just give an idea of what we do. The most important part of this is why YOU became a member.
2. Wear a Lions' pin (only one or two – not all of them) at work or wear a Lions shirt other places than just a Lions event (you are proud to be a Lion aren't you?). You will find other Lions and you may have people ask you about it. Do not think that most people know all about Lions – they don't. Be prepared to give your short speech and share why YOU are involved.
3. Like your clubs Facebook page (do they have one?) along with the Facebook pages of other local clubs, the district and LCI. Then share posts about service projects that your club, district or other clubs are doing in or around the local community. Fund raisers are good things to share but also say what is the use of those funds. There needs to be significant content about Lions in service to their local community.
4. Focus club discussions on topics that bring people together not separate them. We are currently in an election year and there are several “hot” topics and often other local topics, these must be all “off-limits”. Lions Clubs must remain independent and not take or even appear to take any position on an issue (especially a political one). Discussion or support of items or events that the community is divided on puts Lions in a bad light and will cause some people to not consider joining or even leaving the club. Leave the political and societal discussions for another place and time.

Lions Clubs do great service work in our local communities. It is the responsibly of the leadership along with all of the members to tell more people about Lions Club and what we do. Doing this helps Lions have more members and more members means more service that we can perform.

Together Everyone Achieves More

1st VDG Tom Polk

For more information, as to who Lions are see <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/who-we-are/index.php>
If your club does not have a Facebook page please see - <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/2013-social-media-trifold-getting-started-tacebook-twitter-club-district-accounts.pdf>

From the Desk of Cabinet Secretary PDG Ann Haffner

Donations to LCIF, State Projects & State & District Committees

In order for your club to receive proper credit for supporting our Indiana Lions State Projects and State Committees it is **IMPORTANT** that the following procedures be followed when making donation payments.

Send **ALL** state project and committee donations to **District 25-G Cabinet Treasurer Lion Rose Russell, PO Box 31, Lakeville, IN 46536.**

Write one check payable to **District 25-G** for the combination of all state project and committee donations and include a list of the entities you are supporting with the dollar amount for each.

Example: CHECK IS WRITTEN FOR \$700

INCLUDED LIST FOR THE EXAMPLE MIGHT READ:

\$100 for School for the Blind	\$100 for Eye Bank
\$100 for Speech and Hearing	\$100 for Leader Dog
\$100 for Cancer Control	\$100 for IN Lions Foundation
\$50 for Law Camp	\$50 for Diabetes

Periodically she will mail checks to each of our 5 state projects, Indiana Lions Foundation and State Comptroller PDG Vernon Provines (for State Committee donations.) Her submissions will show the dollar amount your club is donating along with the name and address of the Lion in your club to receive acknowledgement. If you wish your club's donations to remain in the district for such committees as Diabetes or Law Camp please specify that with your submittal.

If these procedures are followed everything will be made easier for CT Lion Rose and the district will have a more accurate record of what clubs are giving to our state projects and state and district committees.

LCIF Donations: If a Lion or club is making a donation to LCIF it **should be sent directly to LCIF** with a form downloadable from www.lcif.org. Click on "Ways to Give" then "Melvin Jones Fellowship" (even if the recipient will be named later) and then "[MJF Application Form](#)." This will insure that LCIF has an accurate record of donations from individual Lions and clubs toward Melvin Jones Fellowships.

W. P. Woods and Richard T. Miyamoto Fellowships should be ordered directly from the Indiana Lions Foundation or Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing using the form available on their websites or from one of our trustees.

If you have any questions, contact CT Lion Rose at (574) 784-9094 or rosew Russell@gmail.com or me at (574) 457-3054 or ann_haffner@yahoo.com

LION CHARLIE'S CORNER

The Hardest Part of Doing Anything is Getting Started

My neighbor has a beautiful trumpet vine. It has magnificent orange flowers on it in the summer time. I have admired it for 30 years and wished I had one. It would look beautiful growing on my antique iron fence.

Three years ago I talked to her about her trumpet vine. She offered me cuttings to start a trumpet vine of my own. Now my trumpet vine is bringing the glory of their beautiful flowers to my yard. **I WOULD HAVE A BIGGER PLANT NOW AND HAVE BEEN ENJOYING IT FOR 25 YEARS IF I HAD TALKED TO HER SOONER.**

This point is just as true about our Lions clubs. If we had asked more people to join and tried some new ideas we would be gaining members and enjoying Lionism more instead of facing **EXTINCTION!**

Lissted Below are some ideas which could help rejuvenate you Lions Club

1. Collect \$5 from each member at the start of the year. At the end of the year it goes to the member who has brought in the most new members who have paid their dues for the following year. If no new members are brought in the money goes into your activity fund.
2. Every Lions club should have a landscaping project in their town. This can be a picnic shelter or as simple as a small planting area in the park or along a road with a Lions sign. This is an excellent way to advertize your Lions club and also get kids involved in helping to maintain it.
3. Have a White Cane Collection Project each year to raise donations for sight projects. The Syracuse Lions have been doing this for 20 years and raising over \$1500 each year. It is the easiest project you can do. Nothing left over to get rid of, very little time and effort involved, and it advertizes your club and its projects. It also gives you the chance to use children in a project which helps the collection and teaches them what Lionism is all about. If your club is interested I have all the materials you need. Just ask me!
4. Analyze your Lions club. Does it:
 - Develop worthwhile service projects in your community that no one else is providing?
 - Raise enough money to do those worthwhile projects?
 - Have entertaining meetings which plan your club's activities?
 - Generate community support, including that of other groups, to assist your Lion activities?
 - Continually add to your club's membership?Any Lions club whose members understand these basic principles and follow them will be successful forever. The primary reason that a Lions club discontinues following any one or more of these principles is the disappearance of the leadership that made it happen.
5. Decide today on that person you are going to ask to be a member of your Lions club. They might become a 'SUPER LION?'

NEXT MONTH'S ARTICLE

How You Can Become a "SUPER LION!"

PDG Charlie Haffner

Welcome New Members

During the month of July, 5 clubs in our district added 8 new members. We welcome these new Lions and commend their sponsors for inviting them to join the GREATEST SERVICE ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD. Sponsors, remember this is only the first step in your responsibility. Please be sure to involve your new Lion in all club activities.

Atwood Lions Club

Member: Robin Rovenstine
Sponsor: Cassius Rovenstine

Dunlap Lions Club

Member: MacKenzie Colglazier
Sponsor: Rosemary Miller

Elkhart Lions Club

Member: Sharon Hirstein
Sponsor: William Loftus

Member: Linda Loftus
Sponsor: William Loftus

Milford Lions Club

Member: Douglas Misener
Sponsor: Gervas Schafer

Silver Lake Lions Club

Member: Katie Ayres
Sponsor: Kevin Hohman

Member: Trent Ayres
Sponsor: Kevin Hohman

Member: Jason McGlennen
Sponsor: Sandy Rowland

Completion of Service

Virginia "Jenny" Balmer passed away on September 1, 2016 at the age of 65. Lion Jenny was a 7 year member of the Lakeville Lions Club.

Jerry Nelson passed away on June 2, 2016 at the age of 71. Lion Jerry was a 14 year member of the Bourbon Lions Club.

Jere Wendt passed away on August 27, 2016 at the age of 74. Lion Jere was a 5 year member of the Lakeville Lions Club.

District Directory Corrections/Changes

Dunlap: email address of President: kdilitwiler@yahoo.com

Dunlap: email address of Secretary: mafast1107@gmail.com

Pierceton: new address for Angela Himes: 1259 E. 800 S., Claypool, IN 46510

Dunlap new information: Jo Ann & John Preheim, 1601 Magnolia Ct. Goshen, IN 46526, H 574-537-4584 (John) jspreheim@gmail.com. (Jo Ann) japreheim1@gmail.com



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

As Lions, we serve locally, but are strengthened by our global service network. LCIF makes our international strength a local reality by awarding grants from funds raised all over the world. The uses of LCIF funds are as varied as the projects that clubs organize. Each year, Lions in the US and Canada receive grants that are transformed into local service. For example:\

- \$20 can purchase full dental x-rays for four people at a Lions dental clinic.
- \$50 can provide adaptive devices for people with low vision.
- \$100 can provide vision screening and referral for more than 70 children.
- \$1000 can provide food, water, and basic necessities dozens of families following a disaster. Each of these donations will help transform lives. In addition, your donation can be recognized through LCIF's Contributing Member program (\$20, \$50, or \$100) and can be accumulated for a Melvin Jones Fellowship within five years.

Let's all help our district again become a 100% club participation district. If your club already contributes, move up and be a club with 100% members becoming Contributing Members. For more information and to schedule an LCIF program for your club, contact PDG Marty Juel. LCIF forms and applications are available on our district website at www.lions25g.org, under the Documents menu item.

2014-2015 Districts in which 100% of the Clubs Donated to LCIF

- District 25 G (United States – CA I)
- District 107 M (Finland – CA IV)
- District 108 IA1 (Italy – CA IV)
- District 108 IB4 (Italy – CA IV)
- District 108 TA3 (Italy – CA IV)
- District 331 A (Japan – CA V)
- District 334 A (Japan – CA V)
- District 334 B (Japan – CA V)
- District 334 C (Japan – CA V)
- District 334 D (Japan – CA V)
- District 334 E (Japan – CA V)
- District 335 A (Japan – CA V)
- District 335 B (Japan – CA V)
- District 335 D (Japan – CA V)



**LET'S
DO IT
AGAIN !!**

As you can see by the above graphic, District 25-G was one of FOURTEEN districts throughout the world, and the only one outside Japan and Europe, that was 100% in making a contribution to LCIF. With the year in front of us, please take time to make a commitment for your club to help our district repeat this during the 2016-17 year. If you would like to schedule a presentation for your club, contact District 25-G's LCIF chairman, PDG Marty Juel (marty@martyjuel.com) or (574) 534-8868.

Thank you for Volunteering to work at the 2016 Indiana Lions State Fair

On behalf of the Indiana Lions Foundation, thank you to everyone who volunteered to sell and scan tickets at the 2016 Indiana Lions State Fair. 38 Lions, family members, and friends representing 11 Lions Clubs in District 25-G volunteered as ticket sellers and ticket scanners for 116 shifts at the 2016 Indiana State Fair, to support the Indiana Lions Foundation. Funds raised by the State Fair project are used to provide matching grants of up to \$750 to Lions Clubs throughout the state of Indiana to support their local service projects. Without your help, this project would not be a success. Listed below are the individuals from our district who volunteered.

John Krzyzanowski	Clay-Granger	Paul Russell	Lakeville
Frank Elizondo	Culver	Jim Tillman	Lakeville
Susan Elizondo	Culver	Theresa Tillman	Lakeville
Amanda Fast	Dunlap	Dale Schlarb	Madison Township
MarlynFast	Dunlap	Cheryle Schlarb	Madison Township
Nancy Thompson	Dunlap	Brian Schlarb	Madison Township
Marty VanMeter	Grass Creek	David Eisen	Mishawaka
SherryVanMeter	Grass Creek	Angela Himes	Pierceton
Ethel Eib	LaFontaine	Bev Reid	Pierceton
Robert Charles McKinely	LaFontaine	Lana Wilson	Pierceton
Max Feitz	Lakeville	Marie Butler-Knight	Syracuse
Sharon Feitz	Lakeville	Barbara Grumme	Syracuse
Bob Feitz	Lakeville	Wanda Frehse	Urbana
Jim Foster	Lakeville	Mary Ann Mast	Urbana
Darcy Gardner	Lakeville	Marvin Mast	Urbana
Jennifer Gardner	Lakeville	Linda Newcomb	Urbana
Dee Milzarek	Lakeville	Claud Newcomb	Urbana
Don Milzarek	Lakeville	Claudia Rosen	Urbana
Rose Russell	Lakeville		

Rose Russell
Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee
State Fair Committee Member

Save the Date

November 19, 2016
2nd District Meeting
Urbana Community Building
44 Half Street
Urbana, IN

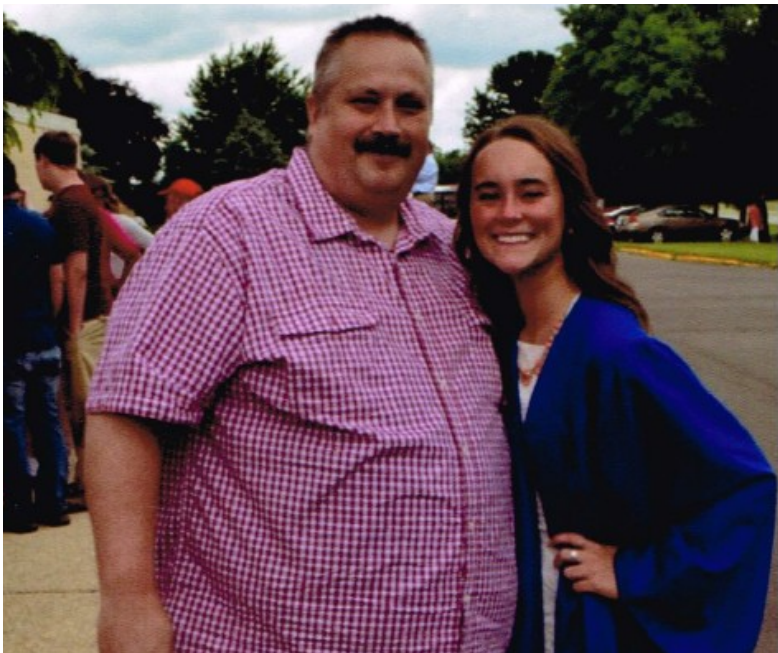
Banner Night

August 20, 2016





ONE OF THREE — Immediate Past District Governor of 25-G Vic Fischer holds a certificate received from Leader Dogs for the blind. It notes that 100 percent of the Clubs in 25-G were credited for donations to the District's 2105-16 Kennel Project. Over \$40,000 dollars was raised with enough money donated to sponsor five kennels in the new canine center. Every Club in the District received a similar certificate. District 25-G was one of three Districts in the United States and Canada to receive the certificates.



Lakeville Lions Scholarship Winner

This year's Lakeville Lions Scholarship winner is Michaela Bettcher. Michaela graduated from LaVille High School and plans to attend the University of Indianapolis majoring in Physical Therapy. Pictured with Michaela is 2015-2016 Lakeville Lion president, Jim Tillman



Peru and Richvalley Lions Club Partner with Miami County 4-H Fair Board for Tenderloin Fry

Every year in July, the Peru Lions Club puts on a week long breaded tenderloin fry as a part of the Peru Circus City Festival. This is a large fund raiser for their club and also for our club in Richvalley. Since the beginning of this event, over 30 years ago, the

workload has been shared between the two clubs. Over the years it has expanded into a full 6 days of volunteer work. Each day is split into 18 three and a half hour shifts for each club and that adds up to a huge number of volunteer hours to work. For several years now, Richvalley hasn't been able to cover all their time slots so we have partnered with the Miami County 4-H Fair Board and asked them to furnish enough volunteers to fill any of our open spots. At the end of the event we simply calculate how many hours were worked by each team and split the profits accordingly. On August 11th, at our regular meeting, 1st Vice President Doug Simons (L) presented a check along with a letter of appreciation to Blain Richardson (R) from the Miami County 4-H Fair Board for their tremendous help during this years festival.



Mike Stack Spoke at Madison Township

The guest speaker at a Madison Township Lions Club meeting was Mr. Mike Stack who represents the Center for Hospice Care. Mr. Stack stated the Center has served the area for over 30 years and is locally owned. They strive to provide the best quality of life for the patient and family under the circumstances. Social services and bereavement care iare offered to their clients. The Center is funded by Medicare and Medicaid benefits.

Madison Twp. Lions President Lion Brian Schlarb (left) presented Mr. Mike Stack with a club banner after he addressed the club.

LaPaz Lions Co-Host Blood Drive



The LaPaz Lions Club partnered with Cornerstone Community Fellowship to co-host a Red Cross blood drive on August 27 at the local church. Members of the Lions and members of the church shared in making physical arrangements for the drive, and then assisting in registration and in providing concessions for donors.

Lions District Governor Peg VanNevel has challenged the clubs of Indiana District 25-G to support a district-wide service project by working together in organizing local blood drives with the American Red Cross. The goal is 100 gallons of blood to coincide with the 100th

anniversary of Lions Clubs International. The local drive netted 20 units of blood.



**Charter
Night**

Middlebury Lions Club

Tuesday - September 20, 2016
Check-in/Social Period- 6 p.m.
Dinner- 7 p.m.

Meadow Valley Golf Club
57600 State Road 13
Middlebury, IN 46540

Menu: Baked lasagna dinner- \$15 per person

The club is sponsored by the Dunlap Lions Club. Nearly 30 charter members have been signed and more are expected to be included in the ceremony. This promises to be one of the most dynamic and exciting new Lions club chartered by District 25-G in recent years. Be sure to send a representative from your club to help celebrate the newest 'Hands in Service' in Northern Indiana.



*Featuring Bob Corlew, President,
Lions Clubs International.
Additional guests: Lion Diane
Corlew; PID Linda and PDG Vern
Tincher; PIP Wayne and Lion
Linda Madden*

For reservations, contact
Jackie Kurley, (574) 875-6876
(kurmon@comcast.net)
by FRIDAY, Sept. 16.

Payments will be made at the door.

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Where There's a Need, There's a Lion

28th Annual Indiana Lions Conference

Saturday, November 5th, 2016

Guest Speaker - Deb Robarge, RN

Special Needs Award Winning Nurse * Indiana School for the Deaf



Location ~ Plainfield High School, 1 Red Pride Dr., Plainfield In

Hotel Information

Baymont Inn and Suites

6010 Gateway Drive, Plainfield In

317-837-9000-Must Call this #

DO NOT call the 800 number

Reservations can be made now!

Just Mention-Indiana Lions

Rate: \$65 per night-includes breakfast

Friday Night Dinner & Entertainment \$15

~Come Enjoy ~

Professional Comedian-Jeff McDonald

Talented Class Act...Funny...Engaging...Entertaining!

**Menu: Beef Tenderloin, Baked Fish, Roasted Red Potatoes,
Vegetables, Salad, Rolls, Desert & Drinks**

• **Cash Prize Drawing for 1st Timers & Sponsor**

• **Silent Auction**

• **Project and Vendor Booths**

• **New and Popular Seminars**

100th LCI Convention * Vision Screening
Club Secretary & Treasurer * Operation KidSight
Exploring LCI Website * Club Twinning & Japan
Sound of Hearing * Centennial Celebration
Leadership in Action * Build a Club Website
Prevent Scams & Frauds * State Tax Guidelines
LCI Legal Division * Member Orientation
LCIF * Women Family & Tea * Tail Twisting
Achieving Club Excellence
Basics of Bladder Cancer

Saturday Morning a Variety of Pastries,
Fruit, Coffee, etc. will be available.

Saturday Lunch- Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Salad, Vegetables, Rolls
Cookies, Brownies & Drinks

**Early Bird Registration
BY SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2016**

Lions , Lioness, Partner-in Service-\$30
Leos \$15

**Pre-Registration Deadline
October 15, 2016**

Lions, Lioness, Partner-in Service-\$35
Leos \$15

On Site Registration \$40

Registration forms available in
The August issue of the Hoosier Lion or on the
state website. www.indianalions.org

Registration price includes the 2016 Commemorative
Souvenir Conference Pin, Proceedings CD and the
Saturday Buffet Lunch





Brian's Annual Trike Race October 2, 2016



To benefit the children at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Silver Sponsorship: \$100.00 by September 19, 2016*

What You Receive:

- Your company name and/or logo displayed at Brian's Trike Race
- Local support for the children at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Gold Sponsorship: \$250.00 by September 19, 2016*

What You Receive: **All perks of a Silver Sponsorship PLUS:**

- Your company name and/or logo on each of the 250+ T-shirts worn throughout Indiana
- A one-year listing on our webpage.
- Certificate of Appreciation from Brian's Trike Race

Platinum Sponsorship: Exclusive opportunity starting at \$500*

What You Receive:

- Priority ad placement based on donation!
- All benefits of Silver and Gold
- Prominent advertising on event t-shirts and web page (1-year)
- By-request exhibit space at the event

Name of Sponsoring Organization: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone Number and e-mail: _____

Sponsorship Level: ☐ Silver ☐ Gold ☐ Platinum ☐ Other

**mailed and postmarked by September 19th to: Pat Henninger, Event Chairman
8447 Stones Ferry Road
Indianapolis, IN 46278*

For more information about sponsorship or fielding a team, e-mail
Pat Henninger at iwtlions@gmail.com or call 317-908-8884

Doors Open at 11AM

Registration & Practice = 12:00 noon

Students and Leos' minimal age must be 14 years by race day.

Organization/School

Team category that best describes 4 team members: (circle) Lions Students Adults Leo's Mixed Ages

Alternate: _____



Lions Clubs Founded by Melvin Jones in 1917

Melvin Jones was a dreamer, a doer and a pragmatist. He was an energetic, extroverted salesman who in private hours would reread Shakespeare. What better man to found the world's largest association of service clubs?

The Lions International Board of Directors officially designated Jones as the founder of Lions Clubs in 1958—more than four decades after Lions Clubs held its first

meeting. But, no matter what his official title, Jones' impact on the Lions has been far-reaching. He provided the leadership, the organizational ability, the tenacity and the muscle necessary to establish the foundation for Lions Clubs International to become what it is today.

Jones was born on Jan. 13, 1879, at Fort Thomas, Ariz., a remote U.S. Army cavalry post where his father was a scout for the Army. At age 7, Jones' family moved east and settled in Illinois. Gifted with a fine tenor voice, he considered making his career in music. Instead, he became an insurance salesman.

By 1913, Jones had formed his own insurance agency in Chicago. When he joined a networking luncheon club for businessmen in Chicago called the Business Circle, he quickly took the lead in recruiting new members and persuading backsliders to rejoin. But something about the club's business-only focus didn't square with Jones' different, larger vision.

"What if these men who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities?" Jones asked. He saw a new kind of club with the desire to help others.

As Business Club secretary, Jones, with help from his wife—the championship golfer Rose Amanda Freeman—wrote scores of letters to clubs nationwide inviting them to take up his idea for a service-centered organization. Businessmen interested in membership convened in Chicago, Ill., and on June 7, 1917, Lions Clubs International was born.

Later that year, at Lions' inaugural convention in Dallas, Texas, Jones was elected secretary-treasurer, a title he would hold for many years. Eventually, the board bestowed upon Jones the title of secretary general for life.

Jones was a prolific writer who could be clear and forceful on some occasions, flowery and sentimental the next. His hand can be seen in founding documents like the Lions Clubs Objects and Code of Ethics. His columns in LION Magazine, which are still quoted today, helped articulate the organization's principles and values.

He also loved aphorisms. Never one to sugarcoat the truth, Jones had one favorite saying neatly framed in his office: "Truth and roses have thorns about them."

Jones gave up the insurance business in 1926 to become Lions' de facto CEO and global goodwill ambassador. He played both roles brilliantly—building and managing an expanding headquarters operation and travelling constantly for club visits and speaking engagements. The pace never stopped.

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Cabinet Secretary

PDG Ann Haffner (PDG Charlie)

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Dear Lion,

As we approach our Centennial in 2017, we have so much to celebrate. This once-in-a-lifetime event commemorates not just our association, but every Lion and club who has made a difference in the world. No matter where you are, there's an opportunity for each and every Lion to join the celebration.

I encourage you to join the Celebration by supporting our three signature programs:

Lead through service by hosting youth, vision, hunger and environmental projects to help us reach our **Centennial Service Challenge** goal of helping 100+ million people. Set a goal of hosting at least 1 service project for each.

Invite for impact by asking family, friends and neighbors to serve with you as Lions, and you'll earn recognition in the **Centennial Celebration Membership Awards**. Set a goal of adding 3 new members.

Connect with community by planning a **Legacy Project** that commemorates the Centennial and provides a lasting gift to your community.

Let's work together to show the world that where there's a need, there's a Lion!

Very truly yours,

Chancellor Bob Corlew
Your International President