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# LCIF – Campaign 100:

# sprinting to the tape

By PID Linda Tincher, Vice LCIF Area Chair, IL, IN, KY & MI

The Lions Club International Foundation Campaign 100 has taken off in the last couple of weeks, with Lions from all over the world committed to finishing strong.

As of March 25, 2022, Lions have collected \$274,015,990, an amazing figure that is taking us closer

to the \$3 million goal. Lions are committed to reaching the goal so there will always be funds available to help those in need from natural disasters, environmental or health related issues. That is what Lions do! They never give up.

Yes, there is still over \$25 million to raise, but Lions persevere. COVID-19 struck hard and dried up resources, but each week Lions still found ways to contribute something. Every little bit counted, and the results are adding up. In Indiana alone, all seven District Governors agreed to allow an LCIF fundraiser at their District Convention, resulting anywhere from \$400 to \$1,000 being collected at each Convention. This was in addition to planned giving, legacy gifts, and other special Club and District events, such as our own Indiana Lions State Convention April 29-

e May 1, 2022, in Indianapolis.

There is one other big LCIF event you should be aware of: the LCIF Campaign 100 Tel-A-Thon on June 5, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. CDT. Encourage Lions in your area to register for the Tel-A-Thon at www.tellathon.org.

This is a perfect venue to highlight our amazing service projects that LCIF funds across the globe. Contact Jodi Burmeister & Daniel Marney Elkins at lionsvirtual@gmail.com if you have questions or need further information.

The four-hour Tell-A-Thon will include stories of service, music, entertainment, and special celebrity cameos from humanitarians, winning musicians and actors, a legendary coach, and a Super Bowl MVP.

**REGISTER NOW!** 



# Convention Time!

What a fun time of the year! Over the last month, I had the pleasure of getting out and being able to join many of you at your District Conventions. A time when Districts put forward names for leadership for the next year, elect trustees, and most important; gather for fun and fellowship!

Oh, the fun I had at the five Conventions I was able to attend! I was saddened that I was unable to attend the other two; unfortunately, they were double booked on other Convention weekends and I was unable to be in two places at the same time!

It's a good thing that we only have one Multiple District Convention and no competition! So, you have no excuses to not come!

I am looking forward to the upcoming MD Convention in Indy, being able to see friends I haven't seen in a while, in some cases, since last Convention. Getting to swap stories on what our projects have been over the last year; getting to check out some informational seminars about possible new projects. It's all just a very exciting time!

There is so much that a person can learn and so much fun to be had at the State Convention!

It's hard to believe that just a year ago, at the Convention, I put forward my name for Council Chair, and now my time is nearing the end.

Looking back, I wish we could have done more, but as a Multiple District, we have had a very successful year. Membership has done pretty well this year. We were positive heading into December and have several Districts still doing well.



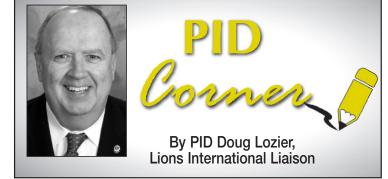
LEADERS — The 2022 Indiana Lions Leadership Workshop was held April 1-3 at the Indiana Lions State Office. MD 25 GLT, PID Doug Lozier, led the class, together with the faculty assistance of PID Linda Tincher and PDGs Vern Tincher, Marty Juel, and Tom Robbins.

Seated, from left, are Lion Beth Kohli, 25B; Christine Woodward, 25D; VDG Patti Foxx, 25C; VDGE Julia KoZicki, 25D; and PID Linda Tincher. Middle row: PDG Marty Juel; Stephen Helmken; Lion Cheri Faulkner, 25F; Lion Jackie Kurley 25G; and MD25 GLT Leader PID Doug Lozier. Back row: PDG Vern Tincher; PDG Tom Robbins; Lion Rocky Simpson, 25D; 2nd VDGE John Waymire, 25C; Lion Steven Weld, 25G; and Lion Carlyle Edwards, 25A.

# The world's a mess, but Lions still serve

As I write this, the world seems to be in one heck of a mess.

Ukraine being destroyed by the Russians, tornadoes in Kentucky, COVID variants, gasoline prices at record high, another school shooting in tonight's news, the Pacers have the worst season ever, fighting and slapping at the Oscars, and more doom and gloom than Professor Harold Hill could ever imagine in River City, Iowa.



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As a Multiple District we have placed second in Vision Screening in all the United States. Most importantly, we combined our resources and reached out to our friends in Kentucky, helping them to start to recover from a devastating tornado.

Friends, we have done well. I am proud of you and all that you do in your communities, and all that you do for the State. I am proud to be your Council Chair and have had the opportunity to work with so many fabulous people. I am PROUD to be a Lion.

We have so much to proud of, yet so much still ahead to do. Do not stop, let's finish this year strong!

Together We Serve.

Some things can be helped. We may not be able to fix all the world's woes, but we Lions can do something. We collect and serve food and clothes. We promote Lions Quest in our schools, we meet via Zoom to save on fuel, and we donate to disaster relief via our Lions Clubs International Foundation.

LCIF has provided millions of dollars to Lions Clubs for COVID assistance and tornado relief. LCIF has assisted Lions Clubs in resettlement of Afghan refugees in our country and is now supporting relief efforts in many European countries providing aid to the 4 million-plus people of the Ukraine that have fled their homeland.

We Lions don't just meet and eat, WE SERVE and WE DONATE.

Remember that April 25 is Lions Worldwide Induction Day. That day or a day near that would be a good time to induct new members and those who have perhaps not had a good formal induction. Get some publicity photos of your event posted to Facebook or other social media.

Ever wonder what Lions are doing in other parts of the world? Check out the online versions of 32 other country editions of the Lion Magazine at lionmagazine.org. You can also view the current and all past issues of our USA edition of the Lion Magazine.

Stories of Lions Service can be read at lionsclubs.org/en/blog. These are service stories written and submitted by Lion members. You can submit your story of your service project here as well. Reading these stories will get your mind off the bad news of the day and make you proud to be a Lion in the service to others.

See everyone at our State Convention.



# Thanks for a great District Convention

## By GOV. MITCH SEMANS

Thank you all for a great 25A District Convention. We had over 100 registered and a lot more that participated in some form or fashion.

Thank you all for what you do in the name of Lionism. You, members, are the heart of the organization.

I would also like to congratulate our members who stepped up in Trustee positions for the State Projects, which are Leader Dog, ISBVI, Cancer Control and Speech and Hearing, our partnership with Indiana Lions Eye Bank/Vision First and our Foundations Ed Paine Care and Helping Hands and Indiana Lions Foundations. Because we have these important Trustee positions, we can get out valuable information as well as resources to our Clubs and communities. Each one of these entities have three Trustee positions with staggering three-year terms. We still need someone for ISBVI and Indiana Lions Foundation.

Again, thank you all for a great Convention. ID Jose Marrero was very impressed with how we do things and how all of our members handle themselves with kindness and what we do for our communities.

But the year is not done and we still have lots of work to do.

We are currently at a plus in membership and we need to keep the momentum up going into DGE Nick Gonzaleze's year. DON'T DROP ANY MEM-BERS!!! Please keep in touch with your membership, find out what's going on with them and most importantly ask the question: "What do you want to do as a Lion?"

If it's just to pay the dues so they feel like they are a part of something, that is fine. If they want to do something that your Club doesn't normally do or has never done before, let them take the lead, try something new, something different, brainstorm ideas and even more important, HAVE FUN WITH IT!!!

There is nothing worth getting mad over and making someone else feel terrible or not needed. There is no mistake that can't be fixed and turned into something good. If we all work together in kindness and encouragement, not only will you feel good about it, so will everyone else around you. NOW is the time to step up and out of your comfort zone.

Every Club should be thinking about Officers for the Lions year 2022-2023 and have those elections this month or next. DGE Nick will need that information for the next District Directory and it is very important you submit those Officers to LCI so when they log on to the website they have the credentials to access the website for reporting Club service and membership.

Also, there are several opportunities to get involved in the District as committee persons. Diabetes, Law Camp, Liberty Day, Chaplin, Rules, Constitution and Bylaws, Environment, Women's Leadership, and Vision are just a few examples. DGE Nick will be reaching out to you all to see what your interests are. If there is something you are interested in, please do not hesitate to contact DGE Nick or myself and ask questions.

Last but not least, I would also like to congratulate DGE Nick Gonzales and 1VDGE Stephen Helmken for the being elected to their perspective positions and wish them all the luck. We are still looking for a 2VDG for the 2022-2023 Lions Years. Again, NOW is the time to step up and do something different. The support is there, the training is there, and all the resource you need is there waiting for YOU!!! Cod Bloss and May the Lions Bo

God Bless and May the Lions Be With You.

# A warm District welcome

The 101st Indiana Lions State Convention is just around the corner, and the Lions of District 25A look forward to hosting you at the Wyndham Indianapolis West, 2544 Executive Drive.

We are honored to welcome our keynote speakers, Past International President Clement Kusiak, Stephanie Decker, and Captain Guy Gruters, who are ready to share their special words with all in attendance. We are also honored to welcome Indiana's own Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, who will provide a special welcome to our Lions and guests during the second business session. Along with the necessary business sessions, the weekend festivities will include a golf outing, eight seminars, four service projects, and the opportunity for fellowship and to renew friendships. There is something for everyone. It is a busy schedule, but we can guarantee it will be a fun-filled and memorable Lion event.

Please visit our Facebook page, Indiana Lions State Convention, and the Convention website, www.indianalionsconvention.org , for additional information and any last-minute announcements.

This is going to be a great weekend. We look forward to welcoming YOU!

BANNER MOMENT — Michigan City Lions President Irene Rosevear presents a banner to their guest speaker, Nanda Danitschek, the director of a local women's shelter.



LONGEVITY — DG Mitch Semans presents Lion Tom Strain of the Wheatfield Lions Club with a Longevity Award at a recent meeting.



NEW MEMBER — DG Mitch Semans pins James Myers as a new member of the Wheatfield Lions Club.





CHARTER MOMENT — DG Mitchell Semans and Gary NWI Lions Club President MeLisa Crisler proudly show the charter for the recently formed Club.



PINNING — Sponsor Lion Nancy Moneta makes it official by pinning new member Lion Wayne Pondinas at the St. Johns Lions Club.



LONGTIME FRIEND DG Mitchell Semans and wife Lion Wendy visit longtime Lion John Slusher. who is currently in rehab in the nursing home. He has been a Lion





DYER ADDS NEW MEMBERS — The Dyer Lions Club installed new members at their March meeting. From left to right: DG Mitch Semans, Eric Bruinsma, John Redhead, Becky Goldsmith, Elizabeth Bakker, and Dyer Lion Secretary Vicki Morris, who sponsored all the new members. LUNCHTIME — Attendees of a recent Zone Meeting grab some lunch. Shown on left Left is Lion George Morley, Union Mills Lions Club. On the right side of the table are Lion Don Parker (Wanatah), Lion Father Anthony Spanley (Hamlet), Lion Butch Weston (Westville), Lion Tom Strain (Wheatfield) and Lion Ed Marks (Wanatah).



# Let's continue to help Mayfield, Ky.

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## By DG Jerry Zeigler

My life will never be the same after viewing the town of Mayfield, Ky., wiped off the map. They really need our prayers and help

Our Lions motto is "We Serve."

Nicholas X. Alexander's theme this year is "Service From the Heart."

The town of Mayfield needs our help desperately. So I would like for all of you to donate items

Lions International President along to help all those people who not only lost their homes, but everything they owned.

> What you donate could be almost anything: clothes, shoes, towels, washcloths, cooking items, dishes, toys, bed linens, books. etc.

> Just stop and think of everything in your home, and then think what you would need if everything including your home was gone.

> Bring your items to your Lions meetings. Then get them to me. and I will take them back down to Mayfield.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, give it to PDG Richard Hill, 25B District Treasurer. He will mark it Kentucky and LCIF will get it to Kentucky for help at Mayfield.

Thank all of you, Lions, for all you do to help others. I'm very proud what our District does for everyone who is a little less fortunate than we are.



NEW MEMBERS — The Heritage Lions introduced several new members at a recent meeting. Shown from left to right are the new members with their sponsors: Jack Clear (sponsor), Jeff Nolan, Tom Wolf (sponsor), Marvin Sorg, Julie Nolan, and Cindy Wolf (sponsor). The Heritage Lions motto is "We Serve" and we welcome anyone who wishes to help their local community to contact a Heritage Lion.



SCOUTING REPORT - Cubmaster Cary Gohlke of Hoagland Pack 3348 and Steve Higgins, Wabash Valley Senior District Executive, spoke at a recent Heritage Lions monthly meeting. They thanked our Club for chartering the Hoagland Troop and presented the Club with a poster made by the Cub Scouts from Pack 3348. They explained recruiting, the different levels of scouting, and their roles in scouting, as well the benefits of being in Boy Scouts.



ELECTED — The new Officers for 2022-23 are, from left: Leader Dog Trustee Gerry Ehle, PDG Don Cooper Indiana Lions Foundation, SVDG James Bush, PDG Terry Marker FVDG, DGE Sandy Zeigler, DG Jerry Zeigler.





A JOB WELL DONE - Lion Jean Howard has headed up the District 25B newsletter and public relations for 23 years. She has done an outstanding job in getting the newsletter out. Even with some medical problems, she did the newsletter from her rehab room. Lion Jean and her husband PDG Bob Howard are members of the Hamilton Lions Club.

For all of Lion Jean's dedication in getting our 25B newsletter out over the years, she received a Lions International Presidents Award from ID Shea, whom they have known for several years.

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HONORED -ID Justice right, Shea, presents DG Zeigler Jerry official an proclamation naming him a "Duke of Kentucky" for his relief work after the recent tornadoes.



BREAKING BREAD - Our District 25B Leaders Dinner was held at The Tavern of Coventry in Fort Wayne after the Convention. We had two large tables full. Everyone got filled up and had a good time.

Clockwise from left are Lion Sylvia Fonesca (not seen), ZC Beth Kohli, PID Nick Xinopoulos, IPDG Roger Cash and Lion Gave, Cabinet Secretary Carol Bittner, PID Doug Lozier and Kathy, FVDG Sandy and PCC/DG Jerry Zeigler, ID Shea Nickell, Lion District B Gretchen Xinopoulous, PDG Bob Howard and PR Jean (not seen).

# **District Officer** training

The District 25B training for Club and District Officers will be held:

6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, at the Bluffton Library, 200 W. Washington St.

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, May 26, at Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Road.

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, June 2, at Pleasant Lake Firehouse, 1 Main St.

This is training for all Club Officers. It's time to brush up on the latest information.

For more information, call (260)216-1101 or e-mail pamalarn@fibersolution.com

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# Service reports and honors presented at District Convention

## By GOV. JIM ROTH

District 25C held its District Convention on Saturday, February 25, 2022. The pre-conference dinner and tour were held the day before. Weather and COVID reduced attendance, but all who came had a good time of friendship, service, and shared information

Unfortunately, our guests, International Director Larry Edwards, and his wife, Lion Susan, spent Thursday and part of Friday stranded in the Pittsburgh Airport. Three flights were cancelled, and their baggage was Washington, D.C. They in

young for camp. There are many other activities throughout the year, such as donated tickets and other smaller outings.

Lions can help their local chil-

were remembered in a Memorial Service led by Rev. Lion Jennifer Drapalik.

ID Larry Edwards and his wife, Lion Susan, added a great deal to our Convention, both in their speeches and in the conversation with PID Nick Xinopoulos and Lion Gretchen about the fishing project for impaired individuals in North Carolina that both couples volunteer to help.

PCC Sue Topf and the District 25C members who had gone on the eyeglass missions to Mexico shared experiences and their sense of making a difference. Not only did they help those at the clinic, but they referred their bus driver, one of their guards, and their hotel clerk to come to the clinic.

It is important for us to realize that some of those eyeglasses we collect will enable someone to see more clearly. Lions make a difference.

There is another area that the Lions in 25C and in MD make a difference: vision screening children. Between July 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021, District 25C's Lions have vision screened 22,210 children. There is only one District in CA1 (basically US) that screened more children with 22,331 screened. I just received the plaque and patch recognizing the award. MD 25's Lions have screened 49,970 children which is second in multi-districts in CA1. We ended by packing 50 hard

eyeglass cases with first-aid supplies. These cases contain various sizes of bandages, alcohol swabs, and packets of antibiotics and anti-itch medicines. I will distribute them on my next Official Visits.



CARING CASES — After almost two years of delays and postponements — and with help from Zone 3 Chair, John Waymire — Lebanon Lions Club made their version of "Caring Cases." The idea for this project was set in motion two years ago by a suggestion from then 2VDG Jim Roth. COVID, supply shortages, and other hurdles were finally overcome, and the first batch of caring cases was assembled. The Club enjoyed fellowship and reminiscing as the eyeglass cases traveled around the table where they were filled with bandages, ointments, cotton swabs, scissors, small sewing kits, and safety pins. Plans are already being made for the next round of cases.

Shown from left are Lebanon Lions Margo McConnaha, Cindy Hickson, Joe Williams, Treasurer Tom Rumple, Leo Shaw, and Zone Chair John Waymire. (Photo and cutline by Lebanon LC President



**POST-CONVENTION REPAST** — Waiting for some delicious food at Bruno's. It was disappointing not to meet  $\overset{\bullet}{\text{ID}}$  Larry and Lion Susan Edwards, but their plane was cancelled. Pictured clockwise: Oxford Lions Club Membership Chair Clyde Pickens, CC Jim Query, PID Linda Tincher, District C Secretary Char Query, FVDGE Patti Foxx, District Service Coordinator Cindy Russell, Brownsburg LC Secretary Gretchen Xinopoulos, Oxford LC VP Veronica Pickens.



EYEGLASSES GALORE — The board members of Brownsburg Lions Club wrapped up their meeting with the sorting of approximately 4,000 eyeglasses and 500 hard cases to be sent to the State Office building. The hard cases were picked up by ZLC Gail Robbins and are being cleaned in her garage for the next Caring Cases Project

Shown are, left front to back, President John Fletcher, Treasurer Bob Jessen, and Tail Twister Amy Sabol. Right front to back, Director Susan Sabol, Membership Chair PP Ray Furner, Director PID Nick Xinopoulos, and 2nd VP Cassandra Brackmann. (Photo by BLC Secretary Gretchen Xinopoulos).



A detailed snapshot guide for Millennial Leadership Development

10-YEAR CHEVRONS -Brazil Lions Brad and MaryAnn Thompson receive their 10year Chevron pins from DG Jim Roth. Congratulations, Lions.





BUSY COLLECTORS - Jamestown Lions have been busy gathering eyeglasses and proudly presented them to our District Governor. Left to right are Peggy Ebaugh (not shown), Ed Ebaugh, Nancy Rice, Tina Lear, DG Jim Roth, Cindy Anderson, Arlan Johnson and Ed Henry. (Photo by JLC President Zone Chair John Waymire).

### **Bv MD25 Chair Carlvle** Edwards

[Editor's Note: This is the second of a two-part series. The first installment was published in the February 2022 issue of The Hoosier Lion.]

How To Successfully Increase The Number Of Millennials As Leaders In Your Organization Millennials are notoriously known for leaving organizations just as fast as they entered if they find that the organization doesn't suit their needs.

Thus, they do not stay long enough to take on leadership roles. In other cases, millennials do not become leaders in organizations because they believe they may not have the needed leadership skills. For you to increase the number of millennials as leaders in your organization, you

must provide reasons for them to stay and make them ready to be leaders.

The following are some of the ways you can do this.

Provide leadership opportunities. Most millennials are wary of organizations that do not provide millennial leadership development opportunities. This is because they believe that such leadership skills are critical to their growth, and an organization that does not provide such an opportunity is one they would rather not work with or be involved in.

Therefore, if your organization provides more leadership opportunities, the number of millennials as leaders in your organization will increase.

Provide mentorship opportunities. The number of millennials as leaders in your organization will increase if they believe you are invested in their growth.

One way to show them that you prioritize their growth over others is to provide them with an opportunity to be mentored. Organizations that provide such opportunities to millennials will most likely notice an increase in the number of millennials that occupy leadership positions.

Recognize their impact. Another way to successfully increase the number of millennials as leaders in your organization is to always publicly acknowledge the contributions they make toward your organization.

Millennials expect to be recognized a lot more than other generations, because they see it as providing enough motivation to perform better. To successfully include millennials, you will do well to recognize, praise, and celebrate the successes of millennials.

### What Do Millennials Look For In A Leader?

Before millennials can look up to you as their leader, there are certain qualities you must possess. Outlined below are some of those qualities, including the ability to:

• Coach/mentor

• Build mutual understanding of value

• Embrace technology

- Create a sense of belonging
- Embrace and manage change **How Do Millennials Prepare** For Leadership?

Surveys show that 95% of millennials seek leadership positions to create change. However, only a fraction of that percentage prepare to become leaders. The few millennials who do, actively seek out mentorship, volunteer to take on small leadership roles, and more

### How Do You Prepare For A Leadership Role?

First and foremost, millennials who hope to assume leadership positions must be willing to be coached/mentored.

Secondly, they should be able to handle whatever responsibility is delegated to them efficiently with monitoring as needed.

Also, millennials should be able to see/find meaning in the work they do for their organization.

### What Is A Leadership **Development Plan For** Millennials?

A leadership development plan for millennials is a structured training program that helps position the volunteer activism of millennials toward leadership positions and improvement of their (Continued on page 5)



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ion Lions Club. CT PDG Kathy Lozier was presented with a seven-sapphire Progressive W.P. Woods Fellowship while PID Doug Lozier received a nine-sapphire Progressive W.P. Woods Fellowship. The Indiana Lions Foundation also presented a Progressive W.P. Woods Fellowship to Lion Kathy Wade. DG Scott Smith received the Melvin Jones Fellowship.

C H R I S T I N E WOODWARD — PIP Geoffrey Wade and DG Scott present the International President's Certificate of Appreciation to Christine Woodward.



Final push

By GOV. SCOTT SMITH

As we begin the final quarter of this Lion Year, we have a great opportunity to race to the finish in membership. We only have a deficit of 27 in membership as of the writing of this article. If each Club in the District would bring in one new member without losing a member, we would be +10for the year!

At the end of December, we were +3 in membership. The midyear membership drops hit us hard. So far, we have inducted 15 new members throughout the District. Unfortunately, our drops or deaths have kept us from moving forward in a positive direction.

I would encourage each Lion in the District to make a concerted effort to bring one new Lion into our family of service. Try something new if you feel you are not getting the job done with the old ways you have tried. Tell "our story" to anyone who will listen. We have a great story to tell and we owe it to our organization, and to those who aren't a part of what

we do, to be a part of the great feeling we have in what we do for our communities.

If you want me, DGE Eric Schuman, FVDGE Julia Kozick, or SVDGE Dave Simpson to be a part of your induction ceremony, please let one of us know. We would be glad to share in your success!

Together we will continue "Making a Difference."

BETTY WEIST — PIP Geoffrey Wade and DG Scott present the International President's Certificate of Appreciation to PDG Betty Weist.



S C O T T SMITH — PID Linda Tincher presented DG Scott Smith with the Melvin Jones Fellowship along with Dave Bates.



R O G E R BURHITE — Presentation of W.P. Woods Fellowship to R o g e r Burhite by Dave Bates and DG Scott.





WOODS FELLOWSHIPS — PID Doug Lozier, DG Scott Smith, PDG Kathy Lozier and IPDG Mike Imbler after the presentation of Progressive W.P. Woods Fellowships to PID Doug and PDG Kathy.

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AVAILABLE — FVDGE Julia Kozick, left, SVDGE Dave (Rocky) Simpson, and DGE Eric Schuman are available to help with induction ceremonies throughout the District.

# District Convention wrap-up

The District 25D Convention was held on Saturday, March 5, at the Greentown Lions Club. There were 73 people registered and 72 attended.

There were many special guests, including the Council Chair, three Past International Directors (in addition to the keynote speaker), the 25A and 25F District Governors, the 25F Second Vice District Governor, and many more PDGs.

There were displays for the State projects that provided information and some takeaways. Presentations were given about the Indiana State Convention, the International Convention, and the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

There were more than 50 voting

delegates who elected the DGE Eric Schuman (Greentown), FVDGE Julia Kozicki (Noblesville), and SVDGE David Simpson (Greentown).

Council Treasurer and PDG Kathy Lozier led a moving Memorial Service that honored the 25D Lions who have completed their service on Earth this Lion Year.

There were multiple fundraising events. Who knew that IPDG Mike Imbler is an actual auctioneer?! He auctioned off four items and provided a great deal of entertainment. Those four items, plus one other, raised \$375.

Combining the auction, 50/50, tail twister and other donations, 25D raised \$845 to be donated to LCIF. Lions from across the State had the opportunity to meet and visit with keynote speaker Past International Director A. Geoffrey Wade and his wife, Lion Kathy Wade, from Port St. Lucie, Florida. If you got to spend even a minute with them, you could see the love and passion they have for being Lions.

PID A. Geoffrey Wade and DG Scott Smith presented the International President's Certificate of Appreciation to Lion Dick Perkins (Albany), Council Secretary and PDG Betty Weist (Pendleton), and Lion Christine Woodward (Carmel).

W. P. Woods Fellowships were presented to Roger Burhite and Kassie Lemons, both of the Mar-

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(Continued from page 4) world and community.

A detailed —

Many organizations today utilize leadership development plans for millennials to strategically guide them throughout their volunteerism as well as personal development. Such a plan can prove worthwhile due to a wide range of reasons, some of which are:

A leadership development plan for millennials can provide millennials with an improved sense of personal satisfaction.
The leadership training can also prove to be a formidable force in their roles within and outside a particular organization.

• Lastly, leadership development plans for millennials can offer interesting opportunities and challenges for the young generation in their lives outside the organization.

## James M. Kelly October 8, 1937 – February 24, 2022

James M. Kelly, 84, of Goshen, Indiana, and formerly of Howe,



gan. His family owned and operated Locust Lane Jersey Farms.

Jim took over dairy distribution in 1964 and went on to be co-owner with his siblings.

Having a strong relationship with God, Jim was a longtime

member of the First Presbyterian Church of Sturgis, where he served as a Deacon, an Elder, and was especially passionate about the youth programs and music.

After moving to Goshen, Jim joined the First Presbyterian Church where he quickly developed a strong connection with the people and the mission of the congregation there. He often volunteered for various service projects and delivered the New Year sermon in January.

Jim Kelly loved people and was a positive role model in his community. Jim was a member of the Howe Lions Club and later the Dunlap Lions Club and received numerous local and international awards.

The stars and moon aligned on

January 14, 1967, at the First Presbyterian Church of Sturgis when he married Jean C. Wise Surviving is his wife, Jean Kelly of Goshen; his four children, Lauri Warble of Fort Wayne, Andrew T. Kelly of Marys, Pennsylvania, James M. Kelly, II of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Sarah Lynn Kelly of Nashville, Tennessee; three grandchildren, Emily Warble of Fort Wayne, Donald Warble of Texas, and Carrie Warble of South Carolina; seven great-grandchildren, Zac Warble, Cody Jenkins, and Jayden Jenkins all of Fort Wayne, Cassandra Reidinger, Savanna Reidinger, and Jordan Reidinger all of South Carolina, and Makayla Warble of Texas; great-greatgrandson, Zac Warble, Jr. of Fort Wayne; and sister, Melissa Tobias of Portland, Oregon.

Preceding Jim in death were his parents; daughter, Elizabeth Woods; sister, Eloise Geddes; and four brothers, Paul William, Richard L., John L., and Ralph A. Kelly.

A visitation and memorial service took place at First Presbyterian Church of Goshen, 215 E Lincoln Ave., Goshen, on Friday, March 4. Visitation was 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The memorial service immediately followed. Rev. Ken Weaver officiated the service.

Interment will take place privately at the columbarium at First Presbyterian Church in Sturgis at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 1320 S Lakeview Ave., Sturgis, MI 49091 or online at www.sturgisfirst.org.





# A successful play in three acts

## By GOV. LEE CUBA

Act 2 finished with the completion of an exciting time at the District Convention. But leading up to the scene of the Convention, the DG completed several scenes of official visits which included inducting several new members and awarding many anniversary chevrons.

One Club, the Canton Club, chartered June, 2011. Two members joined the Club just after July 1, so they are also considered charter members. This DG had the opportunity to present them with their 10-year Charter Anniversary Chevrons.

What makes this noteworthy? One of them was Lion Pauline Trueblood (see photo) and she had just celebrated her 99th birthday on February 10. She may be the oldest member in the State. If you do the math, she was 88 when she joined Lions! She is very active and has found several ways to serve. Goes to show you are never too old to serve.

Back to the Convention scene, ID Bob Block was our special guest and speaker. Don Russ is now DGE, Glen Georges is now 1VDGE and Erica Thomas is now 2VDG.

President's Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Lion Delene Worsena, Fayetteville Community; PDG Sheryl Schafer, Bloomfield; and Lion Bill Schulz, Evansville. Spring Mill Inn was a wonderful venue for the two-day Convention. It was great to see many Lions in attendance who were not a District or a Club Officer. Yes, anyone can go to Conventions. Act 3 started with scenes of more official visits and activities to help DGE Don Russ build his team.

So when asked, be ready to serve, even if it is outside your comfort zone.



TRUE BLUE TRUEBLOOD — Lion Pauline Trueblood receives her charter chevron from DG Lee Cuba.

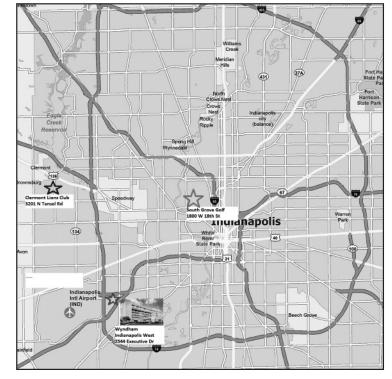
# 2022 State Convention Schedule of Events

Times listed are Eastern Time. Thursday, April 28

4:00 p.m. — Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. — Council Welcome Dinner (by invitation only) Friday, April 29 9:00 a.m. - noon — Registration/Certification Setup 9:00 a.m. - noon — Exhibitor/Silent Auction Setup

# All roads lead to the 2022 Indiana Lions State Convention!

Host Hotel - Wyndham Indianapolis West 2544 Executive Dr. - If on I 465 take exit 11 (Sam Jones Expressway) east to Executive Dr and it will take you directly to the front of the hotel! If coming from the direction of (Continued on page 7)



9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. — Golf (South Grove Golf Course)

- 11:00 a.m. Credentials Meeting
- Noon 5:00 p.m. Delegate Certification
- Noon 5:00 p.m. Silent Auction (Exhibit Hall) Noon - 5:00 p.m. — FREE Glu-
- cose and A1C Screening Noon - 6:00 p.m. — Convention
- Registration 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Red
- Cross Blood Drive
- 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. Care-ing Cases Service Project
  - 2:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. Seminar & Service Project: Pack Away

## 2022 State Convention seminar and service project information

### Friday, April 29

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.: "Care-ing Cases" (PDG Kathy Lozier). We will use clean recycled hard eyeglass cases to assemble first aid kits and toiletry kits for homeless shelters, disaster relief, or other cases where personal hygiene supplies are needed.

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.: Red Cross Blood Drive. (Bloodmobile will be on site at the hotel).

2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.: Pack Away Hunger Service Project (Abigail Harlan, Executive Director of Pack Away Hunger). As our world begins to recover from the pandemic, the most vulnerable in our communities are still suffering greatly from a lack of food. They need essential nutrition, and perhaps something even more powerful: hope. We invite you to learn more about our mission and will even provide you the opportunity to help Pack Away Hunger.

3:30 p.m. - 4:20 p.m.: PlusOptix (PDG Chris Carlone). The Plus-Optix vision screener empowers pediatricians, Head Start offices, Lions Clubs, Kid Sight programs, and school nurses to detect the most prevalent vision disorders in children starting age 5 months and up. Please join us to learn more about all the disorders that this vision screen helps find and how to use it.

### Saturday, April 30

9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.: LCIF Campaign 100 (PID Doug Lozier and PID Linda Tincher). Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) is your foundation for service. Learn more about writing grants in addition to information about the final year of the LCIF Campaign 100 and the current amounts raised toward their goal.

9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.: Leader Dog (Lion Kathleen Breen, Lions Events and Logistics Coordinator). They are "empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel." Learn about the programs of Leader Dogs for the Blind and how they have continued operations during the pandemic. Just how does a dog become a Leader Dog? Come learn about the process and our community and prison puppy raising initiatives.

9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.: PATH, INC. (Lion Jason Kegebein, Public Relations Director, Suicide Prevention). This seminar will provide the basic facts of suicide, including the risk factors, protective factors, and warning signs. At the core of this training is a four-step process that better prepares individuals to take action and help co-workers, friends, and/or family members who may be suicidal: Ask, Listen, Respond, Follow Up.

9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.: Save Our Veterans (Victor Wakley, Executive Director, Save Our Veterans). Their mission is to give back to our nation's veterans by providing career training and work opportunities in a comfortable and veteran-friendly environment. Their goal is to provide veterans with the means to be self-sufficient and successful in their chosen career.

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Red Cross Blood Drive. (Bloodmobile will be on site at the hotel).

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.: Strides Walk for Diabetes (PDG Kenny Williams, Indiana Lions State Diabetes Awareness Chair). A half-mile walk around the grounds of the Wyndham Indianapolis West to support diabetes education and initiatives. Register for this event on the Convention Registration Form. Specially designed Strides Walk for Diabetes T-Shirt included with your registration.

3:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.: Bosma Enterprises (Raymond Montgomery, Outreach Coordinator). Providing Solutions. Creating Opportunities. Rooted in more than 100 years of history, Bosma is one of the Midwest's largest nonprofit organizations providing employment and training for people who are blind or visually impaired. Their headquarters is located right here in Indianapolis, and they believe opportunity improves lives now and for generations to come.

3:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.: Law Camp (Trooper Derek Eggers, Law Camp Director). Trooper Eggers will present what it is like to attend a law camp. The fun things alongside serious things campers from grades 6-8 experience, with guidance from dedicated Indiana State Troopers and other law enforcement agencies. The camps help students gain respect for themselves and others through programs that demonstrate the rewards of hard work and dedication. Campers meet peers from around the state, participate in recreational activities, police activities, and leave with a greater understanding of the police field.

Additional information is available at www.indianalionsconvention.org.



Hunger 3:30 p.m. - 4:20 p.m. - Seminar: PlusOptix 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Dinner (Clermont Lions Clubhouse) FULL PAGE 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Business 7" X 10" Session #1 NO BLEEDS 9:15 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Hospi-<u>\$300</u> tality Rooms, Euchre Tourna-ment Saturday, April 30 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Convention Registration 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Exhibit Your Name Hall 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - FREE Glucose and A1C Screening 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Silent Auction 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. - District Contact Phone Number Meetings/Caucus 9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Dele-Fmail gate Certification 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. - Semi-(Continued on page 7)

The 2022 Convention Program Book will be standard 8.5"x11" and printed in full color. Please check the box next to the example to indicate chosen size/price. Deadline for submission is Friday, April 1, 2022 EXTENDED!! To place your ad: HALF PAGE 7" X 5" ail your print ready Ad to: PAGE 3.5: 5" witchywillow@hotmail.com \$200 Mail your check (payable to <u>\$100</u> Lions of Indiana, Inc. State Convention), completed application, and a copy of your ad to: Lion Karlene Roe 3.5" X 2' 701 S Huddleston RD \$50 Winamac, IN 46996 PLEASE EMAIL WITH QUESTIONS A FEW NOTES ON DESIGN I can work with just about any format, but I prefer: PDF, JPG, or Publisher, (Word is ok). Club, Organization, Business Name & Address Files should be saved at a min 200 DPI, 300 is preferable If you would like me to design something for you please let me know ASAP, email me with your ideas and form. Your Address or Address Cont.. If you send me a paper copy and I'm ble to recreate it digitally, I most likel will for consistency. If I feel as though your ad will not reproduce well, I will be in contact. THANK YOU. SEE YOU IN INDY!



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\$5,600 - Char**lottesville Lions Club** President **Stanley Wright** presents DG Jeff with a check for \$600. This is in addition to the \$5,000 they donated to LCIF for Kentucky Disaster Relief.



# Time for Lions to spring forward

Submit news, photos of club activities to:

PR Chairperson Andrea Feeney

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If April showers bring May flowers ...

March brought us the beginning of spring and the spring-forward time change. As we spring forward to the last quarter of this Lions year, now is the time for our 25F Clubs to spring forward in your planning of the many

fundraisers and service projects Faulkner. Even though the camthat are held across 25F. We have three months to spring

forward in our efforts to grow our Clubs while the LCI initiation fee is still being waived. Congratulations to the Decatur

Central and Pike Township Lions Clubs on becoming Model Clubs. If your Club is interested, contact LCIF Chair IPDG Ken

paign ends in June, you have time beyond June to meet your Model Club commitment.

The 101st Indiana Lions Convention will be held in Indianapolis beginning April 29. Let us once again have a great contingent of Lions from 25F in attendance as we "Tee Up To Serve."

\$2,350 — Greenfield Lions Club **President Sally Porter** presents DG Jeff with a check for \$2,350 for Lions State Projects.





\$2,000 — Greensburg Lions Club President Jeff Marker presents DG Jeff with a check for \$2,000 for Lions State Projects.

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\$2,950 — Middletown Lions Club President Richard Byrer presents DG Jeff a check for \$2,950 for State Projects.

\$800 — Норе Lions Club **President Mike** Crull presents DG Jeff a check for \$800 towards Lions State **Projects.** 





**OFFICIAL VISIT** — Blue River Lions Club members gathered for DG Jeff's Official Visit.

\$1,400 Franklin Twp Lions Club President **Robert Jackson** presents DG Jeff a check for \$1,400 for State Projects.



4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. - PDG 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Voting (Continued from page 6) Meeting 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. - Memonar: LCIF Campaign 100 6:00 p.m. — Receiving Line 7:00 p.m. — All State Banquet rial Service 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. - Semi-10:30 a.m. - noon — Membership nar: Leader Dog 9:15 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. – Hospi-Brunch with Keynote Speaker 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. - Semitality Rooms Capt. Guy Gruters nar: PATH, Inc. Sunday, May 1 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Busi-6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. - Creden-9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. - Seminess Session #3 tial Committee Continental nar: Save Our Veterans 1:45 p.m. — Council Meeting 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Busi-Breakfast ness Session #2 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Red All roads Cross Blood Drive 11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. — Awards Lunch with Keynote Speaker (Continued from page 6) mile past Indianapolis Motor Stephanie Decker Speedway to Riverside Dr, turn downtown Indianapolis on I 70 1:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. — Delegate take Sam Jones Expressway exit left. Birdies are waiting for you! Certification Friday night dinner - Clermont to Executive Dr exit. 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Strides Friday morning golf - South Lions Club Park 3201 N Tansel Rd Walk Event - take exit 16 / Crawfordsville Rd Grove Golf Course 1800 W 18th St 3:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m. - Semi-- take exit 16 / Crawfordsville Rd west away from downtown Indinar: Bosma Enterprises east towards downtown Indianapolis towards Clermont 3:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m. - Semiapproximately 2 miles to stop anapolis, thru the roundabout nar: Law Camp light at Tansel, turn left. exit on 16th St. Approximately 1

# 5 Practices of Leadership

- -- Challenge the Process
- -- Inspire Vision
- -- Enable Others
- -- Model the Way
- -- Encourage the Heart





ACTIVE — Lion John and Lion Troy have been active members in the Wakarusa Club. Each has served as Club President and Vice President, and as Chairman or in leadership roles in Club projects and activities, including membership recruitment, **Pork Chops in the Park** dinner, Jonah Fish Fry sale, BBQ chicken sale, and pancake/sausage meal during the Maple Syrup Festival. The



Wakarusa Lions Club presented Melvin Jones Fellowships to Lion John Beck (left) and Lion Troy Schwartz (right).

Time to finish strong

a great job in their presentations

## By GOV. MARLYN FAST

Greetings from 25-G!

It's that time of the year when one day we have spring and the next day we are back to winter. We wish it would make up its mind.

Like most Districts, our Convention has come and gone. It was a great time for all. Our ID Michael and Lion Anne Banks did

EXCELLENCE TIMES TWO -This past year, two Clubs earned the Club Excellence Award: **Baugo Township** Lions Club and Syracuse Lions Club.

Is your Club striving to finish the year with new growth in mem-



elect a 2ndVDG.

Fantastic!

bership? Will your Club participate in at least three service projects? Are you promoting your Club's events or activities to the community? If you answered "yes" to these questions, your Club may be eligible for the Club Excellence Award. Baugo Township LC President Matt Pollard accepted his Club's award from DG Marlyn Fast, and Syracuse LC President Doris Yoder (shown above) accepts her Club's award from DG Marlyn Fast.

Thomas that after the District on Membership, Involving Family/Children, and Mike's Keynote Convention, I now would be a address on Kindness Matters. We "Lame Duck" Governor for the also elected Officers: PDG Brian next three months. So my chal-Thomas as Governor and Ron lenge is to move quickly to finish Guth as 1stVDG. We still need to strong. District 25-G was just informed that we were granted Another highlight was our proan LCIF District & Club Commoting LCIF. The 50/50 drawing munity Impact Grant for \$4,500. This grant is to help provide eleand donations made directly to mentary students who are food LCIF amounted to over \$1,000. insecure with meals between Friday evening and breakfast on Monday mornings with six nutritious meals each weekend for a

> needs. Membership is always another goal to work on the last few months. Let's strive to keep the members we do have. Happy members don't leave Lions Clubs.

> whole year. Details need to be

worked out yet to meet these

I was told by PDG Brian

I am looking forward to finishing strong this 2021-2022 year. I am very encouraged in my visits with Clubs, both small or large. My goal is to visit all 48 Clubs in this District. As of today, I have scheduled all 48 visits. I'm finishing strong and encouraging all Clubs to also FINISH STRONG!

**District 25-G Eyeglass Recycling Project** 

Did you ever wonder what happens to those old eyeglasses you throw into the Lions' collection boxes or buckets? They go through an extensive amount of work and care to end up being given to people in Mexico who have limited resources to get glasses. The Lions of District 25-G, which is made up of seven counties in north-central Indiana, oversees the entirety of this project.

Lions Eyeglass Recycling Project is a year-round process. The first step is to remove the unusable glasses, those that have lenses that are too scratched or have broken frames that cannot be

repaired. Lions have a use for these glasses, however, and all glasses are encouraged to be dropped off in those collection boxes. Needed repairs such as adding nosepieces and tightening loose screws are also part of this step. The glasses are then divided into single vision, bifocal, progressive, and readers and put into separate boxes for cleaning.

The second step is to clean the glasses. Sessions are scheduled to clean the glasses, which is important in preparing to read the prescriptions. An ultrasound machine washes about 150 pair of glasses in 10 minutes and then the Lions dry and re-inspect them. In this two-hour work session, over 1,000 pairs of glasses are cleaned.

The eyeglasses' prescriptions are read by Lions using a Lensometer. This machine reads the prescription and prints out a label with that information. The glasses are placed in bags with the prescription labels and boxed in prescription order with 50 pairs to a box.

This July approximately 14,000 pairs of recycled glasses will be shipped to Salamanca, Mexico. At the end of September, 22 District Lions will travel to Salamanca and partner with the Salamanca Lions Club to hold a clinic and distribute glasses to those in need.



SEEING CLEARLY - The Madison Township Lions Club had six members attend a two-hour work session to clean used eyeglasses for the District recycling project on March 22. We helped clean approximately 1,400 pair of glasses. Pictured from left are Madison Township Lions Mike Hunsberger, Tom Green, Jim Overmyer, JoAnn Overmyer, Larry Kulczar, and Alan Beehler drying washed glasses.

RECONNECTING — Shown from left are Lion Jackie Kurley, **PIP** Robert Corlew, and Lion Jeanine Juel.



# **Dunlap Lions Club update**

By Lion Jeanine Juel, Dunlap Lions Club

At the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference, Dunlap Lions Club President Jackie Kurley and Lion Jeanine Juel reconnected with Past International President Robert Corlew.

Five years ago, International President Corlew attended the Middlebury Lions Club Charter Night, inducted the charter members and installed Officers. The Dunlap Lions Club was the proud sponsoring Club.

Lion Jeanine Juel was the New Club Organizer, and current Dunlap Lions Club President Jackie Kurley not only helped recruit for the new Club, she was also one of the Guiding Lions.

Past International President Corlew was the keynote speaker at this year's Mid-Winter Conference Saturday noon luncheon. His enthusiasm continues to be contagious. As a small token of our Lions love, Lion Jeanine presented a handmade "Cross in the Pocket" with this enclosed Lions praver:

If I were not a Lion, millions would not see,

If I were not a Lion, how sad the world would be.

If I were not a Lion, who would fill the need?

- If I were not a Lion, would anybody heed?
- But God has made us Lions, all, To serve our fellow man:

He made us stand millions strong,

For His almighty plan.

The Mid-Winter Conference was a great learning experience with 15 seminars covering a wide variety of topics. Attendees obtained much new knowledge and many ideas were shared by those attending.

# **Global Service Ideas** -

### By PID Linda Tincher, MD25 **GST** Chair

Today's Global Service Team suggestion recognizes Lions Clubs International chosen theme that "Kindness Matters," but takes it a step further and applies it to our Lions Club members. Many people join a Lions Club because they realize they can do more service as a group than they can alone; but just how well do you know your Club members?

You may know where they work or live, even the school or church



they attend, but what about their hobbies?

Do they have children or grandchildren they see regularly or only once or twice a year because they live far away?

Do they like to garden, hike, paint or just sit in a comfortable chair and read?

Do they celebrate special days, like anniversaries or birthdays, or just skip them because they may be alone or say they are not important?

Someone once said, "Birthdays are only for kids." Not true. Everyone has a birthday; everyone is important. A birthday should never NOT be celebrated. Life is a Gift!

The importance of being recognized for something is important, so consider having a special time to honor your member's special days. If there are numerous members with special occasions in a month, just select a day and make it "Recognition Day." Get a cake. Put their names on it. Take pictures. Sing and enjoy. It is called taking care of your Lions!

Another fun thing to do is: Pass out slips of paper and ask everyone to write down something they have done. It can be simple, a book they have read, or unique adventure like flying an airplane or bowling a perfect game, but it must be something they enjoyed doing sometime in their life. Do not print a name on the paper, just fold, and put in a box. Shuffle the items, then have someone randomly pull out and read an item. The members get to guess who wrote what. Someone usual-

ly says, "Wow, I never knew you did that!"

It is fun to learn about unique experience and the unusual capabilities our Club members have. Everyone is unique and everyone has a story. Recognizing and sharing these accomplishments help members feel like they belong to a good organization.

You might even collect a dollar from everyone in a birthday bank. This could be used for a special project that requires funding. For example, a District Special Olympics Chair put in a newsletter that if every Club sent \$1 per member, the District could easily help fund the winter Special Olympics sponsorship. What a GST project, recognizing a member's special occasion and helping to fund a worthy cause. Try it. Kindness Matters.