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# Lions can help during unprecedented challenges

Dear Lion Reader: We hope you and your family are safe and well.

In these challenging times, we must respond to the realities we are facing as a global communi-ty and stay hopeful for the future. It has been inspiring to hear how you and your Clubs are finding ways to serve your communities. We are also determined to find the best way forward to ensure the long-term success of our efforts.

In this spirit, we are announcing that the timeline for "Cam-paign 100: LCIF Empowering Service" has been extended by one additional year, through June 30, 2022. The LCIF Board of Trustees recently concluded its virtual Board Meeting on May 21, 2020, and voted to make this decision based on our current realities. We must give ourselves the time necessary to realize our full potential for this campaign, for the future of our Foundation.

We remain optimistic and action-oriented in the face of this pandemic. As of May 18, 2020, LCIF has granted \$3,500,000 to provide immediate relief to communities severely impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19). Together, we are finding new ways to engage, to connect, and to serve our communities. These opportunities will sustain us in this time of uncertainty and benefit our communities once we return to our normal activities. We encourage you to reach out to your fellow Lions and stay connected to our Foundation. You can visit LCIF's dedicated COVID-19 response page to learn how our Foundation is respond-

ing Many Lions have asked how they can help during these unprecedented times. Your support of LCIF has never been more important. To date, Campaign 100 has raised \$153,804,119 to make Lion service possible. If you're able, please consider join-ing LCIF in its support of Lions' relief efforts by donating at www.lionsclubs.org/donate.

Your contributions are crucial to sustaining LCIF's ability to help Lions keep their communities safe and healthy. All donations are eligible for MFJ and Campaign 100 recognition. If you have recently made a donation, we sincerely thank you for your leadership and generosity!

As International President Choi recently wrote, we will get through this incredible challenge as we are in this together! We look forward to being in touch with further updates and good news in the coming weeks and months.

As always, we thank you for your leadership and dedication to our Foundation.

The need is great:

Today, 253,000,000 individuals are blind or visually impaired.

Each year, our planet experiences a 15% increase in natural disasters.

Every day, 245 people die from the measles.

Today, 2/3 of children report being the victim of bullying.

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By 2040, nearly 650,000,000 people are expected to be living with diabetes.

Each night more than 800,000,000 people go to bed hungry

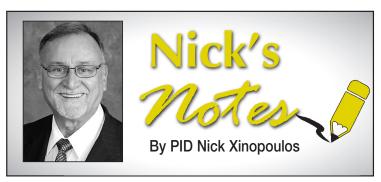
Évery 2 minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer.

By 2025, half the world's population will be living in waterstressed areas.

Donations to LCI should be either online made at

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# Lions are being creative

Lion Gretchen and I would like to congratulate our Governors for the Lions year 2020-2021. We look forward to working with you and wish you a successful year.

Lions Clubs International President Dr. Choi has included "Kindness" with his theme from last year. This year's theme is "United in Kindness and Diversity.'

With the virus still being a threat to us and preventing us from having normal social meetings, Lions all over the world are participating in virtual meetings. For now, these types of meetings are essential for communication with each other to share our thoughts and ideas on how we can

YOUR FEARLESS LEADERS FOR 2020-2021 — The newly elected District Governors are, left to right, Jim Query (District C), Kenneth Williams (District E), Will Farrellbegg (District A), Roger Cash (District B), Brian Thomas (District G), Ken Faulkner (District F), and Mike Ambler (District D). Best of luck on your year of service, District Governors!

# Helping our communities and each other in challenging times

Hello. Lions of Indiana

continue serving our communities.

We as Lions will find a way to serve others during these difficult times.

Through these virtual meetings I was able to learn that Lions partner with a variety of businesses to continue to serve their communities, i.e. collecting food and necessities for those in need. feeding our first responders, and sewing face masks for medical teams and for friends and family

This effort shows that everything is possible if we can work together to find a way to help others.

I encourage each and every one of us to participate in these virtual meetings. We can learn a lot from each other. With technology changing rapidly, we must have an open mind and try the new

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I hope everyone is doing well, staying healthy and positive. Lions have some of the biggest hearts and the most generous and caring souls.

We all have our reasons to join Lions and remain Members, and through these challenging times it can be difficult to accomplish our goals, which is why it is so important now, more than ever, we support one another.

Up in District 25-A, the Hamlet Club served their fair food on Monday nights in July and at least 10 different Clubs were represented supporting the Hamlet Club. Several Clubs set up "giveback nights" at local restaurants, and again Lions from multiple Clubs in the District went and gave their support. District C helped the Zionsville Club celebrate their 90th year as a Lions



# Council **Chairperson's** Corner By CC Mitchell Semans

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Club and Lions from all over the state showed their support at the amazing Zionsville Lions Park.

This time of year the District Governors are having their Banner Nights and this is a great opportunity to show your support and have some fun. So far, the District Governors have done a fantastic job applying the CDC guidelines and keeping everyone safe. We had a successful 1st Council Meeting, with intelligent discussion and valuable inputs from the District Governors. I feel we are in a great position to accomplish our MD goals, thanks to the hard work everyone does. I would also like to thank the MD 25 Lions for their overwhelming support, thoughts, and prayers for 1 VDG Dave Dickinas he recovers from son (Continued on page 3)



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# The journey begins

### By GOV. WILL FARRELLBEGG

I have begun my journey of being your District Gover-nor. The month of July has been a busy month. Club visits, Banner Night, and the first Council of Governors Meeting were a few of the events that have already taken place. Although I did miss out on being able to attend the International Conference and missed the opportunity of meeting the other DGs from around the world, I am excited to have this opportunity. I look forward to serving District 25-A as your District Governor.

I started my DG year with a couple of Club visits to install new Officers. I visited Michiana and Crown Point, and it was great to meet Members of their Clubs. I am looking forward to meeting and visiting with all Clubs this year. Many Clubs are transitioning back to in-person meetings, which is an exciting time for us. Lions are social, but let us not forget to practice safe social distancing. Please reach out to me and schedule your Club visit if you have not done so.

The first Council of Governors Meeting was at the Hilton Gardens in Merrillville. It was great to start our day with the pulling of our ribbons. This was a ceremony that would have taken place at the International Conference. The meeting was chaired by our very own District 25-A CC/IPDG Mitchell Semans. The opportunity to meet with other District Governors throughout the state and to learn what they do within their District is very informative and rewarding. There is a great group of District Governors and together we will help to spread kindness within Indiana Lions.

I would like to thank all who attended my Banner Night, which was put on by my home Club, Lowell Lions Club. They did an awesome job with the venue. the meal, and the entertainment. A special mention to Lions Amanda Thacker, Mel Goldman, Mannv and Connie Frausto, Chuck Furlong, and Vickie Cullen of the Lowell Lions Club for their hard work in putting together a successful evening. The entertainment by the Piper Henry Wesseler was informative and enjoyable.

This year our International Presidents (IP) slogan is "United in Kindness and Diversity" so I ask you all to show kindness to all you meet, no matter who you meet. In Lions we work for the betterment of others in our everyday lives, whether it be collecting glasses and hearing aids, passing out food or meals, raising funds for scholarships, and so much more. All that we do is an act of kindness to help others.

During this time of COVID-19, we are going to find it more difficult to hold our normal Fundraisers. We will need to be more inventive on how we raise funds to continue helping those within our communities.

We also will notice that the need for us is greater. More families have experienced hardships and will look to the Lions as a way out of their darkness. Many Clubs have been donating to their local food pantries and this is a great effort to support. Please remember there are Lions grants out there that will match donations. This would be a great time to utilize these grants.

As Lions we always rise to the challenge and overcome the challenge. I know in the 2020-2021 year we will exceed the challenges that are presented to us. Clubs have already started sharing ideas with other Clubs and sharing tips for Fundraisers and Service Projects. We are together and united to serve. Being inventive is nothing new for the Lions; we find creative ways to serve our communities and will continue to do so.

Our District has sadly lost over 50 Members during the last year. With your help, I am hoping to reverse this decline and add new Members. I want to

send out a challenge to each Club to add a couple of new Members this year. Ask a friend to help volunteer or ask a friend what Service Project they would like done in the community.

As Lions we serve in many different ways and a new Lion can bring a wealth of knowledge to your Club and a different perspective. It never hurts to ask someone to attend and you never know who is wanting to help serve and spread kindness.

I ask you all as Lions to do an act of kindness within your community. Let's be kind to all and help our fellow Lions and new Lions spread kindness.



A LOT OF PULL — At the first **District Governor Council Meet**ing there was the ceremony of pulling the elect ribbon. Cabinet Secretary Stephen Helmken had the honor of pulling the elect ribbon for DG Will Farrellbegg.

BIG KICKOFF -DG Will Farrellbegg had a wonderful Banner Night. Lions from District 25-A and throughout the state gathered to kick off his year as District Governor. Pictured, left to right, are IPDG Mitch Semans, Doug Lozier, DG Will Farrellbegg, Martha Farrellbegg, and PID Linda Tincher.

MELVIN JONES AWARD Pictured, left to right, are Wiet-Ron brock, DG Will Farrellbegg, Mel Goldman, and Paul Pal. Congratulations, DG Will. on your Melvin Jones!





THEY LOVE A PARADE — The South Haven Lions Club served and participated in the 4th of July Parade. They passed out candy and Lions Club information. Many parades were cancelled; however, their parade still went on and they had a wonderful turnout from their club.

### Practicing safe community service

### By WHITNEY MARTIN

Many clubs in District 25-A have resumed in-person meetings and events. Wearing masks and practicing safe social distancing has become the norm; however, this does not stop us from serving.

In July the Mill Creek Community Lions Club hosted a blood drive. This is a wonderful service project to offer right now because many blood banks are in desperate need of donations. You can reach out to your local Red Cross or other organization to set up a blood drive!

Although many events have been cancelled, some Clubs have found a way to continue their

fundraising. A couple of Clubs have organized "give back nights" at local restaurants. You could dine in or carry out and your dinner helped make a difference. The Westville Lions hosted a candy day and raised just over \$1,400. The Hamlet Lions cooked up some delicious fair food at their fair booth in July. The Lowell Lions Club had a very successful car show with 135 cars present. Several other Clubs have upcoming Fundraisers as well.

Our Clubs are here to serve and are helping to spread kindness with everything they do. Serve safely and with a smile on your face; you never know who might need a smile to brighten their day.



# The Hoosier Lion

# The original Lion: the Melvin Jones story

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Before there were over 1.4. million Lions around the world, there was one man with a vision. He was a salesman from Chicago, Illinois, named Melvin Jones. Driven by a dynamic personality and a heart filled with kindness, he helped create a service movement over 100 years ago that's still thriving today.

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, Arizona, 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. Businessman interested in membership convened in Chicago, Illinois, 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, 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 (Continued on page 3)



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such as business and other non-

This past year we have lost sev-

eral Lions through death. A cou-

ple that we will miss greatly in

this District were PDG Dick

Dodge and PIP Wayne Madden.

Both of these men were great

examples of what being a Lion

really meant. PDG Dodge was

very supportive of my service as

a District Governor and as the

PIP Wayne Madden was a men-

tor and encourager to all he came

in contact with. During my time

as a Zone Chair I had a Zone

Meeting in Auburn. As we were

gathering, in walked PIP Wayne.

Now how do I proceed with the

Meeting, as I had not expected to

have a Past International Presi-

dent in the Meeting? He quickly

put me at ease as he said, "Here

I'm just another Lion." He was

more than just another Lion, and

he will be greatly missed by all

who ever knew him.

profit organizations.

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### HOOSIER LION - AUGUST 2020

**REWARD**-ING FAITH -New Haven Lions presented a \$750 scholarship to Faith LeAnn Kahlenbeck of New Haven High School. Making presentation are Lion Gene Caryer, left, and Lion **Bob Hudson**.



# Ready to meet the challenging year ahead

### By GOV. ROGER CASH

Here it is the beginning of a new year in Lionism for District 25-B. As we start this year, we have challenges ahead of us.

But first, let us look at where we are at now. We have a solid core of Lions who are dedicated to carrying the mission of Lions forward in their communities and the World. They look at what is happening around them as a new challenge for service.

Many of our Clubs have not held regular meetings for some time, but that has not stopped them from serving and doing fundraisers. Some of the Clubs have done drive-thru BBQ while others have done drive-thru fish fries. Some Clubs, like Zanesville, have gone ahead and held baseball tournaments and car shows.

This pandemic has given us the chance to really think outside the box about our place in the community and how we can better serve. After all, there are many areas of service that only involve our time and cost little to no money.

Some of our Clubs have shifted to meeting online to plan their Service Projects. Still others have temporarily been meeting in the homes of their Members because their regular meeting places have been closed. We have seen a real working of "your Club, your way" during this time.

Overall I see some great things happening in the District. We have received a COVID-19 grant that was used to purchase PPE for first responders. We recently used an LCIF grant to build a garage for the Steuben County Rural Transit vehicles. We also see several Clubs partnering in support of Service Projects and in their Fundraisers.

Some of the other exciting things happening in the District is the prospect of adding new Members and even new Clubs over the next several months. LCI is waiving several of its fees until December 31 to help Clubs in recruiting new Members. They also have several items online to help. Club Chairs (GMT) are very active this year in supporting the grassroots effort of the Club in growing Lionism in their and nearby communities. We encourage the Clubs to take advantage of all the tools available to them.

As many know, District 25-B started the new Lion year short of a few leaders. However, we have had PCC Jerry Zeigler step up to serve as 1VDG and his wife, Sandy, has agreed to serve as the 2VDG. We have had other Lions step forward to accept various Committee Chair positions. We do want to thank all of those who have agreed to serve in these leadership positions. We also encourage them to go to the LCI Learning Center and complete a few of the leadership courses found there.

And speaking of the Learning Center, there are many courses there that will help not only in Lionism but also in other areas

А SCHOLARSHIP Susan Hoffman, President of the Monroeville Lions Club, presents Chase Luginbill a \$1,000 scholarship for certificate post-secondary education in the Fall. Chase is a 2020 Heritage High School graduate and plans to study engineering at PFW. His parents are Ty and Angie Luginbill.

The Monroeville Lions Club awards a scholarship to a Heritage graduating senior each year. The scholarship is unique in that it focuses only on community service. Applicants must have had a positive impact on their community and list community service activities they have participated in during high school and the number of hours they participated. They also write an essay that tells about one community service that influenced their life and how it will help to reach their goals after high school. Chase's essay focused on volunteering with Turnstone. His community hours totaled 127 hours at various volunteer opportunities. This Service Project is one of many ways that Monroeville Lions are proud TO SERVE!

WATER BOYS — Andrews Lion Michael Okuly and Greg Yoder volunteer passing out water at the Andrews **Town Hall dur**ing the ongoing water crisis in the town of Andrews





**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION — Lion President Dennis Stoll** presented Centennial Membership Awards to PDG Don Cooper, Lion Kevin Berning, and Lion Nathan Berning. Shown, left to right, are PDG Don Cooper, Lion Rick Berning (accepting for Lion Kevin Berning), Lion President Dennis Stoll, and Lion Emily Berning (accepting for her husband, Lion Nathan Berning).



MONEY FOR EDUCATION - At our July 13 meeting, Lion President Dennis Stoll and PDG Don Cooper presented a \$750 scholarship to Emily Cordray. Pictured from left are PDG Don Cooper; Emily's mother, Michelle Cordray; Emily Cordray; and Dennis Stoll.

# GRAND

Helping our-

(Continued from page 1) his medical issues. It's all about supporting one another, regardless ofdifference in opinions, dislikes, and other obstacles that keep us from doing what

# Lions can -

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(Continued from page 2) roles brilliantly - building and managing an expanding headquarters operation and traveling constantly for club visits and speaking engagements. The pace never stopped.

we do best: "WE SERVE."

Everyone knows these are difficult times and we'll have to deal with some uncertainty for who knows how long, but one thing remains constant - people need

service to receive and process all donations.

Make checks out to LCIF and mail to the address below, not to your District Treasurer. Be sure to include Club number/Lions number and the appropriate recognition request form/Melvin Jones Fellowship application form and send to:

Lions Clubs International Foundation

Department 4547

Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA

help, communities need help, our Districts need help, our state, our nation, and the whole global community needs our help, our compassion, and our service.

My hope is that we as Lions stay united and strong and are driven by our Lion spirit. We may have to make some adjustments to how we are used to doing things; we may have to try new things and fail, but we may try them again and succeed. You are not alone. Ask for help and utilize your resources. Every Lions Club in MD 25 has resources available from our four state projects (ISBVI, Cancer Control, Speech and Hearing, and Indiana Leader Dog); Vision First; Indiana Lions Foundation; and LCIF. These are all awesome opportunities to utilize these resources to improve our communities.

We are here to not only help our

communities, but to help one another as well. The bottom line is to be there in a time of need. "Where there's a need there's a Lion.

# Lions are-

(Continued from page 1) ways of communication. We need to embrace new ideas and respect each other's opinions.

We are Lions because we believe in helping others. If each one of us can make a commitment to recruit someone who is willing to serve with us, what a difference we can make in our world

Here is some exciting news from Lions Clubs International! Until December 31, 2020, all entrance fees are waived. No Charter entrance fees, no fee to

I look forward to another great year of Lionism and continuing the legacy that this great organization has established. May the Lions be with you and God bless.

join an existing Club, no fee to transfer Clubs. Now is the time to invite friends, families, and neighbors to join the World's Largest Service Organization.

I also have some very encouraging news. In spite of the difficulties of what we have been going through in the past 5 months with the COVID-19 virus. we as Lions have managed to serve over 275 million people around the world. I believe that number would be higher if all Clubs would report their service activities.



Let's use our time wisely

### By GOV. JIM QUERY

It's hard to believe, but time is already running out on my term as Governor! I only have three MD Council Meetings and three District Meetings remaining in my tenure! I only have 11 months left!

OK, so there is quite a bit of time left, but this last month has been very enjoyable, and there is so much still ahead!

District, State and PDG Directories will be heading your way in the next couple weeks. Since our first District Meeting was held online, a good portion of the Directories may be mailed this year. The Cabinet Secretary has been hard at work all summer



AWARD-WINNING RE-SEARCHER — Lafayette Lions Club held its second meeting of the month on May 20 by Zoom. This was their Annual Research Cancer Award night. We hosted researcher Dr. Elizabeth J. Tran, who was nominated by her peers in the Purdue Center for Cancer Research to receive our award for cutting-edge research. Dr. Tran described her work with the assistance of a slide presentation on her research to find a treatment for small cell cancer. Currently, there is little treatment available for this deadly form of cancer.

Dr. Tran was awarded a check for \$500 and a plaque recognizing her award from the Lafavette Lions Club.

feeding kids at the Spencer Lions Club and has mentioned that she may be willing to hand deliver some of them also.

I encourage you to look in your area for events being held by Lions Clubs. If your Club has an event, please send me the details and I will put them in the newsletter for all to see! I know of a couple fish fries coming up in the next few weeks; they may be out of our District, but they are Lions and need support too! The Carmel Lions Club is holding a fish fry on August 14; the Clermont Club on August 21.

Coming up quickly at the end of the month is our Banner Night! It will be held at the "In God's Arms" building just south of the Spencer Lions Club building at 59 N. Main St., Spencer, Indiana, 47460. Social hour begins at 4 p.m. Dinner and program will start at 5 p.m. Dinner will be \$25. Please send your reservation to PDG Jim Query at jequery@bluemarble.net or mail your checks to PDG Jim at 2408 Shepard Patrick Road, Spencer, Indiana, 47460.

At Banner I plan to start something new. I will host a Zoom Meeting roundtable on the last Saturday night of each month. The idea is to get people together to find out what's working, what isn't working, who needs help, who's willing to help other Clubs, and, well, just to bring us together to have a good time. To kick that off, I will be asking the PDGs to briefly share a story at Banner Night on their most memorable moment as Governor, so put on your thinking caps!

Presidents and Secretaries, please contact me to set up your official visit! I have only had a handful of requests and would love to hear from you!

In closing, I want to thank each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication to Lions. I am very blessed to have such a wonderful District to serve alongside.

It truly is an honor to be your Governor! I look forward to meeting you all very soon!

Together We Serve, Because Kindness Matters!

WELCOME – 1st Vice District Governor Jim Roth, left, receives his pin from DG Jim Query at the 1st Council Meeting in Merrillville. Congratulations, 1st Vice District Governor Jim **Roth from Battle** Ground Lions Club, our new DG is pleased to welcome you to his team!





RIBBON WORK - District A Governor Will Farrellbegg has his ribbon removed by District A Secretary Stephen Helmken, while District C Governor Jim Query's ribbon is being removed by President Wendy Semans, wife of CC Mitch Semans.



DUE HONOR — The Plainfield Lions Club was a donor to the building of the Celebration of Service Memorial located in Friendship Gardens in Plainfield to honor first responders with the Plainfield Police, Plainfield Fire Territory, and the Hendricks County Communications Center



**KEEPING IT CLEAN** — Environmental roadside cleanup team of six Lions - Chair Steve Haby, Charlie Short, Jerry Metzinger, Larry Fisher, Mark Bowman, and Carl Landskron — picked up six large bags of trash along US 231 South in Lafayette after meeting for coffee. Shown from left: Haby, Landskron, Fisher, Bowman, and Metzinger. PDG Charlie Short took the photo. The road sign commemorates their hard work





AUTOMOTIVE TRIBUTE — The family of Zionsville Lion Jim James pauses during a drive-by memorial in honor of his passing, in which 39 Lions and friends participated, while neighbors stood in their driveways with signs. This was a great way for the ZLC to show the James Family how much they appreciated knowing and working with Lion Jim throughout the years.

# Exciting news from

Reacquainting with the familiar

# Lions Clubs International

Until December 31, 2020, all entrance fees are waived. There will be:

- no charter entrance fees
- no fee to join an existing Club
- no fee to transfer Clubs

Now is the time to invite friends, families, and neighbors to join the World's Largest Service Organization.

# The conference is back in Indy

The 2021 Mid-Winter Conference returns to the Crowne Plaza at the Indianapolis Airport.

Everything will be under one roof. It's a "one-stop" environment for Indiana's premier conference. Save the date: January 22-23, 2021.

Sometimes it's good to take another good, contemplative look at the Lions principles we live according to in our lives, Clubs and projects, if only to reaffirm our commitment to the involvements we have chosen in serving our communities and each other.

Here, reprinted from www.lionsclubs.org, are purpose statement and code of ethics that apply to all of us.

### **Our Purpose**

To Organize, charter and supervise service Clubs to be known as Lions clubs.

To Coordinate the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.

To Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world

To Promote the principles of

good government and good citizenship.

To Take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.

To Unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.

To Provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.

To Encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors

### **Our Code of Ethics**

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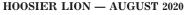
ness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

To Seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

To Remember that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

To Hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of (Continued on page 5)





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vented us from having a Conven-

tion, Cabinet Meeting, and Club

visits, but through PDG Dan's

leadership, our District has done

# What to expect after COVID-19?

### By GOV. MIKE IMBLER

Wow, COVID-19 has changed a lot of our norms in 2020. At our Lions meeting we used to shake hands and give hugs. There was no social distancing between any of us and no masks. The closer the better. At our Lions meetings and our community projects we used to work side by side and enjoy each other while serving. Will we ever get back to that? I am an optimist, I say YES, but right now we need to be smart and follow the state and local health guidelines. BE SAFE.

Some of our Clubs are opening up and doing some Fundraisers. Van Buren Lions Club is selling the best tenderloins in Indiana at the Popcorn Festival on August 6-8. Upland Lions Club is taking their ice shaving trailer to various fairs and events. Kokomo Area Lions Club is doing a Fundraiser at the War of 1812 reenactment October 9-11 north of Marion. Yes, we can have Lion Meetings, Service Projects, and Fundraisers and still be safe.

One thing positive out of this virus is that it has forced us to look outside the box. Right now we can't do what we used to do. The technology has given us many other ways to communicate with our Members. Social media, computers, cell phones, Zoom, and Skype give us other have Meetings, ways to Fundraisers, and ways to stay in

contact with our Members. Some Clubs are calling every Member twice a month just to see how they are doing and if they need anything. Communicating with our Members makes all of us feel like we are part of our Lions Club.

I want to thank PDG Dan Wilcox and his wife, Lion Tammy, for all the hard work and time they have given during his year as our 25-D District Governor. The virus might have pre-

LONGTIME SERV-ICE — IPDG Dan Wilcox, right, presents **Greentown** Lion Tom Moor with the International President's Certificate of Appreciation in recognition for his many years of service in Lionism.

very well. He held us together. He set a goal of 100 new Members for our District and this year our District signed up 102 Members. Good job, PDG Dan! Remember, Banner Night is August 29, 2020, at the Greentown Lions Club. Come in your best Western outfits. Isn't it GREAT to be a LION!



# Reserve your place at this year's Banner Night

The 25-D Banner Night with District Governor Mike Imbler will be held on Saturday, August 29,

2020, at the Greentown Lions Club, 610 E. Payton St., Greentown.

TEEN SPIRIT - Carmel Lions are forming a new Alpha Leo Club. Teens also have a desire to serve those in need around them

Social time will begin at 6:00 p.m., with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The dinner menu includes pulled BBQ pork, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, dinner roll, dessert, and drink. The cost is \$20 per person.

The evening will feature entertainment, a 50-50 raffle, and a silent auction.

Western apparel is requested, and remember to bring your Club banner

For reservations, call (765) 210-6873 or e-mail jrjawise@aol.com. Registration deadline is August



GOOD NEIGHBORS - People are looking for ways to serve their neighbors, as evidenced by these new Noblesville Home Place Club Members being inducted.



A GOOD SIGN - Noblesville Lions invite new Members during the 4th of July parade.

### By MARTY JUEL. **Club Secretary**

It is that time of the year for all Lions Clubs to close out their financial books for the fiscal year that just ended on July 31.

There should be some euphoria for those Treasurers and Secre-

Keacquainting

### tary-Treasurers who annually file the short form, Form 990-N. All Lions Clubs who have

annual gross receipts of \$50,000 or less do not have to file IRS Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, but must file Form 990-N (e-Postcard) by November 15 of each year.

You will need your Club's EIN

### (employer identification number). Do not wait for a reminder from the IRS!

There is no penalty assessment for late filing, but an organization that fails to file required e-Postcards (or Form 990 or 990 -EZ) for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax-exempt status.

### The revocation of the organization's tax-exempt status will not take place until the filing due date of the third year.

DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN as it is extremely complicated and may be costly to regain your Club's tax-exempt status.

For complete information about Form 990-N, go to www.irs.gov/eo.

Club Secretaries and Treasurers, NOW IS THE TIME!

Some of our Club Secretaries have work to do. Several Officer Report Forms (formerly known as PU 101s) filed online were incomplete, missing phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses.

A few had inaccurate information, while several did not list a Membership Chairperson.

However, as Club Secretaries we have a responsibility. We must go into the MyLCI website and check information recorded there for each of our Members, not just for the Officers we report.

Information probably cannot be added or changed if a Member's birth year is not recorded.

Not only is accurate information needed by our District Officers and LCI, it determines whether or not your Members receive THE HOOSIER LION and LION magazine.

Our Lions deserve a little of our time to ensure that their information is properly and completely recorded

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(Continued from page 5) the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation. my state, and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

To Aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

To Be Careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.



New blood, communication, and giving are keys to success

Reporting our membership and

### By GOV. KENNY WILLIAMS

With me retiring, all the LCI emails, a State Council Meeting, and a District Meeting happening in July, it has been hard to truly focus on things further down the totem pole. I will try my best in my "spare" time.

I attended my first official visit to my home Club and realized what new blood can do for a Club. Our President outlined his goals and conducted a jampacked meeting, where I also inducted my daughter, Aubrey, into Lions. People were excited at the possibilities. With COVID, some of our Clubs have basically shut down. We need to get on the horn and call our Members to do a Project where we can maintain example, our safety. For Ellettsville Lions picked up trash.

Call to check up on your Members. We care so much about our communities that we often fail to reach out to our own Lions Members, who are also part of the community. Get active; it will save your Clubs.

service activities has not stopped due to COVID. Report them early in the month, then make changes and additions later. This is a monthly requirement. It only takes a few minutes each month and is very important, even if you are just reporting a Zoom Meeting or other activities. If you don't have access to a computer, send your information to PCC Keith Thomas or PCC Jeff Schafer. Like Nike, "Just Do It!" On June 2, 2020, District 25-E was awarded an LCIF \$10,000 emergency grant, designated to help our two Lawrence County hospitals buy COVID-19 related medical supplies. Bedford Lions Jan Allen, Judy Heichelbech, Laura Williams, and Past District Governor Gary Ochs researched and wrote the grant

Treasurer Richard Kaiser. More than 250 IU Health team members and all visitors to IU

application, with the approval

and assistance of District Gover-

nor Sheryl Schafer and District

Bedford Hospital will be positively impacted by the new personal protective equipment and respiratory hygiene stands which were purchased with its \$5,000 of the LCIF grant

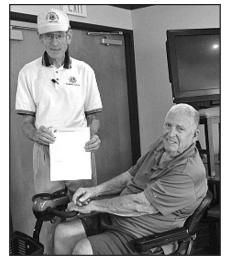
St. Vincent Dunn Hospital has purchased \$5,000 worth of specialized respiratory monitoring equipment, the Masimo Rad 97 with Radius PPG. Up to 100 patients daily can be monitored instantly and continuously, whether stationary or moving about the room. This will be utilized for COVID-19 patients as well as children with RSV.

Our state gets more money from LCIF than we contribute. That's why it is so important for all Clubs to contribute to LCIF. It is also important for individuals to make contributions. We have pledge cards where you can have an amount taken monthly out of vour checking or savings account. Check your Club's cumulative contributions. You may be able to designate one of your Members a Melvin Jones Fellow. Your Club may not be very far off. LCIF is a very good way to help people in need. Around the District, Clubs are

starting to meet, but many are still not meeting or are doing virtual meetings on Zoom, etc. Do what you feel safe doing, but communicate. We can get through these times. Thanks for serving.

HALF A CENTURY PLUS OF SERVICE French Lick-West Baden Lion Denny Weikert, seated, receives a 55-year **Monarch Award presented** by Club President PDG Bill Willis during a recent Family Night Meeting.

Lion Denny is the senior Lion in the Club, which will celebrate its 70th Anniversary November 17 at Larry Bird's former home. Lion Denny has been a Club Member since he was Superintendent of Springs Valley Schools, a position he held for 33 years (Larry Bird's number),



setting a state record for superintendent tenure. He grows a big garden each year and treats the Club to home-grown ears of corn during the season. (Photo by Catherine Willis).



**GRANT BENEFICIARIES** — Shown from left to right are: IU Health Bedford Hospital President Brad Dykes, Bedford Lion Secretary Jan Allen, PDG and LCIF MD 25 Chairperson Gary Ochs, and Manager of Clinical Nursing Baili Campbell.

SCHOLARSHIP TIMES TWO - Ellettsville Scholarship: Haley Nethery and Harrison **Pittsford** received Ellettsville Lions Pride scholarships.





READY, SET, PULL - DG ribbon pull. PID Linda Tincher "pulled" DG Kenny Williams's ribbon to signify becoming District Governor.

HOUSESITTING - Seymour Evening Lions meeting at Lion President **Ruel West's home** with District Governor Sheryl Schafer.



By LION LARRY SHAW, President, **Decatur Central Lions Club** 

Hello all. We are about to begin a new Fundraiser that I would like to share with you. I would like to invite you to participate, both individually and as a Club.

First, let me hype it up as a Fundraiser!

- It can be done entirely with no contact (which is great for us older, more susceptible Members).
- It can be done with very little up-front money. Your Club will be doing the community a service just by having your Fundraiser, because it will generate lots of positive vibes and give families something

to do this summer that can be totally touch-free for them as well!

• You will make money promoting Lions Clubs (yes, it is true ... you will earn money while promoting your Club). A handful of Members can run the entire Fundraiser without leaving home — well, one or two will have to set up the designated locations (so far, I have done all the setup alone).

• You WILL have fun, make money, and increase the community's positive disposition by leaps and bounds!

So why wouldn't you want to be part of our Fundraiser and be part of the experience?

The Fundraiser is a "Chalk Art

Challenge," and here's how it works:

- You recruit contestants to draw their best "Positive Message" at a designated area or on their own driveway or sidewalk.
- You post the artists' renderings online and get the community to judge the entries. Judging awards must be done at a designated location. All voting is done online on the photos of everyone's masterpieces to determine who wins the Popular Vote Prize.
- Post the photo(s) on your Club's Facebook or website. To win, you would share your "art" with as many people as you can, so you can get the most votes at

a \$1 donation per vote.

All the rules can be found on www.vote-chalk-art.com. I hope you accept my invitation to participate! NOTE: This is an example site. When we launch the contest, the real site will be posted on our Decatur Central Lions Club Facebook Page (or you can e-mail me for it). BUT WAIT! You say you want to do your own Chalk Art Challenge? FINE! I can help you with that too!

The good part is that your upfront costs are almost nothing (if you do them yourself) and the back-end costs are just that (the prizes at the end) so hopefully you will have enough money to cover the prizes, plus much more. If you would like to cut down on your work and time, and get

started almost immediately, I am willing to set up a website for you to use and host it for you as well (for a very low reasonable cost). If you go to the website above, you will see two extra pages, one with a form with the type of information that I would need to set up a website for your Club and one that has some of the marketing graphics and e-mail templates you can use to speed getting your Fundraiser started (whether I build your site or not). I spent a lot of time building our website. It will take more time than you might think to modify it with your information and links.

If you want to do this Fundraiser and get started fast at a very small cost, give me a call and we (Continued on page 7)



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PR Chairperson Andrea Feeney 1833 Sandoval Court Indianapolis, IN 46214 newsletter25F@yahoo.com

your District Governor, I am eas-

ily available electronically. With that in mind, I am happy to meet the old-fashioned way as well.

Lions are meant to be in prides,

so let us be prideful and gather,

Digging Spurs into Service.

but let's do so SAFELY.



Go back to your pride

asm to serve others. We Serve is not just a motto, it is a passion in

Recently many Clubs have

begun to gather and meet once

again amid the virus fears. If

your Club has not met yet, I

encourage you to encourage your

Club leaders to do so virtually. As

our hearts.

### By GOV. KEN FAULKNER

COVID-19, the coronavirus, the Rona, the virus that stopped the world, whatever you may call it, has postponed or cancelled many events for Lions all over our District and State. But the one thing it has not stopped: our enthusi-

PARADE HOSTS — The Milan Lions Club hosted their town's annual July 4th Parade. Even though the Lions could not throw candy to the kids along the route, it was a huge success and it continued a long-standing tradition.

SUCCESS ON FIRST TRY -The Clermont Lions Club hosted their first fish fry of season! the For the first time ever, they had to make it carry-out only, but that did not stop the community from coming out!





They had a great turnout and got to see a lot of familiar faces! Think it is safe to say it was a success!



DECATUR CENTRAL YARD SALE — The Decatur Central Lions Club held a yard sale on July 18, an outside-the-box Fundraiser raising money for many of our State Projects. Knowing the Club's annual fair was cancelled due to COVID-19, the community donated many items to the cause.

Feeney was awarded a W.P. Woods Fellowship by IPDG Don Mullen at our 25-F's Organization Day held at Camp Woodsmoke. She tried, albeit unsuccessfully, to hold back the tears.

A GOOD KIND OF CRY - Past Cabinet Secretary Lion Andrea



"HOWDY, 'BOYS" — Banner Night took place on August 1 and was a raging success! Lots of fun by all who attended.



DELAYED MEDALS — PID Nick Xinopoulos and PID Linda Tincher presented the Presidential Leadership Medals to PCC Ron Bigham and Lion Nancy Baxter of the Clermont Lions Club at DG Ken's Banner Night. These were to be presented at the Indiana Lions State Convention, which was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. IPDG Don Mullen is standing next to PID Nick.

As Lions, we hold ourselves to the absolute highest standards in everything we do.

Our Members and Clubs are dedicated to serving others, and it shows. We champion kindness in our communities and actively work to improve the lives of all people.

\_\_\_\_\_ Recruiting is job one — and

(Continued from page 6) can discuss how much you might want to modify the Fundraiser website and for me to explain to you how much work you will need to do to add contestants to your website.

A fun

One last thing, if you want to use this idea and want to present it to

your Club, there is a PowerPoint presentation under the "Tools" tab as well. It also has information about a Bike Rodeo. My contact information is: Lion Larry Shaw P.O. Box 42042 Indianapolis, IN 46242 (317) 809-0797



# prospecting is the first step

By PDG CHARLIE SHORT, State Membership Chair

When you go to the grocery, do you just walk in and buy everything you think you need?

Of course you don't. Well, most of us don't, anyway. You look through your cupboards and fridge and find out what you need. You add them to a list.

We should do the same thing every time we see someone who would be a great Lion.

Since many of our Clubs are in a "medically-induced coma" at the moment, making a grocery list for the needs of the Club isn't a bad idea. Take the time to do a little Club "grocery list" check and figure out what and who we need.

Identifying skills that your Club

needs, and intentionally watching for people that have them, is the first step of the recruiting process. This is prospecting.

We all watch a lot of TV, read the paper, follow Facebook and Instagram, and see a lot of people who would improve our Clubs. We meet people around town. We should write their names down on the list, even if we don't have contact information. We might make a note about what they do, where they work, or other details that help us remember why we thought they might be a good Lion. Writing this information down or putting it in your phone for later is a good habit.

Share these prospects when you get home with your Club President, Secretary and Membership Chair. They might know them, and help you plan an approach to ask.

So, let's get ready to shop for some new Lions! Let's build our prospect lists with names and skills of some great folks.

Indiana Lions Join North American Membership

Initiative (NAMI) Indiana Lions are now part of a voluntary combined effort to increase Lions membership across the US and Canada.

Started by the late LCI 1st VP Haynes Townsend and LCI 1st VP Brian Sheehan, NAMI is a pooled effort to share the best practices and processes for Clubs, Districts and States/Provinces to increase their membership. For more information on the resources available, see the LCI website at www.lionsclubs.org/en/nami.



# Dealing with the new normal

### By GOV. BRIAN THOMAS

At some point in our Governorelect training sessions in Plainfield, led by PCC David Eisen and PDG Paul Russell, the statement was made that the training was designed to help us hit the ground running on July 1.

Thanks to the COVID pandemic, July 1 did not produce a running start - but it was a good hard trot. As Governor I was able to attend the 1st Council Meeting in Merrillville, two Banner Nights and visit six District G Clubs.

We all recognize that last year ended with a whimper due to quarantines, mandates, and needed safety measures. The International Convention in Singapore was cancelled, as was the State Convention in Bloomington. President Choi was tapped to serve another term due to our Bylaws. Clubs stopped meeting and lost out on many fundraising opportunities.

Even though we are emerging to a new "normal," the 2020-2021 year is still feeling the effects. Many Clubs are now meeting in person, although some meet in

outdoor locations or with an online platform such as Zoom.

Unfortunately, the new normal is actually a new reality we all must deal with. Almost all District G Clubs lost major spring and summer Fundraisers and now face financial uncertainty. Currently four of our smaller Clubs are facing the choice of disbanding or merger with another Club. Along with my District team, I hope to work with these struggling Clubs to find the proper solution. I tend to favor the merger proposals, as it is more important to have Lion Members in vibrant Clubs as opposed to being in a "weak" Club and not

MUG SHOT **Dunlap Lion Presi**dent Joe Foy, right, presented Lion Marlyn Fast a copper mug in honor of his tenure of 52 years as a Lion!

benefit from being a Lion. This is the new reality we need

to confront. As always, the preferred solution is to recruit new Members. As our citizens emerge from the pandemic constrictions imposed on them, I believe they will be eager to search out new opportunities to be involved and thus be ripe for recruitment into the Lion's organization that means so much to their communities.

District G looks forward to holding our first Cabinet Meeting on August 15 in Claypool and our annual Banner Night on August 22 at Camp Mack in Milford. Our Pride is Lions



freely out of her back door. A potted tomato, a chair, and a broom make for a homey nook that once was three sharply deep cement steps to the ground with only one rail to hang on to.

Now our friend can enjoy the evening shade, nicely manage the new stairs, or ease down the long ramp that takes her right to her garage. Her family has been extremely appreciative of this helpful addition. The Fulton-Liberty Lions are grateful to provide this structure and are especially thankful of new Member, Roland Jacobson, for his skills in designing the deck and ramp and overseeing the workers.









## **Charter Night for Greene Township**

### By RUTH SHEARER, Secretary, Greene Township Lions Club

On June 25, Greene Township Lions held their first physical meeting in many months.

It was Charter Night, with DG Mary Klempay and several wives and guests present. Social distancing masks were used and packaged meals were served by Lion Stacy

President Lion Gary Ort passed the gavel to Lion Bob Swank, incoming President. Officers were confirmed by District Governor Mary, and Melvin Jones Awards were presented to Lions Ruth Shearer, Larry Sawdon, and Stephen Eddy.

All in attendance were appreciative of all the effort that went into preparation, and they hope future Meetings will be held. The next Meeting will be a Zoom Meeting and physical Meetings will be decided after evaluation of state progress.

LIONS GIV-ING NEW FREEDOM -The Fulton-Liberty Lions Club was honored to help a local resident this month by building a deck and ramp that can also be used with a wheelchair, if needed. It was a great delight to this 89-year-old woman, who can now walk



how many bags you order. You will love these premium products.

They are really something special and make great holiday gifts. You

can start shopping now at syracuselionsclub.terrilynn.com to help our

Gregory L. Jeffrey

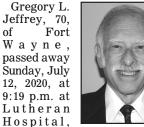
then worked at Fort Wayne ters, Valerie Jeffrey of Fort National Bank where he worked Wayne and Amanda (Josh) Harrison of Indianapolis; and 5 grandchildren, Lilliannah Hertenstein of Fort Wayne, Jax-son Rumbaugh of North Webster, and Katherine, Elizabeth and Sophia Harrison, all of Indianapolis. He was preceded in death by his parents, step-son Luke Riedhart, and sister Barbara Lou Truex. Visitation was held Thursday, July 16, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a Lions Club Memorial service from 7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday, July 17, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. preceding the 2 p.m. funeral service at Deal-Rice Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel. Burial followed in Andrews Riverside Cemetery. Preferred memorials may be sent to Fort Wayne Central Lions Club, c/o Deal-Rice Funeral Home, 338 E. Washington St., Huntington, IN 46750.

TIME TO GO NUTS - Pictured is Syracuse Lions Club Doris Yoder. The Syracuse Lions Club just opened an online store with Terri Lynn Fundraising. You can support our cause by purchasing their super yummy nuts and chocolates. Everything you buy gets shipped right to your door, and a portion of every sale goes directly to our Club. Shipping for online orders is \$5, no matter

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July 6, 1950 -July 12, 2020

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Fort Wayne. PDG GREGORY L. JEFFREY He was a

1968 graduate of Huntington North High School, graduated IPFW in 1971 with a major in Spanish education and minor in economics and psychology, and graduated from University of Colorado Banking School.

He worked at Shuttleworth in Huntington where he translated their brochures into Spanish. He

in acquisitions, started their international banking, and became assistant vice president. He left the bank to purchase Fort Wayne's oldest coin store, Mr. Wimp's Coins, in 1984. He and his wife owned the business to the day of his passing.

He was extremely active in Lions Club, belonging to the Fort Wayne Central Club, served as Past District Governor of District 25-B, Past Council Chair, and Missions Coordinator, taking eye care teams to Honduras and El Salvador beginning in 1997. He was an avid I.U. fan. Greg was born July 6, 1950, in Huntington, a son of Eldon and Dorothy (Minsel) Jeffrey. On December 3, 1977, he married his beloved wife of 42 years, Priscilla Pinney in Roanoke. She survives in Fort Wayne. Also surviving are two daugh-

### Raffle for Lions ring to benefit Indiana Special Olympics

Raffle tickets are only \$10 each, and only 1,000 will be sold. The drawing for the custom-made Lions ring, men's size 12, will be held at the Indiana Lions State Council Meeting on October 17. See your District Special Olympics Commit-

Syracuse Lions Club serve our community.

tee Chair or any Special Olympics Committee Member for tickets.

For more information, contact Bill McDonald, the State Special Olympics Committee Chair, at lionmcdonald53@gmail.com or (812) 689-6699.



Strides for Diabetes