


ANNOUNCEMENT: Mid-Winter Conference is coming in January

By DOUG LOZIER

The Mid-Winter Conference Committee is asking that you plan to attend the Mid-Winter Conference on January 21-22, 2022, at the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza Hotel near the former ter-

minal of the Indianapolis International Airport. At this time, we are planning for it to be live and in-person. More details about the schedule, seminars, presenters, and hotel rooms will be forthcoming soon.



PID Corner

By PID Doug Lozier,
Lions International Liaison

Lions getting back to business, virtually and in person

We have just witnessed a great effort by our International Association to pull off the first ever virtual International Convention. Lions from around the world were able to participate and watch an entire 5-day Convention without ever leaving their homes. The technology and the electronic voting worked very well, the video presentations were very well done, and we have new International Officers. The Convention division staff and committee deserve a lot of praise for their efforts.

The next International Convention has been changed from India to Montreal, Quebec, Canada, which is a long day's drive from Indiana. Spending the night in Niagara Falls going or coming might work well into your plans next summer.

The world is getting back to business, but perhaps not as usual. Clubs that have been meeting virtually via Zoom have found new ways to communicate with their members. A group of us

from all over the U.S. and many other parts of the world who served on the International Board together meet almost every week on Zoom. If it were not for the technology, we would not see each other until the next USA/Canada Forum or an International Convention.

Another group of Lions from all over the globe have been getting together every Saturday for an hour and a half of fun, games, Lions inspirational messages, and breakout rooms to talk about our Lion projects and serving remotely (as well as having some adult or non-adult beverages, too).

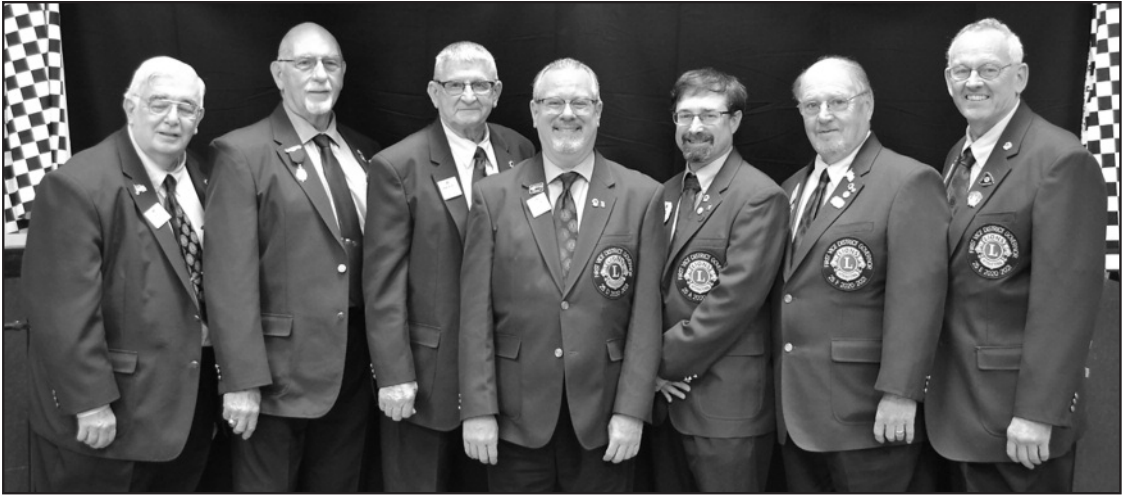
COVID should not be an excuse for not meeting somehow. It should not be an excuse for not conducting some kind of service projects. It must not stop us from having fundraisers. In fact, many Clubs have found that changing their fish fries and pancake breakfasts to drive-in or carry-out-only results in greater profits than they had conducting them in person.

Meeting, raising funds, and doing service can be done safely with careful planning. Our State Convention last April is a good example.

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be September 9-11, 2021, in Des Moines, Iowa - in person. I hope you have registered to attend to become educated, motivated, and inspired. I will be there looking for you as the Forum "Cultivates Leaders."

CLUBS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

Along with welcoming your new District Governor for the coming year, be sure to thank and honor your Immediate Past DG for the year of service he just completed. The position takes a lot of time and personal investment, and both our present and past leaders deserve our respect.



STARTING LINEUP FOR 2021-2022 — The new leadership for 2021-22 paused for a group photo in front of the checkered flag at the State Convention in Indianapolis. Shown from left are DG Jim Roth (District C), DG Jerry Zeigler (B), DG Marlyn Fast (G), DG Scott Smith (D), DG Mitch Semans (A), DG Jeffrey Locke (F), and DG Lee Cuba (E).



A CENTURY OF SERVICE — The Indianapolis Downtown Lions Club met in June to celebrate its 100th anniversary. The Club was chartered February 2, 1921. Because of COVID-19, the Club had not met in person all year until this meeting.

Together, We Serve


Welcome one and all to the new Lions Year! After a very long year and a half, it's time for us to step out of the shadows of our homes and get busy in our communities.

Winston Churchill once said, "If we are together, nothing is impossible. If we are divided, all will fail." Even though those words were spoken in a time a war, they still ring true today.

As the world starts to come out of this pandemic, there will be many people who are not Lions looking for a way to make a positive difference in this world. We, as Lions, can help them fulfill those desires, for we have made a difference in our communities around the world for over 100 years! We help with getting eyeglasses so they can see, hearing aids so they can hear, leader dogs so they can have some sense of independence! Did you know that the Leader Dog School we support in Indiana trains the dog and the recipient and gives them the dog FREE OF CHARGE?! Other schools in the United States charge up to \$50,000 for the dog. Because of your donations, they get them free!

As we continue to reach out and serve our communities, let us not forget reaching out to help each other! Now is the time for us to reach out to other Clubs and strengthen our bonds of fellowship!

Several Districts have calen-



Council Chairperson's Corner

By CC Jim Query
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dars that will show events happening throughout your District. Why not support your fellow Lions by hopping into your car for a little drive and eating at their fish fry? Maybe you need help staffing your event, so reach out to other Clubs nearby and invite them to help you! I would wager there is probably a Lion event near you about every other weekend through October! I encourage you to create bonds of fellowship and service with Clubs near you.

The more service you do for your community, the better your community will be! The more you do, the more people will notice. The more people notice, the more people will have interest in your Club! The more people who have interest in your Club, the more Members you will have to do more service for your community! And the more service you do,

the better your community will be, the stronger your District will be, and the more vibrant your state will be - all because someone wanted to make a difference. There are multiple opportunities coming up to serve. We are always looking for volunteers to help with the State Fair. If you are looking for somewhere to learn more about Lions, there is no better place than the USA/Canada Forum being held in Des Moines, Iowa, this year.

It was wonderful to have such a good turnout at the first Council Meeting in Laporte last month. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the next one in October. I challenge each and every one of you to stand with me today and make a difference. Let us all strengthen our communities, our Districts, our state - one act of service at a time. Together, We Serve!



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District Lions are up and going

By GOV. MITCH SEMANS

Greetings Lions,
It has been a busy month as Lions are up and going and doing all sorts of things. I've made several official visits already and I'm very pleased with the progress you all are making.

So far, during every official visit I've made, I have inducted new Members – and the excitement is at an all-time high. The new Members are excited to get started and be a part of something positive, fun, and beneficial to the community, because We Serve! Service drives Membership, Membership drives Leadership, and Leadership drives Service. I'm so proud of 25-A Lions and their willingness to try new things or do old things in a different way, and especially our ability to adapt to the ever-changing world we live in.

We are truly all in this together and we are all on the same team. With excitement comes passion – and Lions are the most passionate people I know. The dedication we have to our communities is second to none.

But sometimes we get so involved in helping others and so passionate about our ideas, we forget about our fellow Lions. Sometimes we say things and the words don't come out right or they get misinterpreted, feelings get hurt, and we get mad or frustrated with one another. Saying "I'm sorry" is great, but being able to forgive is even greater. I've done it myself several times, the last at a pre-council meeting.

So, we take a step back, take a breath, and remember we are all on the same team; we are all here to help someone, and that includes each other. One thing I have experienced through my journey as District Governor is that we meet people along the way and they become family.

When I was growing up, it was just my parents and brother and sister. We had other family, but no one who lived close by, so it was just like having a small fam-

ily. I always wanted a big family with lots of things to do and, well, now I've got it and I can say I'm truly blessed.

The Lions family is more than just giving hugs at meetings and fundraisers, it's a level of caring, understanding, and forgiveness. It's a support system like no other. I encourage each and

every one of you to really think about being a Club President (which is the easiest job in a Club), stepping up to a Zone or Region Chair and possibly moving on to 2nd Vice District Governor.

Ask questions. Ask me or IPDG Will or any PDG and bring the idea up you're your family and

W.P. WOODS — Westville Lion Jean Bartmess was awarded the W.P. Woods Fellowship. Pictured are Lion Jean and Lion Rhonda Weston.



MELVIN JONES — Westville Lion Member Al Slont was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship. Pictured are Lion Al and Lion Rhonda Weston.



BAG MONEY — District 25-A Diabetes Awareness Committee had funds for grants.

Lion Vicky Klein applied for a \$5,000 grant to be given to "Buddy Bags," a division of the Community Help Network, Inc.

This is an organization our Club has taken on as a support and service project. The Grant was approved! Pictured from left are Crown Point Lion President Joe Beckman, Buddy Bags Director Bonnie Meyer, and Diabetes Awareness Committee Chair Carolyn Toosley.



Club. I think you will be amazed at the support you'll receive. If you are someone who likes doing the service projects, has ideas, and has the passion for Lions, then we need you in Leadership. Again, Service drives Member-

ship, Membership drives Leadership, and Leadership drives Service. Keep the legacy going; your community needs you, and your fellow Lions need you.

God Bless and May the Lions be with you!

TAKING THE BANNER — Lion Wendy of the Hamlet Lions accepts the banner from the Lowell Lions.



GOING TO THE DOGS — The Merrillville Lions hosted a Dollars for Dogs Campaign with The Ark Pet Shop. It was a great success. They raised \$608 and The Ark Pet Shop is going to match what they raised!



The Making of Panther Court

By Teresa Bals-Elsholz, Secretary, Hanna Lions Club

"Coach called. Some members of the South Central basketball team keep getting sprained ankles while playing on the Hanna Lions Park basketball court. Can we do something about it?" reported Lion Jim.

That was about two years ago. With that request, the small Hanna Lions Club got to work.

The outdoor court sits atop the site of the former Hanna School, home of the Panthers, with much of the rubble below settling and creating the infamous "Hanna Hill" basketball surface. Debate ensued on whether an asphalt overlay or a new concrete slab should be done. A grant from the LaPorte County Unity Foundation and donations to the Hanna Lions Park fund had the Hanna Lions ready to get to work. Quotes were gathered, and a decision was nearly made. And then the community stepped up to the free throw line!

A local community member and concrete company employee, Paul Good, offered to coordinate the effort, and his company, Smith Ready Mix, would donate concrete for a new court. A Hanna excavation company, Delta III, spent a day digging up asphalt, 20 inches in spots, and

hauling off the old concrete and asphalt.

Delta III smoothed the surface and spread a good layer of sand. Hanna's own Garner Construction, with Lion Keith at the helm, installed framing for the longer court. Smith Ready Mix deposited at least four truckloads of donated fresh concrete. Local volunteers Glen Huhnke and Tim Rinkenberger and their volunteer team finished the surface and cut small grooves across the new surface just as night was falling. Once the concrete had set, Garner Construction removed the framing.

Jeff Sample of Sample Transport Services trucked in a load of stone from US Aggregates in Francesville. Kenneth Huhnke and volunteers spread the stone around the court edge for drainage and added dirt to blend with the grass. Brett Wolford from the Hanna Hub and Paul Good swept and power-washed the surface. Hanna Lions put up new basketball nets. Foul and free throw lines will be painted by more volunteers.

Hanna Lions voted to name the rebuilt court "Panther Court" in honor of its school and community history. Still to come, fewer sprained ankles and more basketball players for the season and future generations, all from the town of Hanna with a small Lions Club and a big community heart.

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Share the load and accomplish more service

By PID Linda Tincher

The MD-25 Global Service Team (GST) is starting off this new Lions Year looking for fresh new ideas to help provide service to our communities. Service attracts new Members and can help our organization grow, but sometimes we need new ideas to generate excitement to provide services. Clubs can become overwhelmed and disillusioned when a project is too large. When that happens, it is time to share the burden. Service is not about being overwhelmed. Sharing the load makes the service manageable.

Every District has a GST. Talk to them. Perhaps another Club is having similar issues and the two Clubs could join with a local community group to achieve their goal. There are always

options, even when at first there doesn't appear to be a workable solution. Partnering with others in your community might just bring in new Members to your Club.

If any Lion has a big idea – or even a little idea – please share with your local GST. At our next meeting we will be looking at both new service and fundraising ideas to make the 2021-22 Lions Year a success without wearing down everyone in the Club. Once the new list is complete, local GSTs will be happy to share with every Club in their District. Every Club can provide some type of service, and all fundraisers do not have to be labor intensive. Partnering is just one idea. Let's put our thoughts together and see what happens, because as we all know ... Where There's a Need, There's a Lion.

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2022

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Looking forward to an amazing Lions year

By GOV. JERRY ZEIGLER

Here we are, starting another Lions Year.

After last year with COVID-19, we are going to have one amazing Lions Year. Everyone is ready to get out again with people. Lions are also ready to get out and serve people, because WE SERVE.

I want to challenge each of you

to step up this year. Step up in your Club, whether to fill in for an empty Club office, volunteering to help with your Club projects, etc. I want you to step up with filling some of our District's open slots.

I'm counting on all your help to make our District 25-B one great District in Indiana. With all this in mind, I want you to step up in asking people to join your Lions Club.

My motto this year is, "Harvesting New Members, For More Service."

A lot of Clubs had a very slow year with the pandemic, which is understandable. So now we are getting back in the Roar of Lions to help those who are a little less fortunate than we are and helping make our communities a better place in which to live.

Yours In Lionism.

A good time was had by all

Text and photos by
1VDG Sandy Zeigler

District Governor Jerry Zeigler was invited August 2 with his wife, 1VDG Sandy, to an unofficial meeting to install two new Huntington Lions Club Members. Their meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, followed by the prayer for the meal of KFC chicken, sides, and cookies.



ENJOYING THE FESTIVITIES — Huntington Lions Club President Adrian Halverstedt, left, sits with Huntington Lions Club Treasurer Jim Hilderbrandt at the evening activities.



THEY KNOW WHY — After the meal, District Governor Jerry installed the new Members by asking each sponsor, "Why is he a Lion?" During installation, DG Jerry, right, discussed the importance of helping others in their community. Also pictured from left are Lion Gerald Smelser, who sponsored his son, Lion Dan Smelser; new Huntington Club Member Lion Stan Bippus; and his sponsor, Lion Richard Wymer.



A PIN FOR DAD — The New Huntington Club Member, Lion Dan Smelser, pins the sponsor pin onto his dad, Lion Gerald Smelser's, shirt.



A VEST FOR SON — Lion Gerald Smelser had a plan: He passes his Huntington Lions Club vest to his surprised son, Lion Dan.



LIONS FOR EACH OTHER — Lion Gerald Smelser stands beside his son, Dan, in a proud Lions moment!

Speech and hearing program supports youth camps

Supporting youth camps is one way Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc. uses donated funds in support of the hearing impaired. This is only one of the three youth camps your project supports. The others are Indiana Deaf Camp and Youth Leadership Camp.

Plan to attend our Holiday Luncheon in December to witness other activities supported by your donations to the Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc. project. Contact your local ILS&H Trustee and ask them to visit your Lions Club for a presentation.

MONEY FOR CAMP — "Hear Indiana" Development Coordinator Arika Weil, left, and Executive Director Naomi Horton accept your Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Inc. check in support of their Listening and Spoken Language Camp this summer.





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Be engaged

By GOV. JIM ROTH

The new Lion Year is upon us. The biggest part of my job is Helping Lions Serve, to be Engaged, Productive and feel Fulfilled.

Being engaged

This means helping others to serve by listening and building on the ideas of other Lions. This means looking around and seeing if our fellow Lion is not involved. This can be a new Member or a Lion who has drifted into the shadows and is not participating.

What skills and talents do they have that can be tapped to provide meaningful service? Are there projects that fit into their schedule? They joined to serve, and we can look for ways to help them serve.

We have activated our District e-clubhouse calendar to share activities between Clubs. I have had a hard time finding a Lion event I have seen earlier on

Facebook or in an email, and this is an attempt to solve that problem. Our hope is that our District Lions will become more engaged by adding items and using the calendar to support our fellow Clubs.

Many Clubs hesitate to ask for a speaker from the various projects and committees of our District, State, and LCI. Often the reason is that there are so few Members of the Club at Meetings. After lunch, our Cabinet Meetings will have in-depth presentations on many topics of interest to Lions Clubs and Lions. Our first Cabinet Meeting on August 14 will feature training on the various vision screen programs, including the charts and the new Blinq camera for children under six. We will also cover the eye surgery assistance program, its guidelines, how to refer, and a little on the process of becoming an organ donor. This Meeting will be from a classroom at Ivy Tech that is wired for

hybrid classes. For security reasons, Zoom invitations to the Cabinet Meeting will only be sent to Club Secretaries or upon request.

A Lion with diabetes would like to share and support his experiences with his fellow diabetic Lions. We are starting a Diabetes Zoom group to help with that. Many of our Lions live a one- to two-hour drive from each other. Zoom can make it easier to meet. Then Members of the group can meet in person at District Meetings and events. We will be starting a Lion Caregivers Zoom group as well. Maybe these will grow or maybe not, but we will try to engage Lions in these (and maybe other similar) groups. This will help Lions with a particular interest to serve one another even at a distance.

Next time we meet here, we will look at ways we can become more productive.

All Lions can help others serve. Will you?

Plainfield Lions Club installs new Officers

The Plainfield Lions Club held an installation ceremony for new Officers on Monday, June 21, at the Interurban Depot. District Governor Jim P.M. Query installed the following Officers: Tom Iles as Club President, Worth Donaldson as First Vice-

President and Club Secretary, Gene Young as Club Treasurer. Lions Wayne Carter, Gary Lawson, and Bob Condit agreed to serve on the Board of Directors.

At that same ceremony, Past International Director Linda Tincher presented Lion Wayne Carter with a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship pin to recognize his continued commitment to the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

The Plainfield Lions Club is celebrating its 95th Anniversary this year. If you are interested in helping the Plainfield Lions help your local community, please contact Tom Iles at (317) 600-5193 or t.iles@sbcglobal.net. New Members are always welcome. By working together, we can strengthen our communities.



A REALLY GOOD FELLOW — PID Linda Tincher presenting Plainfield Lions Club Lion Wayne Carter a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Congratulations, Wayne!

A HEARTY WELCOME — Welcome, PCC Jim Query, a Member of the Spencer Lions Club. He is celebrating with Hamlet President and Zone Chair Wendy Semans and DG Mitch Semans.



BENCH BUD-DIES — Indiana Cyber Club Lion Chris Landskron meets with IPDG Ken Faulkner of the Clermont Lions Club to drop off bottle caps for their Buddy Bench project. It takes approximately 600 pounds of caps to make one Buddy Bench. Bottle caps from any soda or water bottle can be saved, along with most other plastic caps. If you have saved bottle caps and wish to contribute to the cause, they may be dropped off at the Lions State Office Building at 8780 Purdue Road, Indianapolis, where IPDG Ken is the building manager. State Administrative Secretary Sue Topf, also a member of the Clermont Lions Club, works there as well.



Meet Bob

Bob was introduced to the importance of service to others at an early age. Both his parents were in the Army - he jokes he did his military service the first six years of his life, including two tours in Germany. Even after his parents retired, they were involved in service organizations: Boys Scouts, International Order of Foresters, the Elks, etc.

He was always volunteering as a coach or helper for his kid's sport teams and helped organize kid's games for Vacation Bible School at his church.

Bob received his first Leader Dog, Alex, in 2008, due to his decreasing vision. He was so impressed with the Leader Dog program he wanted to find a way to give back. He met Lion Dave Ehlers at one of his son's baseball games where Dave was a vocal supporter of the team. Dave invited him to join the Lafayette Lions in 2009.

Bob has been active in many different roles within the Lafayette Lions: President, Vice President, Tail Twister; Leader Dog Trustee, Zone Chair, 2nd VDG, and is always willing to help in any way he can. In addition to Lions Club, he is on the board of Lafayette youth baseball and volunteers at his local elementary school.

He has received several recognitions for his hard work on behalf of others: a Presidential



THREE SERVERS — Lion Vicky, 1st DG Bob Hrady, and LD Finn.

Leadership medal in recognition of his efforts to raise money for the Leader Dog expansion, a W.P. Woods award, and a Bison award from a local financial investment company that recognizes citizens who invest in the community.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

See our District 25-C website at www.e-district.org/sites/25c for our up-to-date online calendar.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Zionsville Lions Club Heart for Diabetes 5K/10K Walk/Run

Saturday, September 25, 2021, at Zionsville Lions Club, 115 S. Elm St., Zionsville, IN 46077

Register at <http://get-meregistered.com> (add event name to search for the event).

IN MEMORIAM

Jean Elizabeth Reisinger

May 31, 1940 — July 2, 2021

Jean Elizabeth (Fogarty) Reisinger of Valparaiso, 81, passed away on Friday, July 2, 2021, in Valparaiso. She was born May 31, 1940, in St. Louis, Missouri, to William and Ruth (Odom) Fogarty Sr.



JEAN ELIZABETH REISINGER

Jean is survived by her daughters, Margaret (Patrick) Jury, Mary (Ed Price) Reisinger, and Michelle (Richard) Keen; son, John Reisinger; brother, William (Joanne) Fogarty Jr.; grandchildren, Kristin (Nick Johnson)

Reisinger, Felicia (John) Remington, Bryan (Rachel) Price, and Brandon Price; and great-grandchildren, Cambria, Lucas, and Leo Johnson. She was preceded in death by her father, William Fogarty, Sr.; mother, Ruth Fogarty; husband, Samuel H. Reisinger Jr.; brother, Edward (Ted) Fogarty; sister, Mary Fogarty; and sister-in-law, Carol Fogarty.

Jean was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, where she sang in the choir and taught CCD for many years. She was a Member of the Lions Club of South Haven. Jean was a loving wife, mother, sister, and grandmother and will be dearly missed.

Mass was held Thursday, July 8, 2021, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 356 W. 700 N., Valparaiso, with Father Quanz

officiating. A two-hour visitation was held on Thursday, July 8, 2021, at Edmonds & Evans Funeral Home, Portage Chapel, 6941 Central Ave., Portage.

The South Haven Lions Club conducted a Lions Memorial Service on Thursday, July 8, 2021, at the Funeral Home.

Burial took place at Heritage Cemetery. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.ee-fh.com.

Bill Uhrig

April 1, 1938 — July 24, 2021

William Guy Uhrig, 83, of Indianapolis took the checkered flag of life on Saturday, July 24, 2021. Bill suffered a heart attack on July 4 while attending the IndyCar race weekend at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. He fought a hard two-week battle at OSU Ross Heart Hospital before being

moved to the Hospice of Central Ohio. Bill was born April 1, 1938, in Indianapolis to the late William Ray and Elizabeth Ann (Guy) Uhrig. He was a proud resident of Wayne Township and was often referred to as "The Mayor of Ben Davis."

He was the consummate Hoosier. After his family, his true loves were basketball, auto racing, tenderloins, and White Castle. He would travel all over the state to attend a high school basketball game and all over the country to attend an IndyCar race!

As a teenager in the 1950s, Bill spent his months of May at the



BILL UHRIG

Indianapolis Motor Speedway, selling newspapers and sweeping the track on practice days. After graduating from Ben Davis High School in 1956, he enlisted in the United States Coast Guard. He married his high school sweetheart, Patsy Ann Long, in 1959. He enjoyed a long career in the Coast Guard, with postings throughout the country.

Bill earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Relations and Organizational Behavior from the University of San Francisco and retired in 1981 from the Coast Guard as a Chief Warrant Officer and head of the EMT School at the USCG Training Center in Petaluma, California. He then "retired" to the west side of Indianapolis, and after short stints at Maly's Beauty Supply and AAA Hoosier Motor Club, he

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Making a difference

By GOV. SCOTT SMITH

As we begin this new Lion Year, we should all be grateful, but cautious, that the worst of the pandemic is behind us. As Clubs begin to open up and begin many more in-person meetings, fundraisers, and service activities, you can see a renewed commitment to serving our communities.

The very essence of being a Lion is the desire to serve others. We see examples every day of Lions doing just this very thing. Each of us should be proud of our reputation as an organization that serves others. It's what makes us the largest service organization in the world!

Encourage others to become a part of our work and the fun we have doing it. There is no better feeling than being a Lion, so why not give someone else a chance to enjoy the feeling of accomplishment and pride we all feel as Lions.

This year District 25-D is doing some new, some traditional, and some renewed things to encourage sharing of ideas and fellowship. On August 21, we will be

having our District Banner Night at the AmVets Post 5 in Marion. The music for the evening will be a bit of a departure from most Banner Nights, so plan to enjoy some Classic Rock that evening. On September 23, we will bring back our District Golf Tournament. It will be held at Crestview Golf Club in Muncie. The day starts at 11:00 a.m., with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m.

The District will again be holding an Environmental Photo Contest, which we started last year. We are bringing back our District Membership Contest as well, with some changes. New this year is a District Club Visitation Contest, to encourage Clubs to visit each other throughout your Zone, Region, District, and the State. For the second year in a row, we will be having a Club Newsletter Contest. Hopefully, this will encourage Clubs to start a newsletter to communicate with their Members and others what they are doing in their communities.

With all these things happening this year, I truly believe we will see one of the best years we have had as a District. Along with

FVDG Eric Schuman and SVDG Julia Kozicki, I know we are going to be able to visit Clubs often, share more ideas, and communicate better with each of you within the District.

Together we will continue to "Make a Difference."

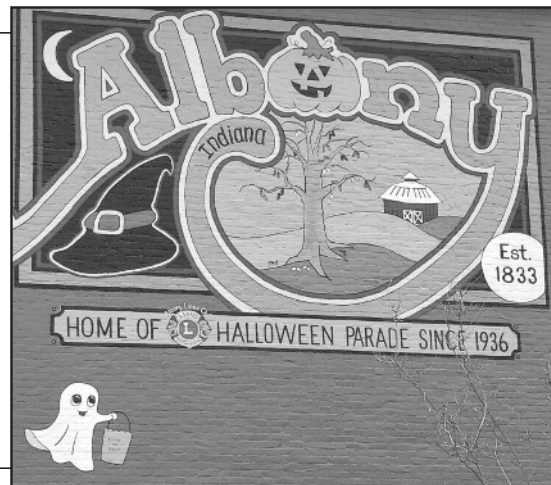
DG chosen as MD-25 Vice Council Chair

The Council of Governors for MD-25 has chosen District Governor Scott Smith as Vice Council Chair for this year. DG Scott is looking forward to working with the other six District Governors and Council Chair Jim Query to make this an outstanding year, not just for District 25-D, but for the entire State.

FRIENDS —
Co-President
Kathy Bolander
presents
DG Scott
Smith with a
Friendship
Banner on his
Official Visit.



STANDING TRIBUTE —
The Albany Lions Club was honored with artwork on the side of a commercial building downtown, provided in cooperation with the Albany Beautification Committee.



Art honoring the Albany Lions Club

The Albany Lions Club has been honored with artwork for their years of service by providing the Halloween Parade and Games each year since 1936.

The artwork is located on State Street close to the Water Street corner and was provided with cooperation between the Albany

Lions Club and the Albany Beautification Committee.

The Albany Lions logo is included in the title at the bottom of the display, and it has a pumpkin, a witch's hat, a ghost, a tree losing its leaves for autumn, and a round red barn that is well known in Albany.



MIDSUMMER FOOD DRIVE — Marion Lions Club presents items from their July 24 Food Drive to the Marion Salvation Army.



GLEANERS — Lions from Carmel, Noblesville, and Westfield have joined together to provide monthly volunteer support for a Gleaner's Food Bank distribution site in Sheridan. Each month, approximately 100 families receive a variety of food products through this mobile distribution. Pictured from left are Lions Julia Kozicki (Noblesville), Bret Burrow (Noblesville), Lyneen Burrow (Noblesville), David Marsh (Noblesville), Lane Sims (Carmel), Bob Yunker (Carmel), Don Collins (Westfield), and Matt Best (Carmel).

In memoriam

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returned to IMS and worked on the grounds crew, at the fuel station in Gasoline Alley, and eventually as a tour guide at the museum. He continued to serve as a tour guide at the track until his heart attack.

Bill loved to meet people from all over the world and introduce them to the speedway. He received the Visit Indy Recognition of Service Excellence (ROSE) Award in 2016 and had an IMS tour bus named after him for his work at the track.

Bill never met a stranger and would strike up a conversation with anyone near him. He was just as comfortable talking to Bobby Knight and A.J. Foyt as he was talking to his family. He enjoyed friendships with several Indiana Hall of Fame basketball coaches and took weekly meals with some of them to talk bas-

ketball. He was often able to talk his way into attending basketball practices at IU and Purdue.

Bill was a fixture at Ben Davis sporting events. He enjoyed his floor seat at basketball games and worked the chains for 35 years at Giants home football games. He was awarded State Championship rings acknowledging his support of the Giants. Bill was inducted into the Ben Davis Alumni Wall of Fame in 2019 for his support of the school and its athletes. Even though he was a diehard Ben Davis and IU fan, Bill also enjoyed activities at Roncalli High School, Carmel High School, Purdue University, and even the University of Alabama in support of his grandchildren.

Bill was a strong supporter of the Wayne Township community. He was a lifelong and dedicated member of Fleming Garden Christian Church. He was also the

past President of the Ben Davis Lions Club and served as the Lions Club District 25-F Governor in 2014. He was very active in the District's Camp Woodsmoke project and he made several trips to Mexico as a volunteer for the Lions Club International Sight First mission. He was also an active member of the International Association of Indianapolis 500 Oldtimers and Hoosier Auto Racing Fans Club.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, sister Mary Ann, and nephew Kyle Hohn. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Patsy Ann (Long) Uhrig; a sister, Lisa (Doug) Crosley, of Dayton, Ohio; a brother John (Robin) Uhrig, of Indianapolis; daughters, Denise (John) Velarde and Dawn (Patrick) Collier, both of Indianapolis; a son Dan (Tracy) Uhrig, of Carmel; his grandchildren, Delaney and Liam Collier of Indianapolis, and

Benjamin and Michael Uhrig of Carmel; sisters-in-law, Wilma Hohn, Sharon (Russ) Stewart, Nellie (Dennis) Elmore, and Gina Bruce; and seven nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staffs at Galion Hospital, OSU Ross Heart Hospital, Hospice of Central Ohio, and Unverferth House for providing such professional and compassionate care for Bill and the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Bill's name to Ben Davis Lions Club Scholarship Fund or Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Visitation, a Lions Club Memorial Service, and funeral service were all held Friday, July 30, at Flanner Buchanan Speedway Funeral Home, 2950 North High School Road. A morning visitation was held Saturday, July 31, at Fleming Garden Christian Church, 530 Taft Avenue.

Burial took place at Crown Hill Cemetery Saturday, July 31.

Amyl Gene Nix

February 20, 1933 —
July 25, 2021


Amyl Gene Nix, 88, of Boonville, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 25, 2021.

The son of the late Allen and Verna Nix and a lifelong Warrick County resident, Amyl was born on February 20, 1933, and graduated from Lynville High School in 1951. He started farming on his own while he was still in high school, making the start of a successful career before he answered his Country's call and served in the



AMYL GENE NIX


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The curtain rises on the 2021-2022 year of service

By GOV. LEE CUBA

Now on stage, Indiana MD25 presents “2021-2022 District 25-E Serves Outside the Box,” starring District Governor Lee Cuba, and co-starring 1VDG Don Russ, 2VDG Glen Georges, District Secretary Keith Thomas, District Treasurer Debbie Ellis, and District News Reporter Holly Nethery.

Before the curtain opens, we see all the supporting Lions of 25-E as listed in the upcoming program (The Directory was distributed to the District Governors and seated State Officials at the July 31 District Meeting at the Francisco Club House). Those supporting Lions include the Region Chairs, Zone Chairs, and Committee Chairs. Each Lion listed in the program plays an important role in this play, just as important as the primary characters. And all of the characters are so much better serving their communities with the help and support of all the Members of 25-E. Yes, even the Members not listed, for you see, there

are no small parts in theater. Everyone is important. As Act 1, Scene 1 begins, the curtain opens, and we see the Club Presidents scheduling an official visit of the DG. We see many Lions with their family and friends signing up to support/work the state fair that has already begun. We also see

the pictures and write-ups of Club service projects being sent to the District News Reporter. And we see all the Lions who are concerned about Membership asking all of their family to join them in service as a Lion. This year will have drama, like the talk of closing Clubs (hopefully averted). It will have come-

SHOWING SOME PULL — PID Linda Tincher re-enacts the pulling of DG Lee Cuba's ribbon at the beginning of the July 24 Council Meeting.



ALL SHOOK UP — PDG Dale Leffler, Lion John Bajzath, and Lion Lilly Schultz work the lemon shake up stand at the Gibson County Fair.

dy; after all, just look at who is starring. The suspense is gaining momentum. What is going to happen at 25-E's Banner Night September 25 at the Fayetteville Lions Club barn? You must keep up with the happenings in the State by reading all of this newsletter. This year's reviews will show great efforts to serve and support

local communities, working with partners to do bigger service projects. Lions of MD25 will serve outside the box in new areas of opportunity. There is going to be so much fun and service that those on the outside looking in will want to be a member of our play. So go out and make it a great show for all to enjoy. “Serve Outside the Box”



LIONS OF MERECIE — 1st VDG 25-E Don Russ and Bill Schultz, President of the Evansville Eastside Club, visit Amyl Gene Nix, a Member of the Boonville Club since 1969, at Newburgh Health Care. Nix, the 25-E District Governor in 1978-1979, passed away about two weeks after the visit.



‘I WANT YOU FOR THE LIONS CLUB’ — PDG Bill Willis explains the origin of the world-famous Uncle Sam “I Want You” poster at a July 6 Meeting of the French Lick-West Baden Lions Club. The Meeting date was the anniversary of the appearance of the image of Uncle Sam on July 6, 1916, during World War I on the cover of Leslie's Weekly magazine. It was the picture of artist James Montgomery Flagg, who painted his own image to save the cost of hiring a model. His painting was so popular, it was used again in World War II for recruiting and was recognized all over the world. (Photo by Lion Jim Springer).

Information and technology minute

By PDG Roger Cash,
Information and Technology
State Chair

Over the past couple years, we have seen many changes in how we communicate with other Lions. This has caused a bit of confusion and frustration to several of our Lions.

Lions Clubs International has changed and updated the way Clubs file their membership reports, activities, and even how they report their Officers. There is also a push for Clubs to use social media, websites, and e-mail blasts to keep their Members informed, along with other Lions in the state. So let us address a couple of

these issues. The first is, how does a Club or a District obtain a website without it costing much? LCI has provided a way. A Club can go to www.e-clubhouse.org and create their website for free. A District simply goes to www.e-district.org to create their website. Yes, I know the website will pop up as “unsecure.” This is not a big

issue if you have something like McAfee that monitors your system. As for social media, it is easy for one of the Club Officers to go in and create a page. If the Club and/or the District does set up a website or a social media page, these need to be updated on a regular basis. A social media page should be updated on a weekly basis. The

website should be updated at least monthly or as quickly as new information is sent to your webmaster. And yes, the webmaster or page administrator is not a mind reader. The information must be sent to them. So now you have your website and/or social media page. What

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U.S. Army during the Korean War in the early 1950s. Amyl was one of the first soldiers in the U.S. Army trained in computers. Amyl is preceded in death by his loving wife of 65 years, Shirley Jean Nix, who passed away in early January due to complications from COVID-19 and pneu-

monia. Amyl is also preceded in death by his brother, Ermil Nix. He is survived by his two children: Rudy Nix and wife, Mackenzie, of Barksdale, Texas; and Rhonda Nash of Evansville. He is also survived by his granddaughter, Laurie-Leigh White and husband, Trey, of Houston, Texas, as well as other extended

family and numerous friends that were like family to him. After his military service, Amyl returned to Warrick County, married Jean, and worked for a variety of road companies and coal mines before starting a 25-year career with Alcoa's Warrick Operations. Amyl filled his retirement with travel, gardening,

spending time with his family, and finding a good bargain on the side of the road. A mechanical genius known by his phrase, “if man made it, I can fix it,” he also spent his retirement repairing all sorts of things for family and friends. Amyl had a more than 60-year commitment to Lion's Club Inter-

national, including serving as a District Governor among many other positions held. “Gene and Jean” also enjoyed hosting friends and family for a meal or swim at their home, the de facto community center of John Bull Road. They were also active members of Main St. United (Continued on page 7)



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Open for business with a roar

By GOV. JEFFREY LOCKE

I'm happy to report that the Lions of 25-F are open for business and "roaring" to "Tee Up To Serve." They say time flies – and it does. It seems like yesterday I became the Second VDG for 25-F, and by the time you read this, my first month as District Governor will be completed. I want to thank all the past PDGs of 25-F for their words of encouragement as Lion Angela and I journey throughout this great District in the coming Lions year.

We have had a busy month so far with visits to Batesville,

Milan, Aurora, and Richmond Noon. I, along with FVDG Linda Scott, SVDG Ed Harper, and CS Angela Locke, attended the first Council of Governors meeting in LaPorte on July 24.

As we come out of the past year and all its drawbacks from COVID, our Clubs are beginning to hold fundraisers and events once again. Please submit these activities to District Administrator Andrea Feeney or PDG/GMT Melissa Baker so we may include them on the District calendar/website and our newsletter. We are starting out this new Lions Year with the

hopes and dreams of continuing the great work Lions do throughout our 58 clubs in 25-F.

Camp Woodsmoke will have their annual Pork Chop Sunday on Sept 26. It will be a drive-thru dinner, but if you want to stay and eat at one of the picnic tables, that's fine. We just hope to see you there.

DISTRICT NOTICES AND UPDATES:

Beginning in August, distribution of the District Newsletter is getting an update! Please update your membership rosters on LCI to include e-mail addresses for each of your Club Members. The District Newsletter will be distributed to Lions directly (i.e. no need to forward). Entering and/or updating e-mail address with LCI is the most helpful way to get this information to members. If you need assistance updating or entering this information into LCI, please contact CS Angela Locke (angbelc@iue.edu) and/or District Administrator Andrea Feeney (lions25fsecretary@yahoo.com). Both can help you enter these updates!

Add your event to the District Calendar by e-mailing the info to Information/Technology Chairperson, PDG Melissa Baker at lionmelissab@gmail.com. Submit flyers for the District Newsletter by the 20th of each month by e-mail to newsletter25f@yahoo.com.

For the Clubs eligible for the

Club Excellence Award, included in the District's July newsletter is the application for this prestigious recognition. With the challenges during the 2020-2021 Lions Year, it makes it even more of an honor to earn this award. Please be sure to complete the application and send in by August 31! Show your community what a great Club they have serving them!

If you were not able to watch the Memorial Service for PIP Wayne Madden, it is still available. It was a genuinely nice service to honor a great Lion! You will find it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ibs9SPRiso>. His influence reached far and wide.

The Indiana State Fair is back this year! We have some different gates this year and can use lots of help. Parking and sign in will also be a little different. Sign up to serve and have fun together! You can sign up by going to www.indianalionsfoundation-md25.org.



CHEERS! — Milan Lions Club July 4th Parade first-place float, Milan Middle School Cheerleaders.



BATESVILLE LIONS CLUB OFFICERS



MILAN LIONS CLUB OFFICERS



CONNERSVILLE LIONS CLUB OFFICERS

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do you post? You post any item you wish the public and your Members to be involved in. It can be an upcoming event, such as a fundraiser or service project, or a past event that celebrates the service provided. To help your page stand out, bright-colored

flyers and action pictures work the best.

If you still feel that it is too much, just contact your District Information and Technology Chair. Another source of help is your District Administrator. In our next article we will discuss issues with a using the LCI website.

In memoriam

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Methodist Church in Boonville for many decades.

The passing of Amyl's life was marked by a small graveside ceremony on Saturday, July 31. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to medical research or the Lions Club in Amyl's name.

Koehler Funeral Home in

Boonville was entrusted with care. Friends may send a condolence to the family at www.koehlerfuneralhome.com.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Amyl Gene Nix, please visit www.koehler-funeral-home-boonville-chapel.tributestore.com.

LCIF Campaign 100 enters final stretch

By PID Linda Tincher, LCIF Campaign 100 Vice Area Leader for IN, KY, IL & MI

Lions Clubs International Foundation is the heart of Lions Clubs International. It is the financial arm of our organization that assures Lions there will always be monies to support our projects. Thus, our new Lions International President Douglas Alexander's theme is so appropriate: "Service with a heart."

LCIF launched Campaign 100 with a goal of raising \$300 million by 2022. As of July 30, 2021, \$215,891,550 has been raised worldwide. That is amazing, considering the pandemic shut

down most of the Lions Clubs fundraising for many months. However, Lions Clubs are returning and providing "Service with a Heart" as we enter the final stretch of Campaign 100. The goal is still reachable, and every little bit helps. Donating just \$5 a week is \$260 a year, and that is exactly what some of our Lions have done.

During the virtual International Convention, a teenager explained how he was able to play high school baseball because as a 3-year-old he was screened by the Lions and found to have an eye problem. His parents took him to an eye doctor, because his parents hadn't

believed the screening to be accurate. It was, and he was filmed as a 3-year-old, saying his new glasses were "magic" and he didn't know that the pine tree in his yard had "pointy things on them!" Without an LCIF grant purchasing the screening equipment, the outcome could have been very different. What a heartwarming story.

LCIF provides the ability to make things better. LCIF tells a story: our Lions story of what we do to make things better. Your donation, large or small, once a year or once a month, makes a difference and provides "Service with a Heart."



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Kindness in action

By GOV. MARLYN FAST

At the time I needed to come up with my theme for the year, I had no clue what I wanted. But as I began my search for ideas, it soon became very clear, as the word “kindness” showed up in a lot of the Lions information I read. For example, last year’s International President Dr.

Jung-Yul Choi’s theme was “United in Kindness and Diversity.” I also found there are many quotes about kindness. So, this became my theme: “Kindness in Action.”

What is Lionism all about? “Kindness in Action.” How do we change the world? “One random act of kindness at a time” (a quote from Morgan Freeman).

Amelia Earhart said it this way, “A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees.” These thoughts all express actions we do as Lions every time We Serve.

A new year has just begun with new leadership, and now is the time to get back into fulfilling the dreams and plans for your Clubs. I see this happening throughout the state. I see new and creative ways of serving our communities. I believe our limited ways last year have helped us to see new ways of serving.

Our donations to LCIF on June 30, 2021, turned out better than projected earlier in the year. Fantastic! Let’s catch up on any planned donations as well. Few charitable organizations can match the Lions when it comes to the most effective uses of our donation funds.

Being District Governor is not a solo act. So many of you have already helped, and I will be asking more of you to join in this experience to make this a very meaningful Lions Year for all. I look forward to my visitation with each Club. You all are unique in your own way and I will benefit by that through the year. Let’s keep District 25-G active in service.

We Serve with “Kindness in Action.”



THEY GOT CHOPS — The Madison Township Lions dished out more than one ton of smoked pork chops during their July 17 fundraiser.



A LITTLE READING — The newest Little Free Library with WACF personnel and Lions. Shown from left are Linda Earnest, John Searfoss, Heather Harwood, Pam Schumm, and Marie Butler-Knight.

Fourth Little Free Library for Syracuse Lions Club

The Syracuse Lions Club has just installed its fourth Little Free Library at the Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation (WACF) Education Center. The Little Free Library promotes the love of reading for all ages. It invites readers of all ages to “Take a Book, Leave a Book,” encouraging book sharing and making free books accessible to the community.

In the spring of 2017, the Syracuse Lions Club built and installed their first Little Free Library in Syracuse at the Wawasee Middle School. It was followed by a second Little Library at Syracuse Elementary,

then a third at the Syracuse Food Pantry.

This library is the first outdoor library for the Club, its rustic design matching its woodsy setting. It is designed with a piece of Syracuse history, its peaked gables made from wood harvested from the kitchen of the old Sargent Hotel when it was demolished in the 1970s. Both materials and construction are intended to withstand harsh weather over time and are stocked with nature-related books for all ages. This is a unique opportunity for the Lions to support literacy in the Syracuse community.

MONEY FOR RIDERS — Our Lydick Lions Club presented Dorota Janik of Reins of Life Therapeutic Horseback Riding a check for \$2,000! Thank you to everyone who supported our Port-a-Pit chicken sale to make this possible. Shown from left are Mike Lane, Dorota Janik, and Teckla Lane.



Madison Township Club staying busy

By Al Beehler, Secretary, Madison Township Lions Club

The Indiana Lions Foundation is looking for Lions to work ticket booths at the State Fair. This is their biggest fundraising project. The Madison Township Lions Club received a matching grant from the Foundation, which helped pay for the new roof on the Madison Township Lions Den in Wyatt. The Fair is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays this year. You can sign up to work at indianalionsfoundationmd25.org if you want to help the Foundation with their project.

The Club donated \$300 to the Wyatt Merchants and 4-H Boosters Buyers group, which was used to buy 4-H livestock shown by members of the Madison Township 4-H Club at the St. Joseph County Fair. The buyers group partnered with Cultivate Food Rescue, which supports the Meat Hunger Program dedicated to feed food-insecure individuals by providing a protein-based meal. Meat Hunger purchases 4-H livestock to use in providing the protein for meals donated to food pantries in the area. A total of \$17,300 was raised by Meat Hunger, and with matching funds they purchased 73 4-H animals. For more information about this group, go to www.cultivateculinary.com.

The Madison Township Lions Club held its Spring Pork Chop Sale on Saturday July 17. On Friday seven Lions and Mr. Cole cut 2,400 pounds of smoked pork loins into 2,900 pork chops. We started cooking the chops at 7:00 a.m. and finished selling at 2:00 p.m. We had about 120 chops that didn't sell on Saturday, but were sold

by Sunday evening to make this a sold-out event. A total of 15 Lions worked approximately 170 hours and 16 volunteer non-members donated 95 hours to help us with this project.

The Club thanks all of our patrons, the Members, and especially the volunteers from outside the Club who worked on this project. Without the support of the community, we would not be able to have such a successful event. We look forward to having another successful sale in the fall. The Lions also thank Schmucker LP Gas and Store in Nappanee for donating the gas to heat the marinade and Home Depot in Mishawaka for securing enough embers charcoal to cook the chops at the sale price.



LION JAN ROBINSON, ELKHART COUNTY FAIR GREEN DAY CHAIRMAN.

Dunlap Lions serve with compassion

The Dunlap Lions Club took part in Green Day (recycling) at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair on Friday, July 23. At our “eyeglass recycling table” we featured a photo board with pictures of the eyeglass recycling process and our eyeglass missions providing glasses in Mexico. Also on the table were a Lions eyeglass collection pail, District eyeglass recycling brochures, Dunlap Lions Club information, and eyeglass donation raffle tickets.

The Elkhart County 4-H Fair partnered with us and advertised a raffle for glasses donated to our recycling table on Green Day, providing first, second, and third prizes.

Eyeglass recycling is a 12-month service project involving many steps in the program. By having this eyeglass recycling table on Green Day at the fair, our goals were to make the Dunlap Lions Club visible, to explain the extensive recycling process, and to collect used eyeglasses. With the help of the raffle, we met those goals and made new friends. Four Lions eyeglass collection pails were available throughout the fair.



FOOD PANTRY HELP — Lion Lid Moore unpacks merchandise that will be re-packed and distributed to Church Community Services’ clients in the community food pantry. Elkhart Lions work weekly on Thursdays from noon to 3:00 p.m., preparing food boxes and working in the CCS Seed to Feed Program.



FROM THE HEART — The Elkhart Lions Club displayed Flags from the Heart again this past Memorial Day at Lundquist-Bicentennial Park in Elkhart. It was a three-day event with 175 flags on display in memory of a family member, friend, or military person.

Videos of International Convention seminars available

By PCC Reed Fish, Global Leadership Chair

For the first time in Lion’s history, the International Convention was held virtually starting in June. I hope many of you took advantage of the opportunity to “attend” the Convention and experience what it offers to our

Members. During the five-day event they offered several seminars that addressed areas of Club operations and challenges that each one experiences.

Of our 46,000 Clubs in the world, many of them have the same questions as your Club does: how to brand their Club to the community; how to attract young

members; what different service projects are being done; how can we best promote our Club to the media; what is a specialty Club; how do we get one formed; and how does a Club request a grant from Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF)?

Each topic was presented by Lions who have knowledge and

experience in those areas and, best of all, the sessions were recorded so that they could be viewed at the convenience of the attendee and as many times as they wanted.

If you did not have an opportunity to attend, some of the festivities will be available on links through Indiana Lions Face-

book pages and LCI’s website.

At this point I do not know how many of the seminars will be made available to those who had not registered, but if there is a topic that was presented and you would like to get the information from it, please send me an e-mail (RFish@amfam.com) and I will get to you whatever info is available.