



MD 25 PLAYERS PERFORM — The Multiple District 25 Players created a real life version of Santa and his reindeer during the 2017 Council Christmas Party, singing "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" and then leading everyone in singing "Here Comes Santa Claus" to greet the real Santa Claus to the party.

Shown, from left, are ID "Ole Saint" Nick Xinopoulos, CC Ross "Donner" Drapalik DG Melissa "Prancer" Baker. DG Tom "Comet" Polk, Santa Claus, DG Keith "Blitzen" Thomas, DG Cindy "Cupid" Wright. DG Roger "Dasher" Cash, DG Robin "Vixen" Smith. DG Chloe "Dancer" Weyrauch and Cub Danielle "Rudolph" Drapalik.


Home from board meeting in India

We recently returned from our first International board meeting in India. It was an amazing experience to be working with Directors from around the World. I serve on the Membership Development committee. Our emphasis was how we can improve service to our communities and increase our membership.

We had the opportunity to visit with Lions in the northern state of Bihar, for a few extra days after the board meeting. We attended two different District meetings with two different Governors.

We were received with kindness and overwhelming hospitality. We learned about their service projects and we shared what our service projects were. Both Lion Gretchen and I felt very proud to talk about our State projects.

International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal has ambitious goals: 1) to serve 200 million people each and every year and 2) to improve our membership to 1.5 million members by adding two new members per club per year.



Nick's Notes

By ID Nick Xinopoulos

Our IP's focus is to embrace our motto "We Serve" through the Power of Action, the Power of Service and the Power of We.

If all of us work together, the impossible becomes possible. We can do so much to provide hope to those less fortunate in our communities and the world around us. International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal has said, "Change takes time but even the smallest changes can have a profound effect on our pursuit of excellence. Together we can realize our potential and serve more people in more ways than ever before".

Chairman of the Lions Clubs International Foundation IPIF Chancellor Bob Corlew has written, "This year, which leads to the foundation's 50th anniversary, we have a goal to raise \$50 million to support Lions' compassionate service in more ways than ever. Lions show strength in numbers. When we work together, we can accomplish great things. I am confident this year will be the best year LCIF has had yet!"

LCIF has committed to raise \$30 million by the end of the year 2017, which will go to GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, an organization that will match LCIF's measles contribution dollar-for-dollar. It only costs a dollar to save a life of a child. These funds of \$30 million dollars will be matched by the UK's Department for International Development and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation bringing the total to \$60 million.

I know all of you are busy preparing for Christmas and the New Year. Lion Gretchen and I

want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Council Chairperson's Corner

By CC Ross Drapalik
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'Well ya comin'?'

Ever since becoming a Second Vice District Governor, my Christmas message has been about one of my family traditions. Each year we go to the Indiana State Museum to see Santa Claus and watch the "Polar Express" in 3-D at the IMAX theater.

The first message I wrote back in 2014 was about a boy who was struggling on whether or not to "BELIEVE" in Santa Claus. The next year, the message featured a young lady who emerged as the "LEAD"er of the group, and last year's message was about Billy. Christmas just never worked out for Billy, but he came to realize that he could "COUNT ON" his newly made friends.

This year's message is about the train's conductor. At each stop he would get off the train and invite the child to get on by yelling "All aboard!" In each instance the child would just stand there in amazement, until the conductor would simply say, "Well ya comin'?" The child would ask, "Where?", and the conductor would reply, "To the North Pole of course, this is the




Polar Express!" In the movie we only see two pickups, and in both instances the boys shook their heads to say "No" to the invitation to climb on board. The conductor's response was a plain and simple, "Suit yourself." He then waived his lantern toward the engine, signaling for the train to pull out. Having their curiosity getting the best of them and seeing their chance to climb on board slipping away, the boys each started running after the train.

You can pretty much surmise that this type of exchange had happened time and time again between the conductor and children throughout the years, "All aboard!...Well ya comin'?...To the North Pole of course, this is the Polar Express!...Suit Yourself."

So far this Lions year, we have experienced our ups and downs. One big positive note is that the Clubs have reached the Governors' \$10,000 goal to sponsor the 2018 Special Olympic Winter Games in Lawrenceburg Jan.7-9.

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As a baby, Jesus came into this world on that first Christmas morning and was revered to as a King while in fact He came into this world not to be served as a king but rather to serve and give His life as a ransom for many.

Matthew 20:28 NIV

As we celebrate this Christmas season, let us pray for our hearts to be rekindled with that same spirit of service. As Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40 NIV

Merry Christmas!

International Director Nick Xinopoulos and Lion Gretchen	District 25-D District Governor Cindy Wright and Lion Rick
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What amazing work the Lions are doing

By GOV. ROBIN SMIHT

As a District Governor, I get the pleasure of partaking in many different function and activities, both in District A and throughout the state. I never tire of hearing the amazing work Lions are doing. What a cornucopia!

Lions are always busy with activities and service projects. Lions are also humble, and as such, fall short of sharing with the public what we do. Many Clubs fall short of reporting their activities to LCI.

While District A is not at 100 percent, gentle, monthly reminders from our Cabinet Secretary is having a significant impact, and our reporting structure is improving. It is important to remember our reporting builds a history of our Clubs in the archives at LCI. It is, also, what generates those banner patches honoring Clubs fulfilling challenges.

Our Global Service Team is ready to help all Clubs make some positive changes in this first year of our next century.

The 25-A Lions have remained busy with Acuity Vision screening and Operation Kidsight; taking the Share the Vision service challenge.

Our Lions are eagerly taking the Relieving the Hunger challenge by packing boxes of holiday dinners for those in need, hosting senior luncheons, or some variation of this service. According to the reports, 25-A Lions have clocked more than 3,500 service hours, serving more than 8,000 people. The Power of Service at work!

We are also taking baby steps with improving our members, and increasing our donations to LCIF. I am so proud to see the accomplishments of this District.

When I make an official visit to

a Club, one of my goals is to teach, inspire and motivate. When I write an article, I strive to do the same. Sometimes it is a daunting task.

A few days ago my daughter, Mikaela, said, "Check your email. I helped you with your article." While she knows I would not let her write the article for me, I certainly appreciate the thought. It was a very interesting read. Here is an excerpt: "Allow others to share in the joy you feel when you put a smile on someone's face. Invite new people to join the organization. Reach out to someone who might otherwise not have the opportunity to serve."

"We are fast approaching the beginning of a new year, and as such, we are approaching a time of new beginnings. Share the love. Give someone a new beginning in the world of service. Tell the world about your service. Though the world of social media can be convoluted and insane sometimes, offer some peace by sharing your acts of service."

"Though it may not seem like much, there is someone out there who will see that post, or that picture or that video, and will smile. There is someone out there, perhaps closer than you may think, who will look at your acts of service and say to themselves: 'Hey, I want to be a part of this.'"

"Spread the love. Offer new beginnings, new hope and new inspiration. Think about how you can change your Club and the world around you for the better."

Sounds like a Lion, right? Well, that is the result of Lions everywhere touching her life.

As you journey through the rest of this month and close the year of 2017, please take some time to reflect on the difference you made, and the difference you will make. May your hearts be filled with much love, peace, and happiness...now and into the new year. From my house to yours...Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year!! Until next time...keep Touching Lives through Service!



FUN TIME — A fun time was had at the Haven Hollow Fest, a community event. South Haven Lions served over 540 hot dogs, chips and 16 gallons of hot apple cider. In photo are Lions Gary Shaffer, Connie Price, Chrissie Jarrell, Judy Shaffer, Jody Greer, Ken Lavolette, Carolyn Lavolette and Nancy Spicer.

DECORATED TREE — The Chesterton Lions decorated a tree in downtown Chesterton for the annual Kiwanis Club's "Festival of Trees" The tree contained ornaments depicting various Lions state projects. Lions information is available in the box in front of the tree.



WINNING POSTER — District 25-As winning Peace Poster entry was drawn by 13-year-old Erik Garcia from Kesling Middle School. He was sponsored by the LaPorte Maple City Lions Club. Fortyfive students took part in the local District contest and seven posters were submitted to the District for judging.



NEW MEMBERS FOR OGDEN DUNES — The Ogden Dunes Lions Club inducted five new members at its Nov/ 27 meeting, with District Governor Robin Smith presiding at her official visit. Shown are Lions Dan Barnum, Lion President Bill Cunningham, new Lions Jerry Hale, Marianne Ashby-Grimmell, Patrick Smith, Phil Jankura, Michael Kilmer and Governor Robin.



LEOS WORK AT FISH FRY — Leos from Lacrosse High School worked the "Fish Fry" at the Wanatah Scarecrow Festival on Sept. 24. They helped setup and tear down, waited on tables and served refreshments.

'Well ya

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The Multiple District has welcomed a total of 350 new Lions so far this year. We had a great Indiana Lions Conference with PID Brian Sheehan, the endorsed candidate for Lions Clubs International Third Vice President, and the number of monthly membership and activity reports is on the rise in each District.

On a not so positive note, we have had a few cancelled Clubs and our overall membership in Indiana briefly dipped below 10,000 members for the first time in many, many years.

Does the conductor's comments sound a little bit like asking a prospective member to join Lions? "All aboard!...Well ya comin'?...To the North Pole of course, this is the Polar Express!...Suit Yourself." As we conduct our business throughout

our own communities each day, we are going to pass by people who would make good Lions. We just need to stop the train for them and invite them to climb on board. Some will gladly choose to do so while others will just shake their head "No." For those who choose to not come along, then we just need to keep moving forward to the next stop. For those that do choose to climb on board, their lives will be forever changed.

"The thing about trains ... it doesn't matter where they're going. What matters is deciding to get on." Now is the time for every Lion to go out and ask, "Well ya comin'?"

From our home to yours...Merry Christmas and Happy Mid-Year Lions! — CC Ross, Lion Jennifer and Cub Danielle



State Convention hotel deadline March 26, 2018

The deadline for reservations for the 2018 State Convention is March 26. Room rates cannot be guaranteed after that time.

Hotels being used are:

Courtyard Muncie at Convention Center at 601 S. High

Street — \$129/night plus tax.
Call: (765) 287-8550
Holiday Inn Express on Bethel (off McGalliard) at 4201 W. Bethel Ave. — \$129/night plus tax.

Call: (765) 289-4678
Hampton Inn on Bethel (off McGalliard) at 4220 W. Bethel Ave. — \$129/night plus tax. Call: (765) 288-8500

FOR SALE

The Michigan City Lions Club has 4 propane gas grills for sale. These were used strictly for Pancake (only) Breakfast. If your Lions Club is interested having a Pancake breakfast these may be your answer.

The grills are approximately 18 years old and are in good condition.

The grills are rated at 20000 BTU/HR/input burner and can be connected to a standard 20 lb. propane tank or larger propane tank.

We are asking \$750 each or best offer will be purchased "condition as is".

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Dedicated Lions are busy serving

BY GOV. ROGER CASH

It seems strange to sitting here and writing an article for the December Hoosier Lion. It seems like just yesterday I was in Chicago at the International Convention. So many things have been happening in the District and the State.

Many of the Clubs have been having fundraisers such as fish fries, fruit sales, candy and nut sales and raffles to participating in community functions such as

local parades and festivals. As Governor I have made many "official visits" to Clubs. The high light of those has been the inducting of new members and the awarding of chevrons and even presenting a couple of W.P. Woods Fellowships.

It was also good to have the District come together in support of the Special Olympics Winter games with nearly \$3,000. It has also been great to hear of the on going and planned community

projects each Club has planned. As for the School Sight program as of this writing the District has screened over 4,800 children. This has been thanks to a dedicated team of Lions from through out the District. Then there is the renewed Diabetes program. Many clubs have had the Diabetes Chairperson in to speak about Diabetes awareness, treatment and prevention. Several more Club have scheduled visits by the chairperson.



FIVE NEW MELVIN JONES FELLOWS — During the last monthly Chicken BBQ for their 2017 season, the Wolcottville Lions Club awarded five of its members with the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship. These five members have combined for 127 years of service to the Wolcottville community through Lionism. Pictured receiving their awards, from left, are Dean Domer (52 years of service), Robert Lewis (11 years of service), Louis Zabona (24 years of service), Eric Johnston (17 years of service) and Brooks Targart (23 years of service). During its 88-year history, the Wolcottville Lions Club has had 12 different members earn a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

In addition to the five new honorees, Duane Targart (1991), Jerry Jacob (1995), William Altimus (1995), Al Joest (1998), Homer Shultz (1998), Robert Cobbs (2002) and Alan Targart (2009) have all been bestowed with a Melvin Jones Fellowship.



NEW ANDREWS LIONS — Shown are new Andrews Lions and sponsors. Lion Chase Stephan, sponsoring Lion Cheryl Okuly; Lion John Harshbarger, Lion Don Morgan (proxy sponsor for Lion Mike Okuly); Lion Jeremy Rosen, Lion Anne Horstmeyer, sponsoring Lion Phil Bitzer.

The District held its second Cabinet Meeting in Auburn during the month of November. It was fairly well attended by those in the District. Lion Dottie Flack addressed the meeting about Cancer Control and the work Lions in our District and Multiple District are doing to help treat and/or prevent cancer and help those affected by it. The District was reminded that by collecting old keys we can provide need funds to Cancer Control. Also during the meeting, we selected which peace poster entry to forward to the Multiple District. The entry from Huntertown was forwarded to the Multiple District. We do congratulate all who participated in this.

We are looking forward to some special events such as the District Christmas Social, and the New Club Workshop in January. The Waterloo Club will be sponsoring the New Club in Butler and has already started to lay the ground work for this. Other Clubs have been working on reaching out to their and near by communities to expand their membership. We are also looking forward to seeing major progress on the DART Barn in Auburn in which the Lions through LCIF made possible. With that we are looking forward to working with LCIF on another grant to finish the two house that were provided to house the vision impaired athletes so they can house more visiting athletes. Then in June we are hoping to have a Lions Day at the Zoo in Fort Wayne.

GIVING ASSISTANCE — Lion Mike Amorini gets Joan Thomas' ball from the return rack at Thunder Bowl. Side rails help cut down on gutter balls.



Anthony Wayne Lions, serving the community

By ROD KING
Feature Writer
Allen County Senior Life

The 33 members of the Anthony Wayne Lions Club are a diverse group of men and women who have committed themselves to serve the Fort Wayne community. One of their main focuses is helping the blind and visually challenged individuals.

As vice president Chip Perry explains, "It goes back 100 years to when Lions International was founded and Helen Keller challenged the organization to be 'Knights for the Blind.' Since then we've collected eyeglasses for recycling and global distribution. In fact, our club alone, which is just one of 16 in the Fort Wayne area, has collected more than 1,200 pairs this year in boxes located in various places around the community.

"We also help individuals obtain vouchers for vision testing and prescription eyewear and are a big supporter of the local League for the Blind and partner with them on their White Cane project to raise money to provide necessities for sight-impaired individuals.

"Our members regularly chauffeur visually impaired people to the Thunder Bowl on South Hanna Street for an afternoon of bowling. They not only do the

driving," says Perry, "but help bowlers get lined up properly, spot pins for them and encourage them. We also provide transportation to and from rehearsals and performances for Friends in Focus blind chorus."

Long-time Lion and member of the club's board, John Whigmore, says "We take the club motto, 'We Serve,' very seriously. That's what sets us apart from other service clubs. We find a need and then we find a way to fill it. We don't walk away from hard work and we relish the opportunity to make a difference."

In December the club will again partner with More Than Gymnastics to purchase gifts for between 30 and 40 children at Charis House, which is operated by the Rescue Mission. "We get a list of the kids, their needs and sizes and begin buying shoes, clothes, toys and even bikes in November," says 23-year member Billy Jones. "Some of the money comes from the treasury but most of it is donated by members."

The club members engage in two kinds of projects. They do service projects like ringing bells for the Salvation Army around the holidays, hosting a booth at Fort 4 Fitness and supporting St. Joe Hospital burn unit, Indiana Eye Bank and Leader Dogs for the Blind.



THREE NEW MEMBERS — Three new members were recently installed by the Heritage Lions Club. Shown on the far left is Zone Chair Paul Row. New members, from left, are Kathleen Coy, Ed Coy and Jan Hockemeyer.

PLAQUE FOR LIONS

— The Association of Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired is a national organization that provides information to a variety of groups that belong to the association. VIPs the visually impaired ore schoolers is one such group as is the WILL organization in Terre Haute (Wabash Valley Independent Living and Learning Center). Each year they choose an organization to honor. The Lions of Indiana were chosen this year.

They invited PID Linda Tincher to present a seminar to the group at its conference at McCormick's Creek State Park Oct. 25. She spoke about Leader Dog, vision screening, ramp building, Diabetes and eye bank services of ocular surgeries etc.

They invited CC Ross Drapalik and Tincher both to dinner and asked them to accept the plaque for the Lions of Indiana. The photo on the left shows Tincher and Drapalik presenting the plaque to PCC Sue Toph, State Administrative Secretary, at the November Lions Conference. The plaque will hang in the state office.

The photo on the right shows Drapalik and Tincher when they received the plaque on behalf of the Lions of Indiana.



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Finishing out one year, starting another

By GOV. CHLOE WEYRAUCH

Namaste!

During this season of Advent, the greeting of Namaste (paraphrased as “I salute the divine in you”) is especially poignant to me. Each of us has our own belief system, and the respect for others’ beliefs is paramount. How-

ever you celebrate this season, may you have a wonderful month as we finish out the calendar year.

I would like to congratulate the Secretaries and/or Presidents who have moved District 25-C back to 100 percent filing on both MMR and SAR reports. As I have mentioned before, there is no rea-

son that a partial report cannot be filed during the month, so that your workload isn’t so heavy (for those of you with a lot of items to put in) at the end of the month. A reminder also that if you have problems with the myLCI system, you can contact your District Administrator to ask for help to get it into the system.

District 25-C has a third District Cabinet meeting on Jan. 27 at the Zionsville Lions Club. A registration form will be sent out shortly by the Zionsville Lions Club with information about the meal and who to send the registration to. We look forward to seeing you there!

In February, we have our 25-C District Convention on Feb. 24 in Terre Haute at the International Union of Operating Engineers, which is located on Highway 41 south of Terre Haute. A registration flyer will be sent out later this month with details about the Convention as well as a Friday evening celebration. For those of you coming from some ways north (since Terre Haute is almost as far south in the District you can get), there will be information on hotels should you want to come for Friday night as well. Our International Director in attendance this year will be ID Nicolin Moore. I met her at the USA/Canada Forum in Omaha in 2016, and feel that she will be a wonderful speaker.

I have been enjoying my official DG visits to the Clubs these past few months, and am looking forward to the remainder over the next few months. It has been wonderful hearing about the things you do, and being able to give information regarding the new programs that have come from International. I know that we all see our Clubs as our circle, and sometimes it is hard to see ourselves as part of a bigger picture. However, we should try to use the bigger picture to help our own Clubs to mature and grow as much as possible. We can obtain a lot of ideas from other Clubs — that’s one of the reasons you could use to attend a Zone Meeting!

Lions club makes diabetes a special focus

Diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death worldwide, killing one person every six seconds and over 5,000,000 people annually — plenty of reasons for Lions Club International to make it a new special and ongoing area of focus. LCI is meeting this global health emergency head on by raising awareness of diabetes, expanding access to care through screening and treatment programs, and improving quality of life for sufferers through special camps and recreational programs.

Approximately 750,000 people in Indiana alone have diabetes; that’s enough people to fill Lucas Oil Stadium more than 10 times over. Regrettably, up to one-half of those with diabetes do not even know they have it. So, Zionsville Lions Club is doing its part to combat the rising diabetes epidemic in its community by choosing November, National Diabetes Awareness Month, to kick off a ZLC Diabetes Group. The group, led by Zionsville Lions Club member Mel Prince, MD, retired senior medical director in diabetes for Eli Lilly & Company, will support LCI’s goal to raise awareness and improve education efforts around diabetes.

“The Zionsville Lions Club has a number of members, several who are dedicated health professionals or who are living with diabetes, who are passionate about educating the public on the risks of diabetes and the importance of a healthy diet and exercise,” said Prince. “We look forward to implementing activities in support of LCI’s diabetes mission over the coming months, and to finding ways to utilize Lions



DR MEL PRINCE

Park in that endeavor.”

Add to this equation the fact that 86 million Americans have pre-diabetes (among them 1.9 million Hoosiers) and 90 percent don’t even know it, and the urgency around getting the word out becomes even more apparent.

“We encourage everyone to take a diabetes risk assessment test, to see their physician if the test indicates a risk of diabetes, and to urge friends and loved ones to take the assessment test as well,” Prince said.

To take the online diabetes risk assessment test or download a printable version, go to www.diabetes.org/are-you-at-risk/diabetes-risk-test/.

And for tips for healthy eating this holiday season, visit the Diabetes Forecast (the Healthy Living Magazine), with special emphasis on holiday recipes, at www.diabetesforecast.org/2017/nov-dec/holiday-food-recipes-from.html.

dynamic pieces of treatment equipment were the first in the nation, and raised the standard of care in the field of radiation therapy for cancer patients worldwide. Patients seeking out the best cancer treatments available, travel from other states and other countries.

Our newest project is no different. Brian Overshiner, a radiation therapist from Indiana University Radiation Oncology, identified a problem and knew there had to be a solution. He realized there was inconsistency in treating certain patients with swallow malignancies. These issues occur in such cases when tumors lay close to the chest wall, or between the cranium and the skin, or in the vertebra in the spinal column.

To effectively treat these patients, an individually cus-

tomized bolus, (In radiation therapy, bolus is a medical device added to the treatment plan that is placed on the skin surface to homogenize or modulate the range of the dose from external beams of radiation.) must be used to effectively enhance the individual treatment plan and bring the beams of radiation to the precisely intended, conformal, point of maximum effectiveness.

But Overshiner realized that these devices were not currently as customized and conformal as they could be. He began researching and collaborating with various schools within the IUPUI system. He quickly came to realize that three-dimensional printing could produce the one-of-a-kind devices out of any material necessary. He worked with the Department of Mechanical Engi-

Lions provide service to veterans

On Nov. 4, six members of the Lafayette Lions Club provided services to local veterans. The certificate shown above was received recognizing the Club’s efforts. In the words of the 2017 StandDown Committee:

Thank you for participating in the 2017 Stand Down where the club served 99 veterans and their family member or support person.

The Lafayette Lions Club cer-

tainly has a real impact on the lives of the community veterans and we thank you for your time and service to provide eye care services to assist them and improve their quality of life. (Not to mention, the popcorn!) Year after year you continue to show your loyalty and for that, we are sincerely grateful. Your support of service members, veterans and their families is appreciated.

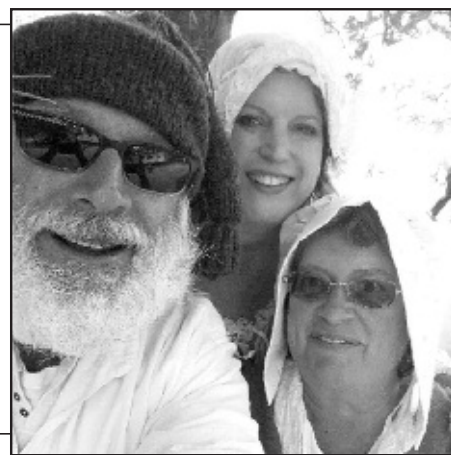
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Stand Down Lafayette and your community extend their deep appreciation to you and for your effort and commitment to assisting the homeless, unemployed and disadvantaged veterans and their families. Your efforts, dedication and service truly make a positive impact in the lives of military families in our community. Thank you for keeping our service members, veterans and Lafayette military families in your hearts.

FEAST OF THE HUNTER’S MOON — Oxford Lions Fred Lange, Karen Ahlbrand and Dianna Brown volunteer at the Feast of the Hunter’s Moon in Lafayette. Along with other local Lions they operate the Croquignole Booth at the festival. This booth is always popular for its period “donuts.”



WORKING AT FEAST — Members of the Oxford Lions Club help operate the Croquignole Booth at Lafayette’s Feast of the Hunter’s Moon. This booth is always popular for its period “donuts.”

Lions Cancer Control Fund supports exciting research

By LION DOTTIE FLACK
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During the last seven decades, the Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana Inc. has helped to advance cancer care in Indiana, beyond the cutting edge. In 1947, the first treatment machine was gifted to the Indiana University School of Medicine and was the first radiation equipment in Indiana.

Over these many years, such life-saving gifts have been given, as the Microtron, Sagittaire, Picker C-9, Moving Table, Gamma Knife, and the Stereotactic Body Frame. These represent only a few instances that demonstrate the generosity of the Lions of Indiana. Often, these

neering, Mechanical Technologies and the School of Informatics. With the Engineering Schools he found the much needed solutions he sought.

The first devices were produced for a recurrent, breast cancer case and the bolus was printed using a rigid material created from that patient’s diagnostic CT scan. It exceeded all current applications but he continued to work and researched several different materials working with the expertise from Purdue Engineering Faculty and Graduate students.

After numerous trials and numerous improvements from his initially printed bolus, he came to endorse the current model as most desired version. He also found that all he needed was a current CT scan to create

the bolus. The patient need not be present, thereby making the technology available to patients in distant locations.

Then Overshiner began working with representatives from radiation oncology, dean of the school of medicine, legal department, the FDA, and many other regulatory agencies. He also made two presentations to the Lions Cancer Control Fund to educate trustees and propose support for the 3D printer so that formal research could be conducted. The board of trustees voted to support the proposal in the amount of \$30,000.

Moreover, these devices will be of enormous benefit to pediatric patients who, more than any other cancer population, need more precise, conformal, fast and effective treatment devices. (Continued on page 5)



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That time of year is here...Oh, the holidays...

By GOV. CINDY WRIGHT

What a busy time of year for Clubs, businesses and families. You are either receiving or giving of your time, your products, your services, your love, (or your sleep Ha!). We have just completed the busy tasks of Thanksgiving with getting our families together and feeding them more food than thought possible. Reminiscing of the past,

fun times, friends and being thankful. We usually end up telling some of the ornery things we did as we were growing up, which this is the first time Mom and Dad ever heard about it. Glad they can no longer ground you.

Now we head right into the Christmas season. It takes on a completely different aura. This is when you really want to give and share with others things they may need. Of course, the usual gift giving to your families will happen at Christmas time. But do you pay attention how much you do for others without realizing it. You drop your change into the Salvation Army Red Buckets, you give a coat/gloves/hat to the local Helping Hand organization,

you take cans of food and other staples to the evening church service, turn in some slightly used shoes for the homeless, send cans/boxes of food to school with your child so the school can make a special donation, or pick a child's name off the Giving Tree. These are things you can do yourself.

But...do you realize you can do a lot of these things as a Lions Club. It doesn't take much planning. You can help ring the bells for the Red Buckets, organize a coat/hats/gloves drive and donate them to your local Helping Hand or your local school. You can always do a food drive to restock your local food pantry. As a Club, you could pick a couple of names from the Giving Tree or Adopt a family in your community that is in need of help. Spread the true meaning of the Christmas season.

Remind your Cub Secretaries to report all your Club activities. Not only do you get points from your District Governor but you will meet the requirements to receive the

"Relieving the Hunger" Centennial Service Challenge. Do this early in December.

Put your Lions Club business aside for a few days. I want all of you to take the time to enjoy the Christmas Holidays with your family and friends.

Father Time will be bringing in the New Year before you know it. It will be time to

get back to Lions work. Start the New year out right and get activities on your calendars so your planning can begin. Lions of Indiana will be having their District Conventions. The State Convention is scheduled for April 27-29, 2018. Put these dates on your calendar to attend. YOU ARE LIONS INTERNATIONAL!

MERRY CHRISTMAS! and
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
to All Lions and their families



FISH RELEASED — Pendleton Lion President Jeff Cash is shown with one of the 600 pounds of fish that were released into the pond at Falls Park the day before the Annual Children's Fishing Derby on Aug. 12 that is sponsored by the Lions Club. More than a 100 kids, up to age 12, fished for the most and the biggest fish.

DONATION TO LIONS — Adrienne Anderson of Pendleton had a lemonade stand this summer and donated her profits of over \$300 to Pendleton Lions Club because she researched that Lions help people who need eye exams and glasses. She and her parents were invited to a meeting in September to formally thank her and informed her that her donation has already helped a student at the local school.



JOINT PROJECT — The Noblesville and Westfield Lions Clubs joined forces on Aug. 26 to continue their work in helping the Third Phase Christian Center remodel its facility. Third Phase is a food pantry and homeless shelter, among other things, in Noblesville. Pictured are Lion George Long in the photo on the left and Lions Connerley and Unger in the other.

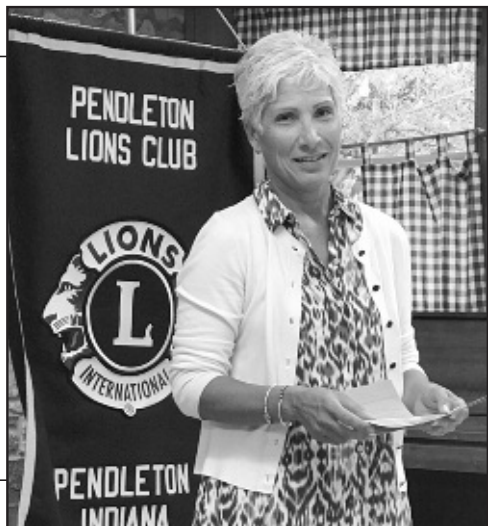


OFFICERS — The new Noblesville Lions officers, from left, are Treasurer Bob Minton, Membership Chair Mark Bachar, First VP Keven Schwartz, IPP Joe Connerley, President Joe Arrowood, and Secretary Duke Miller.



MEET THE NOBLESVILLE LIONS

PROGRAM PRESENTED — Lion Lisa Floyd presented a program on the South Madison Community Foundation in September. Its mission is "To produce positive and sustainable change in the communities we serve." PDG Doug Owens was instrumental in starting the foundation 25 years ago.



Lions Cancer Control

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This support aligns with Lions Clubs International's call to expand access to life-saving treatment and support for pediatric cancers. Overshiner is also seeking support from the collaborations with the Schools of Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Technology so that a larger printer can be purchased to accommodate the treatment device requirements.

He has received authorizations to proceed from the leadership at the School of Medicine. Protocols are currently being written for submission to radiation oncology organizations, which will allow larger research groups. His goal is to begin interdepartmental research and printing before year's end.

To achieve this goal, our committed amount of \$30,000 must be

raised. The Lions of Indiana were the first to promise backing to this very exciting project, which once again, will be the first of its kind in the world. The standard of care will once again be raised, and lives once lost, will be saved. This endeavor is only one of sev-

NEW FRIEND — Indiana Lions For Leader Dog President Lion Pauline Ulrey was presented with a new friend when the trustees visited the school in Rochester, Mich., recently. For years Ulrey has had a German shepherd to guide her. Her latest companion is a yellow Lab. Thus, officials at the school decided she should have a new shepherd to keep her company.



eral critical needs within the Department of Radiation Oncology. There are ongoing research and patient support projects that must also be supported. The Lions of Indiana are truly leaders in supporting life-saving treatment improvements.

Lions understand how important these projects are. The MD 25 Lions Clubs are certainly very willing to help if they are aware of the need. Please ask your Clubs to stand up to cancer, donate to this important project, and provide the keys that will ultimately unlock

curative treatment solutions.

Please contact me if you have other questions or want to arrange a presentation in your respective Districts. Lion Dottie Flack, Lions Liaison, and Patient Advocate, Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana Inc. (317) 944-4059

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Diabetes frog still making its rounds



BETTY AND ROGER TAYLOR FROM INDIAN CREEK WITH THE FROG



NEW MIDDLETON LION OREN CHUMLEY WITH JEREMIAH

Member satisfaction, Dr. W. P. Woods and new Club offices

By GOV. KEITH THOMAS

In my previous articles I discussed Diabetes and membership retention and rebuilding. Since we are in a membership crisis having dropped below 10,000 members here in Indiana, I feel I need to talk about membership satisfaction.

One way to keep your members satisfied is by taking the "Your Club, Your Way" survey and implementing any recommended changes. This 10 question survey covers Club traditions, dress code and meeting date and time. This survey is easily downloadable from the lionsclubs.org and searching for DA-YCYW. It only takes a few minutes in a meeting and it is recommended to be done anonymously.

There are many different opportunities for Lions to participate in during meetings and events. Not every member wants to lead a committee or hold an office, but they do want to do something. If you have a member who does not participate during Club meetings or activities, ask them outside of the Club setting, if there is something that interests them. It is important to make sure that all the members feel like they belong.

The District GMT is a great source for additional retention and membership building ideas. The Multiple District GMT is PDG Glen Georges. You can contact Glen at glengeorges@yahoo.com or at (812) 215-9420.

Another item of interest is about a new website sponsored by the family of Dr. W. P. Woods, "The Fellowship of William Perry Woods" (www.william-perry-woods-md.com). This website is based on the research of Henry Simms, Donald Rasmussen, and Julien Hyer. The website went live on Nov. 27 and is still a working draft, but this site has a lot of information on the early history of the Royal Order of Lions and

International Association of Lions Club.

I would also like to discuss some of the new Club level offices that Lions Clubs International would like us to use in our Clubs. These positions are great for learning leadership skills and learn more about Lions. As the Club elections are coming up in the next few months, now is a good time to start discussing and thinking about these new and important positions.

One of the offices is Club LCIF Coordinator. A Club LCIF Coordinator serves as ambassador for Lions Clubs International Foundation. The coordinator shares LCIF stories and provides motivation for more support to LCIF. International President Naresh Aggarwal has encouraged all Lions to donate \$2 a week to LCIF to enable LCIF to advance its humanitarian work both locally and globally.

Another office is the Club Marketing Communication Chairperson which is a fancy name for Public Relations Chair. The PR chair will be responsible for promoting the Club activities to the public. This office generally updates the Club website and Facebook pages and placing ads in the newspaper and TV and/or

radio spots. Fortunately, LCI has a lot of resources available on the www.lionsclubs.org website that helps with this position.

The last new office is the Club Service Chairperson. The Club Service Chairperson is to facilitate the development and implementation of your Club service goals. The responsibilities of the Club Service Chairperson are to develop service action plans to meet goals that address community needs. They also develop and lead committees to implement the service plan and incorporate opportunities for youth to engage in service with the club. The Club Service Coordinator has to ability to add and edit service activities using MyLCI website. The Club Service Coordinator also helps develop projects that fit the new global service framework, which focuses on Diabetes, Environment, Hunger, Vision and Pediatric Cancer. The Club Service Chairperson is to encourage full membership participation in service projects and to collaborate with the Membership Chairperson to promote membership opportunities to non-Lions.

Erica and I would like to wish everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

MINI LIBRARY

The Georgetown Lions Club is assisting area elementary students with the "Kids Helping Kids" Library project by the construction of mini library boxes for the Georgetown area. These boxes are weather resistance and will be placed at the Georgetown Ball Park and Georgetown Ashley Miriah Park shelter house facilities. Shown in the photo, from left, are Georgetown Town Council President, Evert Pullen, council member Kathy Haller and Georgetown Lion Don Tyler who presented the boxes to the town council members.



DR. BILL SMYTHE OF THE CENTRAL LIONS CLUB



MARK AND CHARLENE CLARK

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BODY WASH — East Side Lions Angela Carrel, Sue Russ, Don Bakel and Peggy Bakel brought 43 bottles of body wash for state hospital patients.



PDG Carl Goss dies

Carl Wayne Goss, 78, Crawfordsville, (25-C 1996-97) passed away peacefully in his home on Tuesday, Oct. 31. He was born Dec. 23, 1938, in Ferndale to Alfred "Boone" and Belaugh Iona (Spencer) Goss. He married Judy Asbury on June 30, 1962, in Cayuga. She survives.

Goss retired from Farm Bureau Insurance after 37 years. He was a certified life underwriter agent as well as an office manager in Montgomery, Parke and Fountain counties. He later worked for 14 years as the state administrative secretary for the Indiana Lions. He was a graduate of Indiana State University where he received his BA in accounting. He was a U. S. Army



CARL GOSS

veteran; a member of the New Hope Christian Church; member of the Attica and Crawfordsville Lions clubs, serving as District Governor; a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Scottish Rite. In his free time he enjoyed playing golf.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter: Pamela (Darrell) Pinkerton of Martinsville; his son: Michael (Lee) Goss of Arcadia; and his grandchildren: Miles and Hannah Goss. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother: Everett L. "Bucky" Goss.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 4, at the New Hope Christian Church officiating. Burial followed in the Oak Hill South Cemetery. Military rites were conducted at the church by the Crawfordsville American Legion Honor Guard and the U.S. Army. Memorials in Goss's name may be sent to: New Hope Christian Church; or to: The Indiana Lions Foundation, 8980 Purdue Road, Suite No. 9, Indianapolis, IN 46268

Wife of PCC Herb Gaff dies

Sandra K. Gaff, 65, of Fort Wayne passed away Sunday, Oct. 15, at her home. She was the wife of PCC Herb Gaff (25-B 2001-02). She was born Jan. 25, 1952, in DeKalb County to Howard P. and Virginia E. (Garrison) Fulk.

Her early years were spent growing up in LaOtto and then Arcola, where she attended school until the seventh grade. From there, her parents moved to the Churubusco area.

An honor student, Sandra graduated from Churubusco High School with the Class of 1970. During this time, she dated a fellow student by the name of Herbert N. Gaff. The two had known each other since she



SANDRA GAFF

moved to the area and rode the school bus together.

The year after they both graduated, the two were married at Churubusco Methodist Church on Aug. 1, 1971. Throughout their 46 years of marriage, they had several dogs and cats who were like their children. While in high school, Sandra worked at McCoy Real Estate and after graduating, she worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for a few years, EH Tepes in Fort Wayne for eight years and Gordon & Sloffer in Churubusco for 17 years.

She was an active member of Churubusco Lions Club and helped her husband out as he was the Governor for the Lions of 25-B. During his time, the two enjoyed traveling around representing the District.

Sandra and Herb found relaxation in camping, spending time in the outdoors and having a time share that allowed them to travel around. Over the years, she enjoyed many mys-

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SCHOLARSHIP CHECK — Jamie Vorhees, the young lady in the middle, receives her College Scholarship from President Brenda Carter and Secretary VEDGE Don Mullen.

Namaste my fellow Lions – Namaste varsha! (Hello winter!)

BY GOV. MELISSA BAKER

As the first half of our Lions year winds down, I want to thank all of you who have extended support and good wishes during the year. Friendship, fun and food (!) are the best parts of Lionism.

Having the ability to visit with each Club and talk with many Lions has been a true joy and enriched my life beyond measure. Our International's President's message this year was to focus on "We Serve". Working from the basics of a "Lions 101" makes sure that each Lion knows our history, our present and future. I am proud of what we as Lions have been able to achieve and do. Let's celebrate!

Holiday cheer is here and of course, the Lions are near. The holiday season seems to bring out the best in people, Lions included. Lions are the best year-round, however, activities and help given at this time of year usually get a little more attention.

Food drives for local pantries, toy collections, bell ringers and "Angel trees." WE, as Lions, are there behind many of these activities during the season. It's really no coincidence that December and January are months of the "Relieving the Hunger Centennial Service Challenge." Many Clubs do this on a regular basis through feeding the homeless, providing meals to shut-ins and backpacks that go home with kids on the weekends. Are you making sure your Club's activities are publicized? Let's celebrate that this season. It's great to see stories of kindness on a regular basis.

It's okay to toot your horn a little – prospective members join groups that they know about. Secretaries, make sure you enter your Service Activity Reports every month. Get your Club recognized for the hard work they do. You never know who might read

about it – it might even end up in the "LION" magazine!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours – "Shush Deepavali" (Happy Diwali for our Indian Friends – IP Dr. Naresh Aggarwal), "Gledileg Jol!" (Merry Christ-

mas for our Icelandic Friends – First IVP Gudrun Yngvadottir), 메리 크리스마스, pronounced meli keul-is-eu-mas-eu (Holy Birthday for our Korean Friends – Second IVP Jung-Yul Choi) Until next time – Take care of yourselves and each other.

Franklin Lions Club collecting used eyeglasses for those in need

By MAGEN KRITSCH
Editorial assistant at the Daily Journal, Franklin

A pair of unused eyeglasses sitting in your drawer can help a child in Mexico excel in school or help an adult hang onto their job by improving their eyesight.

The Franklin Lions Club is collecting used glasses as part of its annual Christmas tradition to send the glasses to residents in Mexico.

Club members have put up two Christmas trees in Franklin at the Johnson County courthouse and in the courthouse annex. Residents can hang their glasses on the trees or can drop them in donation boxes at the site and at dozens of other sites in Franklin and Whiteland.

The Club is hoping to collect at least 250 pairs of glasses in its

annual effort. Donations were down last year, with about 200 pairs of glasses collected, said Macie Martin, treasurer for the Franklin Lions Club.

Efforts to promote the glasses collection last year were not as large as in the past, Martin said.

Lions Clubs across the state typically collect about 72,000 pairs of glasses that are cleaned, refurbished and tested for a prescription before they are sent to Mexico as part of a mission trip, she said.

Indiana prison inmates will clean and sort the glasses by prescription. Lions Club members then will travel to Mexico, where some of the country's poorest residents will get eye exams and free glasses that match their prescription.

Some residents don't have access to an optometrist, Martin said.

Often, the glasses they receive are sorely needed, Martin said.

"(Your glasses) might be given to a child who needs them for school, a senior who needs them for independence or an adult who needs them to see to do their job," she said.

Lions Club members have been collecting glasses for more than three decades as a main mission after the Lions Clubs International was challenged by Helen Keller to help improve the world's eyesight, Martin said.



TWO TREES — The Franklin Lions Club has set up two trees where people can donate prescription, nonprescription and reading eyeglasses and sunglasses. Donations will be accepted until the first week of January at the Johnson County Courthouse, 5 E. Jefferson St., Franklin and at the courthouse annex, 86 W. Court St., Franklin

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tery and romance novels, doing cross words and word searches. As her health declined, Sandra was forced to not to be as active as she was with the Lions Club and the couple would move north of Fort Wayne in 2012.

Survivors include her husband, Herb Gaff; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Kenneth E. Fulk, Sr.; niece, Lisa Kreiger; and a great-nephew, Randall Fulk.

A Lions Club service was held Friday, Oct. 21 with funeral services Saturday, Oct. 22. Burial will followed at Eel River Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be given in her memory to Churubusco Lions Club.



Conference Memories



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Do you want a drill bit?

By GOV. TOM POLK

Think about this - on Saturday morning you get up, get dressed, eat breakfast and drive to town. You go to a store that carries drill bits. You selected the store based on several factors - cost, location, amount of help you will receive. You locate the correct department and of the many different types of drill bits you make your selection and then pay for it and drive back home. So why did you do this? You wanted a hole!

So, what does this have to do with Lions Clubs? In my Club vis-

its and discussions with Lions at all levels, there is an overarching theme - "we need members!". But we need to remember the lesson of the drill bit. We didn't drive to town because we REALLY wanted a drill bit - we REALLY wanted or needed was the hole. People do not wake up one morning and say - "I really want to be a Lion and cook pancakes, pop popcorn, fry tenderloins or fish." They wake up wanting to make a difference and want to find a group that can help them do that.

They seek out a Club like we

sought the store to buy the drill bit - its location, the expected cost and the amount of help that we would receive. People are the same way. Is your Club easy to find? Is it easy to work with and do prospective members know how to become a Lion? Does someone ask them to join? Potential members want to feel that what they do matters. They want their actions to have had some impact on the people they care about and the world around them.

When you are talking to people about Lions, do you talk about the fundraiser you are having - "we fried 300 pounds of tenderloins last weekend" or do you talk about the scholarships you have given, the eyeglasses you have washed, the vision screenings you have performed or the dictionaries you have handed out? Lions serve - make sure everyone knows the impact we have on our communities. Talk about benefits and ask people if they would just like to come along side you and help your community be a little better place to live.

We need to serve with a purpose

A SPECIAL DONATION — Amy Kellenburger, left, accepts a check on behalf of Special Olympics of Fulton County in the amount of \$4,188 from Linda Wade of the Fulton-Liberty Lions Club. The money was raised during a special bingo fundraiser night held Tuesday, Oct. 24, at the Fulton County Museum.



BELL RINGERS — The Annual Bell Ringing Drawing was held at in Warsaw in November to help kick off support of The Salvation Army and its holiday assistance. Picture, from left, in front, are Pam Galloway - Warsaw Breakfast Optimist, Trish Welch - Warsaw Rotary Club and Roger Laird - Kosciusko County Shrine. In back are Scott Fox - Warsaw Kiwanis, Major Bill Welch - Salvation Army and Richard Sisk - Warsaw Lions. In addition, members of the Milford Lions Club rang bells on three weekends in Milford. This is the 96th Annual Christmas campaign in Kosciusko County held by The Salvation Army. (Photo by Cox Studios, Warsaw)



MELVIN JONES FELLOW — Lion Ron Marquart of the Milford Lions Club recently received a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Lion Ron does a lot to serve his Club and his community.



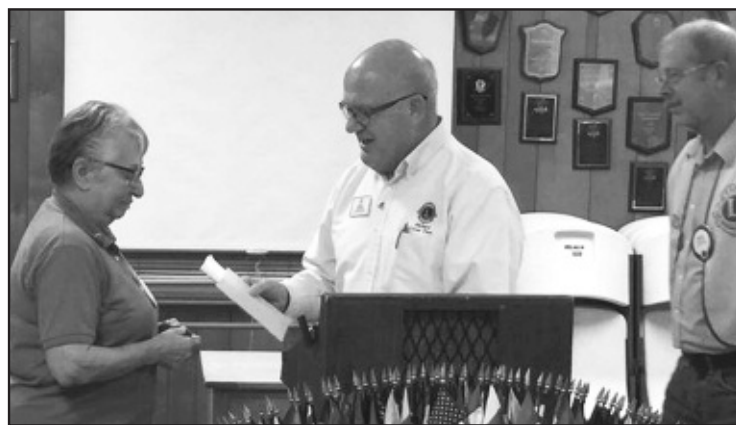
DICTIONARY DISTRIBUTION — Shown, from left, are three Lions Club representatives who helped distribute dictionaries: Kevin Hohman, President Silver Lake Lions; Jim Redman, President Leesburg Lions; and Carol Huffer, Atwood Lions representative.

Lions distributing dictionaries to third-graders

Lions Clubs in Kosciusko County are participating in a Lions International goal to furnish every third grade elementary student with their own dictionary. To date there are 11 Kosciusko County Lions Clubs completing this goal.

For the 2017 year, the six clubs

participating as a combined group are Atwood, Claypool, Leesburg, Mentone, North Webster and Silver Lake. Both Atwood and North Webster are sponsoring two schools each, Atwood sponsors Harrison and Madison and North Webster sponsors North Webster and Washington.



PROGRESSIVE MJF — Dunlap Lion Rosemary Miller received a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship from LCIF District Chairman Marty Juel at the November 16th Dunlap meeting. Lion Rosemary becomes the third Dunlap Lion to receive this PMJF. Lion Rosemary was thanked for her commitment to service around the world.

The Dunlap Lions Club has 28 Melvin Jones Fellows. Dunlap Lions Club President Mike Dines is pictured on the right.



RINGING IN ROCHESTER — The Rochester Lions Club assists the Salvation Army as bell ringers. Shown are Lions Steve Politz and Joe Moore volunteer, garnering many donations while greeting friends and serenading them with Christmas music at Kroger's. Sharing is caring!

Las Vegas here we come

By PDG GARY OCHS
Convention Chairperson

Early registration is before Jan. 12, 2018; regular registration is Jan. 13 through March 31, 2018; and late registration is April 1 to May 1, 2018. Plan early!

All Convention venues are located at the MGM Grand on the Las Vegas Strip. The Indiana Lions attending will stay at the Luxor "Egyptian Pyramid" hotel within walking distance of the MGM Convention Center. Visit online at www.lionsclubs.org for update.

2018 Lions International Convention in Las Vegas
Has The Shows,
World Class Cuisine,
Shopping And More

Don't miss this one! The 2018 Lions Clubs International Convention June 29 - July 3, 2018, will be in Las Vegas. The fun continues at this 101st Lions International Convention.

Labelled as "The Entertainment Capital of the World," the famous Strip is over four miles long and has something for everyone to complete in the days ahead. Home to world-class dining, upscale shopping, star-studded entertainment, themed hotels with synchronized fountains and replicas of the Venetian Grand Canal and Eiffel Tower, it's not a surprise Las Vegas ranks as one of the world's most visited tourist destinations in the United States!

LCIF celebrates 50th anniversary

This year, LCIF celebrates its 50th anniversary. On this special occasion there's a series of online contests that focus on our foundation's important work. Our first Together We Can Contest offers fun ways to enter and learn about LCIF's work to fight preventable blindness and restore sight.

Each month, lucky winners from around the globe will receive an exclusive LCIF 50th anniversary medal, plus an invitation to LCIF recognition events at the 2018 Lions Clubs International Convention in Las Vegas (travel and convention registration not included). LCIF will be running a new contest every month through April 2018, so enter now and keep coming back for more chances to win.

Dear Lions,

Happiness is seeing healthy children run and play and go to school. Unfortunately, in areas where measles is prevalent, some children have those simple pleasures taken away. Nearly 400 people die from measles every day, most of them children. Survivors can be left with life-altering complications including permanent hearing loss, blindness, and brain damage. This doesn't have to happen.

Measles is a preventable disease, which is one reason why Lions Clubs International Foundation is supporting measles initiatives. One measles vaccination costs about \$1. I've seen Lions pull together and accomplish great things, so I know that we can eliminate measles by donating to the cause and volunteering in local measles campaigns.

Let's see what we can do to fight measles and give all children a healthy start to life! Consider donating to LCIF's measles initiative, One Shot, One Life.

Sincerely,
Chancellor Bob Corlew
Chairman, Lions Clubs International Foundation