

Coming soon: Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference

By PDG Paul Russell

The annual Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference will be held Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel.

Some Indiana Lions say the Mid-Winter Conference is “the best place for learning” about

Indiana Multiple District Convention

By IP Brian E. Sheehan, Convention Guest Speaker

Dear Lions and Leos of Indiana, I'd like to take this opportunity to invite you to the MD25 State Convention this coming May.

When more Lions and Leos come to Convention, amazing things happen. We connect with old friends and make new ones. It is a chance to celebrate our accomplishments. We learn from each other and reenergize ourselves as Lions. We identify new goals and new ways to serve, which renews our sense of purpose and helps focus our attention on the challenges ahead.

Lions Clubs International depends on each member and every District for our association to fulfill our mission of service.


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The Conference will be preceded by a dinner on Friday evening. There is a separate fee for this event. The after-dinner speaker will be Charlie Adams. Known as “Indiana's Speaker,” Charlie has been delivering entertaining and informative talks for 35 years in the Hoosier State. A former TV news, sports, and features reporter and news anchor, Charlie has interviewed thousands of folks in Indiana. He has also done extensive research on difference-makers past and present, and tells those stories in a compelling manner! He will present an entertaining and informative after-dinner talk on people and stories from throughout the Hoosier State.

Conference attendees will be offered the opportunity to participate in two on-site service projects. After dinner on Friday evening, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in the Care-ing Cases project, using clean recycled hard eyeglass

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Council Chairperson's Corner

By CC Scott Smith
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Time flies when you're having fun

It is hard to believe that half of the Lions Year is already behind us! It's time to look at the goals that have been set and see if there are any adjustments that need to be made, as well as see if we can adjust to how we achieve those goals.

As I write this article, we are positive 39 members in MD25. We have been positive from the beginning of the year. December 31 we will probably see the usual drop in members, so it is imperative that we work as hard as possible in the second half of the Lions Year to keep us in positive membership. Share your “story” with those outside of Lions. Let them share in the joy of helping others, just as we do.

Upcoming is our Mid-Winter Conference, and in May 2023 is our State Convention. Both events are a great opportunity to learn and share in fellowship with other Lions throughout the State. I encourage you to attend both events. This year's State Convention we are fortunate to have International President Brian Sheehan as our speaker. It is a rare opportunity to hear an International President speak in person, and it is important that the Lions of Indiana show their support and appreciation to our International Leader.

We had an excellent October Council Meeting, and many of those attending participated in our “support your favorite sports team” theme. It is always good when Lions can come together and have fun while doing the work for Lions and serving our communities.

In November, PID Nick Xinopolous was able to present a Presidential Medal to PDG Marty Juel. PDG Marty, as well as others from around MD25, received this award last year. This was the first opportunity to present it to him, so I wanted to say congratulations to him and all the other Lions who received an International Award for their hard work on behalf of Lions and their communities.


As we look to the second half of this Lions Year, I encourage each of you, personally and as a Club, to just do one more thing. One more new member. One more service project. One more fundraiser. It will make a difference in your community and for the Lions of Indiana.

God Bless each of you during this Holiday Season!

leadership, service, and all aspects of Lionism. We offer workshops and seminars on Club administration, community service, fundraising, and membership recruitment and retention, as well as opportunities for service, fellowship with Lions from around the State, and plain old everyday Lions fun.

The conference registration fee is only \$55 and includes informative seminars and workshops, on-site service projects, coffee and pastries in the morning, lunch at noon with a motivational speaker, and fellowship with other Lions.

The keynote speaker at the Saturday luncheon will be Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter. Superintendent Carter has served 40 years in law enforcement, as an Indiana State Trooper, Hamilton County Sheriff, and Indiana State Police Superintendent. He has received many awards, including the Indiana State Police Silver Star Award for Meritorious Service and Outstanding Heroism. Service has always been important to Superintendent Carter. He has said, “It's not about titles and career and that stuff, it's about service before self.”



Nick's Notes

By PID Nick Xinopoulos
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Celebrate each others' victories

My Fellow Lions,

We hope everyone enjoyed their time with their families and friends during Thanksgiving.

As Lions, we emphasize serving those in our communities who are in need. I believe service projects are the best opportunity to make a difference in our world and to introduce people to who we are and what we can provide for others. We all know we need to work on our membership to continue our service to our communities, so please share your ideas and invite non-Lions to join you in your projects. You just might inspire someone to join your Club. International President Brian Sheehan states, “Together We Can, Together We Will.”

Lion Gretchen and I spent a week in North Carolina volunteering at the VIP (Visually Impaired Persons) Fishing Tournament. There were 171 VIPs accompanied by their chaperones and 175 volunteers at this year's event. Volunteer duties included preparing and serving meals, bussing tables and cleaning the dining area, preparing fishing rods, cutting bait, baiting hooks, and helping with casting (but the VIP has to reel in the fish). Following a full day of fishing, VIPs are treated to a nice evening meal followed by entertainment.

During our last evening banquet, awards are given to the people who caught the most fish from each pier and fishing boat. There were first, second, and third place winners. Here is what touched me the most: During the

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Roars from A



Don't be shy: tell corporate donors what you do

By GOV. NICK GONZALEZ

Greetings, fellow Lions of District 25A! I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

I am quite thankful that being a Lion has helped me meet a ton of friendly, helpful people. Slowly but surely I will have the opportunity to meet each of you. Please contact me if I have not scheduled my official visit to your Club.

Though I have not visited every Club, I know you. As a Lion I have attended numerous Cabinet and Zone meetings and visited many Clubs. I know how active District 25A Lions are – fundraisers, eye screenings, dictionary distributions, roadside cleanups. These are a few examples of myriad projects Lions in our District have performed.

I can vouch for each of you that you are extremely active. Do you know who cannot vouch for you? Corporate donors.

Where are you going with this, District Governor? I will tell you:



PINNING — 25A DG Nick Gonzalez pins Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow recipient Lion Joe Pahs.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Schererville Lions Club will sponsor a Zone 1C meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at American Legion Post 485, 7485 Burr St., Schererville.

Dinner will be provided. \$10 per person.

Please RSVP by January 16 to ZC Carlyle Edwards at (219) 218-4372 or lioncarlyle01@gmail.com.

SERVICE REPORTING! I am like most of you – willing to help anyone but unwilling to brag about service.

What happens when we do not report all the wonderful activities we do? Potential corporate donors assume we are not an

active organization. Purina would be willing to assist Leader Dog. Major hospitals may donate unused medical equipment or helps us purchase new equipment. Kroger may want to help with our food pantries.

These companies are not going

STILL INVOLVED — Richard Ballard is the recipient of this great award, which he received on October 12. He was past President of this Club and is very involved with the community.



FINGER-PRINTING — The Hamlet Jr./Sr. Leos Club partnered with the St. Arke County Sheriff's Department at their Halloween



Fest and fingerprinted 158 children. If any of these children are lost or taken, it will be much easier to find them with fingerprints on file. The Leos had a great time.



LIGHTING CREW — Pictured are Lions Ellen, Mike, Rachel, Jay, Kate, Romaine, and Santa! Lions not pictured are Bryon and Megan.

to attend our meetings or read our newsletters. They are going to read metrics. Number of people served. Funds raised to assist communities. It is definitely okay to market yourself!

I appreciate everything you do! Each community in our District would not be the same without the

benefit of Lions service. Thank you for freely giving your time, talent and treasure to help people. Please look after Club members who are inactive due to various factors. A simple gesture could go a long way. I wish you a joyous holiday season. Stay safe and see you in 2023!

Door Village Lions celebrate 46th anniversary of charter presentation

Members of the Door Village Lions Club recently celebrated 46 years of serving the community. Charter member Lion Joe Pahs said he can't believe the years have flown by so quickly.

He also said the projects and fundraisers we do currently are so very different than they were in the beginning. In early years it was fish fries, money raffles, and citrus fruit sales for fundraising. And projects were scholarships and specialized computers for the visually impaired and a large number of eyeglasses for those who could not afford the cost.

Currently, fundraisers are working the food wagon at various festivals, conducting BBQ chicken sales and participating in the biannual candy day sales in May and October. Projects in recent years have involved donating food items to the Salvation Army food bank; donating school supplies to three elementary schools; and prior to the pandemic, conducting a senior citizen's Christmas dinner for 60 to 90 community seniors for well over 20 years.

The charter celebration began with a dinner at Portofino's Grille and near record attendance for the District 25A Governor's Official Visit and the Awards Presentations that followed. Shortly after members and guests finished their dinners, District 25A Governor Lion Nick Gonzalez addressed the group and shared some of the history leading up to his selection of the theme for his year as governor. His theme is "With You," a term rugby teammates use when they wish to help a teammate, he explained.

He went on to say he felt this was a very good parallel to when Lions want to cooperate and pull together to accomplish a project, find new members or new leaders. Governor Nick concluded with a compliment to Door Village Lion members for their many successful projects in recent months.

The awards part of the evening began with a brief summary of the several categories of awards being presented. Club President Lion George Morley explained there would be 15 Certificates of Achievement, 10 Service Excellence & 100% Attendance awards, One Outstanding Service Award, two Melvin Jones Recipients, one Progressive Melvin Jones Award, three Years of Service Chevrons and a Letter from the

Lions Clubs International Foundation Chairman congratulating Door Village Lions members for giving \$50 per member average in 2021-2022.

He also shared with the group that Governor Nick and PDG Randy Greer and 1st VDG Stephen Helmken would be assisting with the presentations of the Melvin Jones Recipient awards and the Progressive Melvin Jones Recipient award, the Melvin Jones and the Progressive Melvin Jones awards being two of the highest awards a member can receive from Lions International.

Workers receiving Certificates of Achievements were Lions in Training Sammy Veach, Maxwell Unger, Emma Perra and Nick Perra; and Club members Carrie Perra, Chuck Glen, Dave Renner, Eric Veach, and Catherine Veach. Lions receiving Service Excellence & 100% Attendance Awards went to Lions Cindy Polito, Sam Polito, Bonnie Olson, Sue Kaiser, and George Morley. The Outstanding Service Award was awarded to Lion Dennis Fischer for his service above and beyond the norm. Lion of the Year was awarded to Carol Pahs. Lion George, with the assistance of Governor Nick, presented all the above.

The Melvin Jones Awards were presented to Lions Cindy Fischer and Sue Kaiser by DG Nick, assisted by PDG Randy Greer and 1VDG Stephen Helmken. They then went on to present the Progressive Melvin Jones Award to Lion Joseph Pahs, with Governor Nick pinning Joe with a diamond encrusted Progressive Melvin Jones lapel pin.

Governor Nick also presented 45, 25 and 20 Years of Service Chevrons to Lions Joe Pahs, Carol Pahs, and Carol La Gard, respectively. PDG Randy brought the Awards Ceremony to a close by reading a letter from Lions International Foundation congratulating the Club for being a Club giving \$50 per member average in the Lion Year 2021-2022.

The meeting ended with a drawing for the table decorations prepared by Lions Sue Kaiser, Bonnie Olson, and Nancy Weaver, and Lion in Training Sammy Veach leading the singing of "Happy Birthday" to Governor Nick.

For more information, call George Morley at (219) 575-3575.

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announcement of the winners, the VIPs were so happy to hear who the winners were! It didn't matter if they knew the person or not! It didn't matter if they could see the person or not! They were just happy to hear that someone had won!

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cases to assemble first aid kits and toiletry kits. Conference attendees are also encouraged to donate new socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats, and blankets to the Sock It To Me project. Collection boxes for these items will be available on Friday and Saturday. Our District Governors will share all items created/collected by these projects with those in need in their Districts.

My only wish is that we apply the same principles as these VIPs and be happy for one another and support one another as we serve our communities, our Districts, our State, and Lions Clubs International. Remember, "Working Together for a Better Tomorrow" makes us stronger.

For more information about the Conference and a registration form, visit indianalions.org and click on the link "Printable Forms." The list of available forms includes seminar and workshop information, a Conference registration form with hotel reservation information, and information for sponsors.

We hope to see you at the 2023 Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference.

Mid-Winter Conference is Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023. I know the committee has worked hard to make sure this Conference will be a success. If you have not registered, please make sure you check out the seminars that will be provided. This is a great opportunity to learn from each other, see what is new with our State Projects, reconnect with Lions from around our State and make new friends. It's a "Win-Win" weekend!

Our keynote speaker for our MD25 Convention is our International President Brian Sheehan. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to hear him speak, this will be an evening of enthusiasm and inspiration for all of us. Please don't miss this opportunity to attend our Convention. It will be an exciting time for all of us!

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, good health, and a Happy New Year.

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Because it takes all of us working together to make a difference in our communities. Together We Can achieve a greater good than ever before. And with Lions like you leading the way, together we will.

I am known to have lots of fun at Convention. Bring members from your Club who have never been to one before so they can see the fun that can be had as we

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Roars from B



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That man on my left

By GOV. SANDRA ZEIGLER

Lion Past Council Chair Jerry Zeigler likes telling people that he and I are the Christmas couple because of our red and green jackets. It does not seem possible that we are almost halfway through this Lions fiscal year. This cliché holds true, "Time goes fast, when you're having fun." And I am sincerely having fun.

Now let us go back in time, like about 31 years ago. I knew nothing about Lions Clubs, even though I grew up and graduated from Van Wert High School in Van Wert, Ohio. Van Wert has a sign at the west side of their town, telling all who pass into that town that they are a Lions community, but I had never paid attention to that sign.

At that time, 31 years ago, I was living and teaching in Bluffton, which also has a Lions Club. At the edge of our town, we have that same sign showing that we, too, are a Lions community. I have lived here since 1969, but no one had ever told me about the Lions Club, not until that man on my left.

Neither of those communities introduced me to Lionism. Instead, it was that man on my left who invited me to join him at his Lions Club Meeting in Berne. That was my introduction into

THAT MAN ON MY LEFT — Shown from left are Council Chair Scott Smith; DG Sandy Zeigler; and PCC Jerry Zeigler, my husband, who has been a Lion for 56 years.



Lions. I went with him to their meetings, not once, not twice, but several times. I even assisted with their food tent at Berne's Swiss Days. I enjoyed the people I met and the time we spent in those meetings. That was all prior to me becoming a member. It was a special bonding, so much so that I eventually did join that Berne Lions Club. It will soon be 30 years ago, before I ever married that man on my left, that I became a member of the Berne Lions Club. Then on December 18, 1993, I married that man on my left.

Once I joined, I accepted the position of Lion Tamer, and next, Lion Tail Twister. I went through the steps to become their Club Vice President and on to become the first woman President Berne ever had. If it had not been for the

man on my left, I wonder when I would have found out about Lions, or if I ever would have.

There was a pull from some of the Bluffton Lions Club members for us to switch our memberships from the Berne Lions Club to the Bluffton Lions Club, since we lived in Bluffton. That Berne Lions Club that started me with of all those wonderful experiences no longer exists. I wonder if anyone took down their sign that announced they had entered a town with a Lions Club.

How many missed opportunities have all of us had, missed chances to tell someone about what we do as Lions?



BIGGEST GAINERS — Heritage Lions President Tom Wolf presented Lion Larry Smith with an award from the Lions Global Action Team. During Larry's 2021-2022 Presidential term, the Heritage Lions gained more members in District 25B than any other Club. Larry is a founding member of the Heritage Lions, which began in 1971, and has been a Heritage Lion member for 51 years, which is a remarkable achievement.

Changing lives by the foot

By Rick Boys

Tom Bullerman and Rick Boys are working with Changing Footprints to gather shoes for the disadvantaged. Changing Footprints will have a table at this year's Christ Child Festival, located in rooms A-C on the first floor of the downtown Allen County Public Library. All are encouraged to bring in your used shoes from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. November 23, and again from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. November 25.

Cheryl Brockmann, leader of the local Changing Footprints shoe collection organization, reported the group had collected 3,392 pairs of shoes in October. These donations came from 26 locations, including school and church shoe drives, shoe bins in the Allen County libraries, local YMCAs, Indiana Physical Therapy offices, and several other sites. Changing Footprints distributed 6,633 pairs of shoes to 13 different locations. They also sent many shoes to the Indianapolis office.

Changing Footprints is a 100% volunteer nonprofit, without any paid staff. No one is ever charged for shoes. There are five main distribution locations in Indiana: Rushville, North Indy, South Indy, Greenfield, and Fort Wayne. More than 500,000 pairs of shoes have been distributed statewide by the five locations in the past 17 years.

Collecting and redistributing shoes saves them from ending up in landfills. Changing Footprints accepts all styles, types, and sizes of shoes, no matter their condition. Damaged athletic shoes are converted into playground padding or running tracks through the Nike Grind program. Anyone interested in donating their used shoes can find a shoe donation bin at changingfootprints.org/shoe-drops.

If your organization or business would like to conduct a shoe drive for Changing Footprints, please call, text, or email Rick at (260) 755-2162 or intj25@hotmail.com.

Please donate — don't trash — your unwanted shoes.



LUNCH MONEY — PDG Don Cooper presents a check for \$1,000 to Tom Kneller, Director of the New Haven Food Bank. On the right are two volunteers at the food bank.



WARM GATHERING — Lion Tom Bullerman led the Heritage Lions Fall Coat Drive this year. Here he is with some of the many coats, gloves, boots, and socks donated by the Heritage Lions and the Hoagland community. All items collected will be given to Cross Border Partners for distribution to their disadvantaged clients. If anyone still wishes to donate to this drive, it is never too late. Tom goes to CBP fairly regularly and would be happy to give them even more warm clothing. You can bring your donation to the park pavilion at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Thank you to everyone who generously donated to this very worthy project.

The Heritage Lions motto is "We Serve" and we welcome anyone who wishes to help their local community to contact a Heritage Lion.



A WORLD OF LIONS — All of the people in this photo are Lions! They are delegates from all over the world, gathered together at the Lions International Convention to celebrate being Lions, and sharing this with others. What if each of these Lions went back to their hometowns and told just ONE person about their wonderful experience in Montreal, Canada? Then what if that person, that friend, were invited to Lions meetings in their hometowns! That would be putting my "Domino Effect" into action!

An annual affair

By Linda Goodrich

If your Club is not participating in Lion's international peace poster and essay contest, you are missing out.

The concept of doing this activ-

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learn how to make our Clubs better.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication you have done thus far this year. Together we will make the impossible possible. Lori and I really hope we see you there. Make your reservation today and let's all have a great time together!

Make a great day!

ity at our Club started four years ago. We reached out to the school superintendent of the local junior/senior high school and made our proposal. Fortunately, he is a Lion at another Club and loved the idea and introduced us to the art teacher and the project took off. The kids love it and we love the connection we have made with the school, which has bought a lot of goodwill and relationships with parents, etc.

This year was our best example yet of wonderful posters. The school posted the posters and artists on their Facebook page and displayed all the posters around the school except, of course, our winner. We also had the local newspaper take pictures and post the winner and her poster along with their teacher and Lion District Governor Don Russ.

Our Fredericksburg Lion's Club was proud to have Lion Don personally carry back our winning poster to compete. Our winner of this year's Lion's International peace poster was Daisy Hart from the West Washington Junior High School in Campbellsburg, with the best representation of this year's theme of "Lead with Compassion." We hope she will go on to win the state and international competitions. Winners at the state level receive \$500; at the international level, \$5,000.

The kids were really excited about the opportunity and obviously put a lot of work into their submissions. We look forward to doing it again in 2023 and hope this article inspires your Club to reach out to your local youth clubs or junior/senior high schools and get involved. If your



MOST PEACEFUL — Pictured are Lion District Governor Don Russ and Mrs. Chastain, West Washington Jr./Sr. High School art teacher, along with winner Daisy Hart.

Club is interested in getting started and wants to learn about lessons learned, please do not hesi-

tate to contact me, President Linda Goodrich, Fredericksburg Lion's Club, at (812) 472-3551.



Roars from C



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Season's Greetings from Team C

By GOV. BOB HRDY

Every year at this time, I think about holiday traditions in our family, as I'm sure do you also.

My Dad would send out a long Christmas letter. One year while we were stationed in Germany his letter was about Christmas traditions around the world. At the time I thought it was long and boring - but as an adult I have a

deeper understanding of his words. Even as he described the differences, he highlighted the similarities. Whether they watch for Santa Claus, St. Nicholas, Father Christmas, Pere Noel, Weihnachtsmann, or Babbo Natale, the wonder of children the world over is the same. The best gift we can give is to give of ourselves.

I see how the tradition of giving continues throughout the year, as

the heart of Lionism is about Service and Giving.

As we have made our visits, I realized how blessed we are with all activities carried out at the Club level and how much our members touch the lives of others.

During one of our outings, I got to meet with "the big fella." That's right, St. Nick himself!

He just wanted me to remind you all he knows who's been naughty or nice! He tells me we have more NICE than NAUGHTY ... LOL.

I also gave him my wish that we all have a successful fun year! Keep up the good work!

I would like to give a shout out to the two students who submitted a Peace Poster entry for this year's contest in District C.

I would like to congratulate Marissa for being chosen the winner for District C. Her poster will go on to the Indiana Lions State Peace Poster Contest. GOOD LUCK!

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays from my family to yours with elves Quinn & Nora Hrdy.

Yours in Lionism.



LIFETIME — Lion Roger Burrus, Esq., is presented a Lifetime Membership Award for 40 years of Service by DG Bob Hrdy and ZLC President Dennis Tackett. Roger's father, Otis, was also a lifetime member, with 65 years of Service.



LAUGHING THROUGH THE DARKNESS — The sound of laughter could be heard all night long at the Zionsville Lions Club dinner October 25 meeting.

The Lions District Governor, Leader Dog Finn, and his wife, Vicky, were a busy team, inducting new Lions, transferring a Lion to Zionsville from Mahomet, Illinois, and presenting a Lifetime Membership. DG Bob Hrdy shared his Vision Through Darkness to the ZLC members, bringing them through his journey to blindness with his great sense of humor.

Pictured from left are Mentor Advisor Dan Dumbauld, new member Claire Baker, ZLC President Dennis Tackett, new member Bill Kurtz, DG Bob Hrdy, new member Paula Kurtz, new members Debra and Jeff Running, and Membership Chair PDG Tom Robbins.

20-YEAR RECOGNITION — Indiana Lions District 25C Governor Bob Hrdy made his official visit to the Spencer Lions Club on October 18. He is shown here presenting Lion Sandy Miller with her 20-year membership recognition on behalf of Lions Clubs International. (Photo by PDG Pat Short).



PIER GROUP — Above is a small view of the amazing VIP's and the volunteers who gave them a hand when needed.

TARHEEL HELPERS — Brownsburg Lion Gretchen and PID Nick Xinopoulos helped with the VIP fishing trip to North Carolina.



GIVING SHELTER — Pictured from left are Clinton Lions Dean Stroh and Rick Inman, City Superintendent Cindy Yates, Mayor Jack Gilfoy, and Clinton Lions President Jerry Spurr in front of the new picnic shelter at Sportland Park. The Clinton Lions Club provided funds for the shelter, which is located near the walking trail next to the Frisbee golf course at the park. (Photo courtesy of City of Clinton).

Helping Paws: leader dog organization in need of puppy raisers

By Elle Kreamer,
Zionsville Cover Stories

Each year, Leader Dogs for the Blind, a nonprofit based in Rochester Hills, Mich., matches about 200 blind or visually impaired individuals with a guide dog free of charge, according to Rachelle Kniffen, director of communications and marketing at Leader Dogs.

Leader Dogs was established in 1939 by members of Lions Club International, a global humanitarian organization with a significant chapter in Zionsville. According to the Leader Dog website, the Lions Club continues to provide significant support to the mission through financial support and volunteer work.

Zionsville Lions Club member Gail Robbins said the organization needs more puppy raisers to provide care and basic obedience

training to prepare the puppies for guide dog training.

Zionsville resident Jennie Means decided in 2021 she wanted to get involved in the effort and took in a puppy she and her family named Ellie, a golden retriever and yellow lab mix with a big personality.

"It was in the middle of the pandemic, and I was just kind of done with people, so I thought this would be a good thing for me to do," Means said. "My kids were out of the house, and our dog Charlie had passed away that summer. I thought, 'OK, this is my way to do something for someone,' and I immediately filled out an application."

Means said they went to pick up Ellie in August 2021, and a year later, took her back to Leader Dog's headquarters in Michigan for an evaluation to determine if she would move on with their

more intensive training program.

"People would always ask me, 'How are you going to be able to give her up?' I knew it was going to be hard, but I also knew her job wasn't to be my pet," Means said. "It was hard dropping her off in Michigan. It was almost like sending your kid to college, because you've raised them, but in your heart, you want them to do well. You want them to be a guide dog."

During the medical evaluation at Leader Dog, however, it was discovered that Ellie had hip dysplasia. Ellie was career-changed, meaning she could no longer continue with the program to become a Leader Dog, and she soon returned to live with Means and her family.

Kniffen said about half of the puppies that go to raisers end up career-changed for physical or behavioral issues, so it is even

more crucial to have plenty of people willing to raise the puppies for the first 12 to 15 months of their lives.

"On a monthly basis, we need dogs that are fully trained to match with people who are blind or visually impaired," Kniffen said. "If we're going to train 200 dogs every year to become leader dogs, we need about 400 puppy raisers."

Kniffen said Leader Dogs only has around 200 puppy raisers at this time.

It is even more difficult to find puppy raisers in the winter months, Kniffen said, because many people don't think of it as an ideal time for training. However, she said winter is a great time to house-train a puppy, because the colder weather motivates the puppy to go to the bathroom quickly and get back inside, which avoids many of the dis-

tractions they might face in the spring and summer months.

Kniffen said Leader Dogs provides puppy raisers with as much information as possible so they know how to care for the puppy and what progress the puppy should be making at certain stages of life. A puppy counselor is assigned to puppy raisers, which Kniffen said allows raisers to check in and ask questions. Dedicated Facebook groups are also available for raisers to connect with one another and share their experiences.

Additionally, if a puppy is assigned to a client, Kniffen said the client can choose to stay in contact with the raiser through Zoom or in-person meetings. So far, she said she hasn't heard of any clients unwilling to do so.

During the year she raised Ellie to be a Leader Dog, Means said (Continued on page 5)



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Happy Holidays to all!

By GOV. ERIC SCHUMAN

Midway through the Lions Year: Christmastime, holidays, family, good food, football, friendship... and, oh yes, let's not forget "Together... We Can Serve More." As the holidays set upon us, let us be thankful for all the things we have and for the reasons we are all Lions!

But let us also remember all those less fortunate who do not have what we have. Remember

Virginia O'Hanlon's letter to the New York Sun in 1897 asking "Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

Lions Clubs - yours included - from all over the world have answered that question many times. Through our service, our donations, our holiday parties for our communities, and a myriad other events that we have hosted and given to put smiles or happy tears on faces during this time of year.

I was Chair for several years for my Club's annual Christmas Food Basket program. Our local grocery store provided us a generous 25% discount on all the food we purchased. The clerks at the store made up the "menu" of items to put in the food baskets, and our local churches provided us with the names of the truly needy families who could benefit most from our gift to them.

So we put all the food baskets on a fire truck and drove around the

community, sounding the siren, knocking on doors and seeing their faces as we gave them a good family meal and told them Merry Christmas from their Lions Club.

I don't mind telling you I'm getting a little emotional typing this and remembering. Remembering the startled faces, the happy smiles, the thank you's, and the happy tears from some.

We do a lot of things in a lot of ways, but, in my opinion, service projects like this are the

best. This is what being a Lions Club member is all about.

Yes, we're getting older, but we can still do service projects like this in our communities. Get your local Boy Scout troop to help you. Maybe you have bell ringers who could assist you. How about good old-fashioned Christmas carol singing (with you dressed good and warm!).

Carry on the traditions -- and Happy Holidays to you and your family from myself and Lion Deanna!



ROYAL RECOGNITION — PID Nickell recognized several Lions at the banquet as Dukes or Duchesses of Paducah on behalf of Paducah, Kentucky, where he lives. Lions Kathy and Doug Lozier are pictured receiving their certificates. Shown from left are Carolyn Watson, Kathy, Doug Lozier, Shea, and Nickell.

Westfield Lions Club poker fundraiser supports local charities

The Westfield Lions Club Poker for Sight Texas Hold'em Tournaments started a new tradition several years ago. At the start of each round of play the Lions give a donation check to a local charity.

At this Fall's tourney the Club elected to support Westfield Youth Assistance, Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame, Third Phase Homeless Shelter, Open Doors of Westfield, and the Good Samaritan Network.

Poker chairman Mike Birk said, "We as Lions are thrilled in that we can give several local charities these small gifts to help the wonderful work each of them do. The Lions motto is 'We Serve,' and it is what we, as Lions, try to do."

A check for \$1,000 was presented to Carrie Larrison of Open Doors of Westfield, a food pantry serving Hamilton County.

Another \$1,000 was presented to Westfield Youth Assistance Program. Megan Contreras and Kristina Logan accepted the donation for Westfield Youth Assistance.

GOOD TEAM — The Westfield Lions Club received an update on the successful Indy Edge, a local sight-impaired beep baseball team, and donated \$500 to the cause.



A \$1,000 donation went to Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame, and was accepted by Kevin Ryan.

A further \$1,000 was given to Third Phase Christian Center of Noblesville, a homeless shelter and food bank.

As a special gift, Lion Mike Birk presented \$500 to Indy Edge Beep Baseball. The local sight impaired baseball team won the blind baseball World Series in 2022 and looks strong for a repeat next year.

Lion Keith Sanborn presented a surprise check for \$500 to the Club's "neighbor" at the Hamil-

ton County Fairgrounds: The Good Samaritan Network, a collaborative of nonprofits serving the needs of Hamilton County residents who are at risk or underserved. Nancy Chance, founder and executive director, received the check for the group.

For more information on the Westfield Lions Club, visit westfieldlions.org.

Poker winners

Jake Outchelt,
first place



Josh Alford,
second place



Victor Parra,
third place



Kevin Ryan,
Indiana
Military
Veterans Hall
of Fame.



Anderson Noon Lions Club celebrates centennial

The Anderson Noon Lions Club celebrated its centennial with a banquet on October 15. The keynote speaker was PID Lion Shea Nickell. During the celebration dinner PID Nickell presented Anderson President Lion George Smith with the International President's Certificate of Appreciation.

Earlier in the day, PID Nickell, his wife, Lion Dr. Carolyn S. Watson, several Anderson Lions and District leaders toured the Anderson Paramount Theatre, a rare atmospheric movie palace dating from 1929. Lion George Smith gave a mini-concert on the theatre's historic Grande Page pipe organ. Smith, a music store owner and music teacher, frequently plays the Paramount's theatre organ at holiday concerts and special events.

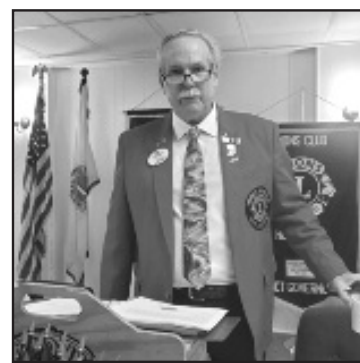
In 1922, Lions International granted a charter for the Anderson Club to a group of businessmen led by attorney and prominent community leader Arthur Call. Charter members included physicians, attorneys, and business owners. The Marion Lions Club was the sponsor. At that time Indiana had only four Clubs with a total membership of 202.

For many years, the Anderson Noon Lions conducted two major fundraising events: an annual Home and Auto Show staged each spring in the Anderson High School Wigwam gymnasium and

the Indiana Lions Bowling Tournament in the winter. Proceeds from these projects funded camp buildings used by the local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, projects for the Wilson Boys Club, and, in the 1980s, a permanent home for the St. John's Children's Clinic.

The Anderson Noon Lions Club has sponsored seven Indiana Clubs: Chief Anderson, Connersville, Elwood, Alexandria, Muncie, Pendleton, and Edgewood.

Several Anderson Lions served as District Governors, including the Club's charter president and later PID Arthur Call, Dr. E. L. Wessar, J. Luther Elsea, John F. Brown, Sherrill Fox, Ralph McCleary, and Stephen Holtzleitner.



MAIN SPEAKER — DG Eric Schuman takes the podium at the 25D Cabinet Meeting.

Helping —

(Continued from page 4)
she learned a lot about the importance of puppy raisers. If someone is considering becoming a puppy raiser for Leader Dogs, she said they should understand the responsibility that comes with the role.

There is a time commitment that must be accounted for, Means said. Although she doesn't have a full-time job and had time to train Ellie at home, she said she knew of people from the puppy raiser Facebook group who would bring their puppies to work with them, which helped them acclimate to being in a public space.

"Know that this is for a bigger purpose," Means said. "I hate to say it's a selfless act, but it kind of is. You're really invested, not just monetarily, but in your heart as well. You want them to do well. There's pride in that."

Hey, Club presidents, guess who's coming to Indiana?

By PDG Mark Clark

Are you expecting someone to visit you this holiday season? Is the District Governor coming to a holiday party your Club, region or District is having? Are special persons coming home to visit for Christmas? Or did they just leave after the long Thanksgiving weekend? Do you have children or grandchildren thinking about who is coming to see them on December 24 and what they are bringing?

I am looking forward to seeing someone who is coming to Indiana. They are not coming during the holiday season, but between May 12-14, 2023. The International President of the International Association of Lions Clubs, Inc. is coming to Bloomington to visit with Hoosier Lions.

International President Brian

Sheehan and his wife, Lion Lori, will be at the 102nd Indiana State Convention. Not only are they coming, but they want to see YOU and talk to YOU about what your Clubs are doing; how your Clubs' service projects are affecting your local communities; how the international emphasis on diabetes, vision, hunger, environment, and childhood cancer helps your Clubs in fundraising and meaningful service activities that lead to membership growth in your Club; and how to make your Club stronger for your community.

The Convention will have a specific time for IP Brian to meet with Presidents and Vice Presidents from the Clubs across Indiana to interact with you to learn more about how our Clubs make a difference in their communities. This will be the best opportunity

you will ever have to let our International President know what a difference a small or medium size Club makes to a town, a township, a city, or just a crossroads in Indiana.

Don't worry, the convention will have other activities for you to learn about what our state projects are doing and how to increase your membership. We will have great meals and time for fellowship and relaxation.

We will be meeting at the Monroe County Convention Center, with the Courtyard by Marriott and the Hyatt Place hotel being the two Convention hotels for Lions. We will be within walking distance of downtown Bloomington with shops and wonderful restaurants. But the real reason to come to the State Convention will be to meet and speak with IP Brian. He will be joining us from

Bird Island, Minnesota, a city of 1,042 people, and a Lions Club that has a memorial park with baseball diamonds and is raffling a 2022 John Deere Gator as a fundraiser.

You will find IP Brian to be a Lion from a small town doing service for others, just like you and me. As Hoosier Lions, we will want to show IP Brian and Lion Lori what real Hoosier Hospitality means and to show them how we serve our communities as Lions.

Plan now to attend the 102nd MD 25 Lions State Convention at Bloomington May 12-14, 2023. See the registration form in the April issue of Hoosier Lion and make your reservations now.

See you in Bloomington.
PDG Mark Clark and PDG Gary Ochs, Co-Chairs of the 102nd Indiana Lions State Convention.



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Halftime pep talk

By GOV. DON RUSS

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. May God bless and keep your families in his care this Christmas season.

As we approach the start of the second half of the 2022-23 Lions Year, I feel a lot more confident

that we can make up for a slow start in the first half in meeting District goals. With upcoming plans in place for membership goals and service levels, it should make a very positive impact in recovering some of our losses.

The plans I am referring to are the January Membership Sum-

mit in Bloomington and the February Summit in Evansville. We are hoping for a big turnout and

Banner Night Ode to District 25E Governor Don Russ

By PDG Bill Willis

Here's a toast to our Governor on Banner Night, for our Lions goals we know he will fight.

Over 25E through its width and length, We're united in purpose for greater strength.

To the City of Evansville, third largest in state, We've come for celebration and food that's great.

To honor our Governor with his coat of red, And visit with Lions who are adequately fed.

The Red Cross building is a very good venue, For the Council color and pork chop menu.

To our motto, We Serve, Governor Don is true, And he has the support of his wife, Lion Sue.

Some who came had a very long trip,

To join with Lions to chew and to sip.

Some Lions have come knowing International presidents, Past Directors Linda & Nick, special Hoosier residents.

All have come to honor Governor Don, Who won't have time to mow his lawn.

So many Clubs he will have to visit, But the memories he'll have will be exquisite.

We heard sports stories from speaker Mike Blake, And candy and peanuts to home we'll take.

A new Lion was inducted on this Banner Night, And the variety of banners was an inspiring sight.

We have a good leader so we won't unravel, So thanks Gov. Don for wielding the gavel!



THE GIFT OF WORDS — Brownstown Lions John Spurgeon and David Willey presented dictionaries to all third grade classes at Brownstown Central Elementary School. Pictured is Mrs. Shelton's 3rd grade class.

a positive follow-through to increased membership. Once again, this year PDG Kenny Williams be heading up the two Summits as he did last year.

In addition, while visiting the Clubs I found most are getting back to their pre-pandemic level of community service. I think most District Governors are finding the same at their Clubs. This

is something I hope all Clubs are discussing and making plans for. I am sure most of the Clubs have been. If the District can be of any help, let us know. We would be happy to do what we can.

So, you can see we have a lot to look forward to in 2023. Let's work together and turn this year around. Together We Can.

God Bless You All.

STELLAR MEMBERS — At its fall picnic, the New Albany Lions Club presented two Melvin Jones Awards to two of their outstanding members, Lion Sara Glass who "has done it all for the Club" and Lion Dr. Mike Gettelfinger, who has been a Lion for 44 years and has recently retired from his optometry practice. Lion Mike has contributed to our Club and the community by giving many hours of professional service at no charge to those in need. Lion Sara, a member since 2010, began her vision work in 2005 with overseas mission trips and now heads up our vision screening. We are blessed to have both in our Club.



LEARNING THEIR LIBERTIES — This Veterans Day, several Bedford Lions assisted at the Liberty Day assembly at BNL HS. Guest speaker PDG and Col. (Ret.) PDG Bill Willis, wearing a WW I Army combat helmet in honor of the occasion, highlighted our groundbreaking U.S. Constitution and its Bill of Rights. Now our BNL juniors are among the 5% of Americans who know how many liberties are protected by the First Amendment and the 1% who know what they are. Pictured from left are Lion Jan Allen, PDG Newell Clifton, BNL Junior Madisyn Thomas, Principal Jordan Key, Col. (Ret.) Bill Willis, and BNL Junior Kline Woodward.



NETWORKING FOR A PURPOSE — The purpose of the recent Sullivan County Lions Club Community Builder Tour was to network with neighboring organizations to help promote economic development in the county and enhance individual growth by encouraging others as to what opportunities are available in Sullivan County. The project was hosted by Eli Lilly and Wabash Valley Community Foundation, and included multiple area organizations. Shown is Sullivan Library Director Jordan Orwig sharing about the library with Lions Club members and other organizations.

IN MEMORIAM

James "Jay" Clede Randle
November 25, 1944 - October 16, 2022

James "Jay" Clede Randle, 77, of Jamestown, died Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022, at University Hospital, Indianapolis.

Jay was born Nov. 25, 1944, in Lebanon, the son of the late Orin and Mildred (Harvey) Randle. He was married to the love of his life, Linda Randle, for 57 years.



JAMES "JAY" CLEDE RANDLE

Jay graduated from Pinnell High School with the class of 1963 and attended Indiana State University. He retired from Rolls Royce (Allisons) in Indianapolis, also working for Porter Funeral Home, Indiana Eye Specialists, and as the owner of Randle's Baskets.

He was a member of the Jamestown Christian Church as an elder, deacon, and chair of the building project, as well as a 36-year charter member of the Jamestown Lions Club as President, Past District Governor, and Eye Bank Treasurer. Jay was also a past Western Boone Jr. High Athletic Director.

Jay enjoyed coaching youth, elementary, and seventh grade basketball as well as refereeing

games. He also coached Little League baseball and was a Western Boone Band Booster President. He enjoyed working in the yard and with flowers, watching sports, coaching, and spending time with grandchildren.

In addition to his wife Linda, survivors include children, Julie (John) Thompson of Lizton and Doug (Kristi) Randle of Thorn-town; brother, John (Sue) Randle; eight grandchildren, Cari (Brad) Sheehan, Jeremy (Jill) Thompson, Kayla (Alec) Ellsworth, Alexa Freeman, Garrett Freeman, Sam Freeman, Caleb Freeman, and Cassie Freeman; two great-grandchildren, Mackenzie Sheehan and Braedan Sheehan; future great-grandchild, Eliana Ellsworth; and several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends gathered Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022, for visitation from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Jamestown Christian Church, 900 N. Lebanon St., Jamestown. Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 21, at 11 a.m. in the church. Jay was laid to rest at IOOF cemetery.

Memorial contributions in his memory may be made to the Jamestown Christian Church property development fund. You are invited to visit strawmyer-drury.com, where you may sign his online register and leave a personal message.

To plant Memorial Trees in memory of James "Jay" Clede Randle, please visit the website's Sympathy Store.

Durward "Bud" Glenn Seely
January 27, 1936 - October 30, 2022

Durward "Bud" Glenn Seely, 86, Fort Wayne, formerly of Milford, passed away Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022, at Brookdale Assisted Living in Fort Wayne.

He was born to Glenn and Katherine "Kate" (Wilson) Seely on Jan. 27, 1936, in Hillsdale, Mich. On Sept. 11, 1960, Bud

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DURWARD "BUD" GLENN SEELY



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District F Lions continue to shine with service

By GOV. LINDA SCOTT

Merry Christmas to all Lions! This is a happy jolly time of year! I hope this finds you all healthy, safe, and happy! I know it is a busy time of year for Lions! Many are out working to make the holidays for their community a happy one. I know some are

lighting trees in town, some are having lighting contests, while others are collecting food and items to make the day special for families in their community.

I have seen some dressed as Santa while others serve breakfast as families come to meet Santa. Don't forget about Christmas cards for those who cannot

get out but want to be remembered.

I have been busy visiting lots of Clubs and seeing all they do. Great things are going on here in District F. If you can, enjoy the lights at Camp Woodsmoke! This year I have enjoyed the most welcoming Lions as I visit Clubs. I see old friends and make new ones! I like meeting the Lions and hearing about all their projects! Some are very creative.

I like seeing Lions Shining with Service. I have enjoyed handing out Chevrons to Lions for their years of membership. I met a Lion who has 67 years of perfect attendance! Congratulations to AJ McKinley! I have had the pleasure of installing new Lions. One of my goals is to build membership. I am happy to see new Lions at the meetings.

There are many things coming up. One I will mention is The Winter Games for Special Olympics. It will take place January 9-10. There are dates coming up for a Polar Plunge near you to support the games. Watch the newsletter for February dates near you.

Mid-Winter is also coming soon, on January 21, at the Crown Plaza Hotel here in Indianapolis. There is a dinner on January 20. I understand the speakers for Friday Night and Saturday Lunch are very good. Don't miss this one.

Thank you, Lions, for all you are doing to serve your community. We Serve!

As our International President says, Together We Can!



Aurora new members Brad Peddenpohl, Lyndsay Hays, and Liz McGownd.



Sulphur Springs Lions Club new member Chase Heinold.

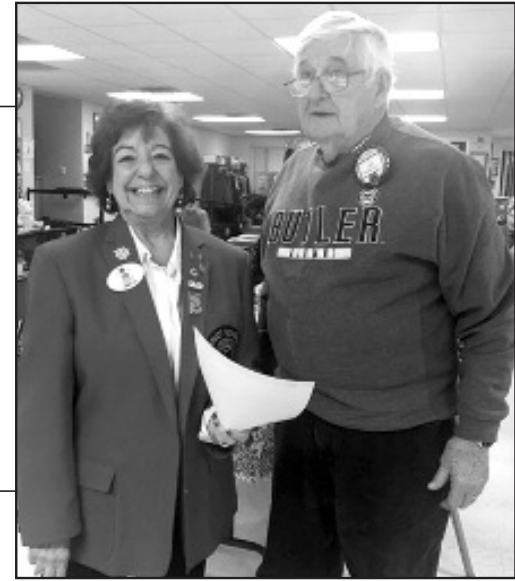


Sulphur Springs Lions Club.

PERFECT — AJ McKinley receives a Leadership Medal for 67 years of perfect attendance. He joined the Borden Lions Club in 1955.



Centerville 60-year Chevron recipient Jim Howell.



Centerville Chevron recipient Ty Farmeralso.



Centerville Chevron recipient Wendy Cook.



IN MEMORIAM

married Jeroldine "Jeri" Rae Bushong; she preceded him in death on Nov. 17, 2019.

Bud graduated from North Adams High School in Hillsdale, Mich., in 1954 and went on to honorably serve his country in the U.S. Air Force. He and his wife moved to Milford in 1961. He was employed with CTB in Milford and retired from there after many years of faithful service.

In 2015, Bud and Jeri were named the 2015 Milford Fest Senior King and Queen.

Bud joined the Milford Lions Club in April 1964 and became an active member. He was known as the official photographer for the local Club and at District, State and International Lions events. He served as District Governor of District 25-G from 1972-1973. He

became a life member of Lions Clubs International in 2004.

His activeness in the Lions Club earned him the Lions Clubs' International Foundation Melvin Jones Fellowship in April 1993; the Indiana Lions Foundation W.P. Woods Fellowship in 2001; the Lions Clubs International Presidential Medals, the second highest award in Lionism, in 2011 and 2013; and the highest award given in Lionism, the Lions Clubs International Ambassador of Goodwill Award, in 2014. In 2019, he received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation.

He was also a member of the Masonic Kosciusko Lodge 418. He loved sports and would talk sports -- local, college or professional -- with everyone he met,

but he was a true Michigan football and Detroit Lions fan. He also enjoyed announcing for Goshen football games and serving as a Notre Dame football usher for more than 25 years. Bud traveled all over and one of his favorite trips was to the Holy Land. He was a recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash award.

Bud is survived by siblings, Phyllis D'Addio of Hickory Hills, Ill., and Nancy Kimmel of Chandler, Ariz.; a brother-in-law, John (Lisa) Bushong; nephews, Brandon Bushong and Scott Lanier; and other extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by siblings Rhett Sturteant, Susan Seely, Beatrice Shaner, and James Seely.

Friends and family were

received from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at Mishler Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 461 W. 900N, Milford. Following the visitation, a graveside service was held at Milford Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be

directed to the Milford Lions or the Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Mishler Funeral Home and Cremation Center assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be given to the family at mishlerfhcc.com.

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Make the positive choices for the good of the Lions

By GOV. BRIAN THOMAS

To begin this article, I trust you and yours had a wonderful Thanksgiving time and pass on best wishes for you to enjoy the best of the Christmas holiday season.

I probably speak for my fellow Governors that I find it hard to believe we are entering the sixth month of the Lion's Year. As with my first term in 2020-21, it's been an amazing time visiting District G Clubs and attending myriad Lions events.

I've been honored to induct new

members at every visit and District G has added a healthy number of new members so far. Now it is incumbent on us to get those new Lions involved and invested in our efforts.

The effort to extend a Club into the Goshen area is ramping up with Dunlap serving as the mentor Club and we have filled out our executive team with the addition of Lion Warren Allender-Baugo as 2nd Vice Governor.

On the downside we have been forced to disband two Clubs due to inactivity and low membership; however, a number of those

affected members have elected to transfer to other Clubs.

Every day we are faced with choices in our lives. Most are minor and involve little effort to resolve. Sometimes, choices are more major and require thought and time to resolve. When you add a membership in Lions to your life you can be faced with a whole set of those choices.

Do I attend the upcoming meeting or wait till the next one? Do I help out on the next project or fundraiser or decide I've done it enough times, so not this time? Do I ask someone to join Lions or fear they will say no? If you choose the negative answer occasionally it probably won't make or break your local Club. However, if done regularly it will more than likely affect the ability of your Club to be the major force in your community it deserves to be.

Be a positive Lion. Be an involved Lion. Be an inviting Lion.

We'll all be the better for it!

Holiday food drive partners

For more than 10 years, the Lakeville Lions Club has partnered with LaVillie Elementary School to conduct a holiday food drive prior to the school's Thanksgiving break. The food collected by the students will be supplemented with food purchased by the Lakeville Lions Club and distributed to needy families prior to Christmas.

Student Council members sorted, counted, and boxed more than 2,000 donated items. On Tuesday, November 22, Lions Club members picked up the donated food and moved it to the Lakeville United Methodist Church.

Later that day, the Lions Club sponsored a pizza party for the Student Council members and the classroom that collected the most items for the food drive. Mrs. Swanson's fourth grade class was the winning classroom.

B U S Y
MADISON —
On November 4, the Madison Township Lions Club distributed dictionaries to 175 third-grade students at

three local elementary schools. The students, teachers, and administrators were all excited to receive the dictionaries.

On November 19, the Club sponsored a blood drive at the fire station in Wyatt for the South Bend Medical Foundation. Thirteen units of blood were donated. Each unit serves three people, so our donors are heroes to 39 patients. We also served an all-you-can-eat breakfast to those who stopped by the station.

The Madison Club presented a check for \$500 to the Grace Food Pantry in Bremen on November 23. This money will help the pantry purchase food items to stock their shelves. Shown from left are Grace Food Pantry volunteers Maryalice Mobley, Laura Shoemaker, Marie Hartsell, Lion Mike Hunsberger, and Lion Doug Moore. (Photo submitted by Lion Al Beehler, Madison Township Lions Club).



AND NOW, A WORD ABOUT WORDS — The Lydick Lions Club presented student dictionaries to third-grade students at Success Academy, Wilson Elementary, Resurrection Lutheran Academy, and St. John the Baptist in South Bend. The students and teachers

were excited and happy to receive the dictionaries. Lions Leroy Wise, Jim Day, Teckla Lane, Mike Lane, Paul Yuhasz, and Wendy Yuhasz presented the books to the students. Lion Leroy is pictured speaking to the students at Wilson Elementary. (Photo submitted by Lion Lori Ferro, Lydick Lions Club).



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BLUE — The Peru Lions Club donated blankets, bears, and \$200 cash to the Peru Police FOP 72 for their

"Christmas for Kids" program. Shown from left are Officer Lee Mitchell, Officer Shelby Cochran, Lion Dave Frushour, and Officer Dillon Mongosa. (Photo submitted by Lion David Frushour and 1VDG Ron Guth, Peru Lions Club).



NEW MEMBERS — On November 21, the Plymouth Lions Club welcomed two new members. Lion Jamie Beckwith was sponsored by Lion James Weldy, and Lion Shari Bloom was sponsored by Lion Anita Fretz. Shown from left are Lion James Weldy, Lion Terri Weldy, Lion Jamie Beckwith, PDG Paul Russell, Lion Shari Bloom, and Lion Anita Fretz.

PDG Marty Juel receives International Leadership Medal

By PDG Paul Russell

In mid-November, PDG Marty Juel and Lion Jeanine made a road trip to Rochester, ostensibly to pick up used eyeglasses. To quote PDG Marty: "Instead of a casual breakfast with PDGs Charlie and Pat Short, we were joined by PID Nick and Gretchen Xinopoulos, who then proceeded to present me with an LCI Leadership Medal."

The award should have been presented at the Indiana Lions State Convention at the end of April 2022; however, PDG Marty and Lion Jeanine were in Mexico at that time. The award was not announced at the Convention to ensure its presentation would be a surprise for the recipient.

PDG Marty has been a member of the Elkhart Lions Club since 1984. He has served as Treasurer for many years and as President in 2011-2012, as well as serving as chairman for many of the Club's projects. In addition to his Club-level service, PDG Marty has served on several District committees, and as Cabinet Treasurer, SightFirst II District Coordinator, Zone Chair, Vice District Governor, and District Governor.

PDG Marty is a key member of the District's eyeglass recycling team and has gone on approxi-



INTERNATIONAL LEADER MEDAL — PID Nick Xinopoulos pins the International Leadership Medal on PDG Marty Juel.

mately 20 eyeglass missions to Mexico.

PDG Marty is a graduate of the Indiana Lions Leadership Institute, the LCI Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, and the LCI Faculty Development Institute. He has served as a presenter at the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference and the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

PDG Marty is a W.P. Woods Fellow and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

PDG Marty and his wife, Lion Jeanine, a member of the Dunlap Lions Club, have been married for 55 years and live in Goshen.

Keep donating to LCIF to receive helpful payback for local humanitarian efforts

By PID Linda Tincher, LCIF
Vice Area Leader
II, IN, KY & MI

The success of Lions Clubs International Foundation's Campaign 100 ensured Lions that LCIF will always have funds to support the needs of Lions. So, why do we need to continue to contribute?

First, there is always a need. Disasters are occurring more frequently. Homes are destroyed by wildfires, floods, tornadoes, earthquakes, and hurricanes. LCIF staff really know where the monies are needed the most. That is why LCIF created an Empowering Service. It gets the resources to those in need quickly.

If every Club helps the same area, someone else suffers. LCIF has made it even easier to let them decide the area of greatest need by creating Impact Grants.

A Club can qualify for an impact grant once they donate \$5,000 in one year. If they do, they qualify for 15% of the donation back to be used to help a local humanitarian project.

If a Club does not donate \$5,000 in a year, the funds are still counted toward the District total. Once a District accumulates \$10,000 (because various Clubs contribute various amounts) the District will be notified they qualify for 15% back. The money can be accumulated for a specific humanitarian District project for as long as 15 years or they can be used as a match for another LCIF grant.

Therefore, MD25 LCIF Coordinator PDG Ken Faulkner and I as the Vice Area Leader are asking every Lion who can continue to donate something to LCIF monthly, quarterly, or yearly. We are also asking each District Governor to include an LCIF fundraiser at their next cabinet meeting

or upcoming District Convention. It could be as simple as a 50/50, silent auction, raffle, basketball pool, pie eating contest, or even

have some fun and take donations to have an opportunity put a pie in someone's face. (All in fun, of course!)

It does not matter what you do! Let's have fun and help support the "heart of our association," LCIF.

Try serving with a partner

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Service projects with a partner just may help your Club provide "more" service!

Lions Clubs usually do not have a problem identifying services needed within their community, but they often have a problem having enough hands or finances to get the job done. If this is an issue for your Club - consider partnering.

Partnering with a local church group, school or even friends who enjoy the same hobby can prove beneficial. The extra hands make the work fun, easier and some-

times those extra individuals become Lions.

A partnership doesn't have to include manpower; it might provide financial assistance. One company that often provides both resources is Anthem Insurance. Lions Clubs can apply for \$1,500 in grant funding through Lions International if they let Anthem employees help with implementation and execution of a service project. One Club near Indianapolis distributed frozen turkeys for the holidays with the help of an Anthem grant and employees.

Look at all businesses in your community, even if they are smaller, as they might have the

same issues and need a partner, too. It pays to ask, because someone you least expect just may be waiting on an opportunity to assist. Don't forget to include your friends, church groups, co-workers, family members, or fishing buddies in these conversations. Youth groups are another great addition, and they often have a lot of energy! Lions Clubs International even has online templates to help Clubs plan service projects.

If you have questions, talk to your District GST for service ideas; or better yet, ask your GST for a program on ideas anyone can accomplish. The Global Service Team is there for your Club!