

PIP Chancellor Bob Corlew to keynote state convention

By CO-CHAIRS PID LINDA & PDG VERN TINCHER

The Riley Township Lions and District 25C, assisted by some 25E Lions, are hosting the 2020 Indiana Lions State Convention in

Bloomington, Indiana, April 24-26.

Past International President Chancellor Bob Corlew, from Milton, Tenn., will be the Keynote Speaker at the Convention.



Council Chairperson's Corner

By CC Ron Bigham
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Impossible hope

These are a couple of words with basically opposite meanings. So, let's start with the word impossible.

Webster defines impossible as "not possible, out of the question, or unfeasible." Any of these meanings basically describes "it is not happening."

Webster defines hope as "to want something to happen or be true." This is generally the meaning that is used today by most people, such as winning the lottery. This is what I refer to as "wishful thinking."

Webster also refers to hope as "to desire with expectation of obtainment or fulfillment." This definition, less used today, defines what the word "hope" should mean to Lions.

So which type of "hope" do you subscribe to? As Lions, we need to practice the expectation of obtainment or fulfillment.

Please indulge me to tell you a story concerning "hope."

I was privileged to attend a dedication ceremony Friday, Jan. 31,

at a Greenwood fire station. At this event I witnessed "hope," the expectation of fulfillment. The dedication was a Safe Haven Baby Box. The speaker told the story of how this program started that I would like to share. She explained that she had read a story about an unwanted baby left in a city park at the end of December in 2014. Sadly, this young mother was only 2 miles from a fire station where she could have taken the baby. The speaker made it her mission to never have another unwanted baby die.

That morning I witnessed the fulfillment of her "hope." I had the privilege to meet a 2-year-old girl whose name was "Hope." Hope was the first child left at a Safe Haven Baby Box in Michigan City. Hope is now an adopted and happy little girl.

So now that you have read this story, what is my point? Make a slight change in the title of this article, from "Impossible Hope" to "I'm Possible Hope." As Lions we strive to provide the hope, the fulfillment for those who have needs that are greater than our own.

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Procedures for state convention registration and certification to vote

Registration and certification for the Indiana Lions State Convention on April 24-26 in Bloomington will be in the foyer between the Marriot Hotel and the Monroe County Convention Center.

The Information Desk will be just inside the convention center doorway. All members of the Convention Center will be wearing red shirts so they can be recognized by anyone needing assistance.

For anyone needing to rent a scooter, please contact PDG Doug Eversole at (574) 721-8590 by April 10 for details. Prepaid and ordered scooters will be

A member of the Murfreesboro Noon Lions Club since 1978, he has held many offices with the Association. He has received numerous awards, including the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the Association bestows upon its members. He is a Vanguard of the Melvin Jones Memorial, a Progressive Lindsey-Jennings Fellow, and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past President Corlew has been active in the Boy Scouts of America, the Jaycees, and the American Red Cross. He has also served as a councilman in Milton and was a Major in the U.S. Army Reserve.

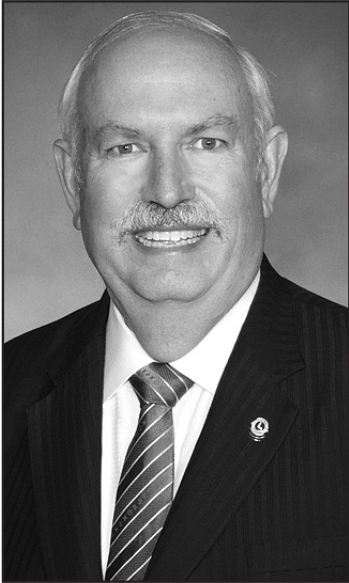
Past President Corlew and his wife, Lion Dianne, also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have five children and nine grandchildren. Lion Dianne will be the keynote speaker at the Saturday noon luncheon.

Please make sure to get your registrations in early as this will be Little 500 weekend at Indiana University in Bloomington. The Marriott Hotel is the host hotel, but the Hyatt Place two blocks north and the Springhill Suites on S.R. 37 all have rooms at the prices shown on the registration until March 23.

If this is your first time to attend a Lions State Convention, you may be wondering about what you should wear. Lions apparel is always appropriate or business casual. At the business sessions, the District Governors at the head tables will be wearing their District Governor uniform jackets. However, at the Saturday night All State Banquet, the District Governors and Past International Directors will be dressed formally. Past District Governors may wear white jackets, if they so desire. Once again, business or business casual is fine for everyone else.

On Saturday there will be eight seminars to select from:

- "Diabetes" with Dr. Lion Mel Prince
- "LCIF/Campaign 100 Ideas to Encourage Club Participation"



**PIP CHANCELLOR
BOB CORLEW**

with PID Linda Tincher and 25C District Coordinator Lion Karen McKellar


- "How to Protect You and

Your Computer from Scammers" with DG Dan Wilcox

- "Information on the Next USA/Canada Leadership Forum in September 2020" with PID Doug Lozier
- "Cancer Control" with Lion Dottie Flack
- "Bingo/Euchre/Poker/50-50/Raffles and More" with Indiana Gaming Commission Assistant Director Mark Mason
- "Childhood Cancer" with Dr. Lion Scott Phillips
- "Mission Trip Experiences Panel from 25A" with PDG Kevin Roe, 25C Lion Alex Garcia, and 25G Lion Jeanine Juel

Diabetes and hearing screenings will also be available Saturday morning.

The Convention Committee is working hard to make this convention a wonderful place to learn new ideas, make new friends, and visit with old friends. So, make your plans now to attend the 2020 Indiana State Lions Convention in Bloomington, Indiana, April 24-26.



Nick's Notes

By PID Nick Xinopoulos

More members equal more service

My Fellow Lions,

I hope you are all keeping warm during this "cold snap" of winter. In December of 2019 our beloved 1st VP Judge Haynes Townsend passed away. Our Executive Committee endorsed PID Douglas Alexander from Brooklyn, N.Y., and the Interna-

tional Board of Directors appointed PID Alexander to serve as VP for the remainder of this Lions fiscal year. I met him a number of years ago and I believe that PID Alexander is an exceptional Lion with a great personality and if he is elected as our International President at the Convention in Singapore, he will lead our organization well.

I have received our latest CA1 Membership report from our GAT Leader PID Jerome Thompson. It shows that we are at a negative in membership, but it is much better than a year ago at this time. I believe that if we can all work together, and add one member per club between now and June, we as a Multiple District can end up with a plus membership by the end of our year. Plus membership equals more service to our communities.

I had the privilege of being invited to help the Southport Lions Club celebrate their 75th anniversary. Besides having a great time with everyone, I had the honor to induct seven new members with one sponsor for

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Roars from A

Time to plan your votes at state convention

By GOV. MITCHELL SEMANS

Dear Fellow Lions of 25A: February is a great month. Love is in the air, spring training for baseball is getting ready to start, the groundhog did not see his shadow, so we are looking forward to an early spring and, of course, planning for the biggest event of the year -- the District Convention.

One of the most important things we do at the convention is VOTE. There are several open positions available and each is a great opportunity to step up into a leadership role. Trustees on all four state projects (ISBVI, Speech and Hearing, Leader Dog, and Cancer Control) are elected positions for a three-year term. Vision First, Indiana Lions Foundation, and Ed Paine Care and Helping Hands are elected positions for a three-year term as well.

Most importantly, the position of 2nd Vice District Governor is still available. The International Convention for the 2nd VDGE will be in India. To be eligible for any position, you must be a member in good standing (your dues are paid). To be 2VDG, you must have held an office with your club for two years, must have been a club president for one year and either a Zone Chair, Cabinet Secretary, or Cabinet Treasurer.

Keep the positive momentum

By 2VDG DAVE DICKINSON

We are officially through half of this awesome LIONS year. Having been able to visit a few of the clubs in the District makes me proud to be a leader for D25A. I will be visiting more clubs before our District Convention and I encourage all clubs to keep the positive momentum moving forward. YOU are the unsung heroes of

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Nominations Chair Butch Weston and I will help answer any questions, so please give us a call. Also, there are more than just elected positions available to step up into a leadership role. There are more than 60 District Committees that are appointed by the DG every year. Please find someone in your club who has a 25A District Directory or Google "25A Lions" and find the directory on our website. Then check out what interests you.

Please keep in mind that we can have more than one person on the committee. So, if there is something that interests you, don't be afraid to inquire about it. ASK QUESTIONS!

Indiana Leadership training is in Plainfield, Indiana, and we are looking for people to send. We can send at least three and maybe up to six -- depending on how many the other districts send. The State pays for your hotel room and lunch and you get a complimentary breakfast. It's a great way to get away for the weekend and learn not just about Lions but concepts and theories about being a leader that can be applied to your everyday life. This is a great opportunity for Lions! Please let 1VDG Will Ferrellbegg or me know if you are interested.

I hope to see you at the District Convention -- we are trying some new things. We will have some

service project ideas for your clubs and information about reporting. 2VDG Dave Dickinson can answer your questions about reporting.

We will also have silent auction items at the District Convention. If anyone or any club would like to donate items, gift cards, or money for this purpose, that would be great. We'll have several vendor tables as well.

Everyone should have received District Convention raffle tickets by now. Please send money and stubs back to CS Steve Helmken or CT Tiffany Nagai. Club Presidents and Club Secretaries, please forward the District Newsletter and all emails from CS Steve Helmken to your members. If you have members who don't have e-mail, please print the newsletter out and take it to a meeting, or let us know and we will get them a copy. Please make sure every Lion gets a registration form to the District Convention.

Thank you for all you do for Lions. May the Lions be with you and God Bless.

LOWELL LIONS — The Lowell Lions Club presenting a check to the Lowell High School Drama Department. Lowell Lions made a \$500 donation as well as purchasing a fullpage ad in the Theater's Playbill. Presenting the check is Lowell Lion's 1st VP William Farrellbegg (in the Blazer) with Lowell Lion's Secretary, Chuck Furlong (vest). The check was presented to Ms. Vickie Blink and Patrice Martin of the Lowell High School Drama Department..

SOUTH HAVEN LIONS — The South Haven Lions hosted their annual Club Christmas Party and Christmas Service Project with DG Mitch and Wendy Semans. We sponsored 16 families with food, gift cards, paper products and gifts, totaling 48 children in South Haven.

MILL CREEK LIONS — Mill Creek Community Lions inducted five new members at their October meeting. Left to right are Lion President Tom Sharp and new members Lions Greg Trevillian, Kathy Trevillian, Barb Berby, sponsor Emily Howard, new members Haley Whicker, Keeley Higley, sponsor Ann Higley and District Governor Mitch Semans. Lions Greg and Kathy's sponsor, Lion Carolyn Hunt, are not pictured.



HAPPY NEW YEAR! — PDGs Connie and Kevin Roe attended the 25A District New Year's Eve Party.



ROLLING PRAIRIE LIONS — One of the newest members of the Rolling Prairie Lions, Lion Brandon Rose, saw an opportunity at his workplace (ArcelorMittal in Burns Harbor) to collect glasses and asked for a collection box. Lion Frank Brown built the box and presented it at our January meeting.



KOONTZ LAKE LIONS — DG Mitch installs two new members, Jim and Sara Yorko, at the Jan. 24 Koontz Lake Lions meeting.





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Keep up the great work and service

By GOV. TERRY MARKER

It is the beginning of February as I write this column and it seems like the year is flying by. District and State Convention planning is going on and they will be here quickly for each district in the great state of Indiana. It amazes me as I go around to club visitations the many different activities that Lions are involved in. So, I say to the Lions of Indiana, "Keep up the great work and service you are doing."

Are we perfect? No! There can always be room for improve-

ment. To me, that is one of the great benefits of attending District and State events. So, I hope clubs support their districts and the Indiana Lions Convention by attending them.

I have had the privilege to hand out some Melvin Jones Fellow-



ships at several clubs. It is good to see the reaction of the recipients. I think this fellowship and the Dr. Richard T. Miyamoto Fellowship are great ways to honor a Lion or someone in your community who supports the work of Lions. I know, as I look through my club donation reports, there are many clubs that are not taking advantage of this opportunity.

Now I am going to air one of my pet peeves, the reason being that I know this publication goes to all the Lions of Indiana. Hopefully you will put some pressure on your club presidents and secretaries to make a change. Each district has a requirement to put out a newsletter each month. In District 25B that newsletter only goes to the president and secretary with the understanding it is to be shared with the club. As I have been a part of many clubs in many districts, I know this is not happening. Because it is not happening, a lot of information is not being communicated. Please, club presidents and secretaries, share what is being communicated to you, so that we are all better informed.

Spring is almost here and this becomes the busy time for Lions. Keep up the good service that you are providing to your community. Continue to work hard on your projects that support LCIF and the five State projects. And invite a new person to help you. Who knows - they may become a Lion.



PROM GIFT — Heritage Lion Treasurer Dick Weber presents a check for \$200 to Amanda Roy of Heritage High School for the Heritage after-prom party this year.



CHRISTMASTIME AWARD — Bippus Lions Cheri and Dave Rickert received the Lions W.P. Woods award, the highest Indiana Lions award, at the Bippus Lions Christmas Party. The award was given because they have stepped up in a number of projects. They are also on the Bippus Lions Board. They are currently helping with eye screenings in District 25B. Dave and Cheri are both actively involved with the Bippus Lions.

Election information

If you are interested in running for First or Second Vice District Governor or if you are interested in being a trustee for a state project, you need to submit a letter of nomination to Lion Joe Frymier by Friday, Feb. 21.

This is the deadline to be put on the ballot for voting at District Convention.

The nomination needs to be approved by your club and the letter signed by the club president. Current third-year trustees whose terms expire at the end of this year need to submit this letter if they wish to continue as a state project trustee.

Lion Joe Frymier's address is 1488 Henney St., Angola, IN 46703.

If you have any questions, contact PDG Al Arnold, District Leadership Chair.

The importance of filing club reports

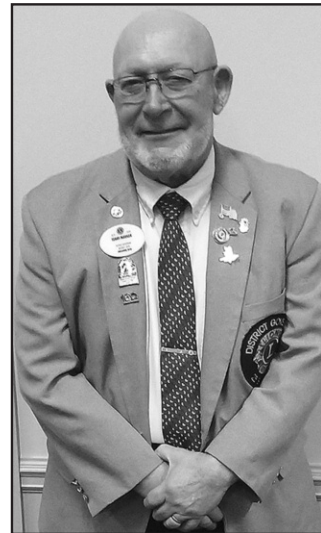
By PDG KAYLENE SOUERS

Thank you, club presidents and secretaries, for all you do to lead the club. Your leadership is what prompts members to work fundraisers and service projects, attend meetings, and invite others to join. Along with the treasurer, you volunteer many hours to make sure things run smoothly.

Secretaries, an important job is reporting membership and activities to Lions International every month. I know it can seem an unnecessary task some months, but these reports show LCI that



APPEARANCE IN FLATROCK — District Governor Terry Marker spoke at St. John Lutheran Flatrock Church at the joint meeting of the Monroeville and Heritage Lions. He emphasized that the Lions organization is basically "People serving people." Governor Marker emphasized that his focus this year is on "The Three Arrows": increasing membership, promoting leadership, and encouraging all clubs to serve their communities. He concluded his remarks by reviewing the Indiana Lions' five main areas of focus for 2020: blind school, cancer control, hearing aids, cornea transplants, and the Leader Dogs program. Fattening cupcakes and punch were served after the meeting.



A COMBINED CENTURY OF SERVICE — On Tuesday, Jan. 14, President Ed Coy (in the background) presented three Heritage Lions with awards for outstanding length of service to the Hoagland and surrounding areas. Shown are (L to R): Dan Will (20 years); Jack Clear (25 years); and Dave Hockemeyer (an amazing 55 years). All three men continue to play a key role in the many Heritage Lions projects, and their long service is greatly appreciated.



A JONES TO JONES — DG Terry Marker presents a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Monroeville Lion Tom Jones at the January Joint Meeting with Heritage Lions. For many years, Tom has been instrumental in making possible the club's main fundraiser enabling the club to support local, district, and international projects. Lion Tom, a charter member, continues to be a leader for the Monroeville Lions Club!

our clubs are providing service to the communities in our District.

Our District has received several grants in prior years from the Lions Club International Foundation. Because they are able to see the good we do, the International Board is willing to approve these funds. The board wouldn't have this information if we didn't file membership and activity reports.

As a result, it's a necessary part of any organization. Please log in to www.lionsclubs.org and follow the link for member login every month.

Did the end of the month sneak

up on you? No problem, reports can be filed anytime. Even if there are no member updates or activities to report, clicking the tab for no activity is filing a report.

Does the website have you confused? Contact me anytime and I will walk through the steps with you. As of Jan. 20, 17 clubs have reported 1,690 volunteer hours with 147 service activities! Think how much that would increase if every club reported at least one activity.

Give it a try - you will find great satisfaction in hitting the submit button.



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Recognizing our District’s unsung leaders

By GOV. TOM ROBBINS

Greetings Fellow Lions, I’d like to use this newsletter to recognize the “Unsung Heroes” of the District C Leadership Team. Yes, you hear from them often; they offer their time to lead educational sessions three or four times per year or they may be the people who prompt you each month to submit your membership and activity reports.

Meet Zone Chair #1, 2nd VDG Jim Roth. Jim has been serving nine clubs in the northwest part of the District. In addition to his Zone Chair responsibilities, he is serving as 2nd Vice District Governor and learning the process for his next assignment.

Meet Zone Chair #2, Paul Scheetz. Paul is also President of

his home club, Lucerne Lions Club, and serves nine clubs in the northeast part of our District.

Meet Zone Chair #3, Owen Matz Jr. Owen, like many, has been President of his home club and currently serves as Secretary of the Frankfort Lions Club. He is responsible for 13 clubs in the center of the District.

Meet Zone Chair #4, Tom Iles. Tom has been President of the Plainfield Lions Club and currently serves as Secretary. He is responsible for eight clubs in the south center of the District.

Meet Zone Chair #5, Patti Foxx. Patti is currently President of the Brazil Lions Club as well as Zone Chair. She is responsible for eight clubs in the southern part of the District.

Meet Zone Chair, #6, Larry

Ridge. Larry has been President of Prairie Creek Lions Club. He is responsible for eight clubs in the west/southwest part of the District.

These Lions are dedicated to helping make your club and our District a strong organization. They have the skills to help you with monthly reporting, providing education on LCIF, Lions of Indiana State Projects, and general problem solving for the clubs. They even have ideas to help your fundraising, so if you haven’t been attending the zone meetings, well, you just don’t know what you are missing.

I sincerely appreciate their efforts, individually and collectively.

Best regards and thank you for “Feeding the World through Service.”

BIG CLUB — Some of Rossville Lions Club Members came out on an ice-covered night to celebrate reaching the third-largest Club in District C with 63 members. Congratulations to Gary Gangiver, 25-year Chevron; Larry Beard, 15-year Chevron; Richard Hackerdt, 15-year Chevron; and Ron McMains, 15-year Chevron. President Kent Need and Lions, super job of growing!



IMPORTANT WORKSHOP — The Plainfield Lions Club hosted a Dementia Friend Workshop on Jan. 6. Sixteen members of the community attended and received a workbook containing valuable information. The club hopes to host another workshop later this year.

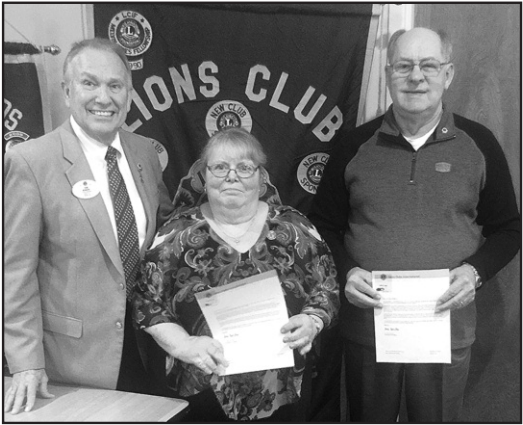


CABINET MEETING — Lions came for a mixture of sharing, learning, and fun at the District C Cabinet Meeting. Thank you, Martinsville Noon Lions, for making the arrangements and feeding everyone.



POSTER CONTEST — Members of the Prairie Creek Lions Club celebrate the students who had entries in the Peace Poster Contest. They had a presentation on Jan. 17 in the auditorium at Hoosier Prairie School, presenting all 25 students with their posters and giving each a certificate and a \$5 gift card to McDonalds for their participation. Gabe Coopriider was given a \$25 check as well for placing second in the District competition. Congratulations and thank you for being a part of the Lions International Peace Poster Competition.

DECADES OF SERVICE — DG Tom congratulates Jane Werner on her 10-year Chevron and Zone Chair/Club Secretary Owen Matz on his 35-year Chevron. Other Chevron winners not pictured are; Dana Myers, 10 years; Scott Werner, 10 years; Aaron Cearly, 10 years; Kevin Myers, 20 years; and Mary Henry, 35 years. Great job, everyone!



IN THE BANK — Crawfordsville Lions Club entertained their District Governor in a bank vault at Allen’s Country Kitchen. Thank you for being such great Lions.



YOUNG FACES — Martinsville Evening Lions Club takes good care of their community. Look at all the future young Lions here.



A GRAND DONATION — Greencastle Lions Club presented DG Tom with a \$1,000 check for our State Projects and LCIF. We had such a great time. Thank you!



ANSWERING QUESTIONS — Firefighters conduct a Q&A session with about 70 Lions during the Zionsville Lions Dish & Donation December event.

Zionsville Club dines with firefighters

Zionsville Lions Club celebrated their annual Dish & Donation December meeting at Zionsville Fire Station #291 on Ford Road with the on-duty firemen. The Lions Club members brought a dish to pass and a donation in the amount of a nice dinner out.

Each year the Lions choose someone to donate the money to. This year Zionsville Lions Club donated the money to our Zionsville Fire Department.

ZLC was welcomed to the station by Chief Van Gorder and Lt. Peters. The fire department is looking forward to purchasing another infrared device that allows them a safer entry into structures on fire and also allows them to locate a person in the structure by detecting their body heat profile. These devices cost from \$500 to almost \$5,000.

Captain Ryan Sparks introduced three new trucks: an engine, an ambulance, and a support truck. He explained the different duties each man has, the total area covered by the stations in Zionsville, plus how many runs they make in a year. The Lions were allowed to check out their trucks and equipment.



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District clubs remaining active

By GOV. DAN WILCOX

Another Christmas is behind us, the new year already a month gone, and Lions in 25-D have remained active. Over the holidays you sold fruit, delivered food to the needy, played Santa Claus for children, gathered together to celebrate the season, and served your communities with pride.

On Jan. 11, Indiana Lions met in Indianapolis for the 31st Mid-Winter Conference.

There were many good sessions to attend, including one on diabetes by Dr. Lion Mel Prince, who is chairman of the Lions State Diabetes Committee and also a well-known endocrinologist. He directed diabetes testing at Mid-Winter for those attendees choosing to participate. The expectation is that Dr. Prince will do the same at the State Convention in April.

District Governor Dan presented at Mid-Winter on "Email Scams and How to Avoid Them." He will repeat that presentation at the State Convention as well.

During Christmas, District Governor Dan had an opportunity to ring the bell with his grand-

daughter Josie on behalf of the Salvation Army at the Fashion Mall in Indianapolis. Thank you, Carmel Lions Club, for supporting this essential service. Several Carmel Lions, as well as other Lions and non-Lions, participated.

The Speech and Hearing Luncheon was held in December at the Indiana School for the Deaf. Dr. Richard T. Miyamoto was in attendance. If you have a chance to meet Dr. Miyamoto

(you can at the State Convention Speech and Hearing Luncheon), you will find him very

approachable and appreciative of the Indiana Lions.

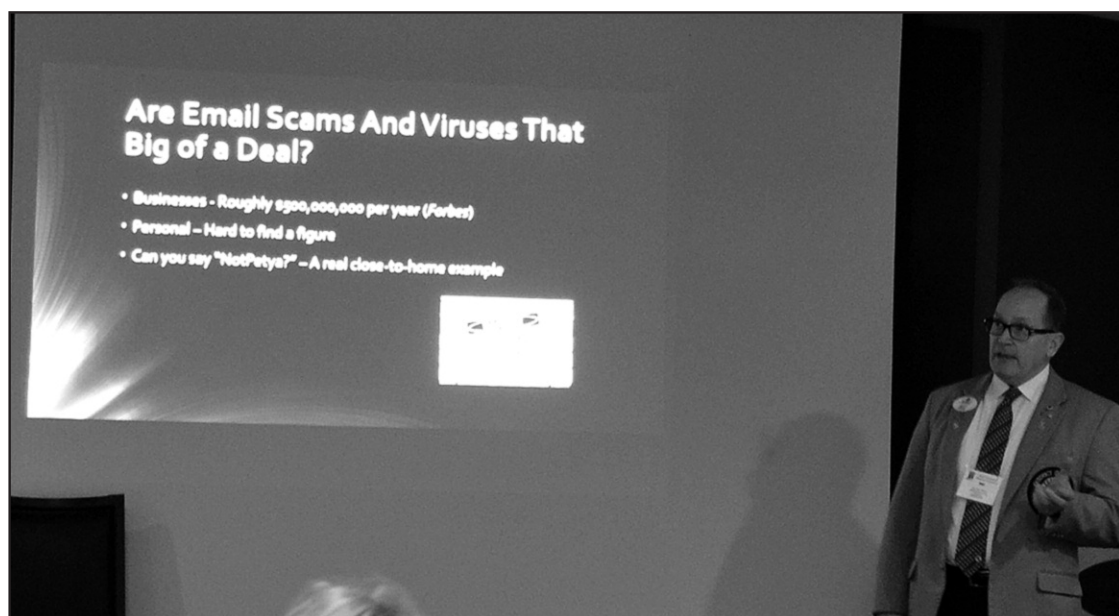
The District's third cabinet meeting of the year was held on Jan. 29 at the Albany Lions Club. Good food, good information, and good fun. Thank you, Albany Lions. The next cabinet meeting will be in Pendleton on May 30.

The 25-D District Convention will be held Saturday, March 21, at the Springhill Suites in Westfield, Indiana. We need good representation from your clubs at the Convention. Our speaker will be International Director A. Geoffrey Wade from Port St. Lucie, Florida. Look for the flyer

in the District's newsletter.

Lions of 25-D continue to lead the state in membership growth. As of this writing, 25-D is positive by 13 members. Please continue to seek out potential Lion members to help our Lions Clubs serve well into the future. Keep watch for details coming soon on a spring membership drive, which will include prizes.

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SCAM AND VIRUS WARNING — DG Dan Wilcox was a featured presenter at the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference. His presentation on e-mail scams and computer viruses was helpful to all the Lions who attended.



BAHA DONATION — DG Dan Wilcox and Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing Trustee Lion Jerry Price presented Richard Miyamoto Fellowship Awards to nine members of the Kokomo Area Lions Club. At a recent Indiana State Lions Speech and Hearing, Lion Jerry who is also a member of the Kokomo Area Lions, heard about BAHAs, Bone Anchored Hearing Aids, that are used for children who cannot be given cochlear implants because their skulls have not yet fully developed. Lion Jerry lost a major part of his hearing when he was two years old, so he knew the difficulties a child would have growing up deaf. He approached the Kokomo Area Lions about helping Riley Hospital purchase more BAHAs. The club decided to give \$4,500 to the Lions Speech and Hearing, specifying the money to be used to buy BAHAs. The \$4,500 allowed the club to give Richard Miyamoto Fellowship Awards to nine members of our club.



INDUCTION — Carmel Lions Club inducted seven new members during a visit from DG Dan and Lion Tammy.



AUSTRALIA RELIEF — In 2010 Australia hosted their second Lions Clubs International Convention in Sydney. Many Lions visited some of the areas that have been ravaged by the recent wildfires. The Westfield Lions Club, through LCIF, donated \$2,000 to help with relief in Australia. Lions Larry Clarino and John Wardlow are shown with the check.



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Trees: our faithful friends

By GOV. SHERYL SCHAFER

I know, here she goes again writing about trees.

There have been so many trees destroyed by fire this year in Australia, the Amazon, and here in the United States. When I go to Indianapolis, lots of trees have been taken down to extend Interstate 69. The houses that were torn down will be rebuilt somewhere else. What do we use to build houses, trees? The flooding, tornado, hurricanes, high winds, ice, and snow have also taken a toll on our trees.

Did you know an acre of trees absorbs six tons of carbon dioxide and puts out four tons of oxygen, enough oxygen to meet the annual needs of 18 people? How many people live in your community? Are there acres of trees for all of them?

Trees also improve air quality, add to a better climate, conserve our water and soil, support wildlife, and filter air by removing dust and absorbing other pollutants. They moderate the effects of the sun, rain, and wind.



Leaves absorb and filter the sun's radiant energy to keep things cool in summer. They preserve warmth by providing a screen from harsh wind. They shield us from the downfall of rain, sleet, and hail. Trees also lower the air temperature and reduce the heat intensity of the greenhouse effect by maintaining low levels of carbon dioxide.

Plant some trees.
"Lions Can Do It"

Time to elect officers

By PCC CS KEITH THOMAS

Hello Lions,
It is time to select your nominating committee that will select your slate of officers for the March/April election. The reason your elections need to be complete by the end of April is to give the district as much time as possible to generate the district directory.

What is service?

By PDG RON EDWARDS

What is it?
It is helping your neighbor with groceries, lawn work, getting their mail, running errands, or just talking with them to prevent loneliness.

It is helping those in church, pitching in at the food pantries, sharing produce from our gardens, helping others establish their own gardens, visiting shut-ins, visiting nursing homes, assisting in hospitals, and all other activities to assist others.

It is assisting in schools, providing scholarships, providing awards to students who work hard and have good citizenship, recognizing students for their talents not recognized by other means, and visiting other clubs.

That is what Lions do, and these activities are reportable because we are Lions.

Reporting these activities is important so that our larger organization, Lions Clubs International, can increase our outreach by using this information to show proof of what we do. Also, it is important to share what we do with other clubs.

One of the most enjoyable experiences I've had is developing

new friendships in other clubs, which was not possible if I had not visited them and we shared our experiences together.

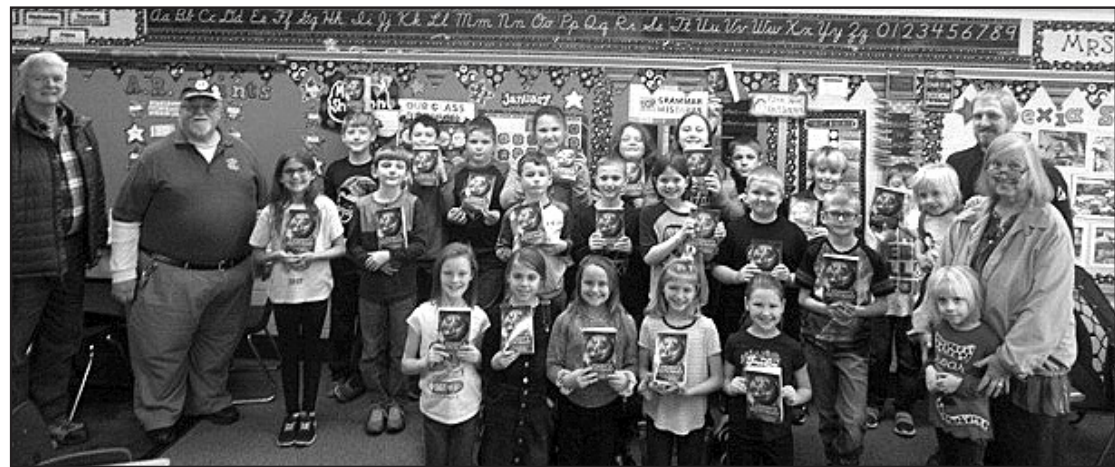
If your club hasn't started a new service project in a while, please consider doing so. "What project?" you might ask. Use the community assessment publication to help determine your community needs. Also, a new member may have ideas your club has not considered.

Another way is to revisit previous projects to find if they are needed again. When you start a new project or if you want to give your project more visibility, contact Lion PCC Jeff Schafer with the news and flyer to insert in the District Newsletter.

If your club is having issues with MyLion, continue to contact the help desk and remember to get a name with their direct line for future contact.

To assist getting your service activities, fundraising activities, and meetings submitted, send them to IPCC, CS, Admin. Asst. Keith Thomas. He has the authority to submit them for you.

Thank you to all our clubs submitting activity and membership reports and for doing all you do for your communities.



NEW DICTIONARIES — Mrs. Shelton's class, along with four other third-grade classes at Brownstown Central Elementary, received dictionaries from the Brownstown Lions. Pictured are Lions Andy Fountain, John Spurgeon, Jonathan Spurgeon, and Mary Ann McMahan, with Hadley and Hayden Spurgeon. Not pictured is Lion Robert Millman, Sr.



RAMPED UP — This ramp project was a combined effort with six Lions from the Bedford Lions Club, six Lions from the Fayetteville Community Lions Club, and one Lion from the Mitchell Lions Club working together to help a person in need. Pictured are, front row from left: Mike Leach (FCL), Larry Ritter (BL), Don Turpen (BL), and Dan Chambers (ML). Back row: Barry Craig (FCL), Kevin Stailey (FCL), Bob Ruble (BL), George Gabel (BL), Duane Terry (FCL), Charles Drake (BL), Mike Mosier (FCL), Bruce Megnin (FCL), and Ken Brumbaugh (BL).

As I believe in "Your Club, Your Way," I don't feel I can tell others what to do in their club. But I like to encourage the clubs that continue to re-elect the same officers to evaluate this practice. This practice can burn out the Lion and limit the club from developing new projects and trying new ideas. The practice also does not allow the club to develop any additional leaders.

I want to ask all clubs with repeat officers to ask themselves the following questions:

- "Are we repeating officers due to the small size of the club?" If yes, members can still rotate positions to keep from getting into a rut and burning out.
- "Are we repeating officers due to the fact that no one is stepping up to take a new position?" This one is harder to address. When someone steps up to fill a position, the District and LCI offer training to make sure

everyone is ready for the office they have been elected to. The other members of the club will support you in the success of the club.

• "Are the members not stepping up because they don't want to take someone else's place?" Sometimes it feels like Lions "own" certain positions. Most Lions would prefer that someone else step up. A good example of this would be our own Cabinet Treasurer. Richard has wanted to step down from the cabinet treasurer position for a few years. The district has been unable to find someone willing to step up and follow Richard until recently.

If you are considering stepping up to run for an office and would like more information, please contact me at kthomas@threei-design.com. That's all I've got until next month, so remember, "Lions Can Do It!"

Cooking for a healthier life

By LION JO HANNAH EDWARDS, DISTRICT 25E DIABETES CHAIR

Last month I addressed cooking. Most people don't want to change their lifestyles, but to live better lives we must look for changes. Substitutions in the foods we eat is a good start. Try these suggestions:

Instead of a fried chicken sandwich - try a grilled chicken sandwich

Instead of steak or red meat - try fish or chicken (not fried)

Instead of french fries - try a side salad or fruit

Instead of bologna or salami - try lean turkey or roast beef

Instead of sour cream - try non-fat plain yogurt

Instead of chips- try light popcorn

Instead of butter - try peanut butter or mashed avocado

Instead of cookies - try fruit

Instead of soda - try water or diet drink

Instead of rice mix - try brown rice mixed with herbs

Instead of cream or Half and Half - try whole or 2% milk

Instead of white flour tortilla - try whole wheat or corn tortilla

Instead of mayo - try light mayo or mustard

Instead of plain bagel - try whole wheat mini bagel or English muffin

Instead of orange juice - try a small orange

Instead of milk chocolate - try dark chocolate

More information is available on the web at www.diabetes.org or www.yourdiabetesinfo.org.

Whatever we do won't make an immediate noticeable difference, but over time it will. More importantly, it will make a difference in our vitals that will show up at a doctor's visit. Weight change is slower because our bodies react slower to dietary changes.

It is difficult to change our habits, but start small and stick to it. You will find as you become accustomed to a small variation to your routine it will be easier to increase your change or expand to other changes. You will like the results.

Everyone's body is different, so try an exercise like walking for 10 minutes two days a week. Expanding to four days, or increasing the time spent walking, will become easy. If that doesn't work for you, try something else, like dancing or aerobic exercising.

Never give up! Always keep in your mind what is good for your body and continue your efforts.

If you have any questions, call me at home at (812) 275-3139 or on my cell at (812) 278-4390.



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Service, reporting, recruiting

By GOV. DONALD MULLEN

I'm going to break a promise by doing something I told myself I would not do. That is, I'm going to talk about numbers and why they are important. So, I hope none of you have already set your paper on fire.

Let's talk about service first. We have 61 Lions Clubs in District 25 F. We have two primary purposes as an organization. The first, of course, is service. We want to aid those in need, whether it is in the form of direct service to an individual or by a donation from funds raised that indirectly helps someone through the organization or program to which we donate.

Based on the latest report, 28 clubs have reported doing service in their communities. These clubs have performed 528 service activities, serving 73,678 people, giving 8,111 volunteer hours to do this. We want to say thank you to these clubs and all your members who have been involved in these activities. You have positively impacted many, many people, some of whom may never have received a helping hand in their lives before you stepped up.

Certainly not diminishing these efforts, the reality is that 33 clubs show no service being done. Now, I really can't believe this to be true. It is my greatest hope that it has just not been reported. It is my greatest hope because the alternative is unfathomable. In other words, as Lions we provide service, and if we are not, then why be Lions? Knowing historically that service not being done is really not an option, then I must conclude the service provided has not been reported.

Concluding that service is not being reported, there are some presumptions we could possibly look at as reasons or excuses for not doing it.

One reason could be that someone just really doesn't want to do it. I just totally disregard this, as I refuse to believe anyone would not want to complete a task that is so important to Lions.

Another reason might be that maybe a person's computer skills are not the best and, for whatever reason, they are embarrassed to ask for help.

Yet another reason might be that any given person does not understand the real importance of reporting to Lions.

Finally, the problem we've all had is the difficulties with MyLion. Not understanding the importance of reporting service is both a byproduct of not being educated by folks like me and maybe having too much of a mindset that does not allow us to really see the big picture of which we are a part.

The first part of this issue I'm going to correct right now. Reporting our service at the local level happens not just in 25 F, but it happens worldwide. It is how Lions not only know how many service activities are performed and how many people are served, but it is how our organization is able to partner with big donor individuals and groups. We don't receive their funds just because we say we help people. We receive their funds because we can show them how many people are served and how their money helps fight measles, eye diseases, and disasters in our country, our state, our district, and local communities, as well as around the world.

I am sure the residents of Henryville and Kokomo certainly appreciated Lions' help when those communities were hit hard by tornadoes. This may not have been possible had our impact not been known.

Finally, as far as not asking for help and MyLion difficulties, just

ask for help. Being frustrated by MyLion and getting mad and saying, "forget it, I'm not going to report," and being embarrassed by lack of computer skills is not a reason to not ask for help in dealing with something that, once learned, is really fairly easy to do. I must believe there is not one person in your club who has good computer skills that would not be happy to help if he or she knew you needed it. At the same time, you could ask our District Secretary Andrea Feeney for help, which she would gladly give.

We have been writing this in almost every article I've had published since July, but how many of us have asked for this help? So, if you are one of the 33 clubs who have performed service activities since July, but have not reported, please, whether or not you need some help, just ask. As stated before, it will be gladly given.

Now that we have service and reporting out of the way, let's talk about recruiting.

If you have received and read February's newsletter, you know I wrote about the number 1,600 and its significance. As far as this District is concerned, the only significance of 1,600 is that is the number of net people we want to have at the end of June.

Here is something I haven't disclosed to this point: that number is the number I picked, which I really did not want to do. Early on, I talked with some people about how many new people they wanted to add to their clubs this year and how many net we could have by June. Let's just say I was underwhelmed to the point I was discouraged to ask anyone else. Consequently, I decided to do something when you are dealing with a group of volunteers. So, I set the goal. Now, there was rhyme to my reason. I did the math.

SELFIE TIME — Lions Cheri Faulkner and Angie Crouch together with 1st VDG Ken Faulkner taking a selfie during the Mid-Winter Conference.



FUN WITH FOOD — Lions volunteers have some fun at the Million Meals Movement service project.

District goal: 1,600 members by the end of June

By DISTRICT GOVERNOR
DON MULLEN

It is 2020 and we are starting to look at what the next six months can bring. We are currently, at this writing anyway, sitting at a minus 10 people for the year. As we always do, we lose people for a variety of reasons at the end of the year.

It is also a little disconcerting to think we could potentially have more people than we think. This could be so because we don't have 100% of clubs reporting membership. It is important for a variety of reasons. One we don't discuss much is the effect it can have on the District's budget. If we don't have an accurate count on people, we can't know how much money we have to budget for the operation of the District. So, please, everyone needs to report. If you need help, contact the District Secretary. She can help you.

Having said all this, I still believe we can reach a net total of 1,600 people by the end of June.

On March 14, we will be having our District Convention. The District will be hosting International Director Steve Thornton and his wife, Lion Rebecca. Director Thornton is from Wooster, Ohio,

and retired as its Chief of Police after a 35-year career as a police officer. ID Steve has been a Lion since 1980, and has called the Wooster Noon Lions Club home since 2003. He has received four International Presidential Medals, among many other honors. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, while Lion Rebecca is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. Having met ID Steve, we are certain his message will be informative, instructive, and enjoyable. Please mark this date on your calendar. A registration form will soon be distributed.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that I would be honored to install any new members you will be bringing into our organization. It is something I'm very enthused to do. Even though there is a full schedule, please just contact me to see if I'm available.

I consider this one of the most important, if not most important, tasks I have as Governor. Also, any questions, ideas or concerns you have about Lions and what we are doing in the District, please do not hesitate to contact me. I have encouraged this from the beginning. I welcome the conversation we could have.

The Zone Chair

By PCC REED FISH

In the District meeting round-table discussions some members suggested more information be provided on a few of the District offices and what the responsibilities are of the positions. Detailed information is available within the Constitution and Bylaws on www.indianalions.org, under "Member Resources" on www.lionsclubs.org, or feel free to contact me. This month's office will be the Zone Chairperson (ZC).

In District F the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors fulfill the positions of the Region chairs.

The District Governor appoints a Lion to be the ZC over a group of three to five clubs that are geographically close to each other. The ZC is a member of the District Governor's Cabinet and shall attend the regular and special meetings. There shall be a District Governor's Advisory Committee in each Zone, composed of the ZC and the Presidents and Secretaries of the Clubs in the Zone. The ZC shall be a member and the Chairperson of

the District Governor's Advisory Committee of the Zone.

(a) The ZC in each Zone shall hold not fewer than three meetings of the District Governor's Advisory Committee during the year, and the first of these meetings shall be held within 60 days after adjournment of the preceding International Convention.

(b) The ZC shall be the presiding officer of these meetings. The ZC shall make a report of each Advisory Committee meeting and send copies within five days thereafter to the Region Chairperson, the District Governor, and the office of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

(c) The ZC shall arrange regularly scheduled Zone Meetings (meetings to which all Lions in the Zone are invited). In these meetings they should encourage the clubs to share their activities, successes, and failures, exchange ideas regarding service activities, membership growth, leadership development, and provide important District dates and events and communications from the District Governor and LCI.

(d) The ZC shall encourage the Clubs in the Zone to hold interclub meetings and such social activities as golf, bowling, softball tournaments, banquets, anniversary celebrations, and special functions honoring Key and Master Key members, installation of officers, induction of new members, outings and other similar functions. The ZC shall promote attendance at Charter Nights of newly organized clubs. It shall be the duty of the ZC to promote the annual State and International Conventions among the Clubs in the Zone and endeavor to have the Clubs represented at each of these Conventions by at least a full quota of delegates to which they are entitled.

The official actions of the ZC shall be under the supervision of the District Governor.

The ZC position is an important communication link between the clubs and the District Governor. It is also a building block for those wanting to become more involved with District leadership, as well as getting in line to later become a District Governor.



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So many opportunities

By GOV. MARY KLEMPAY

The first Districtwide Health Fair was held on Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Battell Community Center in Mishawaka, Indiana, and the BIGGEST of thank you's to the Battell Community Center for partnering with us to make this event happen!

We had a great vendor turnout, with 26 scheduled participants, including a very popular blood drive. THANKS to the South Bend Medical Foundation. Twelve donors have now provided life-saving components to save 36 people!

There is NO way to give enough thanks to Danielle LaFleur with Saint Joseph Health System and all of her participating groups, from REAL Services and several senior living centers to Boling

Vision and the Lakeville Lions (both of the latter providing vision screening).

Mother Nature was not very cooperative with our recent attempt at a District Meeting. Did you forget that we're LIONS and we WILL serve!

Our rescheduled meeting is Saturday, Feb. 15. If you had already paid for the January meeting, you're all set. If you did pay, and are not able to attend this rescheduled meeting, let CT Ron Guth know. It can be used for the May 2 meeting!

We are so lucky to have an incredible Past International Director coming for the District Convention on March 14. Plan to hear Jennifer Ware share her incredible story and bring new inspirations to us all!

And be sure to come for the sur-

prise fun event in the morning! With spring just around the corner, it's time to plant all kinds of seeds out in the garden, and plant seeds of membership growth!

And then ... look out! April will be here before you know it, and then LIONS from across the state will be celebrating their service at the State Convention, being held in Bloomington.

It's incredible how fast the year flies by. Make sure to attend these great networking events to meet other Lions and share your successes and challenges.

Speaking of challenges: We're looking for that Lion who is interested in stepping into the leadership role with the District. Training and support are provided and SO much support from our PDGs and Lions! Do it and make a difference!

Etna Green artist wins bird art award

A painting of a ruffed grouse has been chosen by a panel of judges as the winning entry in the 2019-20 California Upland Game Bird Stamp Art Contest.

The painting was created by Jeffrey Klinefelter of Etna Green.

Sponsored by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the annual contest determined the official design for this year's California Upland Game Bird Stamp. Klinefelter also captured the top spots in the 2018-19 and 2017-18 Upland Game Bird Stamp Art Contests, as well as the 2009-10 California Duck Stamp Contest.

Artists submitted an original depiction of ruffed grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*). These medium-bodied forest dwellers are the only member of the genus *Bonasa* and have a range extending across North America. In California, they inhabit riparian and conifer forests in the northwestern portion of the state.

Ruffed grouse have intricately barred or variegated plumage in shades of brown and gray, depending on environmental variables, with a conspicuous neck "ruff" and dark tail banding they use to attract mates. Their most notable courtship ritual, however, is their "drum display" – a low-frequency booming sound created by beating their wings against their bodies, according to a news release from the CDFW.

Contest entries were judged by a panel of experts selected for their knowledge in the fields of ornithology, conservation, art, and printing. Designs were judged on originality, artistic composition, anatomical accuracy, and suitability for reproduction as a stamp and print.

The judges praised the composition and fine detail of the painting, specifically noting the accuracy of the feathers. They cited the excellent coloration with "good barring on the belly and speckle on the back" that blends nicely with the autumnal aspen forest in the background. The panel also appreciated the in-flight depiction, which allowed a



THE WINNER — Jeffrey Klinefelter of Etna Green painted this winning entry of a ruffed grouse in flight for the 2019-20 California Upland Game Bird Stamp Art Contest.

full display of the grouse's intricate plumage, something Klinefelter found challenging yet rewarding.

"Ruffed grouse are agile fliers and I thought painting them in flight would make a good picture," he said. "The plumage blends well with the background – they have cryptic coloration."

He went on to say that, while he has only seen ruffed grouse in captivity, he enjoyed imagining them in their native California habitat.

Broderick Crawford of Clayton, Ga., placed second. Mark Thone of Shakopee, Minn., placed third. Buck Spencer of Junction City, Ore., received honorable mention.

An upland game bird validation is required for hunting migratory and resident upland game birds in California. The validation replaces the stamp through CDFW's Automated License Data System, but the stamp is still produced and available to hunters upon request. Monies generated from upland game bird validation sales are dedicated solely to upland game bird-related conservation projects, hunting opportunities, and outreach and education. CDFW annually sells about 170,000 upland game bird validations and distributes

approximately 17,000 stamps.

Any individual who purchases an upland game bird validation may request their free collectable stamp by visiting www.wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/c collector-stamps. An order form is also available on the website for collectors who do not purchase a hunting license or upland game bird validation, or for hunters who wish to purchase additional collectible stamps.

DG Mary Klemm has appointed me (Ann Haffner) to fill the vacancy left by the untimely death of PDG Jeri Seely as Nominations and Elections Chairperson for our District this year.

The following one-year district officer positions will be up for election at our District Convention in Argos on March 14:

- District Governor
- First Vice District Governor
- Second Vice District Governor

The following three-year trustee positions will also be up for election:

- Indiana Lions Cancer Control
- Vision First – Indiana Lions Eye Bank



KIDSIGHT GRANT — From left to right Lion Ken Luckenbill, president, Lion Penny Luckenbill, grant writer, Lion Deb VanDeMark, secretary.

Plymouth Lions receive KidSight grant

The Plymouth Lions Club received a grant, written by Lion Penny Luckenbill, from the Marshall County Community Foundation for \$3,000 which will assist with the purchase of a new pediatric auto refractor to perform vision screenings on young school-age children in the Marshall County schools, preschools, and Head Start programs. The total cost of the new equipment is \$5,987, and with the \$3,000 grant and \$500 trade-in for our old equipment from the equipment manufacturer, the Plymouth Lions will contribute the balance of \$2,487.

More than 12 million school-age children in the United States have some form of vision problem, yet only one in three has received eye care services before age 6. Left untreated, many of these problems may become permanent. Since good vision plays a vital role in a child's education, it is imperative that eye problems are detected and referred to an eye care professional as early as possible. Screening students at a young age enables early detection of vision problems and allows families to address these issues with their own eye care professional.

In 2008, the Plymouth Lions obtained a grant from the Marshall County Community Foundation to purchase our original auto refractor camera and notebook computer to perform vision screenings for young students in conjunction with the Lions KidSight program. Since that time, we have screened thousands of Marshall County school children in the Argos, Bremen, and Plymouth kindergartens, preschools, and Head Start programs to help ensure their eye health and increase their chances of academic success, all at absolutely no charge.

From July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, the Plymouth Lions screened 400 children in 16 ses-

sions, resulting in 50 referrals. From July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, we screened approximately 450 children in 15 sessions, with 62 referrals.

School nurses and program administrators throughout the county rely on the KidSight vision screening program that we provide free of charge. Trained volunteers from the Lions Club perform the vision screening, and the results are forwarded to the KidSight Program in Indianapolis, where they are reviewed by an ophthalmologist. If readings are outside the accepted parameters for the respective age groups, the ophthalmologist recommends that the child be referred to their own eye professional for further treatment. Members from the Argos and Bremen Lions clubs provide member volunteers to assist with screening visits at their respective schools.

The Lions Clubs International motto is "We Serve." Locally, in addition to providing KidSight vision screenings, the Plymouth Lions Club supports three scholarships to graduating seniors; purchases and distributes dictionaries to third-grade students; provides financial support to provide eye exams and glasses for needy children; and donates to a variety of organizations and causes throughout the community.

The club also supports state projects such as cancer research, diabetes awareness, speech and hearing conservation, and the Indiana Lions Eye Bank.

In 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to be "Knights for Sight," and since then, the Lions have been known the world over for their service to the sight-challenged through the Leader Dog program, Lions Eye Bank program, KidSight vision screenings, and SightFirst mission programs to provide eyeglasses to Third World countries.

Nominations and elections

- Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing
- Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- Indiana Lions for Leader Dog
- Indiana Lions Foundation

If you wish to run for election to one of these positions, you will need to submit the following on or before our District Meeting in Milford on Jan. 18:

- Your letter of intent to run for election
- Your club's letter of endorsement for your candidacy

Please mail that information to me at:
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or e-mail them to me at ann_haffner@yahoo.com

Thank you for your timely submission of these documents.

If you have any questions regarding responsibilities or requirements for any of these positions, please don't hesitate to call me at (574) 457-3054 or (574) 457-6118.

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2020 State Convention proposed amendments and explanations

2020 STATE CONVENTION,
APRIL 26, 2020

- Strike out indicates current language in Article is being removed.
- Underline indicates additional language added.

**AMENDMENT #1
CONSTITUTION
ARTICLE V, SECTION 1
State Council**

Article V, Section 1: The State Council shall be composed of the District Governors and one (1) ~~immediate current or~~ Past District Governor who shall serve as Council Chairperson.

Proposal from Riley Township Lions Club to change Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution.

Explanation: The amendment puts MD 25 in compliance of Lions Clubs International Bylaws Article VIII Section 2 which reads: "The council of governors shall also include one current or past district governor who shall serve as council chairperson." This amendment was adopted at the 2014 Lions Clubs International Convention.

This amendment would follow the intent of the Lions Clubs International to allow any past district governor to submit their name for consideration as Council Chair to the Council of Governors elect. It does not change the

current voting method of selecting the Council Chair. Article V, Section 7 of the MD 25 Constitution allows language to be placed in the Policy Manual to set the procedure on interviewing a limited number of candidates, if necessary, for Council Chair.

**AMENDMENT #2:
BY-LAWS
ARTICLE XII
State Committees**

Section 2. The District Governors of each District shall appoint a District Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator for the District and the District Coordinators shall collectively serve as the Multiple District Global Leadership Team under the Multiple District 25 appointed ~~Three-Year~~ Coordinator. At the expiration of the term of the Multiple District Coordinator, the State Council shall name a Lion to serve as ~~Three-Year~~ Multiple District Coordinator.

Section 3. The District Governors of each District shall appoint a District Global Membership Team (GMT) Coordinator for the District and the District Coordinators shall collectively serve as the Multiple District Global Membership Team under the Multiple District 25 appointed ~~Three-Year~~ Coordinator. At the expiration of the term of the Multiple District Coordinator, the State Council shall name a Lion

to serve as ~~Three-Year~~ Multiple District Coordinator.

Section 4. The District Governors of each District shall appoint a District Global Service Team (GST) Coordinator for the District and the District Coordinators shall collectively serve as the Multiple District Global Service Team under the Multiple District 25 appointed ~~Three-Year~~ Coordinator. At the expiration of the term of the Multiple District Coordinator, the State Council shall name a Lion to serve as ~~Three-Year~~ Multiple District Coordinator.

Explanation: This amendment is offered by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee based on changes at Lions Clubs International's reorganization of the Multiple District Global Action Team. This Amendment strikes "three" from the description of the term which Lions Clubs International reduced to a one-year appointment. This is a house-keeping item to bring our By-Laws up-to-date with Lions Clubs International.

**AMENDMENT #3
CONSTITUTION
ARTICLE XIII
Sections 5, 6, and 7**

Section 5. (a) All Amendments must be received from the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, by the State Council of Gov-

ernors, no later than one week before the 3rd Council meeting. The State Council of Governors will review all amendments that have been properly submitted under Sections 2 and 3 of this Article, and will see that the requirements of the Committee's review under Section 3 of this Article have been met and that all properly submitted and reviewed proposed amendments will be published ~~in the State Lions newspaper~~ and listed on the ballot at the State Convention.

(b) If a proposed amendment conflicts with the International Constitution and By-laws, it will be returned to the person submitting it and not accepted until said conflict has been corrected.

Section 6. Proposed amendments shall be presented to the members of the Lions Clubs of Indiana at least thirty (30) days prior to the State Convention by publication in the February issue of the Multiple District Newsletter. Alternative publications options, if needed, include the February issue of each District Governor's District Newsletter, or a mass mailing (or emailing). Amendments will also be available on the Lions of Indiana, Inc. website by February 28. Upon request, any Indiana Lion may receive a printed copy from the State Office after February 28th.

Section 7. All proposals for amendments shall be numbered when published ~~in the State Newspaper~~, and such proposals will be presented to the delegates at the State Convention by paper ballot bearing the published number and a short title or digest to identify the proposal. Any title or digest used on the ballot will be prepared in advance by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for the use of the Nominations and Elections Committee. Voting on the proposed amendments shall be on the last day of the Convention during regular voting hours. No amendments will be accepted or considered from the floor.

Explanation: Amendment #3 proposed by the Washington Township Lions Club and clarified by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee modifies Article XIII, Sections 5, 6, and 7 of the Constitution. This amendment is being offered for the sole purpose of providing more flexibility in notifying the Lions of Indiana of proposed amendments should an unforeseen problem with the publication of the "Hoosier Lion" occur.

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There are so many groups such as Safe Haven Baby Box, Special Olympics, Second Helpings, Gleaners, Salvation Army, etc., with opportunities to work with other Lions Clubs or even other service groups in your community. Just for information, Knights of Columbus raised the money for the Greenwood Safe Haven Baby Box. These cost \$10,000 plus installation. They took time to evaluate community needs and created the "hope" needed there. Allow me to say a very special "Thank You" to ZC Bill McDonald and Lion Toni McDonald for inviting me to this event. This dedication ceremony will remain with me for many years to come. So, Lions of Indiana, go forth and be the "I'm Possible Hope"

that I know you can and will be. Now is the time to start making plans for Lions upcoming events. Lions State Convention is being held at Bloomington April 24-26. PIP Bob Corlew will be our guest speaker for the banquet meal Saturday evening. Be sure to read and study the upcoming amendments that will be voted on. Voting will be held Sunday morning. Come and enjoy visiting with your fellow Indiana Lions. International Lions Convention will be held in Singapore June 26-30. Send in your reservations soon. Go to the LCI Website to get all of the information needed to make reservations. It won't be long before the Indiana State Fair will be in full swing. Please consider signing up to work at one of the gates to help raise funds for the Lions Founda-

tion. To sign up, contact PDG Paul Russell. USA/Canada Forum is coming up in Louisville, Kentucky, on September 17-19. This is truly a fantastic opportunity to attend one of the best Lions learning events and it is close to your Indiana home. Plan to attend this exciting event and make new Lions friends from all over North America. Consider going online to study the courses for a Lions University Bachelor Degree. A Lion can learn to be a better leader in their Club, Zone and District Level through this program. Once the requirements are met, you will receive a Bachelor Degree Pin at a recognition ceremony at USA/Canada Forum. Now is the time to make your reservations. The website address is www.lionsforum.org. As always: Please remember as you go through life, be safe in your travels, be a blessing to all, cherish your loved ones, and celebrate the many blessings that we enjoy in this country, thanks to our veterans. Yours In Lionism, CC Ron Bigham 317-695-0683 Text or Voicemail ccronbigham@gmail.com

Procedures for

(Continued from page 1) records of International Office on the first day preceding the month during which the convention is held; provided, however, that each such club shall be entitled to at least one delegate and one alternate. Each club shall be considered in good standing when all

dues have been paid to the International Association of Lions clubs and the Lions of Indiana fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification. Sunday voting will take place from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Finch Room in the Convention Center.

More members

(Continued from page 1) all! I would like to congratulate the sponsor and welcome the seven new members into the Southport club. It was a privilege and honor to present Lion Pauline Ulrey with the International President Certificate of Appreciation. Thank you, Lion Pauline, for all that you have done for your club, your community, and the Leader Dog program. February is the month that 34 Lions will travel to Mexico for an eyeglass mission trip. We are all looking forward to our time spent to serve the people of Mexico.

Thank you to ALL Lions who also take the time to serve on eyeglass missions. KINDNESS MATTERS! Great success for our Mid-Winter Conference! My sincere congratulations to PCC Dave Eisen and the entire Committee for an outstanding job. We had great informative seminars, excellent meals with outstanding service, and it is always nice to see so many of our Lions Family from around the state. As we are still in the season of unpredictable weather, please stay warm and safe.

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Send in your brainstorm ideas for community service projects

When you organize a Lions club service activity that is meaningful to your community, you can make a more significant impact on the people you serve. Whether you're just getting started or your club is in need of a fresh plan of action, here are some steps to help guide you through the process of organizing a meaningful, effective service project.

Make a list of possible programs. Ask your members the following questions:

- What do you like about your community?
- What do you want to improve in the community?
- What kinds of skills, resources, people, and funding are required for the improvements you want to make?

Following the discussion, identify and rank the top five features and top five improvements to consider.

Appoint tasks. Further discuss possible projects and identify three to five club opportunities. Set up task forces or committees to research each project further. Task force members should collect ideas for implementation, discuss possible action

steps, and recruit interested Lions.

Conduct research. Make the necessary contacts in the community to find out more about your opportunity, and consider asking the following questions:

- Do you think this project will help the community?
- How do you think the improvement could be made?
- What resources do you have to help make the improvement?
- Are there other needs you think the club should consider?

Communicate with your contacts closely and remember to keep an open mind!

Write a plan. Develop a written plan that includes goals and objectives, time frame, and people and resources needed.

Implement the plan! Involve your members and reward their successes along the way. Include progress reports in club newsletters and meetings. When the project is complete, take a moment to review the actions, including what worked and what didn't work, and identify ways to improve for the next project.

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International Board of Directors approves dues adjustment resolution

Lions Clubs International supports clubs and members around the world so we can advance our global mission of service together. Our international support and the work of Lions Clubs International is fueled

by the international dues of our incredible members.

At the International Board of Directors meeting in October, the Board voted to approve an international dues adjustment resolution that will be voted on at the

International Convention in Singapore in 2020.

In recent years, it has become increasingly clear that the services Lions Clubs International has been able to provide to members with the available budget is

no longer in line with what Lions need and expect.

The Board of Directors undertook an extensive review of Lions Clubs International's financials, including the implementation of substantial budget reductions. After much consideration, the board proposed to adjust dues by \$3 effective July 2021, raising dues to \$46, then adjusted annually for U.S. inflation thereafter. We will use a three-year inflation average not to exceed 3% or be lower than 1.5%.

Why an international dues adjustment is needed

We realize the association has been reluctant to adjust dues over the years, and we have not adjusted international dues since 2011. The proposed adjustment will help cover our costs and allow us to suitably serve our members' needs. With that said, the Board of Directors did not take this issue lightly, nor are we minimizing the value of each dollar that our members contribute.

As we consider this dues adjustment, it is essential that we keep in mind that our global efforts and initiatives support more than 1.4 million members in 48,000 clubs around the world. Through the support of staff, we are able to serve globally on the level that we do, keeping members and clubs fully supported with service resources, training events and software, club operational support, international meetings, language services, technology, foun-

dation support, leadership support, and everything else we have come to expect as Lions.

A dues adjustment will allow Lions Clubs International to provide improved support to Lions and to continue to invest in improving programs and digital products such as our website and MyLion. It will also allow us to invest in new programs such as a new online learning platform, development of new curriculum such as digital literacy, training videos, global advertising, marketing automation, digital and video storytelling and other tools and initiatives that will enhance our impact, our brand, and our membership.

Why your help is needed

Essentially, we have to decide whether or not we want Lions Clubs International to continue to grow and thrive. Lions is more than a way of life. It's also an investment of money, time, energy, and passion. As with any good investment, the more we put in, the more returns we see.

We need you to help our members and leaders understand why this adjustment is needed. We have developed an international dues adjustment FAQ and PPT to help you present it to your Lions.

I hope that you will see this adjustment as we do: as an investment in the future of Lions. Through your support, we can ensure that Lions are positioned for success in the future.

In memoriam

Dr. Donald W. Hansell passes away

Dr. Donald Wade Hansell, 92, of Terre Haute, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020, in his residence.

He was an associate professor at Indiana State University for 25 years.

He was born April 11, 1927, in Chicago to Neil D. and Ailsie E. (Daughette) Hansell.

Donald is survived by his wife of 59 years, Nancy (Hayes) Hansell; daughter, Sara Latta (Michael); sons, Paul and Mark Hansell (Suzanne); and grandchildren, Kristen Merchant (Alex), Emily Cornwell (Simon), Vincent Hansell, Sonja Hansell, and Dominic Hansell. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Amy Susan Hansell.

Donald was a U.S. Navy veteran of WWII, and a lifelong member of the Lions Club. He enjoyed playing the organ and playing bridge, and he loved going to the theater and working on genealogy.

Per Donald's request, cremation was selected with no services scheduled. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions may be made to either Angioma Alliance (www.angioma.org) or the charity of their choice. Online condolences may be left at www.debaunfuneralhomes.com

Freddy L. Bolton laid to rest

Freddy L. Bolton, 89, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020, at home. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and retired from General Electric Co. with over 20 years of service. Surviving are his soulmate, Viola Edmonds; sons, Keith (Allison) Edmonds and Brian (Shenita) Bolton; daughter, LaVonya Cleveland; daughter-in-law, Dawn Edmonds; and 13 grandchildren, along with a host of great-grandchildren, other relatives, and friends. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Carlee "Pat" Edwards; and a son, Philip Todd Edmonds. The service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020, at Union Baptist Church, with visitation one hour prior. Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were made by Ellis Funeral Home, LLC, www.ellisfh.com.

Joseph L. Avery II passes on

Joseph L. Avery II, 59, of Lakeville, passed away at 11:35 a.m. Thursday, February 6, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka. He was born on Sept. 14, 1960, in Mishawaka to Joseph and Linda (Nelson) Avery. On June 5, 1981, in South Bend, he was united in marriage to Diane A. (Seifer) Avery.

Joseph is survived by his wife, Diane; father, Joseph, of South Bend, and two sisters, Jody Avery of LaPorte, and Janette (Michael) Avery-Wolf of Elkhart. He was preceded in death by his mother, Linda.

Joseph was a resident of

Lakeville. He worked as an engineer for the Norfolk Railroad for the last 12 years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #353 in Lakeville, Eastern Star #479 in Lakeville, and the Lion's Club. Joseph loved Harley motorcycles and lawn mower racing.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Palmer Funeral Home, 601 N. Michigan St. Lakeville. Pastor Dave Herbst officiated. Graveside services and burial followed at Bremen Cemetery. Friends visited with the family from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with a Masonic Service at 7 p.m. Friends also visited one hour prior to the services on Tuesday.

Contributions in memory of Joseph Avery II may be offered to Riverbend Cancer Services, 3516 E. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, IN 46615. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com.

Harold "Doug" Lane goes home

Harold Douglas "Doug" Lane, 89, of South Bend, died at 5:00 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 2. Doug was born June 27, 1930, in Grand Rapids, Mich., to the late Louise Irene



DOUG LANE

(Williams) and Harold Cecil Lane. He attended South High School in Grand Rapids, where he met the love of his life, Jacqueline "Jackie" Brown. They were united in marriage on Aug. 24, 1950. Jackie preceded Doug in death on Feb. 1, 2011. Also preceding Doug are his brothers, Larry and Robert "Bob."

Doug is survived by his children, Michael D. (Teckla) Lane, Dianne E. Lane, Steven E. (Jennifer) Lane, Karen S. (James) Gould, John K. (Suzie) Lane, and David M. (Shelly) Lane, 15 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. His grandchildren will always know that he loved them all and delighted in watching them laugh and play. He is also survived by his sister, Judy (Mike) Toney.

Doug worked as a fireman after he and Jackie were first married. He went on to work for the U.S. Postal Service while attending Western Michigan University. After Doug graduated in 1968 with a degree in accounting, he moved to South Bend to work for Lybrand, Ross Bros., and Montgomery. He earned his CPA and MBA, continuing to work for several other local businesses until his retirement in 1995. Doug and Jackie participated in two bridge clubs where they met many lifelong friends. They loved to see the world together, enjoying trips to Hawaii, Canada, Bahamas, Germany, England, and Ireland.

Doug joined the South Bend Lions Club in 1971 and served as President of the South Bend club twice, as well as District Governor for the Northern Indiana District. He was an active partici-

pant in the Lions Club until 2019. Doug was also a member of the Council Oak Lodge 45 F. & AM. He was raised as a Master Mason in 1979. Scottish Rite Valley of South Bend honored him as a 33rd degree Mason. Doug was also an active member of First Presbyterian Church for more than 45 years, serving as deacon, an elder, and as head usher. He loved to listen to his wife sing in the church choir. In addition to his involvement with the church and other organizations, Doug also volunteered for Meals on Wheels and at Memorial Hospital.

Friends visited with the family on Friday, Feb. 7, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Palmer Funeral Home-River Park Chapel, 2528 Mishawaka Ave., South Bend. Funeral services were held on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 4:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 333 W. Colfax Ave., South Bend, with a memorial visitation one hour prior to the service. Private family burial was held at a later date at Southlawn Cemetery.

Contributions in memory of Doug may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 333 W. Colfax Ave., South Bend, IN 46601, or to the South Bend Lions Club, 127 S. Michigan St., South Bend, IN 46601.

Online condolences can be sent to the family at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com.

Haynes Townsend now with the Lord

Haynes Henton Townsend, 64, of Dalton, Ga., went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019.

He was the son of the late Clifford and Evelyn Townsend and was preceded in death by his uncle, Emmett Henton.

Haynes had a servant heart and a love for community. He started working at Fraker Hardware at age 15 and later served as Chief Magistrate Judge for Whitfield County for 22 years. He was the current vice president of Lions Club International and was to be named president at the international convention in June.

He was an outstanding friend, loved photography, and loved his family deeply. He loved to read and had an incredible sense of knowledge.

Haynes believed kindness matters and was an example of how kindness can change the world.

He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Donna Lord Townsend; daughter and her fiancé, Morgan Townsend and Travis Vitali; daughter and son-in-law, Madison and Kenneth Rutledge, Jr.; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Henry and Becky Lord; aunt, Geneva "Nene" Henton; and cousins, Brian and Teresa Henton and Debra and Chuck Harris.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Lions Club International Foundation, 300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523.



HAYNES HENTON TOWNSEND

Administrative and project or activities funds

By ANN HAFFNER

How are your club's finances set up? Do you have two funds – an administrative fund and a project or activities fund – as required by Lions Clubs International?

Administrative funds are used for the day-to-day operations of the club:

- Printing and mailing newsletters
- Stationery and postage for the president, secretary, and treasurer
- Meals for guests
- Speaker gifts
- Sending members to conventions and district meetings
- Paying dues
- Any other day-do-day operation expenses

Monies in this fund can be generated through dues collection, donations from club members, tail twisting, and fundraising events such as a 50/50 raffle or silent or live auction held at club meetings. Raising funds for the administrative funds can be fun and entertaining. Be creative!

The project or activities fund is for money received from the general public through fundraising events and donations.

This money can only be spent on service projects. It cannot be used for the general operation of a Lions club or for paying district, state, or international dues.

Some Lions have the misconception that 10% of the net proceeds from a public fundraiser can be used for administrative expenses. That is not true!

It is permissible, but not necessary, for a club to have two separate bank accounts. All funds may be deposited in and drawn from one account, as long as the club treasurer keeps accurate and separate records for each fund. Each club should have a current copy of the "Standard Form Lions Club Constitution and By-Laws."

When you go to the LCI website,

www.lionsclubs.org, click on "Resources for Members," then "Legal." You will then scroll to "Standard Form Lions Club Constitution and By-Laws," download that document, and save it to your computer.

Each club was chartered by, and is under the jurisdiction of, The International Association of Lions Clubs and must abide by that Constitution and By-Laws, which states:

Article VIII – Board of Directors, Section 3, (g):

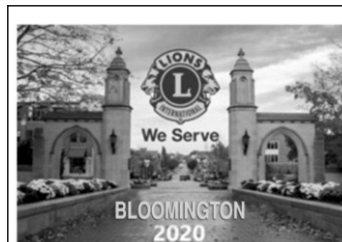
"It shall not authorize, nor permit, the expenditure, for any administrative purpose, of the net income of projects or activities of this club by which funds are raised from the public."

Section 3, (h):

"It shall maintain at least two (2) separate funds governed by generally accepted accounting practices. The first fund shall be established to record administrative monies such as dues, tail twisting fines, and other internally raised club funds.

"A second fund shall be established to record activity or public funds raised by asking support from the public. Disbursement from such funds shall be in strict compliance with Section (g) of this article."

If you or any of your club members have questions about the separation of club funds or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (574) 457-3054 or (574) 457-6118 or ann_haffner@yahoo.com.



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Hearing loss and you

By RAY FURNER, TRUSTEE,
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Part I

Hearing loss is a problem for many people! In fact, it is number three on the disability list, affecting 20-30% of all people between ages of 20 and 55. Beyond 55 the percentage affected by hearing loss increases dramatically. Major problems associated with hearing loss include poor communication with family and friends, poor prospects for education and employment, invisibility, and even depression. Reasons given for not addressing hearing loss are: lack of knowledge ("I hear perfectly well"), financial concerns ("Hearing aids cost too blamed much"), and social stigma, ("I don't want anyone to know that I can't hear").

As Lions we try to help others connect to the world by helping them with connective services such as eyeglasses and hearing aids. That is who we are - We Serve. But wait. What if "them" are, in fact, "us"? What better way to recruit ambassadors for our programs than to help our own?

Hearing loss could be a reason why some Lions no longer attend meetings. Being unable to understand what is being said may cause embarrassment, particularly if the listener misunderstands what was said and then voices an opinion unrelated to the topic of conversation. I have had that experience - and it is not fun.

The result of such a negative hearing experience may be invisibility, where a person withdraws from social contact, becomes a recluse, and is essentially lost to society. Helen Keller said, "Vision connects us to things. Hearing connects us to people." If you cannot hear, you are disconnected.

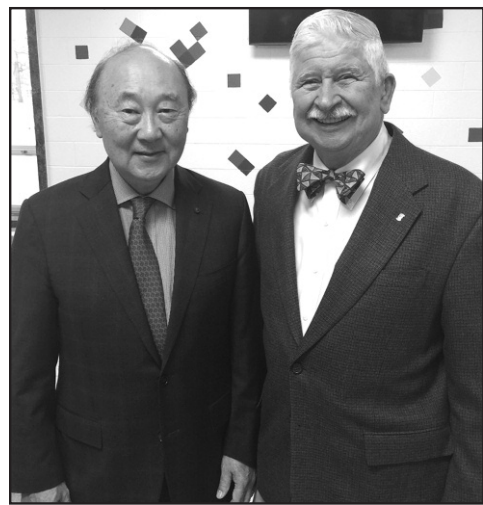
At least three steps are required to address hearing loss: first, identify the problem; second, diagnose the extent and cause of the problem; and finally, treat the condition as needed.

In my next article I will describe screening as the first step and discuss how it differs from diagnosis. Then there will be a paragraph on diagnosis, and finally some information on treatments.

You are most welcome to contact me at any time by email or telephone.

In the meantime, plan to collect used hearing aids, and bring them with you to Mid-Winter Conference or the State Convention. You'll be glad you did.

DOCTOR AND PATIENT — Dr. Richard Miyamoto, left, and Dr. Ray Furner, who is wearing a cochlear implant. Dr. Miyamoto was his surgeon. Miyamoto was a guest speaker at the Speech & Hearing Luncheon. He was the first surgeon to do a cochlear implant on a toddler in 1995. Google Dr. Richard Miyamoto, ENT, otolaryngologists in Indianapolis.



Part II

The three steps required to address hearing loss are: first, determine that hearing loss exists; second, diagnose the extent and cause of hearing loss; and finally, treat the hearing loss.

Identifying hearing loss may be called screening, and frequently there is no formal procedure at all. Your wife, children, or someone close to you may tell you directly that you "flat-out" have a hearing problem. Others may say you frequently ask them to repeat what has been said. You may turn up the TV or stereo volume such that it bothers others. You respond to questions or comments inappropriately. Your thought may be: "It's not my problem. If you would just speak up and stop talking like you've got a mouth full of gravel, I could understand you quite well." That may earn you a laugh or two, but it may be the embarrassment that convinces you to get a "non-biased" opinion.

Denial doesn't work. It's just the first step in the five stages of hearing loss. These steps include:

- Denial. "It's not my problem"; anger that others don't share your opinion, resulting in a loss of friends.
- Bargaining. Praying to hear a grandchild or understand the preacher.
- Depression. Realizing that your friends are leaving and your prayers have not yet been answered.
- Finally, acceptance. Understanding that you have hearing loss and vowing to use every tool available to hear as well as possible.

Special activities—

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Peg VanNevel at home (574) 259-2466 or cell (574) 229-2362.

Diabetes Screening, Saturday 9:30 a.m. to noon, Finch Room.

Speech & Hearing Screening, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Cook Group East.

Diabetes Walking for Roby Diabetes Strides Walk will be held Saturday 3:00 p.m. It will be a leisurely half-mile walk north on the paved B-Line Trail just outside the west entrance of the Convention Center and back. The Lions participating in the Diabetes Strides Walk will assemble by the registration table area in the foyer, where they will receive T-shirts stating that we are "Walking for Roby." As many of you may remember, Roby Corlew, the son of Past President Bob & Lion Dianne, died from diabetes in 2019. He was a resident of southern Indiana. We honor his name and his struggles, as well as the many others who suffer from diabetes, by participating in the "Walking for Roby Strides Walk."

Hospitality rooms Friday and Saturday 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.



2020 Indiana Lions 31st Mid-Winter Conference a success!

By PCC SUE TOPF, MD 25
STATE ADMINISTRATIVE
SECRETARY

The 2020 Indiana Lions Mid-winter Conference is in the books, and considered very successful. More than 200 Lions and guests were registered to enjoy an Indiana Lions tradition!

A committee of dedicated Lions worked diligently throughout 2019 to plan the event, and the Chairperson was Global Leadership Chair PCC David Eisen. So much advance preparation goes into a conference of this type, it does take a village of Lions! Committee chairs are established, the site is chosen, and then the work begins. Suggestions are made over a period of months for interesting seminars, keynote speakers, and service projects.

The Conference was once again held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, located on the southwest side of Indianapolis. Rather than abundant snow this year, we experienced our share of abundant rain!

Directly after Friday night's dinner, we held our first Million Meals Movement Service Project. 6,300 meals for food banks were packaged in less than 40 minutes by about 50 Lions!

Funding of \$1,700 was provided by the Indianapolis Washington Township Lions Club, Decatur Central Lions Club, Clermont Lions Club, and the Indiana Lions Foundation through a grant. We all looked fantastic in our blue hats. Much laughing was heard, and everyone had fun doing something few of us could imagine doing! Rock and roll music played and Lions were singing while they worked! This is exactly what we hope all of our service projects can be!

On Saturday, we began bright and early with a continental breakfast and the first of four rounds of seminars. Sixteen seminars were held, each lasting around 45 minutes. Seminar topics included: "People Helping People" by PDG Dick Silveira; "Unmasking My Lion" by PCC Ross Drapalik; "Lions 101" by PDG Karen Routson; "New Rules for Charity Gaming" by Mark Mason, Indiana Gaming Commission; "Active Shooter - What Do I Do?" by First Sgt. Ron Galaviz, Indiana State Police; "Open Your Eyes to Grants" by PDG Peg Van Nevel; "Diabetes: What is It?" by Lion Dr. Mel Prince; and many more!

After the first two seminars, a luncheon was held and our keynote speaker was Mike Kirch-

ner, former Ben Davis High School football coach, and current head coach at Mount Vernon High School in Fortville. He shared many stories with us about the fact that "Everyone Counts" and each of us makes a difference. We need to provide a caring setting for people, and through this we can shape roles in leadership.

During the day on Saturday, many Lions participated in the "Sock it to Me Project" and brought bags and bags of gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves. These items were separated and distributed among the seven districts. More than 1,500 items were donated.

The 31st conference has undergone many changes through the years, especially the location! We hope we have found a new home. What remains the same, though, is the quality of the seminars presented, the Leadership Learning that happens throughout the day, and the opportunity to meet and greet old friends and sit around and chat! An extra added bonus is meeting a new friend or two!

Not everything is perfect. The committee has always asked for evaluations, and we take those to heart, and try to make the next Mid-Winter Conference a better one!

Please plan to join us on Jan. 22-23, 2021, and invite more of your Lion friends!

Can LCIF Facebook fundraiser donations apply toward a Melvin Jones Fellowship?

LCIF Facebook fundraiser donations are not automatically applied towards your MJF/PMJF or credited to the organizer of the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Facebook fundraiser, unless the donor contacts LCIF.

For Facebook fundraisers you donate to in support of LCIF you will need to contact LCIF Donor Services at donorassistance@lionsclubs.org with a copy of your LCIF Facebook fundraiser donation receipt.

If you are a supporter of someone else's LCIF Facebook fundraiser and would like your donation to be applied toward your MJF/PMJF or applied to the organizer's as credit, you will need to share with LCIF Donor Services at donorassistance@lionsclubs.org a copy of your Facebook donation receipt.

Helen Keller said this: "Alone we can do so little - together we

can do so much." That is the purpose of LCIF - to combine our local resources and make a large global impact in ways that our individual clubs cannot.

Donations to LCI should be made either online at <https://www.lcif.org> (upper right corner click on "Donate") or the Foundation uses a lockbox service to receive and process all donations. Make checks out to LCIF and mail to the address below, not to the district treasurer. Be sure to include club number/Lions number and the appropriate recognition request form/Melvin Jones Fellowship application form and send to: Lions Clubs International Foundation

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Important announcement

If you are planning to attend the MD 25 State Convention in Bloomington April 24-26 and have not booked your hotel DO IT NOW! IMMEDIATELY!

There are no rooms available at Marriott Convention Hotel (attached to the Convention Center) for Saturday evening. If you need a room for that night, you'll need to book elsewhere.

This is a big weekend in Bloomington as it's Little 500 Bicycle Race Weekend. Call one of the other hotels NOW and book your reservations.

State Convention business session, caucuses and seminars information

The first business session will be at 5:00 p.m. Friday night in the Duke Energy Room West (upstairs) in the Convention Center. It will recess at 6:00 p.m. A flag ceremony will be led by the Sons of the American Revolution, Lion Ed Hitchcock, Bloomington Lions Club.

The second general business

session will be Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in Duke Energy East and West (upstairs).

The third and final general business session will commence Saturday at 12:30 p.m. in Duke Energy East and West.

District caucuses, Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.:

25A – Zebendon Room West

25B – Hansen Room East
25C – Duke Energy Room West
25D – Finch Room
25E – Ralph Rogers Room
25F – Cook Group East
25G – Cook Group West

Seminars, Saturday

10:45 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.:

1. “Diabetes” with Lion Dr. Mel Prince, Hansen Room
2. “LCIF/Campaign 100” with PID Linda and LCIF 25C District

Coordinator Karen McKellar, Cook Group West

3. “Email Scamming Information Technology” with DG Dan Wilcox, Ralph Rogers Room

4. “USA/Canada Forum Information” with PID Doug Lozier, Zebendon Room West

Seminars, Saturday

1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.:

1. “Cancer Control” with Lion Dottie Flack, Cook Group West
2. “Charity Gaming – Update of

Rules and How to Stay Out of Trouble!” with Assistant Director Of Indiana Charity Gaming Mark Mason, Ralph Rogers Room

3. “Childhood Cancer” with Lion Dr. Scott Phillips, Zebendon Room

4. “Eyeglass Mission Trip” panel discussion on how to plan a mission trip with PDG Kevin Roe, Lion Jeanine Juel, and Lion Alex Garcia, Hansen Room East

State Convention meals and featured speakers

Prepaid meals will be indicated by stickers on your name tag in your registration packet.

Bar-B-Q ribs or Bar-B-Q turkey meal with potato salad, baked beans, and assorted pies/cakes will be served Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Monroe County Fairgrounds, 5700 W. Airport Road, Bloomington, in the Auditorium. If you have prepaid and cannot arrive at the hotel before 5:00 p.m., your name will be on a list at the door.

Directions: 4.6 miles southwest of the Marriott Hotel. Head south on S. College Ave. from Marriott hotel/convention center for 0.02 mi., turn right onto West 2nd Street (Wendy’s on the corner). Go 2.1 miles and bear right onto IN-45S and go 1.7 miles. Turn right onto W. Airport Road and go 0.7 mile to the entrance of the Fairgrounds. The first intersection is South Bunker Road. If you reach S. Kirby Rd, you’ve gone too far.

The Saturday noon Awards Luncheon (W. P. Woods, & LCIF) is upstairs in the Convention Great Room.

It’s time to think about nice weather, picnics, and fun family gatherings, so join us as we recognize some Lions and enjoy either a cool refreshing salad or a club sandwich, either entrée complete with chips, fruit cup, cookie, and choice of drink. Some have asked, “Can I have a salad with my sandwich?” Yes, but you would need to order two meals, and this would be indicated by the sticker on your nametag. If you have questions, just ask, and we will try to accommodate.

The speaker will be Lion Dianne Corlew, a member of the Lascasas-Milton, Tenn., Lions Club. She worked 35 years as a physician’s assistant in pediatrics. She has been a speaker for many multiple district conventions, women’s symposiums, and leadership seminars. She is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, a WP Woods Fellow, a Betty Coffey Fellow, a Lindsey Jennings Fellow, and has received an Ambassador of Good Will. She enjoys yard work/gardening, sewing, decorating, and photography. She and her husband, PIP Bob Corlew, have five children, three daughters, two sons, and nine grandchildren.

Saturday night’s All State Banquet will commence with a receiving line at 6:15 p.m. to meet the District Governors and international guests if you desire. Feel free to go straight into the Great Room. The Indiana State Police will provide the flag honor guard. Dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m. and will consist of either citrus glazed pork chop or chicken piccata, rosemary red potatoes and vegetable medley, and rolls. The speaker will be Past International President Chancellor Bob Corlew.

The 10:00 a.m. Sunday brunch buffet will take place in the Great Room.

The buffet is sponsored by Leader Dog and Indiana Lions Leader Dog. The menu will consist of eggs, bacon, ham, chicken, home fries, green beans, seasonal fresh fruit, and assorted sweet loaf breads. The speaker will be Jeff Hawkins, a Leader Dog Representative. Jeff and his Leader Dog, Gracie, travel the country talking about Leader Dog. He is a successful businessman, snow skier, and a passionate ice hockey player. He resides in Michigan with his wife, Linda.

Special activities at the State Convention

Friday daytime hours will be “open” so that Lions can enjoy walking on the B-Line trail adjacent to the Convention Center, shopping, walking through Indiana University Campus, or visiting nearby Nashville, Indiana shops on their own.

Lions Golf Scramble will be available Friday morning at the Cascade Golf Course from 9:30

a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Anyone wanting to play should contact PDG Vern Tinchler (Cell: (812) 229-0544 or home (812) 894-2750). Participants should meet at the golf course by 9:30 a.m. Cost about \$40 with lunch.

The Exhibit/Display Room in the Olcott Room at the Convention Center will be open Friday noon to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Last year’s Euchre Tournament went over so well, we were asked to include it again this year. It will be held in the Finch Room Friday starting approximately 7:30 p.m. If you can bring a gift card to be used as a prize, it would be appreciated. For questions, please contact PDG

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2020 Indiana Lions State Convention

Hosted by District 25C

April 24, 25, 26, 2020

Bloomington/Monroe County Convention Center
302 South College Ave., Bloomington, Indiana

Special Guests: Past International President Bob Corlew and Lion Dianne Marriott Convention Hotel (attached to Convention Center)

310 South College Ave., Bloomington, IN 47401 (Free Parking available at Convention Center)

Room Rate: \$139.00 per night, plus tax, **until March 23, 2020**

Call 1-800-321-2211 or 1-812-335-8000 for Reservations (Mention “Indiana Lions Convention”)

NOTE: There are many other hotels in Bloomington, but this is Little 500 Weekend at IU, so be sure to book early!

Alternate Hotels in Bloomington are:

Hyatt Hotel, 1 ½ Blks. North of Convention Ctr., \$119 per night (812-339-5950), 217 S. Kirkwood Ave.

(The Hyatt Hotel charges \$10/day for parking, but serves free breakfast daily)

Fairfield Inn, 2.5 mi. from Conv. Ctr., \$103 per night, Breakfast included; (812-331-1122), 120 S. Fairfield Dr.;

Quality Inn, 2.2 mi. from Conv. Ctr., Breakfast included, 1100 W. Rappel Ave., \$70-80 per night (812-558-2289)

Registration Form (one form per person)

Deadline: All Registrations must be postmarked by April 10, 2020

Please print name/Lion Title as desired on name badge:

Name and Lion Title: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

District: _____ Club: _____ E-mail: _____

Friday Evening BBQ Dinner \$15.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Lunch: Choose 1 below: \$10.00 = \$ _____

Garden Salad _____ or Club Sandwich _____

(Both include chips, fruit salad, cookie & drink)

Saturday Night Banquet: Choose 1 below \$25.00 = \$ _____

Chicken Piccata _____ or Citrus Glazed Pork Chop _____

(Please mark as needed: Gluten free _____ Vegetarian/Vegan _____)

Sunday Brunch \$15.00 = \$ _____

Friday Golf Outing (Pay at golf course \$40.00)

Strides Walk T Shirt Size (S to 2XL) _____ \$10.00 = \$ _____

2020 Indiana Convention Pin \$ 4.00 = \$ _____

Total Registration Paid \$ _____



Mail This Registration Form and your Check, payable to

Indiana Lions State Convention 2020, to:

PDG Jim Query, 2408 Shepard Patrick Rd., Spencer, IN 47460

(Contact info: 1-812-829-4496 or jequery@bluemarble.net)

You may also Register Online and pay with PayPal: www.indianalionsconvention.org