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## Vic Fischer to serve as council chair

District Governor Vic Fischer, 25-G, will serve as Council Chairman during the 2016-17 Club year.

Fischer and his wife, Diane, are members of the Lakeville Lions Club. The couple resides on a horse farm outside North Liberty. They joined the Lakeville Lions Club in May 2010 and are part of their family's three generations of Lions currently serving the community as Lakeville Lions. His father-in-law, Dave Court, is a Past District Governor.

He is a W. P. Woods Fellow, Melvin Jones Fellow and a graduate of LCI's Emerging Lions Leadership Institute.

A graduate of Purdue University, he is retired as a landing systems engineer specializing in



VIC FISCHER

naval aviation. He is currently operations manager for a local business. For 28 years he has farmed 200 acres and continues to raise row crops, cattle and horses.

He and Lion Diane have four children and one grandchild. They enjoy camping, horseback riding and spending time with family and friends at Potato Creek State Park.

He served his Club as President in 2014-15 and has been on the Club's board of directors for six years. His is chairperson of the Club's signature Toys for Tots and Christmas Food Basket project. He served as Zone Chairperson for three years and as First and Second Vice District Governor.



**DISTINGUISHED LION** — Past Council Chairperson Paul W. Rider, second from right, is the 2016 Indiana Distinguished Lion. From left in the photo are Andy Dybel, PDG Steve Marsh, Rider and PCC Bob Booher.

## PCC Paul Rider is Distinguished Lion

Past Council Chairman Paul W. Rider was named Indiana's Distinguished Lion at this year's State Convention. Rider has been a Lion for over 51 years.

He served as District Governor of 25-B in 1972-73 and Council Chairman in 1973-74. He has made six eyeglass missions to Comayagua and one to El Salvador.

The Riders served as hosts to 32 people in 10 years

from the countries of New Zealand, Australia, Denmark, Japan, Germany, Norway and England.

A member of the Shoaff Park Lions Club, he is currently serving as chairman of Sight Conservation and has screened over 26,000 children through Kid-Sight since 2004.

Rider is a progressive Melvin Jones recipient and a W. P. Woods Fellow.

## Council Chairperson's Corner

By CC Jeff Schafer  
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## It's time to reflect back on your year

It's hard to believe that another Lion Year is upon us and my time as your Council Chairperson is coming to an end. Lion Sheryl, FLD Bella, CC Molly and I have really enjoyed the past year traveling the great state of Indiana visiting Lions in all the crossroads throughout Indiana.

I hope each of you reflect back on your year as District Governor, President, Secretary or other Club or project positions to really think about the goodness of what the Lions in your community are providing. I'm hoping you walk away with a satisfying feel-  
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## Reading Action Program

BY LINDA MADDEN  
Reading Action Chairperson

Finding where your Club can fit in a Reading Action Program project is an important decision. An effective literacy project can fill an important need in your community. It has been proven that education is best way to reduce poverty.

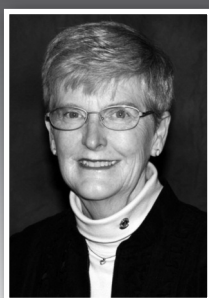
Check with your local library to find out what volunteer help they could use with adult education programs or the children's department. It could be as simple as reading with an adult or child. Your local library will be

able to help you select a variety of choices that might interest your club. Invite someone from the library's staff to a club meeting so your members can learn about these volunteer opportunities. The library could also direct you to other possible areas in the community where volunteers are needed for literacy programs.

The United Way in your community may also be able to help you learn about different volunteer needs in the area of literacy.

Teachers, pastors/priests, local colleges or universities are also a great source of information in finding a volunteer literacy project.

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## Linda's Journal

By ID Linda Tincher

## The experience of a lifetime

The old saying "time flies, when you're having fun" is often heard, but there isn't a truer statement. It seems like only yesterday I was elected to be International Director in Toronto. In reality it was 23 ½ months ago! In just a few more weeks, I will become a Past International Director. This has been the experience of a lifetime.

During the past two years, I served on the Public Relations

Committee and on the Family & Women Action Committees. I have learned so many new things. I have travelled to places I only thought about visiting in my dreams.

I learned to be a spokesperson and speak out about issues concerning Lions. I learned to be an advocate to Congressmen for the Volunteer Protection Act and  
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**PRESIDENT VISITS** — Lions Clubs International President Dr. Jitshiro Yamada was the keynote speaker at the Indiana Lions State Convention held in Shipshewana.

He took a very active part in the weekend's events.


The top photo shows him as he made his way to the head table for Saturday night's banquet. The insert shows IP Yamada as he addressed the attendance breaking crowd of Lions and guest at the banquet.







# Roars from A



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## State Convention and final thoughts

By GOV. RANDY GREER

It is hard to believe, I am writing my final Hoosier Lion article as your District Governor. The most enjoyable part of this job has been going to official visits and meeting all the great Lions throughout this District. The 25-A Lions believe "Where there's a need there's a Lion."

The State Convention in Shipshewana was well attended. Special thanks to International President Dr. Yamada for coming to our State Convention and sharing Dignity, Harmony and Humanity with us. Congratulations to Lion Rhonda Weston and PDG Kevin Roe for receiving the Presidential Medals at the Convention, well deserved. We also, want to congratulate Lion Chuck DeLa-Casas and Lion Harold Hamann for receiving the Distinguished Lions Certificates; these are awards for many years of dedicated service to Lions. Many thanks, to all the Lions that worked the hospitality room at the State Convention. The wide open hospitality room was really great, a little crowded at times, but everybody enjoyed themselves. The food, seminars, and the great camaraderie were fantastic. Thanks to District G for hosting the Convention. We look forward to celebrating 100 years in Evansville next year!

Officer's training has taken place, special thanks to our instructors, GLT Connie Roe, PDG Mike Gutyan, GMT Doug Schmeltz, ZC David Dickinson and Lion Pat Greer for all the time they put into this program.

Governor-elect Patty Cooke, brings a new look to Lions with that great big smile and lots of enthusiasm. She will do a great job. She will have First Vice District Governor-elect Robin Smith who has a lot of knowledge and experience and PDG Dennis Brown who has been there twice before helping her.

Special thanks to Lion Bill Ellis, he did a great job as our Newsletter Editor. He needs a round of applause. There are so many

Lions to thank so; we will say Thank-You to everyone! Lion Pat and I are looking forward to some down time, but we will always be just a phone call away, as the

Lions of District 25-A will always have a special place in our hearts. Remember to Ask 1 so we can continue to Serve!

**THREE SPECIAL LADIES** — DG-elect Patty Cooke, Lion Pat Greer, and First VDG-elect Robin Smith were caught in the camera's eye at the State Convention Banquet.



**DISTINGUISHED LION NOMINEES** — Lion Chuck DeLaCasas and Lion Harold Hamann were presented the Distinguished Lion certificates for their many years of service by Andy Dybel, Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee.

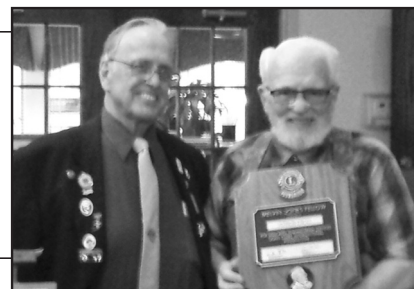


**AT CONVENTION** — CS Judy Shaffer, DG Randy Greer, Lion Pat Greer and CT Gary Shaffer were caught having fun at the Blue Gate Inn at the State Convention.

**PRESIDENTIAL MEDALS** — Lion Rhonda Weston and PDG Kevin Roe were awarded Presidential Medals during the State Convention Banquet.



**MELVIN JONES FELLOW** — Portage Lions Club President Ken Anderson presents a Melvin Jones Award to Lion Vern a member of the Portage Lions during a Zone Meeting.



**SERVICE AWARD** — South Haven Lions Club President Carolyn Laviolette presented an award to Zone Chair Pat Kalina for her many years of service.



**BRAILLE** — Lions of District 25-A learn how to type books to be transcribed into Braille.



**FIRST LADIES** — The five wives of Indiana's District Governors enjoyed spending time together during the Sunday Brunch at the State Convention. From left are Lion Pat Krauter of 25-B, Ann Brown of 25-F, Lion Karenl McKellar of 25-C, Lion Pat Greer of 25-A and Lion Diane Fischer of 25-G.



**AT STATE CONVENTION** — Lions of District 25-A are shown at the State Convention Banquet.

## It's time

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ing that without a Lions Club in that community, there would be a significant hole where community needs are not being met. Your accomplishments should reflect the needs of your community and should be significant. If

not, then you should probably get together with your community leaders and find out what their requirements are and build new Lion projects around their needs. This will breathe new life into your Club and hopefully bring about new members.

I would like to congratulate this year's Council of Governors along with our Global Membership Team Chair, PDG Paul Russell in making a significant improvement in our membership growth. Since May 2015 we have 116 more members (either by

retention or recruitment of new members). Our year to date membership growth is minus 82 (-82) whereas last year at this time we were at minus 198 (-198). At the beginning of my Governor year (back in July 2014, I stated that turning the membership growth around would be like turning an aircraft carrier, it will take some time to come around 180 degrees! We're getting there and if the upcoming Council of Governors embrace the same passion as this year's Governors did, we should be just about complete with making that turn and we should start seeing some positive membership growth in our state!

One of the other areas that we have worked on as the Council of Governors is technology. Most of the state projects and the Indiana Lions state's websites have been updated. We have successfully demonstrated the powerful use of

"GoToMeeting" which enables members who may not be able to travel to Indianapolis (or other locations) for the person-to-person meetings the ability to participate in their meetings from other locations. With the ever increasing demand on our time GoToMeeting makes it easy to connect with people. If you're interested in providing this capability for your next meeting, please contact PCC Sue Topf at the State Office (317) 824-1024 and she can setup the event for you.

I would like to add one more topic to the ever increasing technology challenges that we have in our lives. That would be MyLCI account located at the Lions Club International website. Most of you as regular members will never utilize this website portal, but your Club officers will, especially the Club Secretary. This (Continued on page 3)



**W.P. WOODS FELLOWSHIP HONORS** - The Lions pictured above received W. P. Woods Fellowships during the State Convention and received the beautiful gold plaques in honor of their fellowships. Dr. W. P. Woods was the first President of Lions Clubs International and was from Evansville.





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## All I can say is thank you

By GOV. KEN KRAUTER

My final article; so much has happened this past year, we have merged two Clubs (Brimfield and Rome City), we have added over 80 new members to our District, our Peace Poster won the Indiana State Peace Poster Contest and was submitted to International for judgment. District B had two Lions received the International Leadership Award, our District is building housing for USABA organization, and so much more.

What a great year and all I can do is say "THANK YOU" for everything "YOU" have done.

The Clubs that have added three or more new members during this past year are Bluffton Lions, Albion Lions, Auburn Clas-

sic, Auburn Lions, Huntstown Lions, and Rome City/ Brimfield Lions.

I would like to thank PCC Greg Jeffery for all of the work he has done with the International Understanding & Cooperation Committee. This will be his last year going down to Latin America; we will be in need of someone to take over this project and learn from Lion Greg.

I would like to thank DGE Al Arnold and VEDGE Roger Cash for everything they have done this past year helping to make our District become a better place. Also, I can't forget to thank all of the Zone Chairs — ZC Keith Han-

son, ZC Linda Garfield, ZC Kevin McDermit, ZC Paul Rowe, ZC Janice Platzer, ZC Jim Elliott, and ZC/ Second VDG Rodger Cash — for the great job they have done for me.

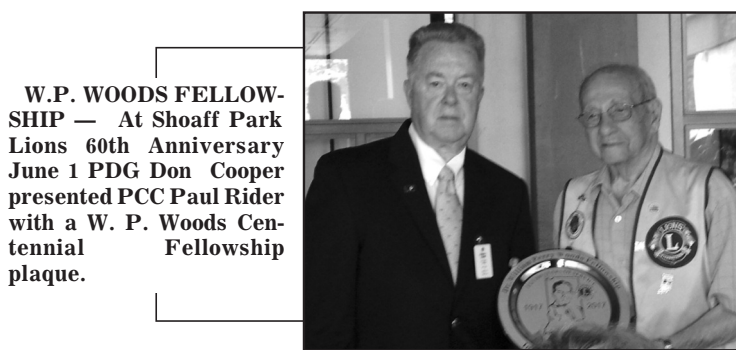
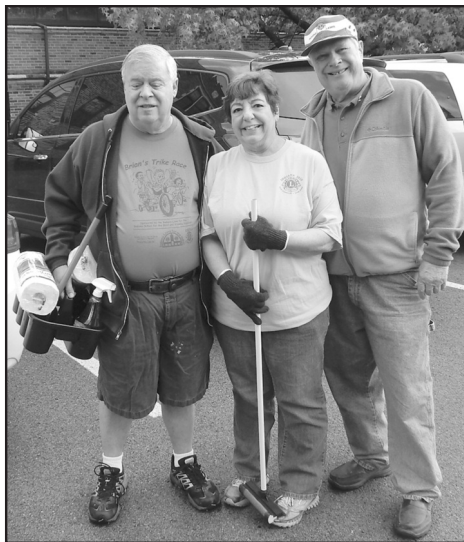
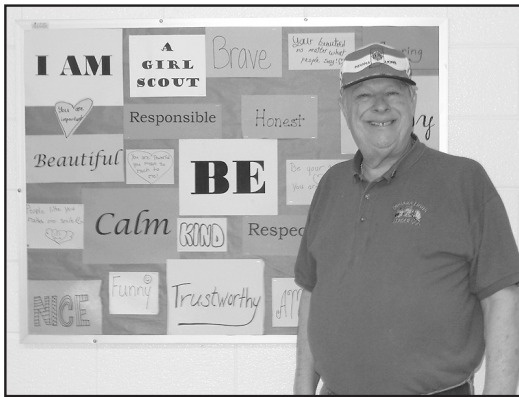
While I hand out many thanks go to our GMT PDG Kaylene Souers and GLT PID Dave Fiandt for all the work they have done this past year.

Finally I can't forget to thank my own daughter, Carrie Healey, for the great job she did on our Newsletter. I have had many compliments about the work she did on the newsletter.

THANK YOU everyone — DG Ken



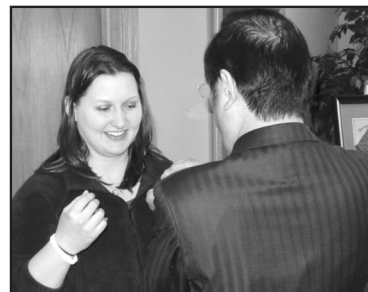
WORK DAY AT INDIANA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED



W.P. WOODS FELLOWSHIP — At Shoaff Park Lions 60th Anniversary June 1 PDG Don Cooper presented PCC Paul Rider with a W. P. Woods Centennial Fellowship plaque.



AT ANNIVERSARY — These Lions were among those who enjoyed the festivities at Shoaff Park's 60th anniversary.



NEW AUBURN LIONS — IP Yamada is shown inducting new Lion at Auburn Classic just prior to the State Convention.



WITH THE PRESIDENT — Shown are PIP Wayne Madden and Linda Madden and DG Ken and Lion Pati with IP Yamada.

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position plays a vital role in your Club's ability to report membership status and Club activities on a monthly basis. In today's technology challenging environment the ability for our clubs to report accurately the status of our membership and activities is vital not only to your club, but to the district and state officers.

Additionally, in order for your Club to participate in the Centennial Service Challenge, it is paramount that you report your activities through MyLCI activities to get credit for the various activities and to help LCI reach the goal of serving over 100 million people by 2018. District 25-C has been very proactive with its Clubs reporting 100 percent throughout this past year (and many previous years) in their monthly membership reports. For the upcoming year, I challenge the District Governors, Presidents and Secretaries to use MyLCI for report-

ing your MMR and Club activities.

I would be remiss if I did not take a little time (space) to mention the upcoming events in our state. I encourage each one of you to attend your Governor's upcoming Banner Night/Dinner and Cabinet meetings. You'll learn a lot about Lionism, events going on in your district, and meet some good people doing great things in their community. The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is scheduled for Sept. 15-18 in Omaha, Nebraska. This is one of the best forums that provide over 60 leadership seminars and service project seminars in topics that help support our service campaigns of Engaging our Youth, Sharing the Vision, Relieving the Hunger and Protecting the Environment. Locally on Nov. 6 we'll have our annual Fall Leadership Conference at the Plainfield High School. Please take the time over this

next year to attend/participate in these events.

I would like to wish our incoming District Governor-Elect's (25-A: Patty Cooke, 25-B: Alan Arnold, 25-C: Ross Drapalik, 25-D: Steve Holtzleiter, 25-E: Trea McCandless, 25-F: Wayne Karanovich, and 25-G: Peg VanNevel) the best success for their upcoming year. Additionally, I would like to also wish CCE Vic Fischer (along with Lion Diane) the best success for the upcoming year. We are blessed every year to have such outstanding members step forward to commit their personal time to help lead the way in community service and Lionism.

I would like to say "Thank You" to ID Linda Tincer, PCC Sue Topf (State Administrative Secretary) and PCC Vernon Provines (State Comptroller) for helping me through this year as your Council Chair. Without these outstanding Lions I'm cer-

tain my year would have been significantly harder. Additionally, I would like to especially Thank my wife, Lion Shery, for her support, encouragement and love over the past year in my endeavors in carrying out my role as council chair!

Finally, I would like to thank all of the Clubs in our great state of Indiana and to each member for the part you play in providing the

excellent services in your community. To modify a famous quote by Admiral Arleigh Burke: "The Lions (vice Navy) have both a tradition and a future - and we look with pride and confidence in both directions." Remember, we (the Lions) will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary in 2017, keep up the great work in your community and let's build a solid foundation for the next 100 years!

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## A good year

BY GOV. DICK MCKELLAR

We are coming to the close of this District Governor year; only a few more days before we turn it over to the new District Governor. To thank everyone for the tremendous effort this year on behalf of the District would take our whole page. So many have stepped up in so many areas.

It has been a fun-filled, exciting and informative year for both Karen and me. By the time you get this issue of The Hoosier Lion we will have visited all 56 Clubs. We have been treated with courtesy and respect and have found that all Clubs are the same but each one is unique. So many ideas garnered from these visits. So much service given by each Lion. It is truly amazing what we do as Lions. Heard a presentation a short time ago by PID David Fiandt at the Plainfield 90th anniversary celebration. He com-

mented that there is so much that goes on with Lions that the general public has no idea it is happening. He then went on to illustrate with examples.

And, it is true. How many people know that Clubs buy eyeglasses for children who can't afford them so that they will get a quality education? How many really know that Clubs like Spencer provide meals in the summer for children who would not normally get them? How many really know that the Lions of District 25-C screened several thousand school age children so far this year? Was it in the local news? Don't think so, yet it is important enough that it should have been. How many non-lions out there know we have five state projects, Cancer Control, Eye Bank, Leader Dog, Speech & Hearing and Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired? Not many. We do good things

except for "promoting" what we do.

I think I will sum up this DG year by saying THANK YOU to ID Linda and PDG Vern for the mentoring; to my wife, Karen, for carrying the heavy end of this journey; to DGE Ross Drapalik; First VDGE Chloe Weyrauch; Cabinet Secretary Gretchen Xinopoulos; the cabinet newsletter editor Charlotte Query; Public Relations Sara Provines; zone chairs; appointed state committee Lions; all of the 1,581 Lions in District 25-C; and Eric Ahlbrand for going the extra mile. We are not finished. Give the DGE all of your support in the coming year.



**AMISH BUGGY RIDE** — Attending a Lions State Convention is not all work and no play. DGE Ross Drapalik, Lion Jennifer and Lion Cub Danielle took some time to take in an Amish buggy ride while in Shipshewana.

**DANIELLE AND THE PRESIDENT** — Lion Cub Danielle Drapalik posed with Lions International President Yamada at the State Convention in Shipshewana. It is never too early to involve our children in our Lion activities. Danielle is the daughter of DGE Ross Drapalik and Lion Jennifer.



**CONGRATULATIONS** — DGE Ross Drapalik congratulates Lion Charlotte during the hospitality hours at the State Convention in Shipshewana.

### The Fudge Lady

She may be known throughout the District and the State as "The Fudge Lady" but she is that and much more to the Spencer Lions Club. Lion Charlotte Query is one of those "Everyday Heroes" who works continually serving wherever she is needed - for Lions and for the community. Our wholehearted "Congratulations!" go to Lion Charlotte upon receiving a Presidential Leadership Medal at the All-State Banquet during the State Convention in Shipshewana. The medal was presented by International President Yamada.



**TEACHER APPRECIATION** — The New Goshen/West Vigo Lions Club served breakfast for parents and children of Fayette Elementary School in New Goshen on May 24 in honor of Teacher Appreciation Day. Lions Paul Elkins, Cecelia Stiles, Judy Waters and Fred Waters helped to serve 200 adults and 152 children.



**CLEANING UP** — Lebanon Lions cleaned up debris around the Boone County Courthouse during the annual Rotary Cleanest City campaign. Lion Bud Milner (Vice-President) and Lion Tom Rumble (Secretary), sweep up while Lion Cristy Schlientz supervised.

## Logansport Charter Night

Charter Night for the new Logansport Lions Club will be July 9th. Invitations will be mailed to all 25-C Clubs. Please

plan to attend to celebrate this new member of our 25C Lions Pride. Watch your mailbox for details coming soon!



**HOME CLUB** — DG Dick and Lion Karen with members of their home Club (Zionsville) at the All-State Banquet during the Convention in Shipshewana.

## Thank you from 25-C

As we approach the end of the 2015-16 Lions year, District 25-C wishes to express a huge "Thank you!" to DG Dick and Lion Karen for their leadership during this Lions year. Thank you for hugging, smiling, listening, caring, supporting, praising, growing,

sharing, celebrating, sacrificing, compromising and understanding. We are looking forward to working with you for many years to come. "Thank you" to the Zionsville Lions Club for sharing Dick and Karen with the District.

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## Reading

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Once you know the needs in your community. Make a list of ones your Club might be interested in. Let the Club decide

whether they want to use personal time, resources or both. Work with the library, teachers, Head Start programs, schools, shelters or a senior center to set your project up.

Ideas are endless: Reading Buddies, tutoring, creating Little Free Libraries, mentoring, running a used book store, giving dictionaries, reading or recording books for the visually

impaired, buying school supplies, helping with homework, teaching computer skills, creating a library in a VA hospital, buying storybooks for low income children, hosting a celebration party for reaching a literacy goal, handing out dictionaries to school children, setting up a library in a children's ward at a hospital and have a bi-weekly a story time for them, giving a book to a child who has gone through a Kid-sight Screening, and why not put a book in a weekend food backpack that comes back on Monday.

Think about what your Club can do for the Reading Action Program over the summer. If you have questions please contact me at lwmad-den745@hotmail.com.



**MELVIN JONES FELLOWS** — Lions shown above received their Melvin Jones Fellowships at the State Convention. Also pictured are International President Jitsuhiro Yamada from Japan, Past International President Wayne Madden and Indiana's LCIF Chairman Gary Ochs.





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## What a great day to be a Lion

By GOV. BETTY WEIST

What a journey this year has been! Going to Hawaii last June to District Governor-Elect School with 750+ DGE's from around the world and meeting then First International Vice President Dr. Yamada was a once in a lifetime experience. And then to have International President Yamada at our own Indiana State Convention this spring was just icing on the cake.

My Banner Night in Pendleton, District Cabinet Meetings at Albany, Tipton, Lapel and Union City Lion Dens, and the District Convention held at the Military Museum in Anderson are all very fond memories that will last a lifetime. But nothing like the pleasure of visiting Lions Clubs and learning about the fascinating and worthwhile contributions Lions make in their communities and meeting the most wonderful service-minded Lions in the world - right here in Dynamic District D.

This year of Dignity, Harmony and Humanity have meant much to me and to Lions around the world. Dr. Yamada has led us well as an International President and his legacy will live on.

Our District will be well led with Lion Steve Holtzleiter as District Governor. He has been such a help to me this year and will be a real asset to the District and State. Lion Katherine is a real jewel and will represent our District so well as "first lady." She is a Trustee for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and became a Leader Dog puppy raiser this last year.

I was very excited and privileged to name First VDGE Cindy Wright as District Lion of the Year at the last Cabinet Meeting. Lion Cindy has been such a help to me and a credit to Lions. She is a non-stop worker and deserves all of our appreciation. She will be asking all of our Clubs to assist her as she plans for the District Display at the Min-

netrista Center in Muncie for the Centennial Celebration in 2017.

I am very proud of Second VDGE Isabel Atcheson from the Marion Club for stepping up to leadership in the District. Lion Isabel has been a Leader Dog puppy raiser for years and is a devoted Leader Dog Trustee and Lion. Our District is in fine hands and we grow in Lionism in the years to come.

Three District D Lions who have been an asset to this District Governor and District D are: Cabinet Secretary Lion Dan Richison, Cabinet Treasurer Sally Cook and Newsletter Editor PDG Sandra Price. These are three of the most knowledgeable, intelligent, hard-working, worthwhile, experienced, valuable, useful, worthy and, oh yes, humble team members a Governor could ever ask for. I thank them deeply.

I would be amiss if I didn't mention my mentor and best friend, PDG Doug Owens. I thank him for the years of friendship and encouragement. What a pleasure to have Pendleton Lions Club honor Doug recently with a W.P. Woods Medallion and for the Indiana Lions Foundation Trustees to honor him with a reception and plaque at his retirement as a Trustee with the Foundation.

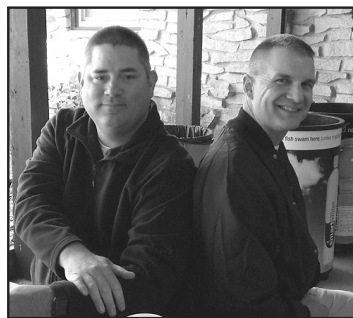
Lions, it has been an honor to serve you this year and it remains A GREAT DAY TO BE A LION.



AT STATE CONVENTION — IP Yamada with DG Betty and PDG Jack at the State Convention.



AT PRE COUNCIL MEETING — DGE Steve working hard at the Pre Council meeting. Also pictured is ID Linda.



COMPARING NOTES — ISG Sgt. Tony Slocum of the Anderson U Law Camp and ISG Sgt. Eric Dunn of the Vincennes U Law Camp compare notes at the golf outing in Anderson.

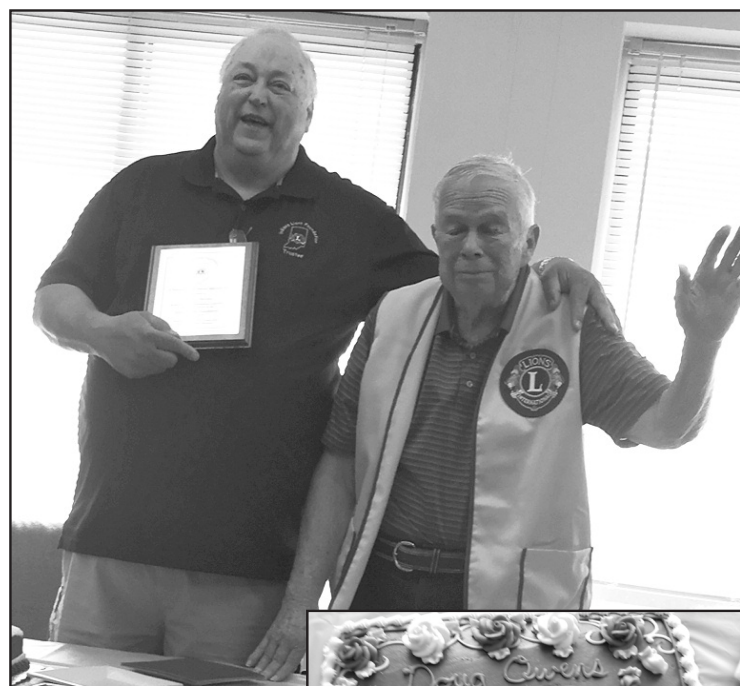
INSTALLATION — DGE Steve Holtzleiter installs Lion Jeanne Stiers as President of the Anderson Noon Lions Club.



BUSY LION — PDG Doug Owens busy at work early Saturday morning, June 10, cooking pancakes with the Pendleton Lions Club during the June Jamboree.



W. P. WOODS HONORS — PDG Doug Owens received a Progressive W.P. Woods Medallion Fellowship from the Pendleton Lions Club on May 24. Making the presentation is PDG Steve Marsh, President of the Indiana Lions Foundation.



HONORED AT RECEPTION — On June 10 the Indiana Lions Foundation Trustees held a special reception for PDG Doug Owens. Doug is stepping down from the board of trustees from District D after many years of serving. President Steve Marsh presented PDG Doug a plaque. Also shown is the cake made to honor PDG Doug.



## The experience

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Quest issues. I have assisted Lions with district mergers, election ballot counting and club training and other issues. I've learned about Lioness Clubs, the Lions Centennial, Eyeglass Recycling, Newsletter Contests and more issues than I can address here regarding the Lion Magazine.

Most of all, my Lion family has been extended to include Lions in the 25 states I have visited: NY, WI, MN, CA, WV, GA, NC, FL, MO, IL, ND, PA, MA, OH, CO, WA, AR, AZ, HA, LA, IA, OR, OK, KY. A couple of states we visited twice. International Board Meetings were held in Arizona and Prague the first year, then Savannah, Ga., and Budapest the second year. Since the Public Relations Committee was addressing issues

with the Lions Magazine, and we were only 40 minutes from Augsburg, Germany, where The Lions Magazine Editor's Conference was being held, I also attended that conference.

Why did we travel out of the country? Because we ARE an International organization - with a total of 34 board members. If the board meetings are always in the U.S., the Asian and European Directors must fly here...it's a long trip. It's only fair that the 14 (soon to be 11) U.S. Directors should also fly the long flights to get to a board meeting. (Next year the board meetings will be held in Nashville, Tenn., and Greece.)

Some Lions ask why meetings can't be held at Headquarters in Oakbrook, Ill. Some are, but it's all about trying to even out the travel distance for everyone -

not just the U.S. Directors. Flying today is stressful; it is not the easiest mode of transportation anymore! Just check out my Facebook page.

I can honestly say every director has a passion for Lionism. Conducting the business of an International organization is more involved than most know. Decisions must be made that some Lions may not like, or understand. But after reflection, we can only hope Lions will agree that the actions taken were for the benefit of all.

My two-year term as one of the 34 International Directors in the world may be ending...but my love of Lions is NOT ending. Thank you for allowing me to represent you. I will continue to assist wherever I can and to honor our motto of "WE SERVE."

## A LCIF message from PIP Joe Preston

In your community, what does a dollar get you? In Italy it might be a cappuccino, in Japan it might be one nigiri, in the US it might be a piece of candy. But did you know that same dollar can cover the cost to immunize a child against measles for life through Lions' One Shot, One Life initiative?

Every day more than 400 children

lose their lives due to measles, and many others suffer severe complications. Measles is a highly contagious disease, so much so that when one person has measles, 90 percent of those they come in contact with will become infected if they have not been vaccinated. Through LCIF's partnership with Gavi, the

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## LCIF in Indiana reaches new 66.92 participation record

By PDG GARY OCHS  
Indiana LCIF Multiple District Coordinator

Congratulations to Everyone! We must share our good news about the Indiana Lions LCIF program with all Lions Clubs.

Indiana's LCIF Lions Clubs participation this past year July 2, 2015,

to June 30 has been completed. We have now set another new Indiana participation record of 66.92 percent. WOW, this is outstanding.

A special thanks to all of the LCIF District Volunteer Coordinators. As a respected Lion, you have served as an ambassador for Lions Clubs International Foundation. (Continued on page 8)





# Roars from E



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AT 90TH ANNIVERSARY — PID Joe Marcheggiani is shown at Salem Lions 90th anniversary .

# Reflecting on the year

By GOV. GLEN GEORGES

Hello Lions, we have come to the close of yet another Lions year. I have learned a lot about my Club, my District, my State, and my Organization. I hope you have too, and you have enjoyed your experience in your Lions Club.

As we move forward with a new board of District Governors, and new leaders in our Clubs, maybe we remember what it was like for us to be in those positions or what we hope to accomplish when we get to those positions. Let the new leaders lead and offer suggestions as kindly as possible. Be there to support them, to nurture them, and learn from them.

I was the energized with the Spirit of Lionism with the great turnout at State Convention in Shipshewana. Great job to all the Lions who helped make Shipshewana a great success. That's not just the Lions who help put the event on and planned the event, but to the Lions who attended to hear what our International president Dr. Yamada had to share with us. We share ideas, successes and lessons learned from our failures.

When I became a District Governor I thought I always had to have something to say that was very prolific or had great meaning behind it. I learned that Clubs

in my district and fellow Lions throughout the State would help me do great things. I never dreamed that I was able to be a District Governor.

It has been an experience of a lifetime that I will cherish all my years. We have Lions throughout the state who do many great things that go unrewarded and unnoticed. I appreciate each and everyone and your dedication to this great organization. We have Lions from all walks of life, all professions, and all backgrounds of heritage. One of the things that I enjoyed most was meeting the Lions throughout the state of Indiana and throughout my District. It was a joy to induct new Lion into one of the Clubs.

As I came up through the ranks as District Governor, folks would tell me about the miles and miles and miles that I would travel and put on my vehicle as I rose up to be a District Governor. Those were miles that were very happily given to the Lions to further our cause. My father once told me that a car does not make you money; it is only there to work for you. I know mine has worked very hard and will continue working very hard to support Lions Club.

It was fun meeting the members and Lions who have been District Governors and Secretaries and Presidents in our

Clubs and to hear about their experience and how it has touched their life.

We have had a great year in Lions for 2015-16. And I know we're going to have a wonderful year with great things in 2016-17. I have learned, I guess I knew this for a long time, that family is not always about blood relation, but rather the people who you meet and bring into your life. I firmly believe that people do not meet by chance but by divine intervention of our creator. I'm very thankful for the opportunity he has given me to meet as many of you as possible.

In closing my final article for our State newspaper I want to thank each and everyone of you for the great work you have done in promoting Lions, recruiting new Lions and supporting the development and improvement of our communities.



INDUCTING NEW LIONS — PID Joe Marcheggiani inducted the first two ladies in the Salem Lions Club.

ENJOYING HIS MEAL — Lion Terry Billing is enjoying his meal and his bib.



BROWNSTOWN INSTALLATION — PDG Mark Clark installed the officers of the Brownstown Lions for 2016-17. Officers are John Spurgeon, Secretary; John McCoy, Membership Chair; Mary Londot, Treasurer; Tom McCool, Director; Susie Glasgow, Tail Twister; Joan Bode, Frist Vice President. Mary Ann McMahan, President, is not pictured.

# A LCIF

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Vaccine Alliance, we have the opportunity to help prevent such outbreaks and save lives all around the world.

This year, to celebrate World Immunization Week, LCIF invites you to join the conversation on Facebook,

Twitter, and the LCIF Blog. Messages will highlight the ongoing worldwide health concern of measles and how Lions are mobilizing communities and financial support.

A valued supporter of LCIF's measles initiatives and an incredible member of our community, we need

your help to eliminate this preventable disease. Please support LCIF by making a gift to the One Shot, One Life Lions Measles Initiative. Remember, just one dollar can save a life.

Joe Preston, LCIF Chairperson and Immediate Past International President

**SPECIAL LIONS** — Shown are Lions from the state of Indiana who received Hoosier Distinguished Lion nominations. Indiana Lions Foundation President Steve Marsh is on the far left. He said the Lions represented 981 years of Lions service.



May 20, 2016

Becki Trepcos  
Coordinator for the Lions Loaner Hearing Aid Program  
Riley Hospital at IU Health  
705 Riley Hospital Drive  
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Dear Becki,  
Please share this with the Indiana Lions Club.

As a Riley audiologist for over thirty years, I was on staff when the Lions Club of Indiana began the hearing aid loaner program. Over the years, I saw so many adults and children benefit from this needed program.

What I did not expect, was to have one of my own family members benefit as well. My aunt, who is 102 years young and lives independently recently lost her hearing aids. She has a limited income and is needing to move to a situation where she will have others around her for community, although she will still be independent.

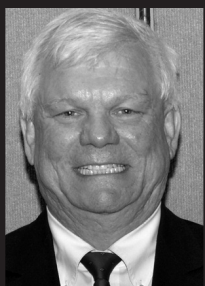
My aunt recently received her loaner hearing aids. The look of happiness on her face when the loaners were fit made me remember why I love the audiology profession so much. She called me a few days later to tell me she could hear the birds singing and was so pleased to be back in contact with the sounds of life.

I wanted to tell her story (and mine) to let you know how truly wonderful the Lion's Loaner Hearing Aid program is and how it touches so many lives in a positive way.

Thank you for helping my aunt and so many others!

Sincerely yours,  
Molly Pope, Audiologist (retired)





# Roars from F



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## We Serve

By GOV. JOHN BROWN

Hello Lions and greetings on this beautiful Spring Day here in Indiana as I write to you for the last time as your District Governor. When I started this journey three years ago as your Second VDG I knew that I had a lot to learn but I did not fully grasp the impact that Lionism makes across the State of Indiana! This is truly the greatest service organization in the world and we have much to be proud of as Lions!

Many of you told me when my year started as District Governor it would go by fast and you were absolutely right. From my first official Club visit with the New Salem Lions Club to my last visit on the Ohio River with the Jeffersonville Lions the year seemed to fly by.

I could not have made it through this year without the love and support of Lion Ann who was always there for me with wise counsel and a warm smile when everything was happening at once.

I also want to thank two very special Lions. Lion Cabinet Secretary Sarah and Lion Cabinet Treasurer Dick Getts. These two Lions were with me on almost every Club visit and scheduled the appointments and paid the bills. Without you I could not have gotten everything done. Thanks!

Our year started in Hawaii at the International Convention and I want to thank a great Council of Governors — DG Randy Greer, DG Ken Krauter, DG Richard McKellar, DG Betty Weist, DG Glen Georges and CCE Vic Fischer — for their friendship and support over the past three years. You are the best!! I also want to give a salute to CC Jeff Schafer. I know it felt like herding cats at times but you are the best “Lion Tamer” in the world! Thanks Jeff!!

We kicked the year off in District 25-F with Organization Day at Camp Woodsmoke and over 100 Lions were in attendance and

everyone enjoyed fried chicken with delicious side dishes brought by Lions from all over District 25-F. I did make the mistake of declaring the Hershey Almond Chocolate Bar the official candy of the District Governor that day. After 64 Club visits I can attest that practically every Club gave me a “Giant Hershey Almond Bar!” My waist line will never be the same!!

August brought my Banner night that was held at the Clermont Lions Club House. Thank you PCC Sue Topf and the Clermont Lions for being so generous and opening your doors for me and the Lions of District 25-F.

In October the Connersville Lions Club hosted the District Fall Cabinet Meeting at the beautiful John Miller Community Building with 92 Lions in attendance. Under the leadership of Lion President Bill Cox and the able assistance of PDG Earl Whipple and the Connersville Lions Club we had a fantastic Fall Cabinet Meeting! Not to be out done the Osgood Lions Club with the strong leadership that day of Lion Toni McDonald hosted our Winter Cabinet Meeting in Napoleon. The Good Lord smiled on us that day as over 85 Lions enjoyed 65 degree weather and a great Cabinet Meeting.

Our last District Function of the year was the District Convention held at the Indianapolis Colts Pavilion in Indianapolis. Hosted by the Pike Lions it was a great day for District 25-F with over 140 Lions in attendance. I want to thank my home Club, the Pike Lions, for your support and without your help this Convention would not have been the success it was. A special thanks to PCC Steve Winegardner, Pat Price and Russ Metzler.

I want to thank DGE Wayne Karanovich, First VDGE Melissa Baker and Second VDGE Ron Bigham for all their support through my year as District Governor. Whenever I was in need of something they were right there with support and encouragement! Good Luck next

year! I know you will do a great job!! A special thanks to District Chaplain Joe Foster who gave the best prayers and a wonderful Memorial Service at the District Convention.

My mentor and good friend PDG Bill Uhrig was only a phone call or text message away from answering any question I might have or offering encouragement. Thanks Bill! To all the PDG's from Bob Booher, Tom Slattery, Tom Flack, Peg Dawson, Jack Salsbery, Jack Buckland, Ed Reier, Carl Sharp, Earl Whipple, Carlos Dieckmann, Merle Goldman, John Scott, Steve Winegardner, Sue Topf, Reed Fish and the late Ray Hawkins I want to say thank you for your counsel and friendship.

In conclusion I want to thank you the Lions of District 25-F for making this such a special year for me. From my Zone Chairs and Trustees to the Club Presidents and Club officers that make this such a successful organization I say thank you from the bottom of my heart! Now on to Bigger and Better Things and Remember “We Serve”

## Keith “Brownie” Brown March 28, 1937-May 5, 2016

BY SECRETARY DAN PERRY  
Charlottesville Lions Club

Keith Brown joined the Lions in June 1965. He received his 50-year pin in 2015. In the process he held many positions —Tail Twister, Director, Activities Chair, Lion Tamer, Vice President and President from 1996 to 2005, spanning nine years. Keith lived our Lion Motto “to serve.”

Keith was a kind, caring and loving man. He loved his family, country and community. He seemed to be a friend to everyone but like all of us there was a few, very few, not so favorite. Keith was very soft hearted, he would help any of us. He was dedicated to his community and served on the fire department and in our Lions Club. People would come to our events and say “hi” and speak



**SPECIAL OLYMPICS** — Indy Washington Township Lions Club President Ron Bigham, coach, is shown with the Washington Township Special Olympics Unified Basketball Team at State Games on March 26. The team took bronze and gold medals.



**INDUCTION** —New Lions are shown being inducted into the Greater Greenwood Lions Club in District 25-F. Installed were new, associate and affiliate members.



**NEW LEO CLUB** — Tindley Leo Club was sponsored by Center Township Lions Club. Shown are members of the new Tindley Leo Club, with members of the Indy Center Township Club. The second photo shows Lion Yvette Glenn pinning her son Leo Joseph Glenn and Tindley Leo Club President Taran Richardson.



with him, be it fellow farmers, agriculture associations and even the many kids he hauled to school, their love and affection for him was so neat.

His commitment to the community for the Lions, east Hancock schools and athletics is unmatched. He will be missed greatly by me and my fellow Lions as we loved him.

Keith, I want to bid you adieu. I want to thank you for sharing your family and your family for

## Thank you

Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards and calls during my illness. These words of encouragement always mean so much. Thank you again.

Lions Paul and Myrna Shane

sharing you with us. Goodbye Lion Keith Brown, you have earned your rest.



**BLINDFOLD WALK** — Indy Washington Township Lion President Ron Bigham is shown doing a blindfold walk with a Leader Dog.

## PDG notes

### PCC Norm Witt dies in Florida

Word has been received of the death of PCC Norm Witt (25-A 1983-84) in Sebring, Fla., May 3. He was born April 4, 1940, in Medaryville. He graduated from Francesville High School in 1956.

On July 14, 1962, he married Sharon Lindvall, his wife of 54 years.

He began his career at the State Exchange Bank in Culver. Nor-



**PCC NORM WITT**

man and Sharon owned and operated the Witt Insurance Agency in Francesville. He served on the Peoples State Bank/Alliance Bank Board from 1984-2010 where he was chairman of the board for 21 years. He was a member of St. James Salem United Church of Christ.

He spent his life serving the Lions Club and was a member of the Francesville Lions Club. He was a Melvin Jones Fellow. He loved spending time with family; enjoyed dancing and golfing.

Surviving are his wife Sharon; daughter Rebecca [David] Baker of Alpharetta, Ga.; grandsons: Christopher Baker of Dallas, Texas, and Nathan Baker of Normal, Ill.; granddaughter Lauren

Baker of Alpharetta, Ga.; son Allen [Jane] Witt; granddaughters: Sarah Witt and Emma Witt of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; sister Dorajean (Witt) Keller of Edon Ohio; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Frank Witt and mother Dorothy (Garling) Witt.

Cards may be sent to his wife, Sharon, at 468 Spoonhill Drive, Sebring, FL 33875.

A celebration of the life of Norm Witt will be held 4-8 p.m. Sunday, June 26, at Orange Lake Resort, 8505 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway (UNIT No. 5616), Kissimmee, Fla.

Donations may be made to the Indiana Lions Foundation.

### Dottie Benson, wife of PDG Carroll Benson dies

Dorothy “Dottie” Benson, 88, passed on May 11 at St. Vincent Hospice, Indianapolis. She was the wife of PDG Carroll Benson (25 D 1997-98)

Dottie was a hair stylist/salon owner for over 60 years in Indianapolis. She was active in the Frankton Lions Club. Dottie and her husband, Carroll, are members of Frankton United Methodist Church, and also attend The Garden/St. Luke's UMC. She formerly resided in Elwood for 20 years before returning to Indianapolis in 2001.

Dottie is survived by her husband, Carroll; children, Michael

Chappell, Stephen J. Chappell, and Sue Chappell-Harmas; stepchildren, David Benson and Lydia Davies; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A funeral was held Wednesday, May 18 in Indianapolis. Burial followed at Elwood Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be directed to St. Vincent Hospice or Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana.

**Watch for  
More Information  
PDG Weekend Will  
Be Held At French Lick  
In September**





# Roars from G



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**NEW BREMEN LIONS CLUB —** PIP Wayne Madden congratulates Lion Austin Nielsen after installing him as President of the new Bremen Lions Club. Charter Night Festivities were held May 21 for the new club.



**OFFICERS INSTALLED —** PID Doug Lozier installed new officers for Leesburg Lions Club June 9. Lion President Larry Kammerer will end his term as President June 30 and Lion Justin "Tug" Curtis will be the President of the Club for 2016-17. PDG Charlie and PDG Ann Haffner were also guests for the event.



**FIRST PITCH —** Lion Cassie Lemons from Anderson and Leader Dog Stella represented the Lions 25-G Leader Dog Kennel Project as they walked the first pitch to the catcher prior to the start of the South Bend Cubs vs. West Michigan White Caps on June 5. A check was received in the amount of \$126 from the South Bend Cubs in support of the 25-G Kennel Project. The Lions enjoyed a day at the ball park and watching the Cubs defeat the White Caps.



**GOLF OUTING FOR LEADER DOG KENNEL —** The Lions of Zone I-A held a golf outing May 21 and raised \$6,306 for the 25-G Kennel Project. Shown are Zone Chair Mary Reed-Klempay presenting the check to Leader Dog Trustee PDG Jeri Seely and District Governor Vic Fischer.

## Experience the service together – celebrating success this Lions year

By GOV. VIC FISCHER

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.*—Margaret Mead

This quote from Margaret Mead brings each of our Lions Clubs throughout our district to mind. It doesn't matter if a Club is big or small it is all mighty. Truly committed to serving others and making a positive difference in its communities. Clubs working with Clubs in teams to reach goals not thought possible just a short time ago.

As we all know, there are four steps to the Lions Service Project Model. They include the Vision, the Mission, the To-do list and Celebrate Success. During this year we as a team have applied these tools towards accomplishing some absolutely amazing goals that will impact the lives of thousands of men, women and children in a positive manner for years to come.

I'm of course referring to the District Wide Kennel Project and

Operation School Sight project. Our initial goal was to provide at least two new kennels. We blew that goal out of the water because we are now working on kennel number six. We together have achieved something no one else has done. Your project has received national and international recognition and has been named as one of only seven recipients of the Healthy Hero's award. Congratulations Team 25G!

Another milestone is the implementation of our Operation School Sight Project. Again, through your efforts our clubs have teamed up and screened approximately 4,500 children so far this year. What's even better is this extremely important legacy project will continue to grow as we continue to add more schools and clubs to the program. **TEAM WORK** in action! This is just one example of how we are making the difference in the lives of so many children this year alone.

This year we have added two new Clubs to our District. One in

Bremen and the other in Nappanee. Our District has not added two Clubs in the same year in 17 years. This has been a learning experience for all of us. An added bonus is these same tools for Club building are used to re-member Clubs as well so help is on the way. A big OORAH to PDG Paul and his teams for making this milestone a reality!

Like the old saying goes, all good things must come to an end. On behalf of Lion Diane and myself, I would like to thank EVERYONE for your love, support, dedication, adventurousness, creativity, generosity and hard work towards making our year together a romping success for our District. This has been an incredible and wonderful journey. It also has been truly an honor and privilege to have served all the Lions in our District as your Governor this year. There is no possible way to properly express our gratitude and how proud we are of our Lions family and all that you have done and continue to do.

Please continue your support for DGE Peg as she begins her journey as well. Our new concurrent administrative practices that were initiated by DGE Marty Juel last year have helped to provide a clearer roadmap for me, DGE Peg, 1st VDGE Tom Polk and all our District members. The plan is to continue to refine this valuable tool as we move towards the future.

We together are an incredibly dedicated and united team who works tirelessly to make the lives of those in need better. The future is VERY bright for 25-G and the light will continue to grow brighter and brighter. That's just one reason why we continue to "Experience the Service Together."

Congratulations District 25-G on a job well done!

Thank you for all that you are doing and keep up the great work everyone.



**PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL —** Lion Rose Russell received the International President's Medal at the State Convention banquet. Lion Rose serves as secretary of the Lakeville Lions, treasurer of 25-G, was State Convention co-chair, serves as a member of the Indiana Foundation committee and helps to coordinate workers at the Indiana State Fair.

## LCIF in

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dation in your District. Also, thanks to the Indiana Council of Governors and all the participating Indiana Lions Clubs for their leadership.

Special congratulations to the Lions Clubs of District 25-C for both 100 percent Club participation and surpassing their goal with \$17,786.70. Congratulations also to District D for surpassing their goal with \$15,089.00; and District B for surpassing their goal with \$23,225.00; plus, District F coming close to passing their goal with \$24,252.12.

Also, we will be losing a very special LCIF District Coordinator in Martin Van Meter from District G this year. A big Indiana Lions thank you to Lion Martin for his outstanding

service to LCIF and representing his district. Great job!

Next year's 2016-17 challenge: Can we surpass 70 percent Club participation?

Over the past four years, the improved communication, reorganizing and a process of setting District goals was necessary. Remember, LCIF Club participation was just over 33 percent of the 404 Lions Clubs, but starting in 2012-13 participation increased to 41 percent; then in 2013-14 participation grew to 53 percent; in 2014-15 participation jumped to 61 percent. And now in 2015-16 LCIF in Indiana reaches a new 66.92 percent participation record. Simply said, congratulations to everyone ... Job well done! Starting this 2015-2016 year,

the LCIF District Coordinators attended a training session and meeting on July 11 at the Indiana Lions State Office building. Indiana's LCIF District Coordinators were as follows: District A - PDG Glenn Swanson and PDG Dennis Brown; District B - PID David Fiant and PCC Robert Morton; District C - Lion Karen McKellar; District D - PDG Mark L. Anderson; District E - Lion Sue Leffler, Lion Jennifer Wilson and Lion Ron Edwards; District F - Lion Kindra Schuler and Lion Don Mullen; District G; Lion Martin Van Meter.

Call your District Coordinator for a Lions Club LCIF presentation ASAP.

Let's keep LCIF moving forward because Indiana can do better.

## Coming Soon ~ Save the Date



November 5th 2016

28th Annual  
Indiana Lions  
Conference

(formerly Known as Mid Winter Conference)

Same Great Place-Plainfield High School  
Same Great Learning Experiences