

Lions adapt to put on great convention

By PCC's **BOB BOOHER AND REED FISH**, Co-Chairs of the Indiana Lions State Convention Committee

The Indiana Lions State Convention Committee would like to thank all those who were able to attend the 100th State Convention, held in Indianapolis from April 30 through May 2. We would also like to let those who were not able to attend due to pandemic concerns and other reasons that you were in our thoughts and were greatly missed, but we look forward to seeing you in 2022 as we hope Meetings and in-person attendance will have returned to normal.

Lions have been known to be able to “adapt on the fly” as challenges are presented to them. This was the case as the Committee had several last-minute changes caused by evolving Health Department requirements and the sudden illness that forced Past International President Bob Corlew to miss the Convention. International Director Justin Faber from Michigan responded with Lionlike quickness and was able to clear his calendar, make flight arrangements, and be our special guest with just a few hours notification.


It was fantastic to see the happiness of our Lions being able to gather again as a State after the COVID-forced cancellation of the 2020 Convention. The Members were able to conduct all the business of the State during the three business sessions, learned a lot during the seminars that covered a variety of subjects, enjoyed some great food at each of the meals, helped raise \$2,600 in the auction that was split among the State Projects and the Lions Foundation, were able to see friends and catch up with each other at the hospitality area, and most of all have FUN!

They were able to hear a great inspirational message from ID Faber, learn from former Indy-Car driver/team owner Sarah Fisher the importance of community support, Coach Mike Kirschner's reinforcement that every single person is important in life, and TV personality Patty Spittler addressing hearing loss and how she has been able to recover from it.

PDG Kathy Lozier conducted a very moving memorial service Sunday morning that celebrated and honored the lives of the Members who have passed since 2019 through April 2021.

A big THANK YOU to:

- The attendees in following all safety protocols that were in place to hold a meeting with that many people.
- PDG Vern and PID Linda Tincher, Co-Chairs of the 2020 Convention, for their guidance and support.
- Past International Directors Doug Lozier and Nick Xinopoulos.
- PCC Sue Topf.
- Each of the Committee Members who worked so hard to make this Convention take place.



Council Chairperson's Corner

By **CC Mitchell Semans**
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Lions step up when service is needed the most

Greetings, Indiana Lions:

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve this past year as Council Chair.

I would like to thank everyone for their Lionism as we did the best we could to get through this challenging year. The 100th State Convention was a great success, as everyone worked together to get things done.

That's what Lions do, we get things done. Whenever someone needs glasses or hearing aids, or whatever the need, they know the Lions will come through and get it done. WE SERVE has never meant so much as this past year when people really needed assistance and the Lions were there to help.

Several Districts got grants, several Clubs increased their support of the local food pantries across the state, and countless Lions were on Zoom meetings and coming up with unique and different ways to help their communities. Yes, there were difficulties, and yes, we had to change how we do things, but nonetheless, Lions persevered.

I am so proud of this organization and the people I know as my Lions family. Thank you for all you do. I cannot express enough what it means to be in a Leadership position and the opportunities you have because of such. I want to encourage EVERY LION to be Club President, EVERY LION to be a Zone or Region Chair, EVERY LION to be District Governor. The people you are exposed to and all the ways that Lions can help your community is priceless.


If you really want to help your Club and your community, get involved in some sort of Leadership position, learn what others are doing, and expand your horizons. Get involved in your District. Just get involved. I joined the Hamlet Lions Club in 1998; we were basically a check writing Club with 12-15 members that did one fundraiser a year. In 2014 we got down to nine Members when I became President for the second time, but this time I started going to the District Meetings, and it wasn't long before I became Zone Chair and got more involved with what other Clubs are doing.

The Hamlet Lions Club now has 30 Members, and we do vision screening, dictionary projects, roadside cleanup, medical closets, and countless other services as well as more fundraising events. Hamlet knows who the Lions are and what we can get done, and it's all because a few of our Members got involved in Leadership roles, came back to the Club, and said, "Other Clubs are doing this. Why can't we do it?" And we got it done.

Leadership leads to people promoting service, and people seeing how the Lions serve leads to Membership. It works. Believe and achieve.

If you are afraid of stepping up, don't be. Lions have some of the best Leadership classes on all levels. Get involved and find out for yourself; the support you get is unbelievable, and believe me, you'll have friends for life and you will expand your family.

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Nick's Notes

By **PID Nick Xinopoulos**

Getting back to in-person meetings and fellowship

My Fellow Lions,

First, we would like to congratulate PCC Bob Booher and PCC Reed Fish and the entire Convention Committee on an outstanding State Convention. It was so nice to see everyone in person.

We are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel as far as Meetings in person. Our International Board of Directors plan to have their Board Meeting in person on June 13 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Congratulations to the DGEs on their election, and I wish each and every one of them a very successful year as Governor.

June 30 is the last day for the \$35 entrance fee to be waived for new Members, so we still have time to recruit new Members.

Please remember there is still time to register for the virtual International Convention. Please be sure to have your Club Secretary register you as a Club delegate according to LCI voting rules. The 2020-2021 Council of Governors have endorsed 1st VP Douglas Alexander for International President. Also on the ballot are 2nd VP Brian Sheehan for 1st VP, and 3rd VP Patti Hill for 2nd VP. PID Fabricio Oliveira is the International endorsed candidate for 3rd VP.

Our International President Choi recently stated, "Our service has always been hands-on and so much more. Our work raises awareness about the issues that matter most and helps build partnerships we need to make an even greater impact. So let's continue to give back and celebrate our service, because what we accomplish today will continue to make a difference for years to come."

KINDNESS MATTERS!

Meet your new Council Chairperson

District Governor Jim P.M. Query was elected to serve as the Multiple District 25 Council Chairperson for the 2021-2022 Lions Year. The election took place directly after the 100th Indiana Lions State Convention in Indianapolis. DG Query has served as District 25-C Governor during the 2020-2021 year.

Jim is the son of PDG Jim and Charlotte Query. He has been a Member of the Spencer Lions Club for 25 years, joining at the age of 18, then serving as Club President four times.

He has been involved with multiple Committees at the Club level, serving on the Apple Butter Parade Committee, Scholarship Committee, and serving as Santa.

He worked 21 years at Owen County State Bank before working a couple years at a grocery store in Spencer. He currently works in the field of loss prevention as a security guard in Bloomington.

He has attended Indiana Lions Leadership Conference, MD-25 Leadership Institute, multiple Mid-Winter Confer-



PATCH WORK — CC Mitch Semans giving newly elected Council Chair Jim Query his jacket patch.

ences, and State and International Conventions.

He has served the District as Youth Outreach Chairperson, Diabetes Chairperson, and District Treasurer. He currently serves as a Cancer Control Trustee, as well as the Vice Council Chair.



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Humble thanks to all for a successful year

By GOV. WILL FARRELLBEGG

As my year as District Governor comes to a close, I feel honored and humbled to have served as your Governor for the past year. It has been a different and difficult year for us all due to COVID. I have enjoyed visiting Clubs, whether it was in person or via Zoom. Clubs have been inspirational on how they have adapted to the restriction that we have had to deal with this year and continued to serve their communities.

The 100th Multi District Convention held in Indianapolis was a great success with a great turnout. It was also great to reconnect with ID Justin Faber, who stepped up to be guest speak-

er after PIP Bob Corlew was unable to attend due to health issues. ID Justin Faber was very inspirational and passionate about adding new Members, as a few of the speakers found out by becoming Lions during the weekend.

Congratulations to PDG Dennis Brown and CC Mitch Semans on receiving the Presidential Leadership Medal. They have both done a lot and have been great leaders in our District.

Again, this year's International Convention will be a virtual Convention. I am disappointed for DGE Mitch that he will not be able to attend in person, and must do all his training online, as well as not being able to meet other DGEs in person. You can all attend the Virtual Convention by

registering for LCIcon 2021 at www.lionsclubs.org.

We have a great Leadership Team for our next Lions year, and I wish CC/DGE/PDG Mitch Semans, 1st VDGE Nick Gonzales, and 2nd VDGE Stephen Helmken all the best as they get ready for the year ahead. Let us support them and have another wonderful year.

I would like to say a special thank you to Lion Stephen Helmken, Cabinet Secretary; Lion Tiffany Nagai, Cabinet Treasurer; and Lion Whitney Martin, Newsletter Editor. They have worked hard during our year and have helped to make my year a success.

I thank you all for your support and understanding for a great year!

OCTOGENARIANS — At their April 20 Schererville Central Lions Club Meeting, three of their Members who are turning "80 Years Young" were honored for their continued service to Lionism. Their years of service total 77 years. Honored were Kathy King, PDG Dick Silveira, and Joanne Freeland.



BENEVOLENT BOXERS — Michiana Lions Tim, Jim, Jamie, and Volunteer Dave built new raised garden bed boxes at the Sand Castle Shelter in Keys to Hope Garden!



NOT ALL IN ONE BASKET — The Indiana Harbor-East Chicago Lions Club donated five Easter baskets to the East Chicago Parks Department. Shown from left to right: Lion Maria Callas-Trevino, East Chicago Park Director Vanessa Hernandez, IH-EC Lions Club President Art Trevino, and his wife, Maria Trevino.



A good time was had by all



Photos from the Multi Convention held in Indianapolis



GREAT DAY FOR CHICKEN — The Westville Lions Club had sunny weather during their Port-a-Pit fundraiser.



EGGING THEMSELVES ON — The Lowell Lions were getting ready to egg some yards!

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Lions step—

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I would like to congratulate incoming CC Jim Query and the incoming District Governors and thank them for stepping up. You all are going to have a great year. Have fun and May The Lions Be With You!
God Bless.

Good News!

By 2nd VDG Linda Scott

There's good news in the Lion's Organization! At the Indiana State Convention, the LCIF Challenge raised \$13,600 in about five hours! Thank you, Lions!

Lions are showing kindness in their communities. Even though all our projects may not be hands on, Clubs have found ways to keep in touch with others. The smallest show of kindness has helped some in our

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IN LOVING MEMORY — A painting and plaque were donated by PCC Lee Flower in memory of his wife,



Thomas Corwin Lindsay Painting c. 1900
Given in Loving Memory of
LION JANE FLOWER
By Her Family
November 2020

Lion Jane Flower. They have been placed in one of the conference rooms at the Indiana Lions State Office.



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Wrapping up one tough year and looking forward to the next

By GOV. ROGER CASH

As we wrap up the year . . . This has been an unusual year for the Lions of 25-B. Over the past year we have seen the Lions stepping up and continuing their service to the communities in the District, as well as to the Multiple District and Lions International. Several Clubs continued to meet either in person or by Zoom. Still others used e-mail or only met to conduct Service Projects or fundraisers.

We saw a change in how our activities were accomplished. For example, instead of a dine-in dinner, there were drive-thru events. Some events were held while observing social distanc-

ing. And some fundraisers were switched to online events.

As for the District, we were able to hold all the Cabinet Meetings and the District Convention in person. I thank all of you who have supported the efforts of the District Leadership Team this year. We have been able to basically close out three LCI Grants. One was a COVID grant, while the other two were the Steuben Facility for the Rural Transit and the completion of the basements to the two housing units for the Para Olympic Athletes at Turn Stone.

We are now looking forward to the future. We are transitioning to a new District Governor, PCC Jerry Zeigler, and First Vice Dis-

trict Governor, VDG Sandy Zeigler. As they move up and take over the leadership, let the District get behind them and support them in their goals for the District.

Speaking of goals, it is that time of year when each Club President needs to help his/her Club prepare their budget and set their service goals for the Lion year. After all, if you do not know where you are going, how will you know how to get there?

One Club recently asked about how to do a budget, since they were unsure of what funds they would be raising this year.

First, the Club needs to look at what they have done over the past five to 10 years. An average

LONG TIME LEADERS — Recent winners of Kendallville Lions Club Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards were, left to right, Bob Krueckeberg, Larry Allen, and Jack Frederick. Winners are recognized for work in their community, their leadership, and years of service. Bob has been a Club member for 34 years, Larry for 54 years, and Jack for 33 years.



50 YEARS OF SERVICE — From left to right: PCC Herb Gaff, Churubusco Lions Club, President Carol Resler, and DG Roger Cash. Congratulations PCC Herb.



WOODS AWARD — At the Lions Club District 25-B Cabinet Meeting on May 22 at the New Haven Community Center, New Haven Lions Club 1st Vice President Terri Hargrove received the W. P. Woods Award. This is the highest State award presented to a Lions Club Member. DG Roger Cash and PDG Don Cooper are shown presenting the award to Lion Terri Hargrove.



HALF A CENTURY AND COUNTING — Heritage Lions President Larry Smith received a certificate from District Governor Roger Cash honoring his 50 years of service with the Club. Larry is a charter member of the Heritage Lions and is currently serving as President. The Heritage Lions who were not present to receive their awards from District Governor Roger Cash are: Arlen Horsewood, 45 years of service; Vic Depew, 35 years; Calvin Hoffman, 35 years; and Jim Fuhrman, 15 years.



NEW OFFICERS — The Heritage Lions Club of Hoagland had new officers for the 2021-2022 service year installed by Lions District Governor Roger Cash. Pictured are, left to right: Jan Hockemeyer, 2nd VP; Dick Weber, Treasurer; Allan Doctor and Dan Will, Board of Directors; Tom Bullerman, Lion Tamer; Larry Smith, President; Cindy Wolf, Secretary; and Tom Wolf, 1st VP.



Heritage Lions Club elects new Officers

By Rick Boys,
Heritage Lions Club

The Heritage Lions Club announced the following officers: Larry Smith agreed to remain President, with Tom Wolf as First Vice-President, and Jan Hockemeyer as Second Vice-President. Cindy Wolf will again serve as the Club Secretary and Dick Weber will remain Treasurer. Kathleen Coy volunteered to continue as the chapter's Tail Twister, providing fun quizzes at each Meeting. Lion Tom Bullerman will be the Lion Tamer, while Lions Jack Clear, Dan Harkless, and Dan Will agreed to

serve on the Board of Directors.

Heritage Lions have donated well over \$100,000 to local organizations in the past 10 years. Recipients have included Monroeville Fire and EMS, Monroeville Park, Cornerstone, Hoagland Fire and EMS, Poe Fire and EMS, and the three local food banks. Several Heritage High School donations have also been made, including Prom/After Prom and money for Heritage Band and the JV team uniforms.

Finally, Heritage Lions have provided funds for many eye-related projects, including Lions School For the Blind, Lions Eye

Bank, and Lions Dog For the Blind. They have conducted local in-school eye exams and provided transportation for blind bowlers.

If you are interested in helping the Heritage Lions help your local community, please contact any Heritage Lion. New Members are always welcome. By working together, we can strengthen our communities.

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Indiana Lions Foundation News

All Indiana Lions recently received a brochure expressing benefits provided by the Indiana Lions Foundation. One such benefit is the \$750 Matching Grant

Program. The Program matches up to \$750 of a Club's contribution to an approved Service Project.

Due to the cancellation of the 2020 Indiana State Fair, Lions

from across Indiana were unable to volunteer their time to raise funds for the Indiana Lions Foundation and the Matching Grant Program. Please consider supporting the Indiana Lions Foundation so we can continue our programs for the Lions of Indiana.

You can make a one-time donation via our GoFundMe online campaign. Donation options include going directly to our GoFundMe page or making a direct contribution to the Indiana Lions Foundation.

If you have any questions, please contact an Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee or visit www.indianalionsfoundation-md25.org.

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communities.

Sending cards to stay in touch or letting someone know you are thinking about them is a good example. Delivering groceries to those who are shut in, making a phone call to say "Hi" and check in, helping with a food bank, and donating time when and where it is needed, are all ways Clubs

have shown kindness to others. All these are good news!

Clubs are beginning to bring back some projects. They may look a bit different, but communities are glad to see our projects emerge again. They know "We Serve." The good news is the kindness and service will benefit our communities and that's what we want to happen!

Sign up to work at the Indiana State Fair

By Trustees of the
Indiana Lions
Foundation

Lions all:
The Indiana State Fair is coming soon!
Now is the time to be signing up to work shifts at the Fair. You can earn credits towards WP Woods Fellowship or money for your Club.

There have been some changes made by the Fairgrounds. Some of the gates and times have changed related to the challenges of COVID.

Please take time to get signed up early. You can sign up on the website at www.indianalionsfoundationmd25.org.

Thank you for your help with this.



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Together We Serve ...

By GOV. JIM P.M. QUERY

We all have moments that try us in life.
Moments that can eat away at the very fabric of our being.
Moments that bring you to your knees.
This year has been full of moments that have tried to break

Patricia A. Foxx biography

Patti has several names she goes by: Mom, soccer lady, tax lady, and Lion Patti. She is from Brazil, Ind., is married to Tim Foxx, and they have two children, Kenny and Heather.

Patti attended Indiana State University before starting her "work life." She has worked retail, restaurant, and banking, where she became the reconciliation secretary in charge of bank loans and customer service.

After eight years of banking, she took a position as Office Manager for Tim Gorman CPAs, where she was responsible for client books, payroll, and tax returns. Seventeen years later, she took a position at Clay County Courthouse as a Superior Court Clerk and has worked her way up to First Deputy Auditor for Clay County.

Patti has been an active Lion



2ND VDG PATTI A. FOXX

since 2014 and is always one of the first to volunteer for events and Service Projects. She has provided Leadership for the Brazil Lions Club, where she has been President for the past three years. In addition, she serves as LCIF Coordinator and Zone Chair. Patti promotes Lions Clubs at every opportunity and participates in District and State activities.

Patti is also active in vision screening, eyeglass recycling, and working at the Indiana State Fair for the Lions Foundation. She is also a "Bell Ringer" for the Salvation Army.

Patti volunteers with Sorority sisters at Delta Theta Tau and currently serves as Treasurer.

Patti is an avid sports fan, whether watching NASCAR or the NFL with her favorite Baltimore Ravens.

us. However, we have stood strong together, not forsaking the bonds of friendship and fellowship. True, the avenues of getting together may have changed, in making more phone calls or Zoom calls or other video conferencing, but many of us have kept in touch with each other.

We have held together, often lifting each other up in prayers, for this has been a year of loss — lost jobs, lost health, lost time, and lost loved ones.

It's only by banding together that we are able to help each other out. As Lions, We Serve is our slogan, and this last year we have worked hard on serving each other to get through this pandemic.

When you get the opportunity to serve as District Governor, Lions International sends you to the International Convention. My trip would have been to Singapore; however, due to COVID, as we all know, that Convention was cancelled. I took my Oath of Office in my own living room. My father was there to see it, and he was the first to congratulate me and shake my hand. That is a memory that I would not have if I had gone to Singapore. With my father's passing in December, that is a very precious memory to me.

As I look back on this year, I see so many wonderful memories — memories of meeting absolutely phenomenal people who shared heartwarming stories of how their Clubs met the needs of their community.

As my time winds down, I think of the Lions set to lead this great District for the next few years. Without a doubt this District will support them as much as it has me. It has been a great honor and privilege to serve you all, Lions of District C. I look forward to serving alongside you for many years to come.

May God Bless You all!
Together We Serve,
Because Kindness Matters!



NEW MEMBERS AND THOSE WHO BROUGHT THEM — Lizton Lions Club welcomes new Members and their Sponsors. Lion Wendy Asbury, Sponsor of Shannon and Sam Goldsbury Jr.; Lion Keith Asbury, also their Sponsor; Sandi Hobbie with her Sponsor, Karen Martin; and PDG Tom Robbins having the pleasure to induct them. Congratulations, you're going to love being a Lion.



COLORFUL TRIBUTE — Zionsville Lions Senior Service Committee had a dedication of COVID Memorial in Lions Park, "Remembering All Hoosiers Lost To COVID-19." Lions paid tribute to those in the State of Indiana who have passed from COVID by putting together a respectful program with a welcome to those in the Park, singing a couple of songs, reading a dedication, and ending with a poem. The colorful ribbons will be on display through June, and then will travel to Brownsburg and Lizton. If your Club wants to display the ribbons, contact PDG Richard McKellar at macagcon@tds.net.



IN THE HUNT — Prairie Creek Lions Clubs had their "Annual Easter Egg Hunt" on March 27 at the Prairie Creek Park. There were 31 children aged 2-11 who participated. It was a brisk 58 degrees out, but sunny. Shown are Prairie Creek Lions Club Members participating in the Easter Egg hunt. They gave away bikes for the top three winners in each age group and several baskets for winning eggs collected. Pictured from left are Larry Ridge, Jolynn Kuhlman, Marvin Mericle, Kim Payton, Bill Pearman, Melissa Strole, Barbara Mericle, Linda Pearman, Kim Waggoner, and Chloe Weyrauch. Not pictured is Neil Hunt.

Cox Cemetery Restoration Update

By PDG Richard McKellar

A recent work session resulted in a number of bases being reset and some headstones mounted. It is beginning to look like a cemetery.

There are a greater number of stones, and as we find them, we stabilize and level the base, then mount the headstones if we can find them (some have been buried). There are also a number of headstones lying flat on the ground. These are broken and need repair before they can be mounted.

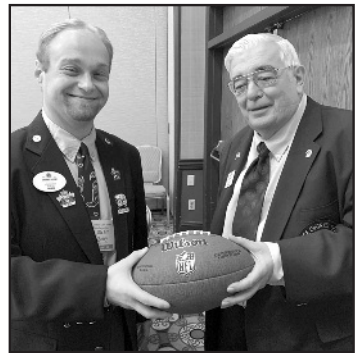
Every base has a crevice. The headstone is mounted down into the crevice without mortar and is held there by gravity only. The depth is about 2.5 inches. If the headstone is broken off right at the top of the crevice, that leaves a stone "plug" that will have to be chiseled out before the headstone can be mounted. Because of the angle at the bottom, the headstone will have to be made square or the headstone will lean.

One base was buried about

12 inches deep. It was resurrected, cleaned up, reset, leveled and stabilized. The headstone, slightly buried about four feet away, was then remounted.

The headstones were cleaned with a special solution. They sparkled and looked like new.

The work on Cox Cemetery continues.



GOOD CATCH — DG Jim Query, left, passing the ball to DGE Jim Roth.

State Convention Highlights




FUN ON EVERY LEVEL — Photo during the All State Banquet. The Council of Governors are seen on the upper tier with ID Justin Faber in the center.

Pictured above left is a cake presented to the Lions by host hotel Wyndham West, commemorating the 100th State Convention.




SPEEDY GIFTS — International Director Justing Faber of Michigan was presented with some Indiana Motor Speedway gifts. Shown from left are PCC Bob Booher, Convention co-chair; Faber, the keynote speaker; PCC Reed Fish, Convention co-chair; and Council Chair Mitch Semans.



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We serve, despite cancellations

By GOV. MIKE IMBLER

My term as District Governor for 2020-2021 has been a very exciting year. The COVID-19 pandemic caused us to cancel many events this past Lion's year. The 2020 International Convention, last year's MD25 Convention, many Club visits, Cabinet Meetings, service events, and fundraising events were cancelled.

Even though this virus slowed down our activities, the Indiana Lions keep our motto, "WE SERVE." Clubs thought outside the box and still served their communities. Our District remained strong. In District 25-D we had our Banner Night, all four of our Cabinet Meetings, our District Convention, the MD25 State Convention, and most of our Clubs slowly opened up, having Meetings, service, and fundraising projects.



FULL HOUSE, FULL STOMACHS — The 4th Cabinet Meeting of the year for outgoing DG Mike Imbler was held at the Fowlerton Lions Club. The Fowlerton Lions prepared those delicious tenderloins we know and love. No Lion went away hungry. It was a full house as the final business of the year was addressed. DG Mike gave a recap of the year, and incoming DG Scott and 1VDG Eric gave us some of their vision for this upcoming Lions year.



EIGHT IS ENOUGH (FOR ONE NIGHT) — DG Mike Imbler, DGE Scott Smith, and Upland Lions PDG Cindy Wright inducted eight new Members into the Upland Lions Club at a recent Meeting.

During my District Governor Club visits, I saw many Lions and their Clubs fulfilling the promise, "Where there is a NEED, there is a LION." Some of the Clubs I remember are:

- Sweester's 75th Anniversary
- Westfield's 90th Anniversary
- Van Buren Popcorn Festival and their tenderloins
- Riding with Lion Rick Wright, throwing out candy to the kids along the streets at the Upland Festival
- Eating pizza at Dunkirk Lions Club
- Watching DGE Scott Smith eating two slices of sugar cream pie at Van Buren Lions Club
- Inducting six new Members at Tipton Lions Club
- Inducting eight new Members at Upland Lions Club
- Inducting a service dog into the Marion Lions Club
- Watching Wayne Fall Lions Club present a check for \$1,221 to the county FFA club they earned from having a drive-by bean supper

I met many Lions who I would have never known. During the District Governor training, I met Lions from all over the world. Some of us keep tabs on each other using social media. Being District Governor opened my eyes up on how big Lions is worldwide. Every Club worldwide is

different in how they serve, but we all have the same goal of serving our communities.

Every Club I visited was fun and the Lions were very nice, and I always learned something from them. I enjoyed meeting the Clubs in pizza shops, a bowling alley, an American Legion hall, churches, schools, clubhouses, restaurants, and parks.

Being District Governor was one of the best things I have ever chosen to do. Lions accept you as you are. I encourage anyone who has ever thought about being Governor to accept the challenge. You will never regret it.

There are a lot of people to thank for helping me this year: PDG Dan Wilcox, PDG Mark Anderson, CT/PDG Kathy Lozier, Lion CS Jeff Larrison, and DGE Scott Smith. DGE Scott and I have become great friends and we have worked together as a team in our District. The Greentown Lions Club has supported me as Governor in finances, use of their facilities, and by attending my Banner Night, Cabinet Meetings, and District Convention. Thank you, Greentown Lions Club. Thank you, Lions of District 25-D, for your support and kindness

The best saying I could leave with you is to "ALWAYS SHOW KINDNESS wherever you go."

1st Cabinet Meeting is announced

Incoming DG Scott Smith announced the 1st Cabinet Meeting of the 2021-22 Lion year.

The Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 10, at the Upland Lions Club, 328 N. Lake Road, Upland, Indiana. Social time will begin at 6:00 p.m., with dinner starting at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The menu will include chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, and dessert, with punch, coffee, and water.

The cost is \$15 per person.

Please RSVP by Saturday, July 3, to PDG Cindy Wright at (765) 667-3673 or crwright72@att.net.

Make checks payable to the Upland Lions Club.



ALL IN THE FAMILY — Greentown Lions Club President Brent Hickman, left, with new Members Flo Pogue and Denny Pogue and their Sponsor, Karyl Spencer. Isn't it great to see families joining Lions together?



SOLEMN HONORS — The Ben Davis Honor Guard performs the Presentation of the Flags during the All State Banquet.



PATRIOTIC NIGHTINGALE — Lion Shelli Anderson, District D, performs the National Anthem.



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Thank you for a great honor

By GOV. KENNY WILLIAMS

This is the last article I will write as your District Governor. First, I want you to know that being your District Governor has been one of the great honors in my life. Thank you for your patience and for the opportunity. The chance to visit and meet so many of you, even during a pandemic, has been the best part of this job. Official visits have been great. (Having said that, I am still hitting that trail until June 30). I love seeing what you do for your communities and the difference you make in the lives of so many people.

YOU ARE IMPORTANT!

We have lost some Clubs and quite a few Members. That may be my biggest regret. But don't give up. You are so very important to your schools and your communities, and I feel we are standing on the edge of a resurgence in Members, Clubs, and Lions doing great Service Projects.

People want to get out and serve. Ask them to join you. My Club has gotten two new Members by asking them to help us with our Service Projects. Then they said "yes" when we asked them to join. They will join you, too.

Our District Convention pictures were not included in the last Hoosier Lions issue. I was assured they will be included in this issue. It was a fun Convention.

The District Membership contest is coming to an end on June 30. Winners in both the large Club (over 30) category and small Club (30 and under) category will be determined by the Club Health Assessment report that comes out in July. (We started the contest on January 1). I will then get with the two winning Clubs and schedule the BBQ Cookout at their location. The % Growth Club leaders, as of April 30, are: Small Clubs: Ellettsville at +20%; and Tell City at +13.3%

Large Clubs: Seymour Noon at +5.4%; and New Albany at +1.8%

Get those new Members in right away, because the difference is only one or two new Members between some Clubs.

Next, the District Picnic will be held at the Marci Jane Lewis Park in Ellettsville on Saturday, June 12, from 10 a.m. to about 2 p.m. (Eastern). The address is 106 S. Park St., Ellettsville, IN 47429. The band High Sierra will be playing once we begin to eat. It is a potluck picnic, so bring a dish (with food in it). The Amish turkey, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided by the District.

There are picnic tables, but you may want to bring a chair to enjoy the music. The park has playgrounds and a small creek running through it, perfect for kids to get wet. There will be very little business conducted outside of some awards and my farewell speech. We do need an RSVP, so we can get the correct amount of

meat, etc. Please call or e-mail me at kenny.williams@edwardjones.com or (812) 320-4258. It will help if you tell us what you are bringing. I look forward to seeing you at the picnic.

I will be working the District's diabetes awareness issues and will head up the Global Membership Approach (the old NAMI) next Lion year. I will ask for your help soon.

Again, I want to thank everyone in the District who has made this a successful year during turbulent times. If you need anything - other than money - you have my info above.

Last, I want you to support our new District Governor Lee Cuba when he takes over on July 1. He needs your help to turn our Membership around. Get him scheduled now for an official visit and make all of your State Project, LCIF, and ILF donations in July if you can. Let's make his year the best year possible by Thinking Outside the Box.

FELLOWSHIP — DG Kenny Williams presenting a WP Woods Fellowship to ID Michael Banks and Lion Anne Matoy-Banks.



LEARNING

ABOUT LIBERTY — Receiving Liberty Day Constitution booklets are students Taylen Huggins and Kaleigh Sterling of Mitchell. Standing behind are program speaker PDG Bill Willis, Liberty Day State Chairman; and Mitchell Junior High Principal Amanda May, who is married to Indiana State Representative Chris May of Bedford (House District 65).



MEETING

THE ID — Friday night at the Meet the ID Dinner at Hard Truth Hills. Shown from left are IPDG Sheryl Schafer, 1VDGE Don Russ, Lion John Spurgeon, Lion Mary Ann Spurgeon, PCC/CS Keith Thomas, Lion Erica Thomas, and Lion Don Southwood.



Mitchell Lions Club helps with Liberty Day Constitution program

How many freedoms are protected by the First Amendment? That was a question asked during a Lions Liberty Day Constitution program presented to more than 100 eighth graders at Mitchell Junior High School in District 25-E on April 21.

Mitchell Lions President Glenn Coyle gave students a copy of the Constitution booklet as they learned that only 5% of Americans know there are five liberties

protected by the First Amendment. That amendment is a prohibitive amendment telling Congress what it may NOT do. Only 1% of Americans can identify what the five freedoms are.

Lions Clubs interested in coordinating a Liberty Day Constitution program next fall can get details and Constitution booklets by e-mailing wgw@bluemarble.net.



A BANNER YEAR — ID Michael Bank presenting his Banners to DGE Lee Cuba, PID Linda Tinch, DG Kenny Williams, and 1VDGE Don Russ.

Domain names – get one and keep it!

By Lion Al Konieczka and the Indiana State Lions IT Committee

The Information and Technology Committee for the Indiana Lions is composed of a representative from each District. Regularly, the Committee will provide information regarding all things technical that will help you remain safe, secure, and knowledgeable about the devices and platforms you use.

Part 1: What is a domain name, and why does my Club/District need one?

A domain name is an important component of any modern-day Club/District, especially in this new digital age.

A domain name is something used by a Club/District to identify

your website. Even if you have a free Club/District website through Lions Club International, your custom domain name helps to identify your Club/District and, when chosen correctly, will be easy to use in your Club/District marketing materials.

In order to obtain a domain name for your Club/District, you must purchase your domain name from an authorized Domain Name Register. There are many companies out there, but we strongly suggest using one of the popular and longstanding registrars: Domain.com (www.domain.com); GoDaddy (www.godaddy.com); or Network Solutions (www.networksolutions.com).

Purchasing a domain name is an annual purchase, although many registrars offer a multi-

year purchase option. The price of a domain name will vary slightly from registrar to registrar, but on average the cost will be between \$7 to \$15 per year.

The best type of domain to purchase is always one with a .com extension, but in the case of a Lions Club/District, a .org extension is also a good selection.

Once your Club/District has decided on which registrar to use and has selected a domain name that best fits your local Club/District, it's time to set everything up properly.

Part 2: Setting up your domain registrar account

Now that your Club or District has selected and purchased a domain name, it's important to set up the domain name and account correctly. When setting

up an account with a registrar and registering your domain name, you will need to provide three points of contact: Owner, Admin, and Technical.

You should always list your Lions Club/District under the Owner section. This is very important, as it identifies with the registrar who actually owns that domain name. Never change that or give it to someone else who may manage your website; it is the key to your account and you need control of it.

The Admin point of contact is primarily the contact the registrar will use to contact you in the event of an outdated credit card or other billing or administrative issue.

The Technical contact is exactly what it sounds like: the person who can be contacted with tech-

nical questions. You may choose to put your Club or District IT Chairperson as the Technical contact for your domain name.

You should also set up your account for automatic renewal, so each year, when the domain name is set to renew, it will automatically be charged and renewed with no down time for your website. Make it a part of your annual procedures to log into your account and make sure all three contacts are accurate and up to date. Someone on that list may have left the organization, changed their e-mail or phone number, etc., and it's important to keep those contact names and information current.

In addition, be sure to write down the login information for your registrar account and keep (Continued on page 7)



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Thanks all around

By GOV. KENNETH FAULKNER

My time of District Governor is coming to an end. So, let me say thank you to a few of you.

To the many Lions who gave me support, knowingly or not, THANK YOU! I remember attending Officer's Training at Organization Day District Meeting and how nervous I was. PCC Reed advised, "All will be fine." THANK YOU, CAMP WOODSMOKE, for hosting; it sure made my day easier.

To my own Club, Clermont, who hosted and prepared for my Banner Night without me being there and then hosted the District Convention when we couldn't hold it in the local school, THANK YOU. I asked many things of my Club, and not once did they say "no" or

complain. MY CLUB SERVED!

To Members of my Cabinet and those Lions who assisted our District, THANK YOU. At the beginning, I didn't want to make any mistakes, so I asked a lot of questions and they gave me answers without hesitation. Many of my Cabinets will go on and assist

DGE Jeff in his Cabinet. Good luck to those of you.

To my Council of Governors who served alongside me this year, THANK YOU. We always had a blast every time we got together.

To my mentor, Sue, who never once interjected what she want-

WELL-EARNED AWARD

— Lion Jim Greer of the Speedway Lions and a long-time Camp Woodsmoke Trustee was presented with the PID Carter Everage Fellowship by Woodsmoke Chair, Lion Bill McDonald of the Osgood Lions Club. PID Carter Everage was a staunch supporter of Camp Woodsmoke. Well-deserved congratulations, Lion Jim!



NEW OFFICERS — New officers installed are, from left: Bill Felker, PR; Paul Elstro, Board Member; Steve Shekles, Tail Twister; Scott Bevington, President; Holly Stiggleman, Board Member; Jim Resh, Assistant Secretary; Ty Farmer, 2nd VP; and Dennis Stephen, Treasurer.

DG visits Centerville Club

The Centerville Lions Club observed District Governor night on Monday, May 24, at a regular dinner meeting held at the Senior

Center. District 25-F Governor Kenneth Faulkner of Indianapolis stressed leadership and kindness during his year as Governor. He urged members to smile and be kind and wear their Lions Club pins. The Club presented him and his wife, Sherry, with locally made pottery. Also attending were District Governor Elect Jeff Locke and his wife, Angela.

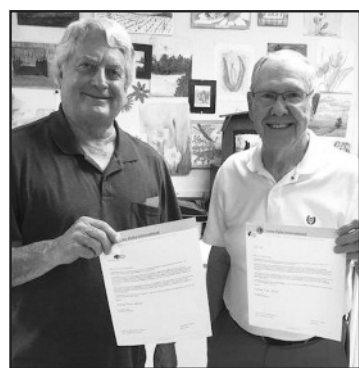
The Governor installed newly elected Officers. He also presented Membership awards to Phil Stevenson for 35 years and to Jim Resh for 60 years. President Scott Bevington presented a gift to outgoing President Holly Stiggleman.

Members discussed the upcoming



PRESIDENTIAL — Newly elected President Scott Bevington and outgoing President Holly Stiggleman.

ing Lions Club Fish Fry to be held Saturday, June 12, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Christian Fellowship Hall in downtown Centerville. This will be a drive-thru event with no advance sales.



MANY YEARS OF SERVICE — Membership awards presented to Phil Stevenson for 35 years of service and to Jim Resh for 60 years of service.

ed, but only gave advice after I had asked for it, THANK YOU.

Last, but never least, my wife, Lion Cheri. Without you, I don't think I could have gotten through this year. THANK YOU & I Love You!

There are many Lions who assisted me and the District that I may forget, THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, DISTRICT 25-F. IT HAS BEEN MY HONOR TO SERVE YOU,

LION LISA — Lion Lisa Duncan is being pinned by her Sponsor, Lion Angie Crouch.

Welcome to the Pride, Lions!



LION WARREN — Lion Warren Worland is being pinned by his Sponsor, Lion Joe Shead.



AWARD PRESENTED

— Lion Cheri Faulkner is presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship by ID Justin Faber & PID Linda Tischer. District Governor Ken Faulkner was presented with his Melvin Jones Fellowship by ID Justin Faber & PID Linda Tischer. Coincidentally both recipients were surprised and humbled!



FRIENDS AND BEST FRIEND — District Governor Ken gets a selfie with Patty Spitler and her companion, Stewie. Patty was the Sunday Brunch Keynote speaker at the Indiana Lions 100th State Convention. Stewie is her comfort Bernese Mountain dog and loves to give kisses. Patty, not so much.



DEAR JOHN BOY

— Richard Thomas (John Boy Walton) visited the Senior Center where the Centerville Lions meet. He did not come for the Lions meeting, but just to meet the seniors. When asked if he would take a picture under the Lions sign, he said, "Yes!" It was great to meet him and visit a little. He was just in Centerville a brief time. He is a good actor and is starting to film a new Netflix series called "Ozark." ("Night, John Boy"). Pictured from left are Jim Resh, Doug Cook, Jim Howell, and Richard Thomas.



Domain names

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that information in a secure place and known to your Club/District Officers.

Now it's time to make your domain name work for your Club/District.

Part 3: Making my domain name work for my Club or District

Now that your Club or District has purchased and set up an account with a reputable regis-

trar, it's time to put that domain to work.

You will need to "point" your domain name to the server that hosts your Club or District website. For example, if your Club or District has a free e-Club website provided by Lions Clubs International, you can "point" your domain name to that e-Club website. What that means is when someone types in your domain name, it will redirect them to your e-Club

website automatically.

In order to set that up, you need to modify the Domain Name Server (DNS) settings for your domain at the registrar. As this is a little more technical procedure, it's best for you to get some assistance from your Club or District IT Chairperson. Once this is set up the first time, it will never have to be done again.

Be sure to also use your new domain name in the marketing materials used by your Club or

District. For example, if you have a flyer or brochure that your Club or District uses on a regular basis, be sure to feature your website address (domain name) prominently on that document.

In addition, as your Club or District sends out letters, make sure that your domain name appears in the header or footer section of every letter you send out. These will help others see your domain name and point them to your website to learn more about what

activities and events your Club/District is involved in.

If your Club or District doesn't currently have a website, consider starting a free website through Lions Club International. Clubs can sign up at <https://e-club-house.org/index.php> and Districts can sign up at <http://edistrict.org/index.php>.

Remember also that your State IT Committee members are here to help with questions or concerns you may have.



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Hello and goodbye

By GOV. BRIAN THOMAS

"Hello" and "Goodbye": Two words that are the opposite ends of our social greeting concept, and two words that somewhat describe my year as District Governor.

Hello to July 2020 as we started the year full of hopes, anticipation, and goals. However, even in July, the specter of COVID was lurking over our shoulder — and we all know now the impact of the virus on all aspects of our lives.

Goodbye in July of 2021 to my run as District Governor as DGE Marlyn Fast prepares to assume the reins. Most outgoing District Governors are content to step away after a full year of travel and Meetings and Conventions and shepherding 50 or so Clubs, although most usually stay active in local, District and Multiple District activities. Very few (only two in 25-G) reassume the duties as District Governor.

As many of you are aware, I don't do a lot of things the "normal" way, so I will spend this upcoming year as 1st Vice District Governor and reassume the duties of District Governor in 2022-23. In 2021-22 as 1st VDG, I look forward to working with DG Marlyn and 2nd VDG Jason Smith on Membership recruitment and retention, starting at least one new Club (Goshen?), and establishing a line of succession for Vice-Governor and Governor candidates.

So this is my last article as District Governor. It's been interesting spending time putting my thoughts and philosophies on paper and I hope you have been able to take something away from them. I will focus on making my articles as 1st VDG more informative on Club and Member activities.

Regardless of the interruption in this year as District Governor, it was a time period I will always cherish. The visitations I was able to make were all interesting

and I was able to take something new about Lions home from every encounter. I feel I made a lot of new friends and contacts on my travels to Club Meetings.

As we all should be aware, the role of District Governor is not a

solo act. There are so many fellow Lions that guided and aided me through this year — too many to list for now, but I will be mentioning and awarding these Lions in future District Meetings. Thank you all for everything, and

FLAGS FROM THE HEART — Elkhart and Dunlap Lions presentation of the 15th annual Flags from the Heart.



TINY HOUSES — Dunlap Member Tom Graber is the leading proponent of the effort to build simple structures to provide housing for the homeless in Elkhart.



HAPPILY BOGGED DOWN — Our Lydick Club met at the Lydick Bog for a recent monthly Meeting. Andrea Huntington, Director of Development, and Doug Botka, Stewardship Assistant, both from the Shirley Heinze Land Trust, were our guest speakers and presented several ways our Club can help at the Bog, from collecting seeds, picking up trash, pulling invasive plants, to even mowing the grass. The Meeting ended with us hiking the trail at the nature preserve. We are happy to find another way to help in our community, and we encourage everyone to come out to the Lydick Bog and hike the trail.

let's roll up our sleeves and get back to being the Lions we once were!

An important aside as we wrap up this Lion year: All Clubs in District 25-G should feel an obligation to contribute some amount to LCIF over and above any individual donations. To date, we have only 18 of 48 Clubs reported as contributing. In years past, we

have always been close to 100%. I realize not having Meetings and activities for several months may have put the LCIF campaign on the back burner, but I urge you to catch up on any planned donation. Few charitable organizations can match the Lions when it comes to the most effective uses of our donated funds. Please give!

Transitioning back to more freedom and greater service

By GOV. BRIAN THOMAS

Just about time to say "that's all she wrote, folks." The current Council of Governors have just about finished the 2020-21 Lions year. We joke among ourselves that we are known as the COVID Council and will be remembered less for what we did than for what we weren't able to do. Let me express my gratitude for meeting six dedicated Lions three years ago as 2nd Vice Governor and traveling the journey with them. As much as they meant to the Indiana Lions and their respective Districts, they meant as much to me as friends during several difficult time periods. They are truly friendships meant to stand the test of time.

District G is opening up. Almost all the Clubs are meeting in person and the number of Service Projects and fundraisers are mushrooming. Chicken sales, fish dinners, flower sales, golf tournaments, participation in local festivals, drug take-back days,

Memorial Day flag presentations ... the list is growing daily.

I wasn't able to make as many visitations as I wanted to, but each has been fun and instructive. Recently I was able to visit with Fulton-Liberty, Lydick, Green Township, and Dunlap.

There are so many fellow Lions to thank for this year — too many to list here — but proper recognition will be forthcoming. Some planned goals and numbers were unmet, but hopefully some of these will be accomplished next year under DGE Marlyn Fast or even the following year as I do another term as District Governor.

As you read this, we are transitioning from Memorial Day to the 4th of July, from a day of remembrance and reflection to a day of celebrating freedom. I hope Lions follow the same pattern, remembering what has happened to us this past year and looking forward to the freedom from the grips of the COVID pandemic and getting back to the activities we love.

Making the turn for greater service

By DGE Marlyn Fast

Time goes by quickly when you are keeping busy planning for future events. At least that is how it's been for me lately. Two upcoming events are the 1st District Meeting at Atwood Lions Club on August 7 and Banner Night at Camp Mack on August 21. Put those dates on your calendars already so you won't miss them. Now that COVID restrictions are easing up, it is making it possible for these events to occur safely.

The 100th Indiana Lions State Convention occurred in April in person, with 240 Lions from across the state in attendance. A lot of planning and last-minute changes were needed to make it safe — and it was successful! Since it was located close to the Indianapolis Speedway, it added some interesting attractions to the event. Of course, there were the usual speakers, seminars and the business sessions.

The 4th District Meeting also happened on May 8. It was hosted by the Baugo Lions Club at Jimtown, and it, too, was in person. It was good to see fellow Lions in person in attendance. I

know I am old school, but in-person meetings are better than virtual any day.

Are we ready to continue to serve our communities? Has the past year helped us find new ways to serve? Several District Leadership positions are still available in District 25-G: the two Trustees for Leader Dog, two Zone Chairpersons, and an LCIF District Chairperson. Your support and willingness to help would be appreciated.

In my virtual training this past week, our whole session was on change. International leaders feel that Lions are at a critical point for the organization. If our organization innovates and finds a way to stay relevant, our growth curve can again turn upward.

The success of our District depends on our ability to recognize turning points we need to make to correct our downward turn in growth. Here's a quote from Helen Keller that says it well: "A bend in the road is not the end of the road ... unless you fail to make the turn."

Let Us Serve with Kindness in Action!

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LUCKY 13 — Zionsville Lions Club proudly welcomes 13 new Members. Pictured from left are PDG Tom Robbins, John Fisk, Matt McIntyre, Ben Hennes, ZLC Membership Chair Dan Dumbauld, Bob Hicks, Ethan Campbell, Zachary Miller-Syndram, Matt Dinn, ZLC President Jeff Papa, Harry Koch, Jr., Michael Leonen, and John King. Not shown are Daphne Bryant, and Brittany and Jason Plunkett.



CHARITY BY THE BOWLFUL — Brazil Lions Club enjoying their Annual Soup Dinner Fundraiser. In the background are Lion Fred Nevils and DGE Jim Roth. In front from left are Lion Lora Fenwick, Lion Kathy White, and Lion Kelley Snyder.