

High School Coach to highlight luncheon

Mike Kirschner, a 1979 Warren Central graduate, will provide a motivational talk at the Saturday noon luncheon at the 2020 Mid-Winter Conference. The conference will be held Jan. 10-11 at the Crowne Plaza at the Indianapolis International Airport.

Kirschner was a two-year letterman in football and received his BS degree from Ball State University in May of 1983, his teaching license from the University of Indianapolis in December of 1989 and his master's degree from Olivet Nazarene University in May of 2006.

Coach Kirschner served as assistant football coach, girls basketball coach and softball coach at Warren Central High School from 1990-96. From 1996-2000, he served as the head football coach, assistant girls basketball coach and head boys track coach at Cascade High



MIKE KIRSCHNER

School. In 2007 he joined the coaching staff at Ben Davis High School and won two football state championships. In January 2018, he was ready for a change and joined the coaching staff at Mt. Vernon High School in Fortville.

Coach Kirschner is not just a great coach. He is all about life and living it the right way. He

believes real coaches never stop teaching and that it is important to develop the complete athlete, physically, mentally and spiritually. He speaks to many organizations and gave one of his rousing motivational speeches on the

floor of the Indiana House of Representatives when they honored the 2017 Ben Davis team.

His talk revolves around providing a caring setting and expands upon experiences he had with his players over the years

and how their experience shapes their roles in leadership.

Make your plans to attend the exceptional Mid-Winter Conference. Watch the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference Facebook for additional information.

Million Meal Movement service project Friday

In Indiana alone, one million people, including one in five children, don't know where they'll get their next meal. Attendees at this year's Friday night, Jan. 10, dinner at the Mid-Winter Conference, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at the Indianapolis International

airport, will have an opportunity help provide an answer for hungry Hoosiers.

The Million Mile Movement, an Indianapolis-based not-for-profit, has a two-fold vision to feed the hungry and teach the importance of volunteerism. Annually mil-

lions of meals are distributed to hungry families throughout Indiana by thousands of volunteers. At the Friday night event Lions will pack meals. In a two-hour period, thousands of meals will be packaged, consisting of high-

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PID Nick and Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos honored at Clermont Clubhouse Sept. 28

PID Nick and Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos were welcomed home to Indiana at an open house held at the Clermont Lions Clubhouse on Sunday, Sept. 29. Lions from all over the state attended the event.

PID Nick served two years as an International Director, coming off the board at the close of the 2019 International Convention in Milan, Italy.

During the program a number of Lions commented about Nick's term on the board. Dean of the Clinton Lions served as master of ceremonies for the event.

Past International President Wayne Madden welcomed PID Nick back to Indiana. He said PID Nick was sincere and genuine and it was great to see PID Nick on the board. It was a great experience and although the Xinopouloses traveled the world it was not a vacation.

"PID Nick," PIP Wayne said, "has a strong work ethic and when he spoke to Lions he spoke from the heart. He and Lion Gretchen went on the board as a team and he appreciated having them back in Indiana."

District 25-C Governor Tom Robbins said the District was proud of PID Nick and Gretchen. The way they serve is leadership without boundaries. When he became Governor, PID Nick told him he would give him ideas but it was up to him to decide if he was using them or not.

Mark Owens, chairman of the Lion Eye Bank, Vision First, commented on the fact that PID Nick had been an Eye Bank trustee for 16 years and was the immediate past chairman. Even as a director, he was always there for the Eye Bank.

Ray Furner and PDG Billy Chastain from the Brownsburg Club said the Club had missed PID Nick and LIION Gretchen the past couple of years and was glad to have them back. PID Nick, they said, never met a stranger and radiated warmth and compassion.

The Club presented PID Nick with a Life Membership.

PID Nick also received a Miyamoto Fellowship from Indiana Speech and Hearing during the event.

District Governor Dan Wilcox and PDG Charlie Short presented PID Nick with a brick to be placed at the State Office Build-

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PID NICK AND LION GRETCHEN XINOPOULOS



Nick's Notes

By PID Nick Xinopoulos



We must find new avenues of service

Our International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi reminds us to "Serve through Diversity." Each one of us is relevant to our successful service. Constitutional Area 1 and Constitutional Area 2 (USA and Canada and affiliates) have an opportunity to expand on this diversity to better serve our communities and our world. After all, we are a melting pot of different cultures.

In spite of our cultural differences, people want to be involved to make our world a better place. Don't hesitate to ask someone to

join you in a service project. A great resource for new Club members is to seek out those who are newly retired and looking for something meaningful to do for their community. Remember that younger people also want to serve their communities. A very important bit of information is to remember that in order to retain your members you must keep in contact with them and make them relevant to your Club.

As a Club or organization we must assess the community to

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Council Chairperson's Corner

By CC Ron Bigham
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Being neighborly

While listening to our pastor in church on Sunday she talked about being a good neighbor. Of course, Mr. Rogers and His Neighborhood was part of the power point presentation and many of you, who are my age, remember that show from our younger years.

So my question is; who is our neighbor? Is it the person who lives next door, two houses down the street, people that we work with? As Lions, we reach out to neighbors on a regular basis especially those who have needs greater than our own.

One Lions Club spent months to

help a neighbor receive a Leader Dog to increase the quality of her life. Another Lions Club created and handed out red T-shirts along with various sponsors whose names were listed on the back but the front has the letters R.E.D. and below the letters, the words "Remember Everyone Deployed." I was fortunate to receive one and wherever I wear it with my Lions pin, veterans come up to me and thank me and the Lions for making our neighbors aware of those serving our country. Our neighbors are all around us.

Yet I have to ask, are we neighbors to our fellow Lions members? Are we willing to turn over our pancake spatulas to a new member to get them involved even though an experienced member has been flipping pancakes for 20 years? This just an example, and I am not picking on pancake breakfasts because I love them, but my point is to be a neighbor to your new members and also to those willing to help. We need to step back and ask if we are truly being a neighbor to these fellow Lion and friends of Lions?

I have been asked to help with a Club project in February and at one Club event I had the opportunity to "burn" (my quote) some pork tenderloins and they trained me the proper procedure to cook them and I also helped wrap them and served them. They became my neighbors and we continue to help and visit each other with various projects whenever possible.

So the question becomes, how did they become my Lions neighbors?

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Is there someone?

By GOV. MITCHELL SEMANS

First of all, I would like to thank all the Zone Chairs for getting the first round of Zone Meetings done. I want to encourage you all to continue to work together. I have had a lot of feedback and the members really appreciate being able to go outside their Zone to experience what other Clubs in the District are doing.

I know there are a lot of meetings — Club, Zone and Cabinet — but there's a reason for them. The more we can work together and share information on the resources that are out there, then the more we can serve our communities and help people.

Club Presidents, please encourage your members to participate in these meetings — they are great way to network, meet new people and get new ideas. So, if someone calls up and wants to RSVP for your Club or Zone Meeting and they are outside your area, please encourage them to come visit. Who knows? You may learn something from them, too.

October is New Voices month for LCI. I encourage every Lion to please nominate someone in your Club for this award by the end of the month. The New Voices categories are service, membership, leadership and marketing.

If there is someone in your Club who chairs your service projects, comes up with new ways to serve or just is always there working in the background, nominate them.

If there is someone in your Club who does a great job signing up new members, helps with retaining member and/or just all around supports membership, nominate them.

If there is someone in your Club who takes on the leadership roles, helps train members for their positions and mentors, and encourages you to step into a leadership role, nominate them.

If you have someone in your Club who excels at marketing,

whether it be Facebook or being able to advertise and come up with ideas for flyers or promotes Lions on TV or radio, nominate them. Even though the award is called New Voices it doesn't mean that it goes to a new member. New members are great but so are the veteran members. All Lions members are fantastic and have ideas to share. This platform allows us to speak freely without judgement and to brainstorm ideas to come up with ways to better our communities and to encourage one another to share our stories.

The first quarter is over and 25-A Lions are off to a fantastic start. We have increased our membership, all of our Clubs are active in at least one service proj-

ect. We have leaders who have stepped up to fill every District Committee and position except for two — Zone Chairs for 4B and 3A.

Believe me, there are other Districts that would love to be us. We also do a great job with marketing. So, a huge shout out to Patty Cooke our newsletter editor, WKVI Radio for allowing me time every few months on the morning show and Kelly Kiel from Lacrosse for giving us exposure in the Regional Times Newspaper.

And, thank you to all the Lions in 25-A for your commitment and everything you do for Lionism.

May the Lions be with you and God Bless.



PADDFEST AT MILL CREEK

Paddfest is held

Mill Creek Community Lions Club celebrated its fifth annual Paddfest at Fish Lake in LaPorte County. The event featured IN-USCA point races, novice races and a Fun Paddle.

Some of the activities were

geared toward local veterans. Proceeds from the event went to benefit Lions Paws For Support, an initiative that sponsors the adoption of dogs from local rescues. Those dogs go into homes of veterans affected by PTSD as emotional support animals.

CEDAR LAKE DONATION — The Cedar Lake Lions Club presented a \$1,000 donation to Police Chief David Coulson at the June Police Commission meeting. The donation will be used toward the VIPS unit of the police department. Volunteers in Police Service assists the police department with patrols and traffic control.

Shown, from left, are Chief David Coulson, VIPS Sgt. Jack Yauger, Lion Terri Yauger, Lion Angie Schmelz, Lion Dick Kutcher, VIPS Lt. Tim Layer and Lion President Jim Braner.



DICTIONARIES — The La Porte Lions took dictionaries to third graders at Lincoln, Crichfield and St. John's Elementary Schools on Sept. 19. With participation from other Lions Clubs, every third grader in La Porte received his or her own dictionary. Lions Ruda, Spoljoric, Sandra Provan and Paul Marsh are shown with a third grade class at Crichfield Elementary School.



CANDY DAY — Lion Jason Kegebein works the South Haven Lions Candy Day.



COMBINED 75TH ANNIVERSARY — In September, the Hamlet and Wanatah Lions Clubs held a combined celebration to mark the 75th Anniversary of both Clubs.

PID Linda Tischer was the guest speaker and, of course, DG Mitch was in attendance as Hamlet is his home Club.



AT PARK — Lions Phyllis Varga and Tom Talaga are shown with the 'pop-up' library at a local park.



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Membership, leadership, service

By GOV. TERRY L. MARKER

As I started to prepare for my year as District Governor a lot of thought went into my pin design. I'm not the greatest at creativity. I am good at copying and making something my own. The final design came down to something my wife pointed out that I was saying over and over, "Let's hit the mark," and something that I did years ago. That is archery shooting. My pin ended up being a target with three arrows in the center and across the top it said "Hit the Mark for Membership, Leadership & Service."

Why membership, leadership, and service? Because, I feel that in many ways those are the three legs of Lions Clubs. It takes



members to make a club. It takes leaders to bring people together to lead our clubs and our communities. And it takes people who want to make a difference to meet as many needs as we are capable of.

That, to me describes Lions. It is good to see a report from the Multiple District Membership Team Chair PDG Dick Silveira that shows our numbers are growing overall. My challenge is

for each Club to grow by 5 members this year. More hands to do more service.

I think we have some of the greatest leaders in our state. But there is always room for more. We will have a Mid-Winter Conference coming in January and attending is a great way to grow in your ability to lead your Club and your community. Hopefully you will be willing to step up and be a District or State leader in the future. Who knows? I know there are people out there who have ambitions to lead at a higher level. We need people to step up and step out.

If we have the members and the leadership, then no service project is impossible. And that is what we are all about - WE SERVE. Bite'em LIONS.



WOLCOTTVILLE LIONS CHICKEN BBQ



MELVIN JONES FELLOW — Huntertown Lion member Linda Brezausk-Sodano received the Melvin Jones Award on Monday, Aug. 5. She is a 30-year member.



OFFICIAL VISIT — DG Don, Centerville President Bob Hobson and First VDG Jeff Locke at Centerville's official visit.



WINNERS — Shown are class winners in the 10th annual Dave Knopp 5k held as part of the Chain O' Lakes festival.



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED — Members of Richmond Club and others at Richmond's 95th Anniversary Dinner Celebration.



GOVERNOR AT PLEASANT LAKE — District Governor Terry Marker speaks to the Pleasant Lake Lions Club about goals for the year. Sitting at the head table, from left, are Lion Nikki Marker, Lion Ed Wise and Lion Elton Powers.



ZONE MEETING — DG Don at Osgood for Zone Meeting totally baffled about this "gavel" supposedly being lifted from Banner night.



SECOND PLACE - At the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired -- Brian's Trike Race, the Okuly Misfits from Andrews Lions Club received second place trophies. From left are Kory Okuly, Angela Okuly, Mike Okuly and Cheryl Okuly.

PARADE PLUS FOOD — The Pleasant Lake Lions Club participated in the Pleasant Lake Day parade, then provided food at the township park.



PARADE TIME — THEN 25-B DGE Terry Marker (now DG Terry Marker) preparing to ride the Albion Lions Float in the Chain O'Lakes festival Parade.



Sign Up Today For The Mid-Winter Conference



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Feeding the world through service

by GOV. TOM ROBBINS

"Where there is a need, there is a Lion," often said and repeated by us all but what does that really mean. Well, for one thing there is LCIF and still while confused with LCI, this is the arm of Lions that really does some giving. I'm often asked, what does LCIF do with all the money? Well, too be sure, it is a very good steward of the money donated to LCIF. These dollars are for HELPING only, no overhead, no advertising or administrative expense.

While we watched on TV from afar and the safety of our homes,

the Bahama Islands were ripped apart by a devastating hurricane named Dorian and before the hurricane ever grazed the Southeastern U.S., LCIF had sent \$100,000 to the Bahamian Islands for emergency relief funds. You see, the "real deal" is that we live by our motto of "Where there is a need, there is a Lion."

LCIF Campaign 100 was designed to be sure that there would always be funds available for emergency help during natural disasters or catastrophes around the world. Your donations are gladly accepted, and nothing is ever too small or large for that

matter. Worldwide only 7% of Lions are donating to LCIF and that drops to 3% for the U.S. (we can do better)

The "Model Club" designation is just \$500 per member over five years (28 cents per day) and many are accomplishing these amounts. The key thought to this message though isn't how much you can give, it's that any amount donated will translate into helping someone and it could be your very neighborhood. (LCIF was first to help when a tornado hit Kokomo).

Grants from LCIF are available for a variety of causes, HUNGER, VISION, HUMANITARIAN, CHILDHOOD CANCER, DIABETES, YOUTH AND NATURAL DISASTERS. All you need do is apply for a grant today by calling your LCIF Club or District Coordinator.

Thanks for reading and thanks for supporting LCIF.

EYEGLASS RECYCLING BOX - Zionsville Lions Club's First VP Jeff Papa and Zionsville Mayor Tim Haak, are showing off the newest addition to Zionsville Town Hall, a Lions Eyeglass Recycling Box. People may also put new or used hearing aids in that box.

Talk about change someone's life, whether its a pair of glasses for someone that can not afford glasses, or a child with cancer that lost their hearing from a treatment. Lions take what people don't need any longer, clean or repair them and change someone else's life.



SORTING — Zionsville Lions Club members are shown sorting eyeglasses collected around town.



COMMUNITY LUNCH — A Community Lunch for the Needy took place in Lafayette on Aug. 8. Serving the delicious food, provided by Lions Cherrie and Anna Buckley, is President of the Indiana Cyber Lions Club Chris Landskron and

Past President of the Lafayette Lions Club Carl Landskron. Other servers not pictured were Lion Dave Ehlers and Lafayette Club President Larry Fisher.



TRAINING SESSION — PDG Tom Slattery, Indiana Eye Glass Coordinator, joined the Zionsville Lions Club to lead a training session on how to sort eyeglasses. Tom has helped to get over seven million eyeglasses to those who are less fortunate.



MELVIN JONES FELLOW — Margaret Julien was presented her well earned Melvin Jones Fellow at the Zionsville Lions Club meeting held at Maplelawn Farmstead on Aug. 27. Meg was the First Lady Zionsville Lion.

BACK TO SCHOOL — The Lafayette Lions Club's Back to School Bash was held in August. In the photo Mary Hood is shown handing out backpacks and school supplies.



CLUB CELEBRATES — The Bainbridge Lions Club celebrated its 75th anniversary. The Club was chartered May 9, 1944. In the photo, from left, are Duane Wass; Kathy Wass; Ed Dewes, President; Brent McColgin, Treasurer; and Jeff Kiger. Absent was Ken Carrington, Secretary.



NEW LEO BOARD — Shown is the new Zionsville Leo Board being inducted by Lions First VP Jeff Papa.

In front, from left, are Camille Sidebottom, Hanna Wilhite, President Gigi Giralte, Lily Nault and Mia Wilhite.

In back are Regan King, Madeline Dollins, Robert Campbell, Ethan Perry, Conrad Waller and Papa.



FARMSTEAD TOUR — Zionsville Lions Club enjoyed everything about Maplelawn Farmstead. They were given the history of the beautiful farm, at the beginning of their meeting, and toured the grounds and house.

The highlight of the evening was Margaret Julien receiving her Melvin Jones Fellow.



CLUB HONORED — The Michigantown Lions Club received a commemorative plaque with an article and picture that appeared in the Aug. 14 Indianapolis Star. The article tells the story of the historic 1924 gymnasium and how it was saved from demolition by the Michigantown Lions Club in 1970 to become the centerpiece of activities in Michigantown today. The plaque was a gift from Clinton County historian Leroy Good to the Michigantown Lions Club. It is currently on display in the Museum of Michigantown History, located inside the historic gymnasium building.

Tours and building rental are available for small and large groups.

Please call (765) 432-0191 for further information.

Shown, from left, with the plaque are Michigantown Lions Club members Kathy Blanch, Don Blanch, Dennis Shoup, Sam Fields, Leroy Good, Pat Newton, Carolyn Fields, Linda Barnett and Larry Newton.



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'Lions save lives'

By GOV. DAN WILCOX

District 25-D Lions, as of this writing the District is positive in membership. Not by a lot, but we are holding serve, to use a tennis term. Please keep focus on adding members throughout the year. District D is in the middle of a Fall membership contest that will end Oct. 31. Your hard work just might pay off in prizes as well as increased service.

The second District Meeting of the year will be held at 6 p.m. Oct. 29 at the Tipton Lions Club. Please make room on your calendar to attend. It will be fun as you are invited (though not mandatory) to wear a fall costume. You don't want to miss that.

Lion Tammy and I have hit the road visiting clubs, inducting members and attending meetings in service of the Lions of Indiana. September was a bit shorter for us Lion-wise as we drove my parents to Portland, Maine, and back for my father's Navy reunion (Zellers DD-777).

It is always special as time is spent with men and their families who served our country, some of whose mates paid the ultimate sacrifice.

As we head into November and Veterans Day on the 11th, please remember those who have served. On a recent official visit I learned that the Noblesville Lions Club is having a special meeting to honor veterans. Thank you to all Lions Clubs who are in some way doing the same. Most important, thank you to all veterans and families (they serve, too). You have the gratitude of our nation.

November is also Diabetes Awareness Month. Lions Club International is asking us all to focus on diabetes awareness. Keep in touch with those in your communities who have this disease. You may find that someone in your area is struggling with the cost of insulin as it has skyrocketed. Insulin can be as much as \$1,000 for a 10-week supply. Most insurances still leave a large portion for the diabetic to pay.

As Lion and Cancer Control Trustee Dottie Flack has said, "Lions save lives." You are the vital link to your communities' well-being.



NHS LEOS IN HOMECOMING PARADE — The Noblesville High School Leos Club, sponsored by the Noblesville Lions Club, participated in the school's homecoming parade. As you can see by the group photo, fun was had by all.



LIBERTY DAY — The Russiaville Lions Club sponsored Liberty Day presentations at the Howard County Western Middle School and High School. As part of the presentation the Club members presented copies of the U.S. Constitution to the Western 8th and 11th grade students. Speaking to the students from local government were Indiana Representative Mike Karickhoff and Howard County Councilwoman Jamie Bolser. Their clear messages to the Western students was and is... "Get involved. Help organize. Demonstrate your leadership."

Shown in front are student leaders. In back are Lion Frank Faulkner, Liberty Day Project Leader; Rep. Karickhoff; Councilwoman Bolser; Principal Tracy Horrell; a student leader; and Lion Abe Rayl.



FIRST PLACE — Lion President James Mooneyhan of the Kempton Lions Club is holding the First Place District Governors Excellence Award- District 1, presented by Lion Wayne Sozansky, Zone Chairman - Region 1, Zone A. Also shown in the photo is PDG Frank Rush, LCIF Committee, The Kempton Lions Club generously supported LCIF and plans to make regular future contributions.



GRANT FOR TORNADO RECOVERY — The Pendleton Lions Club requested an LCIF Disaster Recovery Grant through DG Dan Wilcox after the Memorial Day tornado hit Pendleton and Falls Park. Upon approval of the \$4,180, Chris Byers of Dependable Tree Service Inc. was contracted to remove and the cleanup of 17 large tree stumps throughout Falls Park.

In the photo is DG Dan Wilcox presenting the LCIF grant check to Byers. From left are Lion JoAnn Owens, PDG Doug Owens, Lion Sam Weist, PDG Betty Weist, Lion Fletcher Owens, Lion Penny Creger, Chris Byers, Lion David McMullen, DG Dan Wilcox, Lion Ralph Burns, Falls Park Superintendent Aaron Burris, Lion Dick Creger, park employee Joy Wood and Falls Park Maintenance Supervisor Donnie Meyer.

Announcing Lions of 25-D District Meeting

This is our fun filled, Fall-themed meeting. You are encouraged to dress in your favorite, family appropriate Halloween costume or other Fall-themed attire. You are certainly welcome in Lions attire, too.



When: October 29, 2019
Where: Tipton Lions Club
1003 N. East Street
Tipton, IN 46072
Time: 6:00 PM Social
6:30 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Meeting

*** All Lions are welcome to join us for our District meeting ***
Even if you can't make dinner, please come join us

Meal cost: \$10 per person, includes . . .
Tipton Lions signature Pork-on-a-Stick, baked potato, coleslaw,
macaroni salad, pies drinks

Please fill out the form below and make checks payable to LIONS DISTRICT 25-D

** You may pay at the door, but MUST email this form so we know you're coming **
(You can edit this form directly)

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Helps for blind and visually impaired

By GOV. SHERYL SCHAFER

October is Medication Safety Awareness for the Blind Month. What a time to kick off a new service project. There are people in our community who are

blind/visually impaired who have problems reading their prescription labels. Because they cannot read their prescription correctly, they take too much, not enough or the wrong ones. Not reading the prescription labels right causes a

lot of deaths to the blind/visually impaired.

Lion Trish Bissell and Lindsay Haley an advocate team for EN-Visio America. They are located out of Florida. They can tell you all about the cool machines they have to help the blind/visually impaired.

Scrip Talk Station is one of those machines. It is a talking prescription station. It works by the pharmacy attaching a small electronic tag on the prescription container. This electronic tag has the same data as the printed label. Then you take it home and place it on Scrip Talk Station and it will read the label information out loud for the person to hear. As part of EN-Vision America's Pharmacy Freedom Program they can supply Script Talk Stations to patients at no cost.

Galaxy Talking Bar Code Scanner is another machine for audible identification and information assistance for blind/visually impaired. It is a handheld scanner that has so many uses. Reading the groceries at the store and once you get the home. You could also use it to organize at home - inventory, cooking and many more applications.

Script View is when the prescription label are printed large at the pharmacy for the visually impaired. The label can also be translated in to 17 different languages. There is no additional cost to you for this service.]

You can start planning now: Call Lion Trish or Lidsay Haley to order free brochures and demonstration unit. Their number is (800) 890-1180. Call them. Let's

see if we can start a new project to help our communities. 'Lions can do it!'

CHECK FOR HEATERS - Lion Christy Nolan presents a check to Bill Day from the Jackson County History Center to help with the purchase of new heaters.



OFFICERS — French Lick-West Baden Lions Club officers for the 2019-20 year took the oath of office administered by visiting District Governor Sheryl Schafer, of Bloomfield, during the Aug. 6 meeting.

From left, Chaplain Jason Lindsey, Membership Chair Samantha Prow, Tail Twister Ron Woolsey, Director Willard Owen, Secretary Frances Drabing, President Bill Willis, Second VP Bruce Anderson, Director Rex Drabing and Treasurer Jim Springer. Not shown are First VP Cindy DeHart and Director Steve Owen.

LIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT — Members of the French Lick-West Baden Lions Club pose at the INDOT Adopt-a-Highway sign after a SR 145 clean up project south of French Lick. The project, along with a net increase in membership, helped qualify the Club for the 2019 Club Excellence Award. Shown from left are Lions Judy Walters, Willard Owen, Jim Springer and Club President Bill Willis.



BLOOMFIELD — DG Ron Edwards and PCC Jeff Schafer and Star of Bloomfield.



ELLETTSVILLE — PDG Ron Edwards and Lion Kenny Williams of Ellettsville.



FAYETTEVILLE COMMUNITY — PDG Ron Edwards and Lion Duane Terry of Fayetteville Community.



PETERSBURG — PDG Ron Edwards and Lion Don Southwood of Petersburg.



BEDFORD EVENING - PDG Ron Edwards and Lion Carol Hobbs of the Bedford Evening Lions Club. In the foreground is Lion Jim Fisher.

STAR OF THE SHOW — PCC Jeff Schafer holds Leader Dog puppy "Star" during an official visit by DG Sheryl Schafer to the French Lick-West Baden Lions Club.

The black Lab is the ninth Leader Dog puppy the couple has raised before returning them to Rochester, Mich., for final training and service to a blind person. (Photo by PDG Bill Willis)





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Thanks and thoughts

By GOV. DON MULLEN

Well, here we are. Official visits have begun, Richmond Lions Club celebrated its 95th anniversary and many activities, particularly vision screening, have taken place. Obviously, September came and went and I know not where.

Time has become a blur. That said, I would like to thank Centerville, Brookville, Columbus, Middletown and Pike for terrific visits that involved wonderful meals and fellowship. I also enjoyed attending the Zone Meeting at Osgood.

Speaking of visits, by the time this is published, I will have visited Connersville, Decatur Central and a joint meeting at Milan that included Versailles, Osgood and Batesville. Other visits scheduled are on Oct. 16 at Indy Chapel Hill; Oct. 17 at Beach Grove with Indy Warren Township, Southport and Indy Franklin Township; Oct. 21 at Lawrence with Fortville; and Oct. 28 at Indy Washington Township with Indy Center Township.

Another event happening in October is the Fall District Meeting on Oct. 12 at Napoleon. Registration forms are online and in the newsletter. We encourage you all to attend. There will be activities that will include discussions of topics that have importance to all of 25-F. If there is anything you feel should be discussed, let us know. We want to hear from you.

Following that thought of letting us know, and wanting to hear from you, here are a few things about which you may want to let us know.

√ What could be done to get more people to attend Training Sessions, District Meetings and Organizational Day? If you have attended previously, what was your least part of these meetings/events?

√ How do we prioritize what is important to local Cubs vs. those of LCI?

√ What steps can we take to recruit across multiple generations? How can we bring in younger members?

√ If you could change anything about Lions, what would it be and how would you change it?

√ What are we not doing at the District level that you think we should be doing?

√ If a website or packet was created to help with event fundraising (a how to guide) would your Club use it? What fundraising ideas have worked best for your Club?

√ Why don't more people know what the Lions Club does on the International level? Would you like to see donations to LCI used to advertise our accomplishments?

√ Are you, or your Club, frustrated with repeated requests for money from LCI?

√ Why do people not volunteer for leadership positions at the Club level (Club Officers) and within the District (Zone Chairs, VDGs, DGs)?

Other events include, Oct. 13, a Speech and Hearing Trustee Meeting; Oct. 26, a pancake breakfast at Milan beginning at 8

a.m.; also on Oct. 16, the first of four Ben Davis Lions Club pancake breakfast at Ben Davis University High School from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Ben Davis has the best pancakes in the state and they have a trophy to prove it (no favoritism here, and oh, Milan no offense). Finally, on Oct. 27, the Indy Chapel Hill Lions Club has its furniture sale. If you have events taking place, please post on the District Calendar as Lions from other Clubs may want to attend.

As you know, one of our goals is to make this the greatest year ever in service provided by all Clubs in 25-F to people in the District. To do this we first need to report the number served immediately after whatever that service was. To reach this goal it will take a lot of people providing a lot of service. To do this we need to continue to grow.

I'm happy to report that at the end of August we were holding steady at 1,548 Lions, having lost and gained 12 Lions since the beginning of July. As of Sept. 19, we lost four more Lions. We had 1,575 Lions at this time last year.

We have 61 Clubs in 25-F, it would be beyond outstanding if by the end of next June we could have an average net growth of one new Lion for each Club. While you might chuckle at that, I fully believe that even with anticipate loses, we could have 1,600 Lions by the end of June 2020. Challenge yourselves to do whatever is necessary to accomplish this goal. This can be done as we all know that when Lions believe something can be done, it can and will be done.

Getting the people we need and getting the younger people we need, gives us an opportunity. This opportunity is one in which you can be excited about and eager to pursue. Not only is it an opportunity to add more people to your Club, but to reach a whole new generation of Lions.

Michael Brand, in his composition, "Why Our Service Organizations Are Dying," wrote, "Service Clubs once the backbone of America, have been in decline for the past two or three decades. It is not that our Club have changed, America has changed. Thus the imperative is for us to reinvent a new America."

We are therefore presented with an opportunity to reinvent our Clubs and get younger. It is important for our Clubs to change and get younger to perpetuate our Clubs' legacy as Lions and continue to good service provided to our communities.

Because Lions is an aging organization, there is, as you know, a decline in people who threatens what a Club does as an organization. Some take the position that Clubs don't care for we've been around for 100 years and we'll be around a hundred more. So, no change is needed. We would hope that Clubs, in their heart of hearts, don't really believe this since doing so would be taking a short-sighted position that is beyond understanding. We'd like to believe Clubs care enough about service in their communities that they want to do whatever is necessary to

see their good works continue.

It is not in dispute that what makes Lions work is the Club's people. It is our people who drive and continue to drive the many accomplishments of Lions through out our local communities, not to mention the world.

Sometimes it does seem, because of our success, we run the risk of becoming complacent about what our Clubs are going to need to continue our success. Clubs need to understand this and take action.

Dr. Robert Littlefield, in his "Stories from the Heart," wrote, "One new Lion impacts 70 lives each year." With this in mind, no matter how it is done, our Clubs need to develop plans, aggressively implement, to seek younger people, and make no mistake, younger people do volunteer. Also, make no mistake, that as individual Lions Clubs, volunteerism has changed over the years.

Hopefully, your Club will see the importance of the changing natures of volunteerism and is willing to evolve with this change. Our Clubs need to accept this change in order to continue to progress in service the world and our communities will surely demand.

To get younger, our Club members should understand what motivates the younger generation to volunteer. Recognize, understand and acknowledge the difference between current Lions and younger generations. Current Lions should not impose their views on the younger people and dismiss what they bring to the Club.

The younger Lions cannot be seen as trying to push current Lions out of leadership positions and dismiss the experience they bring to the Club. Each should recognize the strengths of the other group and come together for the benefit of the community.

Do not misunderstand, it should not be presumed that we are only advocating adding the younger group. Seeking out the 50 to 65 age group should always be targeted. There is a lot of energy, great ideas and time availability this group brings to the organization. However, we still need to look beyond this group to get significantly younger.

This will take planning and patience as making changes and adding people is a process that may take time and diligence of pursuit. To be honest and in the end, each of our Clubs has the autonomy to do what it wants. Frankly, Clubs don't need to do anything about adding younger people. However, your Club also has the autonomy to be progressive in its thinking and actions when it comes to growing and sustaining your Club.

It is a privilege to be a Lion! It should be respected by enhancing the traditional modes of operation and embracing the younger generation's energy, ideas, talents and desire to serve in an attractive, progressive, in touch worthwhile organization. Take note of what Bland also wrote, "People love environs that awaken their curiosity, challenges them to think and learn,

plus encourages openness to new, inspiring ideas and alternatives. These elements are essential to pulling in the emerging generation and thus ensure Club success. It is imperative to reinvent. That may involve passing the torch and allow an emerging generation of leadership to reinvent our Clubs according to their needs. The alternative may be irrelevance and obscurity." Adding more and younger people can only revitalize and reinvigorate our Clubs and our people.

As your Club gets started with this process, you might want to do an honest Club self-assessment. You may want to consider such questions as:

√ What is important about our Club?

√ What might a younger person find attractive about our Club?

√ Are we offering unique ways for younger people to be involved in leadership?

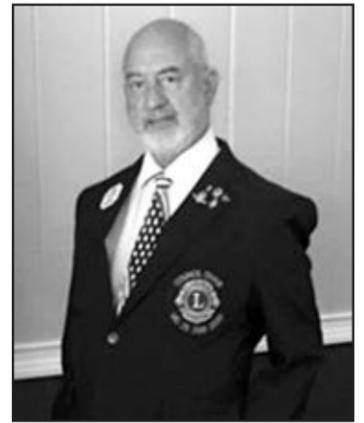
These are only a few of the questions you could ask yourselves. In addition, we should educate ourselves about what turns younger people from joining our organization.

Also ask yourselves if we need to consider how we are recruiting new members, and should we change our paradigm in what we require them to do? Ask open end questions to create a dialogue that finds out in what they are interested. Recruit to that. Find out what younger people volunteer for and what motivates them to join. At times this may seem like a daunting process, but the end of the road is more people and younger people.

It is a process that is needed; one that needs to be forthrightly pursued. It is a process that actually will bring us our most important objective of more service to more people.



FUTURE LIONS — Tanner and Kennedy Mullen, two Lions in the making.



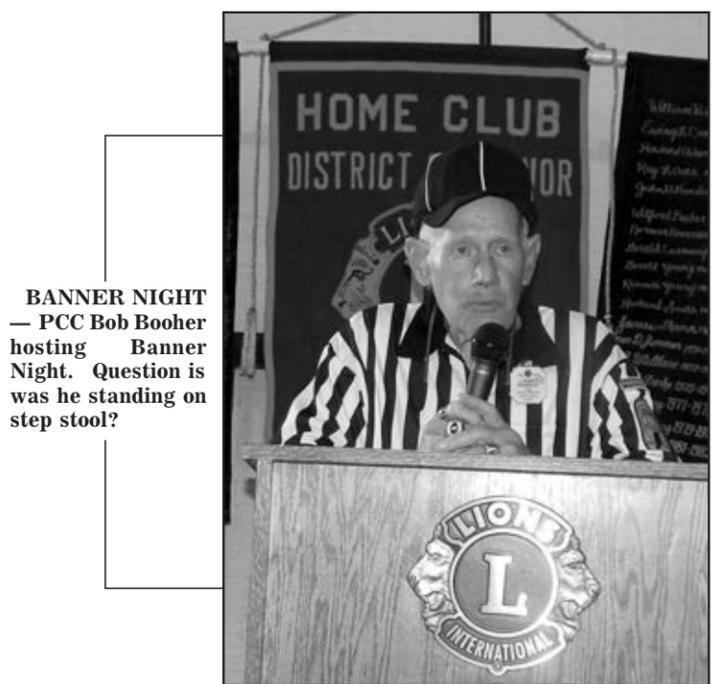
AT ANNIVERSARY — Council Chair Ron Bigam attending Richmond's 95th Anniversary celebration.



PRE-GAME FESTIVITIES — Lions of 25-F enjoying pre-game festivities prior to Banner Night.



NEW LION — Lion Sponsor Brenda Carter is shown pinning at new member installation of Rosalyn Kowal of Ben Davis Lions Club at Banner Night.



BANNER NIGHT — PCC Bob Booher hosting Banner Night. Question is was he standing on step stool?



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So many opportunities

By GOV. MARY KLEMPAY

Fall is here, the changing colors are making the drives through the countryside for visiting my Lions Clubs enjoyable and relaxing. With the changing seasons, come the changes in Lions Clubs activities. Outside activities might have to take a backseat for a while, and we focus on craft fairs, tenderloin dinners and vision screenings for the area school children.

What other things can we focus upon during the months ahead? How we can improve our Lions Clubs ... how can we build our membership ... who can we identify as a new leader? There's a simple and inexpensive solution to those questions and many more!

Indiana Lions just returned from the USA/Canada Forum that was held out in Spokane, Wash., this past month, and there were SO many opportunities to learn and grow in service. And yet, that weekend of training can prove cost prohibitive to many in our District (and State) but fear not! We have the Mid-Winter Conference coming up in January that is easily available to the Lion members of District G. Early registration is only \$40 (before Dec. 1).



Some of the seminars available are:
Unmasking MYLION

How to Avoid Scam Emails
Time Management
Finding Funds for Lions Service Projects
Branch, Cyber and Specialty Clubs
How to Plan a Million Meals Event

So many opportunities to learn, so many opportunities to network ... make THIS year the year YOU come to the Mid-Winter Conference - Jan.10-11. You can build new friendships, discover new ideas that trigger excitement for how YOUR Club can make a difference in your community. And taking a road trip down to Indy with other Lions can definitely be a memorable experience. Ride share!

With the holidays coming up soon, many Clubs will be very busy with their community service programs and special events. So, the plan is to create District G's health fairs to kick off in early February. Is your Club ready to commit to being involved with the upcoming Health Fairs? Please contact me to confirm your interest and provide a Club member name to work on the planning committee. Now is the time to get involved in the implementation plans. Call me today to be part of this exciting District-wide project.

To accommodate the best timing and promotional opportunities, the first Health Fair is now tentatively scheduled for early February. With the holidays approaching quickly, this will be a great way to build community awareness and allow for brainstorming new ideas. Here's just a few things to get YOUR ideas started:

Child safety
Recycling
Stress Information
Women's / Men's Health Issues
Diabetes / Nutrition

Cancer Screenings
Vision Screenings
Blood Pressure Screening
Total Cholesterol Testing
Hearing
Your club could also do demonstrations for some of the activities listed here:

Chair massages
Chair aerobics
CPR
Healthy Cooking
First Aid / Emergency Preparedness
Fire Extinguisher demonstration
Food Storage safety demonstration/education

Proper Lifting Techniques
Need MORE ideas? I have so many more that are easy to implement. So, get a Club member to be on the Health Fair TEAM, and we can make this an annual event for years to come. This will become a great way to live our motto: WE SERVE.

With all my visits to District 25-G Clubs, the most impressive thing I have seen is member growth. Wouldn't it be great to see these NEW members at our upcoming District meeting on Oct. 26? Come and meet other Lions from the District and find out how much fun we have.

In case you don't recognize him, this is CT Ron Guth, roaring during the last District meeting!

Check my schedule and get YOUR visit planned today. And if you're interested in a Governor's Night Out, with several clubs in your Zone, now's the time to give me a call!



RON GUTH



CONGRATULATIONS — Immediate Past District Governor Jim Reeve, right, of the Lake City Lions Club, congratulates District Governor during banner Night festivities.



BANNERS PASSED — Lake City Lions President Sheri Reeve, left, poses with the Home Club Banners as she passes them to the Lakeville Lions Club, home Club of District Governor Mary Klempay. Accepting the banners for the Lakeville Club is First Vice President Diane Fischer.

Banner Night held at Camp Mack

District 25-G's 2019 Banner Night was held at Camp Mack, near Milford, Saturday, Aug. 24.

Past Council Chair David Eisen served as emcee and announced the parade of banners.

Highlights of the evening included Hannah Walter of Napanee, an Indiana 500 princess, telling those in attendance about the speedway and her duties as she showed photos of both the speedway and princesses.

The banner was transferred from the Lake City Lions by President Sheri Reeve to Lakeville Lions First Vice President Diane Fischer.

Zone Chair Diane Fischer presided over a candle lighting ceremony with the District's Past District Governors who in turn lit their candles with Immediate Past District Governor Jim Reeve lighting the candle held by DG Mary Klempay.



GOVERNOR SPEAKS — District Governor Mary Klempay is shown as she addresses those in attendance at her Banner Night.

Immediate Past District Governor Jim Reeve lighting the candle held by DG Mary Klempay.



VISION SCREENING — On Monday, Sept. 30, PDG Paul Russell (Lakeville Lions Club), PDG Lana Wilson (South Bend Lions Club), and Lion Howard Heines (Lakeville Lions Club) provided free vision screenings for students in the HeadStart program at Elsie Rogers Elementary School in the Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation in St. Joseph County.

During the month of September, members of the Lakeville Lions Club, assisted by members of the Lydick Lions Club and South Bend Lions Club, provided free vision screenings to 590 students at 11 schools or daycare centers.

LAPAZ LIONS CO-HOST BLOOD DRIVE

— The LaPaz Lions Club partnered with Cornerstone Community Fellowship to co-host their third community blood drive for the American Red Cross on Aug. 24 at the local church. Members of the Lions and members of the church shared in making physical arrangements for the drive, and then assisting in registration and in providing concessions for donors. The local drive netted 23 units of blood.

Shown are Sue Bettcher, Cornerstone Event Coordinator, LaPaz Lions Club President and Cornerstone pastor Steve Cox making his blood donation, and Reggie Reyes, Red Cross site supervisor.



Roann Covered Bridge Lions busy, induct nine new members

The Roann Covered Bridge Lions Club met at the Little Cathedral in Roann Aug. 13. for dinner and introduction of new members into the Club.

Lion Donna Harman gave the recap of the July 6th activities that were held in Roann. A couple events were canceled but people enjoyed the radio remote from Warsaw's 101.1 and 21 people rode in their helicopter. They also had kid's games and a bicycle rodeo. The Heritage group served hot dogs, chips and drink for a free will offering. They also had items for sale, which some were "free will donation". The money taken in goes toward the Main Street grant program.

Lions Keith Ford and Phil Dale were both presented silver centennial awards for bringing new members into the Lions Club.

Guests of the meeting were District 25-G Governor Mary Klempay and Past District Governor Tom Polk. They inducted nine new members into the Roann Lions Club — Jake and Andres Collis, Chandler and Amanda Jones, John Lundquist, Quentin Reavis,



NINE NEW MEMBERS — Shown in front are District Governor Mary Klempay and Jake Collis' daughter.

In the second row are Sandy Morris, sponsor; Chandler Jones, new member; Amanda Jones, new member; Jake Collis, new member; and Valerie Wilcox, new member.

In back are Steve Powell, sponsor; John Lundquist, new member; and Quentin Reavis, new member.

New members not pictured are Amanda Collis and Daniel and Brandy Smallwood.

Daniel and Brandy Smallwood and Valerie Wilcox. The Lions Club pin was presented to each

new members by the person who sponsored them to come into the Club.



AT TRUSTEE'S MEETING — Indiana LeaderDog meeting was held at the State Building Aug. 24. Working Leader Dogs to puppies in training joined the loyal group of Trustees and Associates.

Leader Dog Trustees help in a variety of ways

Lions Clubs International was challenged by Hellen Keller to become "Knights of the Blind" in 1925. Today, One of five State Lions Projects is Indiana Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Indiana is divided into seven Districts, each has three elected Leader Dog Trustees. The Trustee's duties vary from talking to a variety of Clubs and Organizations to educate and to raise funds for Leader Dog, to helping the visually impaired qualify for a Leader Dog. This includes questions and filming.

The applicants demonstrates their independent travel skills and their readiness for training. They will have paper work from their doctors and interview with Leader Dog, after a review of their paperwork and video. If they qualify, they are taken to Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Mich., for a 27-day stay to meet and work with their new partner.

There is no cost to the client for the travel, room and board or dog.



FILMING — Karen Bohling is shown with her white cane. Following her and filming her action is District Governor Tom Robbins, a Leader Dog Associate.

If you have any questions on a your District's Leader Dog Leader Dog you may contact Trustee.

PID Nick and Lion

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ing. They then said that behind every successful man was a woman and presented Lion Gretchen with a brick, too.

PDG Pat Short talked about PID Nick's friendship in Indiana and the world. She said Lions had given 3D printers to the Indiana School For The Blind and Visually Impaired and presented the Xinopouloses with a 3D photo of themselves that the students had made for them. She said the students like the 3D photos because they can feel what a person looks like.

Lion Gretchen and PDG Charles Roth presented PID Nick with a Life Membership from the Brownsburg Lions Club.

Members of the Clinton Lions Club welcomed PID Nick home and presented the couple with a basket filled with goodies from the Club.

Following the comments and presentations, both PID Nick and Lion Gretchen spoke.

Lion Gretchen talked about it being an experience for a girl from a small town and thanked those in attendance for their support. She said while the board was meeting the spouses got to tour the area where the meeting was being held and she saw many places and visited many Lions projects around the world. She was also able to be involved in a number of service projects.

The couple has made many new friends from all over the USA and the world.

In closing she said it was good to be home.

PID Nick thanked the Maddens

for their support and noted it was a wonderful experience. He thanked the Lions of Indiana and introduced the Xinopoulos family.

He also commented on the support of his Club, the Brownsburg Lions.

He told the story of a Club giving food for Thanksgiving. One woman, who had four children to feed, refused the turkey, noting she did not have a stove with which to cook it. The Lions Club then provided her with a stove and gave her a turkey. Lions are making a difference, he said, both locally and internationally.

He commented on women in Lionism and the fact they make a difference, noting recently Lion Gretchen had baked cookies for a Club project, then the women from the Club iced them. Bringing a laugh from those in attendance, he said he couldn't imagine the men in the Club icing the cookies.

PID Nick said he loves being a Lion and is proud to be a Lion from Indiana.

PID Nick and Lion Gretchen are from Brownsburg in 24-C. He has held many offices including Club President, Leo Club Advisor, Zone Chair and District Governor. He has also served on the District GMT extension team.

In recognition of his service to the association, PID Nick has received numerous awards, including a Membership Key, International President's Certificates of Appreciation, International Presidents Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will award. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones

Fellow. Lion Gretchen is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, PID Nick has been active professional and community organizations, including the Hendricks County Sheriff's Department and as chairman of the July 4 parade.

A plea for hearing aids

By LION RAYMOND FURNER

Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing is collecting hearing aids to support our Hearing Aid Loaner Bank.

Lions should give the hearing aids to Club Presidents, Zone Chairmen, Speech and Hearing Trustees or District Governors or take them directly to the State Office on Purdue Road in Indianapolis.

Donate them, even if they don't work.

Donate them if they are in a drawer.

Donate them, if you don't need them any longer.

Donate them!

I will arrange a program on hearing loss for any Club in Indiana, if you will only ask.

If there are questions about this collection, contact me at (317) 852-8087 or furner@ameritech.net.

Raymond L. Furner, 922 Briarwood Drive, Brownsburg, IN 46112.

Save these dates for 2020 State Convention

The 99th Indiana Lions State Convention will be held April 24-26 at the Bloomington Monroe Convention Center in Bloomington.

Due to a schedule conflict International Dr. President Yul-Choi will not be able to attend. The special guest in 2020 will be Past International President Robert Corlew and Lion Dianne.

The 99th Indiana Lions Convention 25-C Planning Committee is working to provide the Lions of Indiana with seminars and information that will enhance their knowledge of Indiana Lions as

well as of Lions Clubs International.

Mark your calendars for April 24-26, 2020, and make your reservations as early as possible. A complete list of hotels and the host hotel phone numbers along with a registration will be sent to District Governors to include in their December Newsletters. Online registration will be available by that date as well.

Don't miss time to refresh, visit with old friends and learn what's new in Lions.

Co-chairs of the convention are PID Linda and PDG Vern ?????

We must find

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find new avenues of service.

LCIF is working hard on our Diabetes and Pediatric Cancer initiatives. LCIF has made a great deal of progress for research and development on these initiatives. In May of this year, the LCIF Trustees approved a Childhood Cancer Pilot grant program and a Hunger pilot grant program. These applications are available on the International website. The goal of the LCIF Childhood Cancer grant program is to improve the quality of life for children receiving treatment and their families. The goals of the LCIF Diabetes initiative are to educate ourselves and our communities; create environments that inspire and support healthy lifestyles; increase access to diabetes care, medication and diagnostic equipment and help implement national diabetes policies and plans.

The 2019 USA/Canada Forum in

Spokane, Wash. was a success. There were approximately 1,600 registered who attended excellent seminars, delicious meals and inspiring keynote speakers including our International President Dr. Choi.

The Lions Clubs International Executive Officers have endorsed PID Fabricio Oliveira from Brazil, South America, for Third VP to be elected in Shanghai at the 2020 International Convention. PID Oliveira has been a Lion since 1985.

As we move in to fall and winter I wish you good health and safe travels.



MD-25 Lions Intl Pin Design 2021



June 25 – 29, 2021: Montreal, Quebec:

Known as "Canada's Cultural Capital", Quebec's largest city is like no other in North America! Behind Paris, Montreal is the 2nd largest French-speaking city in the world and truly a foodie's paradise. While the underground pedestrian network is impressive with over 2,000 shops covering 18 miles, the 9 miles of shops lining the famous Sainte-Catherine Street has been the pride of Montreal for over a century. Explore Montreal, Notre-Dame Basilica, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and the Olympic Stadium are just a few sights. If nature is your escape, 343 acres of green space in Mount Royal Park offers the best views of this cosmopolitan city. Montreal has so much more to offer.

So encourage your clubs to put on their thinking cap on and start designing.

Pins MUST include:

- a-MD 25 Indiana (as text)
- b-the Intl Convention year - 2021
- c-Lion Club Intl Logo
- d-Intl Convention Host City representation
- e-MD 25 graphic representation

MD-25 usually includes a race car and/or the outline of Indiana

Each club can submit one design to its District Governor.

One design will be selected by each District Governor.

All District designs need to be submitted to me by December 15, 2019.

Each District's selected design will be presented to State Council in January.

Remember: pin designers do not have to be (a) Lions

Be creative! CT Patricia Biggam, State Pin Chairperson

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CYBER LION - One of the Indiana Cyber Lions Club's newer members, Lion Stephen Moss, lives in a historic 1858 home in Louisiana, Mo. To benefit childhood literacy, they are working with their local library, The Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and providing home tours.

Lion Moss and his wife, Pamela, have opened up their house to small groups of visitors. Dressing up in the period of the house, they serve light refreshments to their guests and tell them a piece of history surrounding the house and the region. The couple is shown at their front door ready to welcome guests.



FRIDAY EVENING PROJECT — Volunteers are shown at a typical meal preparation area at a MMM project.

Million Meal Movement

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energy meals with vitamins and minerals, dried vegetables, protein and rice. The meals will be distributed to food banks along with written instructions for their use.

Since the MMM was founded in 2007, over 28 million meals have

been packaged and distributed. The program has been highly refined, and each volunteer at a typical food packaging event can prepare 200 meals in an hour. Each meal costs 27 cents to feed an individual. Mid-Winter event organizers are hoping to have more than 100 volunteers at the Friday night packing, resulting in more than 20,000 meals prepared.

Additionally, a seminar session on Saturday, Jan. 11, will feature representatives from the Million Meal Movement who will detail how local Lions Clubs can develop partnerships in their own communities. The MMM is an excellent new service project that involves volunteers to meet the needs of over 1 million children and adults throughout Indiana.

No change in hotel, conference center

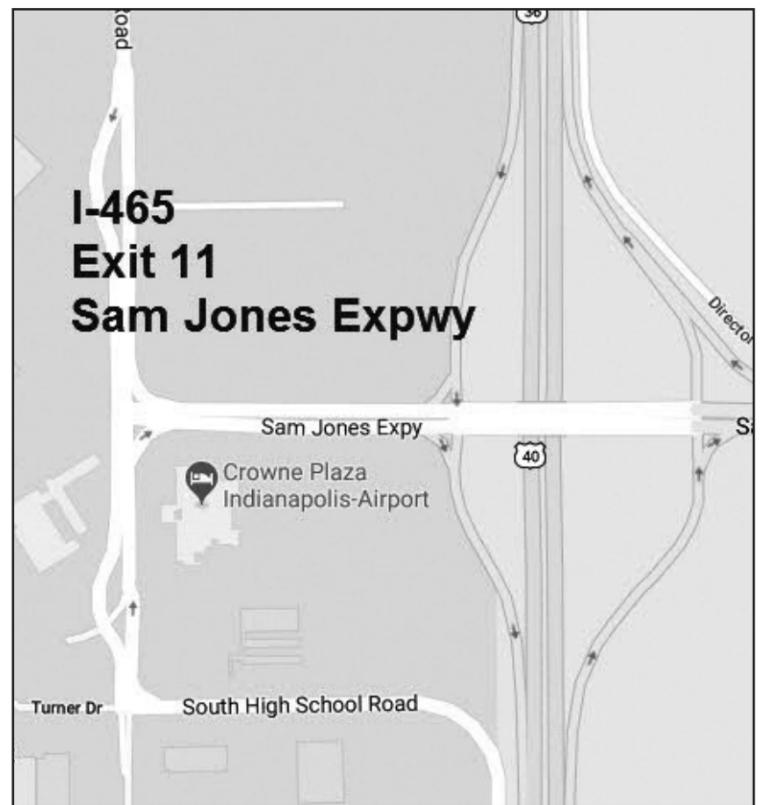
There will be no change in the hotel for the 2020 Mid-Winter Conference. Everything will take place under one roof at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport Hotel, located at 205 South High School Road, Indianapolis.

The cost per night is \$111 plus tax.

Call (317) 244-6861. Lions must use this number and tell them you are with the Lions when making your reservations in order to get the group rate. The reservation deadline is Dec. 9.

Not only is parking free and you don't have to go from hotel to meeting place since it's all under one roof.

The hotel is located off I 465 at the Indianapolis airport turnoff (Sam Jones Expressway). Turn west off of I 465 and go to the stoplight. The hotel is just south of the intersection.



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By attending Lions State Convention, Mid-Winter Conference and going to visit a Club as a Lion, which I did even before becoming a District Governor.

Let's reach out to each other as not only neighbors, but as "Lions Neighbors" supporting each other in various opportunities when they become available. Go forward and reach out and continue to be a neighbor to our community as Lions do and to other Lions as well.

I want to report that Brian's Trike Race and Disc Golf was successful. It was a beautiful day. Zionsville Lions Club came in first in the adult division and took home the coveted "Lions Trike Award" and the Tindley Leos Club came in first and won the youth division.

I have heard that Lions from around the State have been busy with Vision Screening of students. If any Club members or even non-Lions are interested in being trained to Vision Screen please contact Lion John Squire to schedule a training session. His email address is inspj@comcast.net

There are upcoming events that Lions from throughout Indiana need to support whenever they can.

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 10 and 11, will be Mid-Winter Conference, which is being held again at The Crown Plaza Hotel on the west side of Indy just off of I-465 and Sam Jones Road. Plans are being completed and the committee is moving forward with the planned schedule from last meeting.

The committee is planning to involve Lions in a hunger project for Friday evening and we will need many Lions to make this a true success. More information will be coming as plans come to fruition.

On Sunday evening, Jan. 12, will be the opening ceremonies for the Special Olympics Winter Games, which is the third year that Lions of Indiana have helped sponsor these games with the awards being presented on Tuesday, Jan. 14. This is a great opportunity for Lions to serve and meet those who have struggles in life but are determined to enjoy the winter sports even here in Indiana.

Come and enjoy the Winter

Games and enjoy Indiana's Winter Wonderland at Perfect North Ski Resort. I challenge all of our District Governors to have a District-wide fundraiser to help meet the \$1,500 challenge for each District.

I know this is early but please put on your calendars the dates of our Lions State Convention, which will be in Bloomington, Indiana on April 24-26. PIP Bob Corlew will be our Keynote speaker at the Saturday Night Banquet.

Veterans Day is coming up in November. Reach out, whenever possible, and thank a veteran for their service to our country. Because of them, we enjoy more freedom and personal rights than any other country in the world.

Please remember as you go through life, be safe in your travels, be a blessing to all, cherish your loved ones, and celebrate the many blessings that we enjoy in this country.



Conference Seminars – 50 minutes each

SEMINAR “1”: UNMASKING “MYLION” (A.M.) - PCC ROSS DRAPALIK, PRESENTER

SEMINAR “3”: MEMBERSHIP - PDG DICK SILVEIRA, PRESENTER

SEMINAR “5”: TIME MANAGEMENT - PDG KAREN ROUTSON, PRESENTER

SEMINAR “9”: ELECTRONIC RULES AND ETIQUETTE - VDG KEN FAULKNER, PRESENTER

AND RESPONSE - INDIANA STATE POLICE, PRESENTER

SEMINAR “2”: UNMASKING “MYLION” (P.M.) - PCC ROSS DRAPALIK, PRESENTER

SEMINAR “4”: SCAM EMAILS AND HOW TO AVOID THEM - DG DAN WILCOX, PRESENTER

SEMINAR “6”: SO YOU WANT TO BE A DISTRICT GOVERNOR - PCC DAVE EISEN, PRESENTER

SEMINAR “10”: BRANCH, CYBER AND OTHER SPECIALTY CLUBS - PDG CHARLIE SHORT, PRESENTER

SEMINAR “14”: PLANNING A MILLION MEALS EVENT - KAILA DICKINSON, SALES AND EVENT COORDINATOR, PRESENTER

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Mid-Winter Conference MD25 2020

SEMINAR “7”: NEW RULES FOR CHARITY GAMING - MARK MASON, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, INDIANA GAMING DIVISION, PRESENTER

SEMINAR “11”: LIONS 101 - PDG KAREN ROUTSON, PRESENTER

SEMINAR “15”: CAMP 2 BELONG - BECKY MOORE, CAMP CO-DIRECTOR, PRESENTER (A CAMPING EXPERIENCE TO UNITE SIBLINGS SEPARATED BY FOSTER CARE)

SEMINAR “8”: FINDING FUNDS FOR LIONS SERVICE PROJECTS - LION TOBY SALYERS, PRESENTER

SEMINAR “12”: DIABETES (AND LCIF) - DR. MEL PRINCE, GARY OCHS AND LCIF STAFF, PRESENTERS

SEMINAR “16”: DISASTER RELIEF - GARY OCHS AND LCIF STAFF, PRESENTERS

SEMINAR “13”: ACTIVE SHOOTER AWARENESS

ALL NEW CONFERENCE SCHEDULE		
Registration & Continental Breakfast	7:30 a.m.	Vendors & Silent Auction 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Opening Remarks	8:45 a.m.	Lunch
First Session	9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.	Keynote Presentation 11:00 m. - 12:30 p.m.
Morning Break	9:50 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.	
Second Session	10:10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Awards
Third Session	12:45 p.m. - 1:35 p.m.	
Afternoon Break	1:35 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.	Adjourn 2:45 p.m.
Fourth Session	1:55 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	

Friday night's menu

The Friday night menu for Mid-Winter Conference will be an Italian Buffet and will include house made meat lasagne, chicken parmesan, herb roasted parmesan potatoes, squash medley, Tiramisu and Italian cream cake, bread and butter, coffee, tea or water.

Saturday menu

Saturday luncheon is a hot buffet to include sweet and smoky rotisserie chicken, country fried steak with onion gravy, fresh garden salad, chilled fresh fruit, seasonal vegetables, bread and butter, dessert, coffee and tea.

Saturday morning

Saturday morning there will be coffee and tea with assorted pastries, bagels, etc.

Silent auction

Once again there will be a silent auction at the Mid-Winter Conference. Items are needed. If you have items to donate for the auction please contact Linda Scott at lindamscott@comcast.com.

Display tables

There will be display tables again at this year's Mid-Winter Conference and there is a promise of better lighting in that area this year.

If anyone wants to reserve a table please contact PCC Keith Thomas at www.lions25e.org or call: Work (812) 422-8941, Home (812) 354-6725 or Cell (812) 354-4637.

Service project held again

After last year's successful service project it was decided to hold another this year at the Mid-Winter Conference. There will be collection points in the lobby for children's socks, mittens, gloves and scarves. These will be divided and given to the

District Governors. The items will go to needy children in all seven districts.

REGISTRATION FORM

31ST ANNUAL LIONS CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020
(Each Attendee Must Complete a Separate Form)

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS \$40.00
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2019

REGISTRATION PRICE INCLUDES THE 2020 COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIR CONFERENCE PIN AND THE BUFFET LUNCH.

TO GUARANTEE MEAL AVAILABILITY, REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 1ST.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations must be received prior to January 1st to receive a refund. Cancellations requested after that date will not receive any refund. **Refunds will not be granted because of the weather.**

REGISTRATION AFTER DECEMBER 1ST AND ON-SITE REGISTRATION \$ 45.00

Seminars will be filled on a first come, first served basis.
Send registrations early to assure getting the Seminars of your choice.

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND CORRECT REMITTANCE TO:
Lion Katherine Holtzleiter, P.O. BOX 53, Anderson, Indiana 46015
E-Mail Address: Indiana_MWC_registrar@yahoo.com Phone: (765) 620-0085
Make Checks Payable to: Indiana Lions Conference

OR

Card Type: VISA MC Discover Card # _____ Exp _____ Code _____

Signature: _____

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Name _____ Club Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ District 25- _____

Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS: _____

() This is my first Mid-Winter Conference. I was encouraged to attend by _____

Registration: () \$40.00 early-bird; () \$45.00 regular; () \$25 Friday Night Dinner = Total \$ _____

Review the Seminars offered and note the session time (below) each seminar will be offered.
Please circle your selections for each session to help us plan sufficient seating and handouts for all attendees.

9:00 A.M. SEMINAR: #	5	3	14	12
10:10 A.M. SEMINAR: #	1	4	8	10
12:45 P.M. SEMINAR: #	2	6	15	11
1:55 P.M. SEMINAR: #	9	7	13	16

