

Lions of 25G District News

July 2017

What is Your Moon?

Submitted by DG Tom Polk

On September 12, 1962, in Rice Stadium in Houston Texas, John F. Kennedy delivered a speech to address the nation on the direction of the United States in the "race for space". Four years earlier the Soviet Union had put Sputnik in orbit. 18 months earlier they had put a man in to orbit. All before the United States. Kennedy during his speech lays out this goal for the country:

"We choose to go to the moon – We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we're willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one we intend to win, and the others, too"

At this point, Kennedy laid out the purpose for the country – the goal that would define the 1960's – the United States would go to the moon within the decade. Kennedy was asking the country to dedicate itself to achieving this goal – this purpose.

A few years later Kennedy was touring the NASA space center and met a janitor in the hallway. "So, what do you do here?" the president ask. "I'm helping put a man on the moon, Mr. President" the janitor replied. The janitor understood why he was there and he understood that he made a difference in keeping the floors clean and orderly.

SO, WHAT IS YOUR AND YOUR CLUB'S MOON?

- Do you know what you are trying to make happen?
- Do you know why you are trying to make it happen?
- Does your community know what you are trying to make happen?
- Does your community know why you are trying to make it happen?

As the new Lions year starts it is critical that we set goals. We need to set them out to our members and to our community. As a district, our goals are to focus on our clubs that have less than 15 members to bring them to at least that level; to, as a district, support the placement of Little Free Libraries; to have a positive membership growth and for all clubs to report their activities and membership every month.

As Kennedy said – "we do them not because they are easy but because they are hard..."

We serve with a purpose.



Little Free Library helps all ages

So what is a "Little Free Library"?

A Little Free Library is a "take a book, return a book" free book exchange. They come in many shapes and sizes, but the most common version is a small wooden box of books. Anyone may take a book or bring a book to share. Little Free Library book exchanges have a unique, personal touch. There is an

understanding that real people are sharing their favorite books with their community; Little Libraries have been called "mini-town squares."

Little Free Library inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world.

Through Little Free Libraries, millions of books are exchanged each year, profoundly increasing access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds.

One of the most successful ways to improve the reading achievement of children is to increase their access to books, especially at home (McGill-Franzen &

Allington, 2009). But according to the U.S. Department of Education, up to 61% of low-income families do not have any books for their kids at home.

Little Free Libraries play an essential role by providing 24/7 access to books (and encouraging a love of reading!) in areas where books are scarce.



South Bend Lions Club Chartered 3/16/1921

The South Bend Lions Club is 25G's oldest club. The club celebrated 96 years in March of this year. The club has provided leadership to 25G through 3 former District Governors: PDG Howard Richey, PDG Robert Harrington and PDG Douglas Lane.

The club has rich history of service to the community. The club provides eye screenings, eye glasses, sponsored a White Cane Day and has established the William E. Ulbricht South Bend Lions

Scholarship which is administered by the Scholarship Foundation of St Joseph County.

The club meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at Noon at the LaPeep Restaurant
127 S. Michigan Street
South Bend.

The next time you are free, join their meeting and congratulate them on 96 Years of Lionism.



South Bend Lions hosting a White Cane Day.

"White Cane Day is observed worldwide to recognize the movement of blind people from dependency to full participation in society."

This year's date is October 15, 2017. Plan an event!

Syracuse Lions Club



& Stan Fox Memorial Silent Auction

Monday, July 3, 2017 5-8 p.m.

Syracuse Community Center

(3 blocks east of the downtown stoplight across from Lakeside Park)

Adults \$10

Children (under 10) \$5

Children under 3 Free

Chicken Strips will be added this year.

25G Banner Night

Saturday, July 29th @ 6:30 pm

Jo Young Switzer Center —Lahman Room

Manchester University, North Manchester, Indiana



Come join us as we celebrate the passing of the District Banner from the Mishawaka Lions Club to the LaFontaine Lions Club.



Hear about the District's 2017-2018

projects:

Little Free Library

Reading Action Program

Buffet Cost: \$19.00/per person

Menu: Fried Chicken, Roasted Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Fresh Green Beans, Tossed Salad,
Dinner Rolls, Cheesecake & Beverages: Coffee, Iced Tea & Water

Reservation Form:

Due by 7/20/17

Club: _____ # of Meals: _____

Names: _____

RSVP to Kim Polk: tomkimpolk@embarqmail.com or 765-981-2605. Make checks payable to
Lions District 25G and mail to: Lion Kim Polk, 5378 E 975 S, LaFontaine, IN 46940

Banner Night will be held in the Jo Young Switzer Center, # 18 on the map. There is open parking to the north and the south of this building.



Lion Ron Guth to Serve as 25G Cabinet Treasurer



Ron is a member of the Peru Lions Club. He joined the club in 2003 and has served as President and has served as the Club's treasurer since 2007. As treasurer Ron is responsible for the club's accounting, filing Federal Tax Return 990, Indiana NP-20 and the Business Entity Report.

Ron has been selected as the 25G District Treasurer for the 2017—2018 Lions year. Ron brings a wealth of experience in both the corporate world and the Lion's world.

Ron served as a corporate buyer from 1988 to 2002 for Fleet Supply dba Big R Stores (11 stores). In this position he prepared and managed 12 month buying

plans for over 30,000 SKU's with purchases in excess of \$10,000,000 annually.

Ron served from 2002 to 2014 National Sales and Marketing Manager for Bryan Steam LLC, Peru IN. Manufacturer of commercial/ industrial boilers and steam equipment with annual sales over \$25,000,000.

Managed corporate sales office and approx. 65 sales agencies for US and Canada along with direct international sales. He retired

5/30/2014 but continued on as a consultant and providing special project support for Bryan Steam.

Ron has various community college courses, including accounting. Ron is married to Lion Beth.

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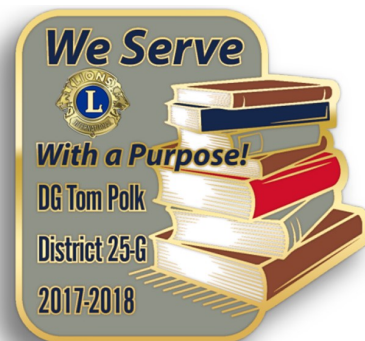
**August 26th
9 am**

25G District Meeting Save the Date

Hosted by the
LaFontaine Lions
Community Building
103 W. Branson St.
LaFontaine, IN

Breakfast will be served. Cost \$5/per person

Watch for more details and the signup sheet in the August Newsletter.



Indiana Lions Foundation Needs Your Help

Please volunteer to work at the Indiana State Fair

The Indiana Lions Foundation provides ticket sellers and ticket scanners at four gates and we will be providing ticket sellers on the tractor shuttles on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Indiana State Fair. The fair runs from Friday August 4th—Sunday, August 20st. Over 700 shifts need to be filled over this 17 day period. This is the single largest fundraiser for the Foundation and the money is used to provide Foundation Grants to individual clubs.

Working at the State Fair as a ticket seller or scanner is much easier than it has been in the past. The computer terminals worked very well last year and selling tickets requires only pushing three buttons. Scanning tickets requires only that the worker hold the hand held scanner over the bar-coded ticket and press the trigger.

Most positions are sitting and two of the four gates have air conditioned booths for the ticket sellers. The Tunnel Gate may require some standing, although that is not normally a busy gate. The tractor shuttles requires the ticket seller to move along the inside the shuttle and collect money. When not busy there are seats available at the rear of each shuttle.

Two shifts are available to work. The morning shift is from 7:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.. The afternoon shift is from 1:30 p.m.—9:00/9:30 p.m..

In return for working the Indiana Lions Foundation is offering W.P. Woods Fellowship credits for workers—one credit for the morning shift and two credits for the afternoon shift. It takes 10 credits to earn a regular W.P. Woods and 12 credits for the Centennial Plate. The Centennial plate will be offered for a limited number of years. Bring a car load of Lions and friends and join us at the Fair this year.

You may use the Foundation website to volunteer at <http://indianalionsfoundationmd25.org/>

For more information or to volunteer, contact one of your three District 25-G Foundation Trustees.

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Mary Ann Mast, H: 260-225-0654, C: 260-377-9475
e-mail: mastmaryann1906@yahoo.com

Marlyn Fast H: 574-875-5963
e-mail: mafast@frontier.com

PDG Ann Haffner Continues as 25G Cabinet Secretary



CS PDG Ann has a member of the Syracuse Lions Club since 1998. She has served in multiple roles at both the Club, District and Multi-District Level. She has as 25G District Governor twice and has served as Cabinet Secretary for multiple terms. CS PDG Ann also serves as the District Administrator position. In this position she can assist your Club Secretary in filing reports with International.

CS PDG Ann is married to PDG Charlie Haffner.

There has been a workflow change at the District Level. CS PDG Ann will be receiving your Club's checks for Dues and State Project Money (not LCIF). She will be working with CT Ron in recording, depositing your club's checks and disbursements to the State Projects.

Please mail your club's checks for dues and Indian State Projects, made payable to 25G Lions to:

**CS PDG Ann Haffner
11268 N St. Rd. 13
Syracuse, IN 46567**

She may be reached at:

574-457-3054

or 574-457-6118

ann_haffner@yahoo.com

From the Desk of Cabinet Secretary PDG Ann Haffner

If your club finished positive in membership on June 30 and donated to LCIF you may be eligible to earn the "Club Excellence Award" and/or "Top Five Clubs of the Year Award." Both applications are included in this newsletter.

The Club Excellence Award Application should be mailed to PDG Peg Van Nevel at 806 E. Broadway St., Mishawaka, IN 46545 by July 31.

The Top Five Clubs of the Year Application should be mailed to me at CS PDG Ann Haffner, 11268 N. State Road 13, Syracuse, IN 46567 by July 10.

As your club evaluates your 2016-2017 Lions year and begins this new Lions year, these applications can be used as your road map to success for 2017-2018.

Best wishes to each of you as you plan for this new Lions year. This past year we followed PDG Peg Van Nevel's "Together Everyone Achieves More" motto. Plan now to give DG Tom Polk your best efforts as "We Serve with a Purpose" and support him this year.

I am always available to assist with any questions you or your club officers have. I am just a call or e-mail away. (574) 457-3054 or ann_haffner@yahoo.com. Thank you for all you do to serve your communities as we continue to celebrate our Lions Clubs International 2017 Centennial this year.

DISTRICT 25-G TOP FIVE CLUBS OF THE YEAR CONTEST

LIONS YEAR 2016-2017

Qualifications:

Your Lions Club must be positive in membership growth for the year to enter. The size of your club is not considered in evaluating your application. The quality of your service is the determining factor.

Your club must have donated to all 5 state projects and LCIF.

Eye Bank – yes ___ no ___

Speech & Hearing – yes ___ no ___

Cancer Control – yes ___ no ___

School for the Blind – yes ___ no ___

Leader Dog – yes ___ no ___

LCIF – yes ___ no ___ (includes Melvin Jones Fellowship donations)

Your club must:

___ have collected eyeglasses to assist the District 25-G Mission Trips.

b. ___ have at least one club officer at district officer training.

Check the following that your club participated in:

___ a. Children's Eye Screening

___ b. District Dictionary Project

___ c. Promoted Indiana Lions Law Camp

___ d. Peace Poster Contest

___ e. Hosted a Blood Drive

___ f. Worker(s) at State Fair

___ g. Hosted a Lions Youth Exchange Student

___ h. Conducted a Club Visitation to another District 25-G Club

___ i. Held a White Cane or Candy Day Collection

___ j. Had attendee(s) at a District Meeting

___ k. Successfully sponsored a Youth Group, Leo Club or New Lions Club

___ l. Your club has an ongoing service project

___ m. You promote what you do for the community (media, social media)

___ n. Your club has a plan to recruit and retain members

___ o. New members receive proper orientation and induction

___ p. Regular submission of membership and activity reports

List and describe special activities and fundraisers that your club provides:

Number of new members added this year _____

If your club has a club directory or brochure please include a copy with this form.

If you have additional important information it may be added to the back of this form.



2016-2017 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

To qualify the club must be chartered for 6 or more months prior to the end of the fiscal year, further the objectives of the association, adhere to the association's constitution and by-laws and policies, and meet the requirements noted below during the fiscal year.

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Club Number	Club Name	Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2016-2017 Club President's Name		Member Number

- ☐ **SERVICE** – The club has conducted at least three service projects. Briefly describe the service activities that were conducted:

Date: <input type="text"/>	Activity: <input type="text"/>
Date: <input type="text"/>	Activity: <input type="text"/>
Date: <input type="text"/>	Activity: <input type="text"/>

- ☐ **CONTRIBUTION** — The club has made a contribution to LCIF.

- ☐ **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** - The club achieved a net growth in membership (including branch club members when applicable) or sponsored a new club. New members attended an orientation and were properly inducted into the club.

☐ Net Growth in Members: ☐ Name of sponsored club or Branch:

- ☐ **COMMUNICATION** – The club has publicized the club's service activities to the public through local media and effectively communicated activities to club members.

Please explain briefly how the club service activities were publicized.

- ☐ **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** – All officer positions were filled in accordance with the constitution and bylaws by qualified Lions, the club was represented at zone meetings and a majority of the club officers participated in a leadership training program. The training program could include training offered at the zone, district, multiple district or International level. Online courses from the Lions Learning Center, participation in a Club Quality Initiative (CEP) Workshop or completion of the Certified Guiding Lion course also count toward the award.

- ☐ **CLUB ACTIVITY** – The club has hosted regular and meaningful club events and reported Membership, Service Activities, and the New Club Officers in a timely manner.

- ☐ **CLUB IN GOOD STANDING** – the club is not in status quo and International dues and new member entrance fees have been paid in full. No more than US\$50 in any other expense due to LCI is outstanding beyond ninety (90) days.

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Date	2016-2017 District Governor's Signature*	District	Member No.

* Applications received from the District Governor's registered email address will be considered signed by the district governor. In undistricted areas the coordinating Lion or provisional zone or region chairpersons should sign the completed form.

The completed form must be mailed to the English Language Department at International Headquarters, or email to clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org, or fax to (630) 706-9273 to arrive by August 31, 2017. Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club shall be considered only if received at International Headquarters within 12 months after completion of the fiscal year, provided that the original application form is already filed at International Headquarters. The award will be mailed to the 2017-2018 district governor for presentation. In undistricted areas the award will be mailed to the coordinating Lions or directly to the 2016-2017 club president.



Grass Creek Lions Golf Scramble

August 12, 2017

Pond View Golf Course



This is a 4 person best ball scramble benefiting the Grass Creek Lions Club Park and other projects.

Registration begins at 8:00 with a 9:00 shotgun start. Lunch will be available as you make the turn or come into the clubhouse.



\$45.00 per individual or

\$160 per 4 person team

This includes green fees, cart and lunch

If you are a Lions Club and a Gold hole sponsor, you may deduct \$20.00 from a team of 4. This makes it \$140 for your team.

Fun opportunities

String sold by the piece

Tosses are being sold as well as mulligans

So don't miss the opportunity to toss your way out of a trap or get that eagle putt!



We are needing hole sponsorship @ \$100 per hole for Gold level or \$50 for Silver level as a shared hole.

We will also be having a



With awards of longest putt, longest drive, closest to the pin and as you try to be the 1st or 2nd place teams, or the crying towel award, come have a great time and supporting a great cause. We thank you for your support and participation!



Grass Creek Lions Golf Scramble

August 12, 2017

Pond View Golf Course



Team Registration/Sponsorship Form

Team Captain: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Player #2: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Player #3: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Player #4: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Entry & Sponsorship Fees:

\$160 4-person team: _____

\$45 Individual Entry: _____

\$100 Gold Hole Sponsor: _____

\$50 Silver Hole Sponsor: _____

(\$20.00) Lions Club Disc: _____

Total: _____

Sponsorship Name for Sign: _____

Make checks to :

Grass Creek Lions Club and mail
to:

Robert Uhrich

5297 W St Rd 114

Kewanna, IN 46939

robert_uhrich@yahoo.com

July Events

July 1—4th: International Convention
 July 3, 5 PM Syracuse Lions Fish Fry
 July 15, Greene Township Breakfast Buffet
 July 29, 6:30—25 G Banner Night

August Events

August 4—20th—Indiana State Fair for
 Indiana Lions Foundation
 August 5, Fulton Liberty Festival/Parade
 August 12, 8—2: Grass Creek Golf Scramble
 August 19—Greene Township Lions
 Breakfast Buffet
 August 26—District Meeting @ LaFontaine
 August 26—Bark-N-Brew In Wabash
 benefiting Leader Dog

September Events

September 16 —Greene Township Lions
 Breakfast Buffet
 September 21—23: USA/Canada
 Leadership Forum
 September 30—Mexico Eyeglass Mission

Future District/State Dates

11/3—Leadership Conference, Plainfield
 11/11—25G District Meeting, Atwood
 1/13—25G District Meeting
 3/17—25G District Convention, Wabash
 4/28 & 29—State Convention, Muncie
 5/12—25G District Meeting

July 2017

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August 2017

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September 2017

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Completion of Service—5/1/17—6/25/17

Francis Coplen—A 36 year member of the Argos Lions Club

Wilbur Klopfenstein—47 year member of the Greene Township Lions Club.

Stanley Kendal—A 3 year member of the Lake City Lions Club.

James Banner—A 36 year member of the Mishawaka Lions Club

District 25G Welcomes 33 New Members—5/1/17—6/25/17

Argos

Julia Campbell

Bristol

Jessie Hubble

Culver

Joseph Barnes

Christopher Elizondo

Barbara Shaffer

Stacie Turpin

Robert Turpin

Dunlap

Lisa Andrews

Orlue Barnes

Judith Gable

Fulton Liberty

David Fincher

Linda Fincher

Goshen

Kenneth Smith

Tara Sparks

Grasscreek

Mandy Couch

La Fontaine

Carrie Worthington

Mike Worthington

Lakeville

Deb Mosson

Floyd Timm

Rachel Timm

Lapaz

Ashley Griffee

Brandon Styers

Millersburg

Kevin Carlos

Tyler Rensberger

Mishawaka

Debbie Barker

Joel Dendiu

Jacob Lubelski

Theodore Stevens

Peru

Beth Guth

Plymouth

Penny Lukenbill

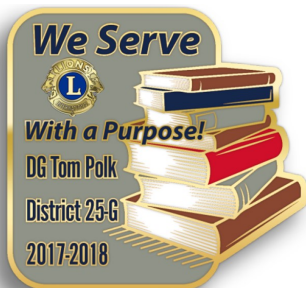
Tami Napier

Rochester

Pat Meade

Warsaw

Brandon Cordell



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**We're on the
 Web lions25g.org**

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Lion Kim Polk to Serve as 25G Newsletter Editor

I am a member of the LaFontaine Lions Club since 2008. I have served as the Club's Secretary and have assisted the Club's President in publishing a monthly newsletter for the club.

Professionally, I am employed at Marion General Hospital as a hospital social worker. Each day I come into contact with patients and their families whom I serve in assisting them in connecting to resources.

As a member of Lions, we come in contact with peo-

ple in the community that need connected to resources just as in my work role. As Lions we can help connect people to resources.

As your Newsletter Editor it is my job to serve 25G District by providing information to you so that you may also serve others and to provide stories that inspire us to continue our work in our communities. I am committed to providing this in a timely manner. In order to do that, I need your assistance in submitting information to me in a

timely fashion. **The deadline for newsletter information is the 20th of each month.** You may submit pictures, articles and event flyers to me by either email or mail.

I look forward to serving the 25G District Lions beside my husband, DG Tom Polk.

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