

Indiana Lions District 25C

District Newsletter

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DG Chloe's Notes:

We didn't make 100% in reporting for MMR's or SAR's for the month of May like I and the other officers hoped that we would, but there's always next month. Thank you to the secretaries and presidents that throughout the year have tried their hardest to make sure reporting was done. There's no reason not to try for the future.

There are several things that you will find information on in this month's newsletter, which of course is so large it is in two parts. The three main things I want to call attention to are:

1. **Entrance fees are waived from June 7th through June 30th.** There is important information from GMT Pat Short in the first portion of the newsletter. The Entrance Fee (not prorated dues) will be waived for this period.
2. **Dues—no credit for member drops after June 30, 2018.** This is explained in an informational letter from GMT Pat Short in the first portion of the newsletter. This is very important for your club to eliminate being billed for members that are not renewing.
3. **Suggestions for retaining and increasing Membership.** There are several items in the newsletter to help with retaining and increasing membership. International President Aggarwal has asked Lions Clubs International to increase Membership to over 1.5 million by June 30th. This can only be done if we work hard to retain members as well as inducting new ones. I'd like to call attention to 1st VDGE Tom Robbins column, which is geared toward new members, and my own notes below about retention.

Retention: how can we do it, and what benefit does it have?

1. Retention has to do with making people happy with what they are doing in the club. All people like some things, but not all people like all things. Don't expect all of your members to work on all projects. Some will only work one or two projects a year. If that is all they can do, don't make them feel unwanted as a member because they are not willing to do everything.
2. Try to be welcoming with someone new or returning on a project that you are working. Don't tell them you don't want them to work a particular job: if they need help to get better at it, give them that help. Telling someone you don't want them to do a job makes them feel less than a valued member. Remember that longer members are to be mentors to newer members. Mentors don't say "Don't" or "Can't", they say "Here, let me show you a better way to do it." If we want help on projects, we have to put aside our natural tendencies to take over every project.
3. Call and talk to people you haven't seen at a project or a meeting lately. If they haven't been attending, do you know why? If you know why, try to work on taking care of the problem, and not letting it fester and cause them to drop. For the rest of the month of June, why don't you take the time to call those people who have been recently dropped from the membership rolls. Maybe, just maybe, they might be willing to come back if you indicate to them that they were and are valued members of the community.

As I have driven through different towns on my way to District Governor visits, I have wondered why every town couldn't have a Lions Club. If we treat the clubs as Community Improvement tools and identify people in each community that are interested in seeing the communities enriched, we might just find new people willing to join.

Regards, DG Chloe



District Governor Elect Doug Eversole

Hello Lions All

Thanks to all the clubs for reporting your new officers in a timely manner and to all the secretaries and others who continue to report your MMR and SAR. Your efforts shows the pride in district 25-C. The new myLion app to begin reporting your own and your club’s activities will kick off in Las Vegas later this month. You can use either myLion or club secretaries can continue to use myLCI. You will have a full year to convert over to myLion. Please take time to get familiar with the app. Information will soon be available to assist in helping with the app.

This has been a busy year for lion Shelia and I with all the training and information needed to start a new year. We are so looking forward to meeting and visiting your clubs. Our officer training has had good participation. If at all possible come and support your district officers at District Cabinet meetings and Multiple District Council meetings. Your support makes for a stronger district and multiple district.

Our district needs your help to retain and increase club membership. Send suggestion to deversole@tds.net or call 304-203-6877. Hopefully we can finish the year on a positive note.

Hope you can make the International Lions Conference in Las Vegas. Come and meet Lions from all over the world and have some fun.

Thanks Lions

DGE Doug

IMPORTANT DATES

June 29-July 3, 2018	Lions International Convention, Las Vegas (link @ http://licon.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php)
BELOW BASED ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE INDIANA LIONS STATE CALENDAR 6/15/18	
July 28, 2018	District 25C Cabinet Meeting, Young America
August 18, 2018	DGE Doug Eversole’s Banner Night, Delphi
November 27, 2018	District 25C Cabinet Meeting, Riley
January 12, 2019	Indiana Lions Midwinter Conference, Plainfield
January 19, 2019	District 25C Cabinet Meeting, Frankfort



First Vice District Governor Elect Tom Robbins

Hello Lions,

I have just one topic to talk about this month and it is the most important, from club members to IP Aggarwal.

MEMBERSHIP is the topic that needs to be addressed at every club, not just our district but virtually every club in the US. Your club may have 6, 60 or 160 members but the bottom line is we keep going backwards. There are many needs in every club but to live our motto, **WE SERVE**, we must have more people to share the work load. Whether you have one service event per year or multiple events, it takes people and most likely more that you have.

Well, we have some helpful news and I'd like all clubs to take advantage of it. **From June 10th through June 30th 2018, Lions Clubs International is waving the initiation fee.** Here's what we all of us need to do: Most Lions have a spouse but are they a member and if not, why not? All Lions have a friend, dentist, broker, eye doctor, barber/hairstylist, church friend or neighbor. Pick one, yes every Lion pick one and get them to a meeting and signed up for membership before the end of June. If all of us do this we will have 9,900 new members and this is unlikely **BUT** we should be able to get 1 out of 10 and we really need 990 new members in Indiana.

It is hard to live out our motto, **WE SERVE**, without adequate people. Deaths, job transfers and lack of interest is causing our losses and we need to do something about it quickly. LCI has identified a number of Leadership positions that are supposed to be added to each club but none of those are worth talking about if you don't have adequate head count and individuals who want the challenge. There is one club spot that needs to be filled by a creative and aggressive Lion and that is **Membership Director**. If that spot isn't filled, the club is not likely going to grow. How many Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers have filled their role for multiple years? How many have two or more responsibilities now? Maybe, just maybe your club needs new ideas and that can happen with inclusion of new members.

Lastly, your club will need a plan to engage these new members into your activities and to make them a real part of the club. I will share the mentor program pdf with anyone who reaches out to me at: tprobbins@gmail.com

Let's go fishing for new members.

Lion Tom



Entrance fees waived June 7-30!

Message from Dr. Naresh Aggarwal - International President

To close out our incredible Centennial Celebration in style, **we're waiving entrance fees for new members who join between June 7 and June 30!** For more than 100 years, we've delivered hope and change to the world. Now, as we prepare for an innovative second century of service, there has never been a more exciting time to become a Lion, and we want to make it as easy as possible for new members to join us.

So how does it work?

- **Invite** family and friends to join your club between June 7 and June 30.
- **Report** your new members to LCI by Saturday, June 30.
- **Save** money when your club billing automatically reflects this special promotion
- **Earn** a Centennial Sponsor Pins for inviting new members, and wear them with pride.

This is a limited offer that does not apply to new members added prior to June 7 or after June 30, 2018. No exceptions will be approved. Charter and transfer charter fees do not qualify for this special waiver. If you have any questions, please contact membershipdev@lionsclubs.org.



*Let's have a big push to bring in new members in these 3 weeks! Right now our District is down 95 members for the year. With 55 active clubs (the two Terre Haute Clubs have closed), if each club could bring in 3 new members, our District could end up positive for the year, even accounting for additional year-end drops. **So, let's do it....let's invite your family and friends to join the greatest service organization in the world!***

PDG Pat Short – GM7



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON DUES!

LCI recently advised that starting June 30, 2018, **dues credits for membership drops will NOT be issued.** Semi-annual dues are billed based on LCI records on January 1 and July 1 of each year. This means that clubs must update their membership rosters by June 30 and December 31 respectively to ensure they receive an accurate billing statement that reflects their club's membership. **How does this affect your club?**

1. Your club will be billed for dues for semi-annual dues based on the number of members listed on your club roster at June 30 (and December 31). This is the same as in the past.
2. However in the past, if a member was dropped during the ensuing 6-months following payment, credit was issued back to your club from the date of drop to the end of that six-month billing period.
3. **This will no longer occur. Now whatever is on your LCI billing is what your club has to pay to LCI with no adjustments later.**
4. It is therefore very important that your club invoice/collect dues from its members well before June 30 (suggested invoice date of May 25) so any required changes (drops) to your member roster can be made before June 30. You will not then be responsible for payment of dues for any dropped members.
5. Close follow up should be made on any unpaid dues by email and then by phone to determine if the Lion in question will be continuing or for whatever reason cannot.
6. **Update your club roster online no later than by June 30, 2018.**

There is one exception to the above elimination of dues credits for dropped members. LCI advised that a "courtesy" credit would be issued for dues payments when drops are attributed to deaths.

PDG Pat Short - GMT

District and Club Community Impact Grants (DCG)

Dear Lion Leaders,

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is excited to announce that District and Club Community Impact grants (DCG) will be available for application beginning in July 2018. Donations made by a club or a district **during this current fiscal year** will count toward the requirements for this new grant opportunity. Please note that funds raised by a club will remain in that club's account until the club notifies LCIF to apply the funds to the district's account.

DCG offers a new opportunity for Lions to support humanitarian activities in their communities. Unlike all other LCIF programs, DCG initiative funding is provided to clubs and districts from their own contributions to the foundation. The program rewards both Lions donations to LCIF and Lions service projects that are in alignment with the Foundation's focal areas. All projects must be approved by LCIF.

As the end of the Lion year approaches, we want to remind you of this award and how your club or district may qualify:

The program is available to both district and clubs.

Under the program, 15 percent of unrestricted and/or general campaign donations will be available for DCGs.

Only unrestricted and general campaign donations will qualify.

Districts and clubs will be required to meet a minimum donation level to enable 15 percent of their donation to be counted towards their available funds to be accessed through the DCG program.

For districts, the minimum cumulative donation amount is US\$10,000 per fiscal year.

For clubs, the minimum cumulative donation amount is US\$5,000 per fiscal year.

Encourage your clubs to support LCIF this year, empowering both local service and global impact for next year. Your donations will also help LCIF achieve our goal of raising US\$50 million in honor of our 50th anniversary. Thank you for your service!

Sincerely,

Chancellor Bob Corlew
Chairman, LCIF

Vision Services Report; June 2018

Dear Lions:

It is my pleasure to report that your commitment to vision remains as strong as ever. In keeping with the highest traditions of our Association, your efforts reflect credit on you, your clubs, our district and the Hoosier State.

This year, Vision Services focused on what you and your clubs needed the most. We moved to improve program quality first, then added more capacity and training to keep up with your demand. In response to requests for professional care, we negotiated a fixed-price agreement for glasses and eye exams.

Your support of school vision screening, known as Project SchoolSight, has been tremendous. 25C Lions screened 19,362 kids this year and referred 3,465 of them for further care. That's just under one in five kids that needed vision help. We expanded teamwork between the SchoolSight and KidSight programs, dramatically expanding screenings in Kindergartens. We set a new record for number of school corporations assisted. Wolcott and Oxford Lions were trained and equipped for the first time. But this growth meant that we also needed to gear up.

We added chart sets this year to ensure that there would be enough equipment for everyone. These charts and Optecs were pre-positioned around the district to help clubs. This is the first year that we did not have to delay or cancel screenings due to equipment shortages. Many clubs purchased their own gear, too.

Our standards and methods remain at the cutting edge of all national screening programs. We expanded the Medical Advisory Panel with Dr. Kathryn Haider of the IU Medical School and PID Dr. Hauser Weiler of Virginia, joining Dr. Dan Neely of IU Riley. Dr. Weiler also serves as Vice-Chair of Lions KidSight USA. No other Lions group in North America has this high level of pediatric ophthalmology experience. The panel's presentation at State Convention was well-attended and informative. You can see it on our facebook page at Indiana Lions Vision Services.

Because the goal of the committee is to provide you as much support as possible, we also successfully negotiated our first managed-care agreement with a large vision care provider. Our agreement with VisionWorks provides a pair of glasses and an eye exam for \$95 at any of their eighteen Indiana locations. This won't be the last of these agreements, helping both patients' needs and clubs' budgets.

The Vision Pioneer and Vision All-Star Awards were presented at State convention for the first time. These are intended to be annual recognition for outstanding service at district level, nominated by your committee representative with approval of the District Governor. Congratulations to our 25C Lions PDG Ray Collins as our first Pioneer awardee and PDG Charles Roth as the Vision All-Star of the year.

PDG Charles' creation and maintenance of the state vision screening database has been an exceptional effort that will pay dividends for years to come. PDG Ray's commitment to vision screening in Vigo, Morgan, Clay and Owen counties was one of the early extensions of school vision screening from 25F's program, led by PDG Jack Salsbery. Both men deserve our thanks and appreciation for all the hard work and early mornings they have devoted to sight. They are true Service Lions.

As Chair of your State Vision Services Committee, it has also been my honor to continue to help other districts by training teams of screeners, obtaining equipment, and helping them grow in service. The leadership of District B, D and G asked for and received my assistance in training seventeen new club teams this year. I also presented at an Illinois District convention on innovation and vision topics.

Finally, the Lions that served on our state committee this year were some of the finest people in Lions anywhere. When you see them, make sure you thank them. All of them worked hard to support your clubs. Some had to contend with very stiff personal health trouble, but everyone did an outstanding job. It has been a pleasure serving with them, and we share a certain small satisfaction knowing that we have done our level best to help you succeed.

Most importantly, there are more Lions in more clubs doing screening, because everyone wants to do something fun and meaningful. Since we are now listed on the State 2-1-1 service and the word is getting out, recruiting new Lions isn't the education process it used to be. People know us better by how we serve and whom we serve, making asking that much easier.

The scale and quality of our program is now unmatched by any Lions entity in North America. You made it so. You were the ones that got up in the dark to go screen other people's kids, drove equipment around to clubs, spoke about lazy eye and glaucoma at meetings, and hustled to raise money for glasses and exams. You asked your club to support a frazzled school nurse. You made that road sign on the way into town mean just a little bit more.

Thank you, for everything you do.

PDG Charlie Short
Chair, Indiana Lions Vision Services Committee
District 25C

7 Ways to Keep Members Engaged

Club member relationships are fragile.

Discover why members decide to leave and how you can keep them on board.

MONEY, EFFORT AND time go into recruiting new members, but not nearly enough thought goes into keeping them engaged and coming back. Sure, there's the occasional offer or the "We've missed you" discount. All too frequently, we don't pay attention unless they're unhappy, turn up missing or don't pay their dues. Then, we get busy and try to get them back.

Such behavior has unintended consequences. The cable companies are an example. Customers have learned to complain and threaten to leave unless they are given concessions. And how do you feel when a company unleashes the sweet talk after they haven't heard from you? This is when you say, "Why didn't you take care of me before I left?"

Members get it. Nothing holds them back. "I really like your club missions, but I'm making a change," they say. Many of us pass it off as just the way it is today; few of us have a clue what to do about it.

So, let's get specific as to why members leave. Sure, some move, die and experience life-cycle changes. Even so, there are other forces at work that also disrupt our member relationships:

- 1. Some are easily bored.** Many members, especially the younger ones constantly prowl the Internet for what's new and different.
- 2. Others lose interest almost instantly.** Studies indicate attention spans are getting shorter — and shorter. A Microsoft survey found the average attention span was eight seconds in 2015, down from 12 seconds in 2000.
- 3. Many don't get the support they expect or encouragement to truly participate in events.** If members can't get that fuzzy-feel-good feeling from hands-on helping others, they feel why spend their precious time at meetings/ dinner.
- 4. Some feel they're being taken for granted.** They pay their dues, attend meetings and don't complain. Sounds like the perfect member – right? And then they're gone. Why? They feel neglected — and chances are they're right.

Is there a common thread running through this list? If anything, it shows how fragile member relationships are today. It doesn't take much to harm them, but it does take effort to strengthen them. Here are ways to do it:

- 1. Communicate value.** Members view the cost of being a Lion (dues, donations, out of pocket expenses, etc.) the same way they "buy" a lot of other stuff. Keep the attention directed on what your club does and how these service events make a difference in their lives as well as the lives of others who need us to help them.

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7 Ways to Keep Members Engaged (continued)

2. Focus on the front line. Person-to-person contact is the weakest point in most clubs. It ranges from lack of attention and recognition, or just showing an interest in the members' lives and providing them with support. After all we are a service organization and we should be assisting our own members as well as those outside our club walls. As my father always said "charity starts at home."

3. Act on feedback. Encourage feedback should be your club's message – tell members "We want to be better. We depend on you to show us how." Then let them know how they helped.

4. Make messaging personal. Members must feel that what Lions do is about them and their contributions. Much of our messaging is either too general or about what we want them to give (\$). Forget it..this doesn't work and that means it wastes time and money.

5. Customize member rewards. Everyone isn't moved by a singular incentive. Give them options of what they'd like to be involved in, ask for input on new service projects/fundraisers so they are engaged in the decision process and know their input is valuable. Sure, it takes more time, but a key to a strong, engaged club is recognizing your members as partners.

6. Listen to them. Email, text, telephone, letter. Share complaints and what you've done about them; show how complaints make for growth and a better club.

7. Do something special. Surprise them. Let members know you notice them. A few days after an event email those who assisted and thank them for their time and let them know how many people they helped.

8. Strengthen your team and build bonds between your members by scheduling club outings. Whether it's a "fun committee" that plans events, offering pizza parties or planning team retreats, club outings have been found to boost engagement while giving members time to unwind, get to know each other and relax together. The Lafayette Lions meets twice a month (1st & 3rd Wednesday) but in those months with a 5th Wednesday, we try to organize a "FUN" event – meal out with spouses, etc.)

Now, here's the point. Just as a thread runs through the reasons why members leave, there's also a thread that helps explain **why they stay: they feel appreciated, understood and wanted, not just when they come aboard, but consistently over time.**

Is a retention effort worth it? The clubs that have a difficult time are those that don't do a good job of retaining their members. In summary, we all know that bringing in new members is critical to maintaining optimum operating mass, but if we don't pay attention to our current members, we are just treading water and not moving forward. **Membership growth is right at the front of our minds, but so should be member retention.**

PDG Pat Short - QM7

(Above adapted from articles in Greater Lafayette Commerce report by John Graham, marketing/sales strategy consultant and in the Grand Rapids Business Journal.)

Reading Action Program Available for Your Club

Thanks to the efforts of former Lions Club International President and former Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) leader Wayne Madden and his wife, Linda, a former school teacher, the Lions Club has a partnership with Scholastic Books that your club can take advantage of to help underprivileged children in your area with their reading endeavors.

Wishing to leave a legacy following their time as leaders of the LCIF, the Maddens envisioned a Reading Action Program, a service project that would put age-appropriate books in the hands of children who couldn't afford them on their own. Through negotiation with Scholastic Books, an agreement was struck to allow clubs to purchase books at a much-reduced price specifically for this purpose.

Clubs interested in instituting this Reading Action service project must submit an application to and obtain authorization from Scholastic Books. Once authorized, clubs will receive a catalog of available books for a range of age levels and cost, some as low as \$1 or \$2. Participating clubs will also need to appoint a member to review the catalogue, place book orders, and keep track of invoicing and payment in cooperation with the club treasurer. This volunteer job should take approximately two hours per month.

You can help disadvantaged children in your area discover the joys of reading and have a profound impact on their lives in the process. To learn more about starting a Reading Action Program in your club and the rules of this service project, email PDG Dick McKellar at macagcon@tds.net or call (317) 769-2427. (Written by the Zionsville PR person Marcia Ellett)



Special thanks to outgoing ISBVI Trustee Rebecca Mannan of the Cloverdale Lions Club for giving of her time, energy and advice to assist our state project these past 3 years. Her term ends on June 30.

Welcome to incoming Trustee, our own DG Chloe Weyrauch, who will commence her 3 year term as trustee on July 1. Then IPDG, Chloe will also serve as Secretary to this state project.

PDG Pat Short – Chair

Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

How to Avoid Easy Grant Money for Your Club: A Simple Guide for Lions

Dear Club Fundraising Chair:

Thank you for your recent letter, asking about grants. Here's how to stay away from them.

Don't even THINK about grants. Don't even consider grants as part of your annual fundraising budget. Keep quiet and shrug your shoulders when asked where the money will come from. Suggest another pancake breakfast when asked.

Don't think about grant-making groups. Every county has a Community Foundation, utility company, bank, insurance provider, service organizations, private foundations, and others who make grants every year. They are our natural allies, but since this is a guide on how to stay broke, don't think about them or seek out what they can do for your club's projects. LCIF? Who?

Don't bother applying. Applications are boring, difficult, and everyone's looking for a reason to say no, right? So why try at all? Even the one page request from Indiana Lions Foundation for \$750 is too much trouble. Quit now or the money might come.

Don't read the application rules. One great way to not get a grant is to disregard all the instructions. Application deadlines? Using the proper forms? Supplying the correct number of copies? Asking for money for projects they clearly say they cannot fund? Whatever you do, *don't read the directions*. File late for the wrong kinds of projects, and give 'em one copy of last year's application form. In crayon.

Don't talk to anyone before you apply. Be sure to avoid *any* conversations with the folks that are on their staff or Board. Don't let them get to know your club or its members. Just hide behind your faded, shot-up road sign and you remove all chances that anyone will make a personal connection. You'll also avoid any chances of learning of recent changes to policies or new opportunities. We don't want those.

Be rude. This is my personal favorite. In the highly unlikely event you actually get a grant, don't tell anyone. Don't publicly thank them. Complain that your grant wasn't enough. Take the money and sit on it, delaying completion of the project. Don't send a signed card from all the members thanking them when the project is complete. NO pictures of smiling Lions doing cool things, whatever you do. And for crying out loud, be sure that you NEVER invite anyone from their organization to have fun doing the project, or to be a member of your club. Noooooo.

So, dear club fundraising chair, I hope this helps keep your club and its projects nice and broke. By avoiding grants, we just make sure that those emergency pancake breakfasts keep happening in the rain, hats keep getting passed at meetings, no one wants to join the club, and no one knows what Lions actually do. And that's just the way we want it, isn't it?

Sincerely,

Lion Ernest Lee Cashpoor
Zero Dollar Way
Empty Pockets, Indiana



Parade of Nations Las Vegas, Nevada June 30, 2018



The 2018 Lions International Convention will be held in the exciting city of Las Vegas, Nevada, USA!

Las Vegas is a popular tourist destination for people from around the world. It is known for its dazzling entertainment venues, casinos and family-friendly resorts. Because of its desert location, it is also known for its extremely high day-time temperatures. Day time temperatures during our convention will likely be in excess of 100 degrees Fahrenheit / 37.8 Celsius

Although the majority of our convention activities will be held inside, in air-conditioned buildings, the International parade, as is our tradition, will be held outside. To mitigate the effects of the heat, the following steps have been taken:

1. The time for the parade has been moved to an earlier start time of 0830
2. The overall length of the parade has been shortened to .06 mile (1 kilometer)
4. Cooling buses will be located along the parade route
5. Water misting stations will be set-up along the parade route
6. Drinking water will be readily available to all parade participants



**** The International Parade is one of the highlights of our convention. Although all Lions are encouraged to participate, taking part in the parade is and always has been voluntary. ****

Please review the tips and safety precautions to ensure a fun and safe parade day!

DO

- DRINK more fluids before, during and after the parade (complimentary water provided by LCI)
- WEAR lightweight, light-colored clothing to reflect heat and sunlight
- WEAR a hat/visor, sunglasses and sunscreen
- CONSUME small meals
- USE a fan, wet towels
- Consider USING a sun umbrella or a parasol

Below are the temperatures from the past 4 years for parade day in Las Vegas 2018

Date	2017		2016		2015		2014	
June 30	H: 106°F L: 79°F	H: 41.1°C L: 26.1°C	H: 99°F L: 79°F	H: 37.2°C L: 25.5°C	H: 109°F L: 93°F	H: 42.7°C L: 33.8°C	H: 109°F L: 82°F	H: 42.7°C L: 27.7°C

See you in Las Vegas!

Lafayette Lions Win Vision Screening Grant!

The Lafayette Lions were awarded a \$6445 grant by Subaru of Indiana America (SIA) as part of SIA's community grant program on June 5th. The club will use this grant to purchase a PlusOptix R12 vision screening camera to screen area preschool children for vision problems.

"Our commitment to Lafayette, West Lafayette, and Tippecanoe county school health continues to expand with Lions Operation KidSight", said Lafayette Lions President Jen Weiss. "This will really help screening the thousands of kids we check every year." Lions Operation KidSight screenings are designed to detect early childhood vision problems in preschool and Kindergarten.

President Weiss also thanked the members of her club for their support in securing the grant. "Without the dedicated efforts of our Lions Carl Landskron, Anna Wilson, Bob Hrdy and Charlie Short, we would have missed this opportunity. It's great to have SIA behind our Lions Club and school vision health."



Indiana Lions Foundation supports The Cloverdale Lions Club and the ISBVI Trustees with a \$750 grant towards purchase of a SmartBoard!

In late 2017, Cloverdale Scout Troop 93 raised \$3,314 through a Dining-in-the-Dark fundraiser, which offered attendees the opportunity to experience a visual impairment while eating dinner. The Cloverdale Lions Club has historically supported the troop's local Eagle Scout projects. This partnership led to the Troop's decision to donate the net event proceeds to the Cloverdale Lions to be used to purchase a SmartBoard for the school.

SmartBoards, interactive white boards used for classroom instruction, are especially beneficial for visually impaired students, providing extra magnification and highlighting, among other features. The Smart Board's high resolution provides this and is an excellent workspace for these students to work independently. Some ISBVI students have additional disabilities and may not be able to stand while completing tasks....a SmartBoard helps them stay engaged.

Since the amount raised did not fully cover the entire cost (purchase and installation) of a SmartBoard, application was made to the Indiana Lions Foundation for a \$750 match. On being advised of the initial donation and the matching grant, Jim Durst, ISBVI School Superintendent said ***"We are grateful for strong community partners like Troop 93, the Cloverdale Lions Club and the Lions of Indiana. With their continued support, we are able to improve our educational tools and truly make a difference for our low vision students."***

PDG Pat Short – Chair
Indiana Lions for the ISBVI



ISBVI WORKDAY – MAY 19

We had a great turnout for our volunteer workday with Lions joining us from as far north as East Chicago LC (25A) and New Albany LC (25E). We were able to mulch 2 playgrounds and wash a lot of windows (not sure how many windows but an awful lot). The campus looks great and we were excited to have it looking so good for ISBVI graduation the following Friday. **Special thanks to our own District Lions for their efforts: DG Chloe Weyrauch – Council Liaison (Prairie Creek LC), 1VDGE Tom Robbins, Lion John Fletcher -Trustee (Brownsburg LC), Lion Jen Weiss (Lafayette LC President), Lion Vicki Hrdy (Lafayette LC President Elect), PDG Charlie Short – Advisor (Lafayette LC) and yours truly.** Jim Durst, ISBVI School Superintendent sends his thanks to the Lions for your continued support of the school and the students it serves. He further stated “I sure do not know what we would do without all your kindness, commitment and dedication”. The following photos show the window washing and mulching crews ready to put boots on the ground and go to work.

1. Mulching/weeding crew ready
2. Window washing crew ready
3. Lion John Fletcher looking very dapper cleaning windows
4. Lion Vicki Hrdy washing windows
5. Lion Jen Weiss mulching
6. DG Chloe mulching
7. Who is the mystery man?

Workday was lots of fun; the weather was perfect and the pizza fantastic! Come join us at our next workday which may be this fall!

PDG Pat Short – Chair
Indiana Lions for the ISBVI State Project





Lots of smiling faces at the Oxford Lions Club's annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt on Saturday March 31, 2018. This event is for the community and all free will donations went to the Oxford Food Co-op. (Picture by Gigi Sims)

Right: DG Chloe Weyrauch awarded a 50 year chevron to Lebanon Lion Gene Souders during her April 25th visit to the club. (Picture by PDG Alyn Mcconnaha)



Left: DG Chloe Weyrauch also inducted new member Riley Keaton into the Lebanon LC during her visit. Sponsor Lion Jason Frazier joined in the welcome. (Picture by PDG Alyn McConnaha)



On May 12 Candy Day, under the able direction of Lion Dave Ehlers, Committee Chair, several members of the Lafayette Lions Club worked 2 hour shifts at a local Wal-Mart to accept donations to support cancer research and patient support.

Left: Lions Dave Ehlers, Steve Haby and Jerry Metzinger.

Right: PDG Charlie Short accepting donations from a couple of young ladies!



(Right) IPP Gail Robbins (Zionsville LC) (far right) was a guest speaker at Union Elementary School's first grade class of Ms. Sarah Clary. The class had chosen the Zionsville Lions Park as the place for a \$250.00 tree they had chosen. The Lions are very touched with the children's actions. From left: Ms. Sarah Clary, Union Elementary School 1st grade class, IPP Gail Robbins.



(Left) DG Weyrauch receives a check from Lebanon Lion President Dan Fleming for support of state Lion projects. (Photo by PDG Alyn Mcconnaha)

(Right) CC/IPDG Ross Drapalik thanks Comptroller PCC Vernon Provines and PDG Sara for their work and dedication to the Lions of Indiana over the years as they retire from the job. Vernon and Sara have moved to Alabama to be closer to children and grandchildren but came back to finish out the term and help with the convention. Good luck, Great Friends and Lions! (Photo provided by PID Linda Tincher)

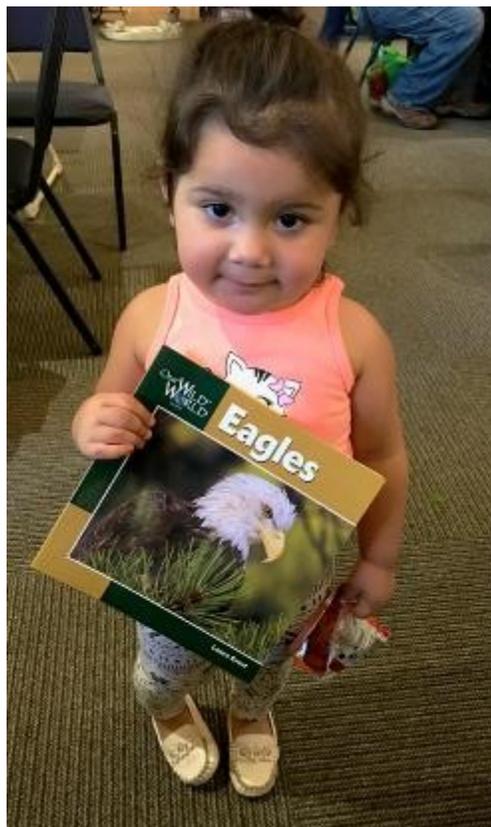


PDGs Charlie Short and Charles Roth of 25C conducted Kidsight and School Sight training of members of the Etna Green LC in District 25G. Following training, the group screened 76 1st grade students (19% referred) at Triton Elementary School. 75% of Etna Green Lions Club members attended training and participated in screenings. Left: Lion Todd Hoffer (President - Etna Green Lion) Right: Lion Al Sharkey, (Etna Green LC) (Photos by PDG Pat Short)



On May 10th, the Lafayette Lions had their monthly dinner. The food is always purchased and prepared by club member and caterer Lion Cherrie Buckley and her staff, and served by Lafayette Lions Club members. We gave away gently used magazines/novels for grownups and books for children. We also gave out over 120 pens/pencils as well as personal hygiene items (not purchasable with food stamps). At this particular lunch, we actually served our guests at their tables as if they were in a restaurant. This will be a quarterly feature.

Left: Guests were choosing from over 100 books that were donated by club member Lion Anna Wilson (second from right) who is downsizing to move into a retirement community. Right: Small guest with her book selection “Eagles”.



On May 16th, the Lafayette LC Purdue University Cancer Center Award went to Dr. Chang-Deng Hu. He was nominated for the award by his peers for his work on determination of how prostate cancer becomes resistant to treatment and identifying new drug targets to improve prostate cancer treatment.

Photo: Tim Bobillo, Director of Development - Purdue University Cancer Center, Jake Owens (graduate student) and Lion Dave Ehlers, Cancer Award Committee Chair. (Note: Dr. Hu could not be present as he had to return to China for his father's funeral).

INDIANA LIONS STATE CONVENTION

Saturday Luncheon Banquet



Left: PID Linda Tincher of Riley Twp. LC received her 6th diamond progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship from International Lions President Aggarwal at the state convention.



Above: PDG Charlie Short of Lafayette LC received his 1st Diamond Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship from International President Aggarwal.



Left: CC/IPDG Ross Drapalik of Martinsville Noon LC is presented his 2nd Diamond Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship by International President Aggarwal.

Below: Lion Mark Owens, Trustee and Chairman of Vision First, receives a Melvin Jones Fellowship from International President Aggarwal.



Above: Lion Owen Matz of Frankfort LC received his 1st Diamond Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship from International President Aggarwal.



Left: PDG Billy Chastain receiving his 1st Diamond Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship from International President Aggarwal with PID Wayne Madden looking on.

Right: A picture of all the Melvin Jones Fellowship recipients, first time recipients with their plaque, as well as all the Progressive Fellows from all seven Indiana districts.



Right: PDG Pat Short, Trustee and Chairman of the Indiana Lions for the Indiana State School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ISBVI) state project, along with Lion Andy Dybel 25A, Trustee and VP for Indiana Lions Foundation, presented Dr Jim Durst, Principal and Director of the ISBVI, with a William P. Woods Award for all his work at the school to enrich the lives of the students. During the presentation, International President Aggarwal asked Dr. Durst if he was a Lion. Upon receiving a negative answer, IP Aggarwal inquired as to if he had ever been asked. Upon receiving a negative answer, IP Aggarwal asked him if he would like to join. With a positive answer, IP Aggarwal sponsored a new Lion!



Vision Services Committee Pioneer Awards and All-Star Awards

Below: PDG Charlie Short, State Chair of the Vision Services Committee, made presentations of the “Pioneer Award” on behalf of the committee to the movers and shakers that have been doing vision services throughout the state over the last 10 years. Also, outstanding current screeners were recognized with the “All Star” award This year, Indiana Lions have exceeded the One Million mark of children screened in the last 10 years. This is a combination of both KidSight and SchoolSight screenings throughout the state.

Below, right, PDG Charles Roth of 25C received the All-Star award, but holds the Pioneer Award presented to PDG Ray Collins 25C, who was not able to attend.

Vision All-Star Award recipients from other districts were: Lion Angie Schmeltz 25A, Lion Pam Arnold 25B, Lion Rick Wright 25D, Lion Ruth Beesley 25E, Lion Rev. Joe Foster 25F and PDG Marty Juel 25G.

Vision Pioneer Award recipients from other district were: PDG Patrick Rodriguez 25A, PDG Alan Arnold 25B, DGE Isabel Atcheson 25D, PDG Gary Lawson 25E and PDG Jack Salsbery 25F, considered the first among Pioneers,

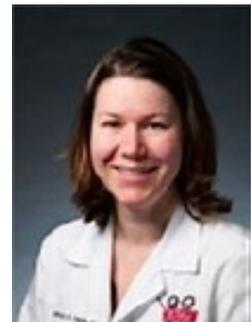


This year the Medical Advisory Panel for the Vision Services Committee has added two additional medical professionals.

Dr. Dan Neely, shown (left) with PDG Short, is Chair of the Vision Services Medical Advisory Panel and Professor of Pediatric Ophthalmology at the IU Medical School. He also advises VisionFirst (Indiana Lions Eye Bank), and Orbis, the flying eye surgical hospital. He is a past Chair of the Vision Screening Committee of the American Academy of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (AAPOS).

Lions Past International Director Dr. Hauser Weiler, (center) shown here with his wife Donna, is a former Navy ophthalmologist, now in private practice in Virginia. He is Vice Chair for the Lions KidSight USA Foundation, and brings wide knowledge of Lions programs around the nation.

Dr. Kathryn Haider (right) is a Pediatric Ophthalmologist at IU Riley, who brings special knowledge and talent regarding the vision of special needs children.



Saturday Evening Banquet

Receiving Line

Right: Waiting for the Indiana Lions to come through the receiving line are International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal, his wife Navita, Lion Linda and Past International President Wayne Madden, and current International Director Nick Xinopolous and Lion Gretchen.



Left: 2nd Vice District Governor Elect Jim P. M. Query beamed with the honor of escorting District Governor Chloe Weyrauch into the banquet Saturday evening at the Indiana State Lions Convention held in Muncie. Here they are during the receiving line.



Left: District C was also represented at the Indiana Lions State Convention by PDG Sara and PCC Vernon Provines, who serves as State Comptroller for the Indiana Lions through June 30, 2018. Although they moved to Alabama earlier, they came back “home to Indiana” to finish the duties and term of that office. It was good to see them again. We (especially the Spencer Lions) miss you!

Right: Council Chair Ross Drapalik and his lovely wife, Lion Jennifer, took a brief moment to smile for the camera before taking their places in the reception line to greet Lions at the Saturday night banquet at the state convention. (Photo provided by PID Linda Tincher)



Saturday Night Banquet

Introductions



Left: District Governor 25C Chloe Weyrauch, being escorted by 2nd Vice District Governor Elect Jim PM Query.



Right: MD25 Council Chair Ross Drapalik and Lion Jennifer Drapalik.



Left: Past International Director Linda Tincher and PDG Vern Tincher.



Above: Current Lions Clubs International Director Nick Xinopolous and Lion Gretchen Xinopolous.



Left: Past International President Wayne Madden and Lion Linda Madden.

Lions Clubs International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal and his wife Navita at the Saturday Night Banquet.



Above and right: International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal during his presentation during the Saturday Night Banquet..

Saturday Evening Banquet Awards



Above: International President Aggarwal presented a Presidential Medal to PDG Charles Roth as Governor Chloe Weyrauch and Past International President Wayne Madden look on. (Photo by PID Linda Tinch-



Above: International President Aggarwal presented a Leadership Medal to Cabinet Treasurer Lion Karen McKellar as Governor Chloe Weyrauch and Past International President Wayne Madden look on.



Left: International President Aggarwal presented CC/IPDG Ross Drapalik with a Leadership Medal, as Past International Director Wayne Madden looks on.

Bottom Left: Lion Eric Dunn, Sergeant, Indiana State Police and Law Camp endorser, receiving the Leadership Medal for his work with Law Camp from International President Aggarwal, with District Governor Keith Thomas 25E and Past International President Wayne Madden.

Below District Governor Keith Thomas 25E, Lion Eric Dunn, wife Stephanie and PID Linda (Law Camp Co-Chair) took a moment for a photo.

