



THE SIGNING — International President Chancellor Bob Corlew was in Indiana in October and re-enacted the signing of the charter of the Royal Order of the Lions Clubs. It was 100 years ago that Dr. W. P. Woods signed the original charter. In June of 1917 Melvin Jones invited Clubs to attend a meeting to form an organization to serve.



Linda's Journal

By PID Linda Tincher

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Lions

Every Christmas everyone searches for that special gift they know will light up a special person's eyes. The perfect gift they will always remember you gave them. So, what special gift is your Club giving to the community this year as a "legacy gift?" President Corlew has asked every Club to do a legacy project for the 100- year centennial project. Is this on your TO DO list? If not, it should be. A "legacy gift" might be Christmas is as simple as putting a name plate on a building or sign stating this is a Lions Club project. It might be a park bench, new flag pole, a flower garden, a swing, or a newly planted tree. Whatever it is, big or small, it should be something visible and that will last in the community. You might consider buying a book for the local library or starting a small library outside your home or Club. Just brainstorm at your next meeting and I bet you will be surprised at the ideas.

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Experiencing the service together – Gett'in that warm and fuzzy feeling

The holiday season is definitely here. Many of our Lions Clubs are very busy preparing for and/or performing their annual service projects. Everything from food boxes, free gift wrapping, Toys for Tots, and the list goes on and on. You get the picture. We are ALL about serving others and this time of year we are in overdrive for sure.

The phrase "It's always better to give rather than receive" comes to mind. We Lions do give year round. That said, have you ever noticed that there's just something a little more special about this time of year?

Seeing that extra smile on a child's face or a tearful thank you from some parents whose family wouldn't be having a Christmas celebration with out or help. How about providing relief to a suffering village that's half a world away. These are but a few examples of how WE together serve those in need.

During a recent School for the Deaf luncheon, Past International President Wayne Madden spoke to our group. He mentioned that during this holiday season we all should give thanks for all the blessings we have. PIP Wayne brought to light the suffering and hunger that unfortunately goes on around the world



Welcome PDG John Sabol as State Administrative Assistant

I am pleased to announce that PDG John Sabol has returned to the Indiana Lions State Office in the position of State Administrative Assistant.

PDG John previously held the same position from November 2012 through November 2014 and returned as an advisor during the 2015 Indiana Lions State Convention.

John is a member of the Brownsburg Lions Club and served District C as Governor during the 2010-11 Lions Year. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow and a W.P. Woods Fellow.

He and his wife, Susan, also a Lion, have two children, John Jr. and Amy.

Please help me to welcome PDG John Sabol as State Administrative Assistant!

-PCC Sue Topf
State Administrative Secretary



Council Chairperson's Corner

By CC Vic Fischer
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and how we continue to help to provide that much need relief. Also, he reflected on how all of us are so fortunate to live in this great country of ours. The bounty we all have and enjoy. The opportunities we have that others do not.

That hit home for many of us. It gave pause for thanks. This was a thoughtful reminder to everyone why we are here and why we work so hard to serve. It's our way of giving back. Oh and by the way team.... Thank you for all your hard work and efforts everyone.

As we look back at 2016, it's important to take a step back and reflect on all the good things we have accomplished together. When you do, you'll probably be gett'in that warm and fuzzy feeling in your heart. That's the feeling from giving and making a positive difference in someone's live. That's the spirit of Christmas alive and well in our hearts. And that my fellow Lions is the feeling of Experiencing the Service Together.

On behalf of Lion Diane and me — Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.



Merry Christmas

from all of us

Past International Director
Linda and PDG Vern Tincher

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Where There's a Need There's a Lion

By GOV. PATTY COOKE

This time of the year always seems to come too quickly – and it's gone in a blink of an eye. There is the decorating and baking and gift buying and parties in our personal lives. But for Lions we are also helping decorate the town tree or the community center. We are collecting gifts for seniors at the nearby nursing

home. We are wrapping toys to make sure child goes without a gift. We are gathering items for local food banks or direct meals to families in our communities. Yes, a very busy time, but Where There's a Need There's a Lion.

Many of the of celebrations and memories of this holiday season revolve around food – the big turkey dinner for Thanksgiving, pies, cookies, eggnog, the Christ-

mas ham – much more than most of us need to consume. Yet many in our state do not share in that vision of the holidays. Indiana is blessed with an abundance of farmland, yet more than 90 percent of our food is grown elsewhere and many Hoosiers struggle to find enough to eat. One in seven Indiana households struggle to put food on their tables. These are families in our communities. That is why we Lions are there to help.

So continue with your efforts the week of Jan. 9 - 15 and join Lions around the world for a special Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger in your community. Help the local food pantry or participate in the Backpack program for school kids. Plan, Promote and Report your Service project and the number of people impacted by Lions will continue to grow well beyond 100,000,000.

It is through helping and giving to others that you truly feel the peace and joy of the season. And by carrying that effort into the next year, those feelings stay with you.

Everyone enjoy this wondrous time of the year. Take time to pause and remember holidays past while savoring the joy and excitement of the moment. Don't worry about the work or effort to prepare for the big day. It will happen whether you are ready or not, so let go, take a deep breath and feel the love of family and friends.

May your holidays be peaceful, happy, crazy and joyous and transport you into a wonderful New Year.

Centennial Coin

District 25-A will be selling Centennial Coins. This is a beautiful keepsake of Indiana Lions and our first 100 years. The price will be \$10 and the money raised will be going to LCIF. This will help the District Governor to award a Melvin Jones to a deserving Lion in the District.



DICTIONARIES — Members of the Mill Creek Community Lions Club distributed dictionaries to 65 third graders at the LaPoprte Community Indian Trail School. Mill Creek Lions members who helped are Paul Tuszynski, Shirley Doms, Chuck Bair, Don Grott, Dave Hawn and Nancy Reese.



VALPARAISO LIONS WELCOME THREE NEW MEMBERS — At the Dec. 6 Christmas Party the Valparaiso Lions Club installed three new members. Patti Cooke, the District 25-A Governor performed the installation. The three new members are Stephen Plew, Aileen Plew and Patti Avaritt. Sponsors for the three new members are Jeff and Jodi Zulich.



CARE BAGS — The Valparaiso Lions Club recently provided 40 care bags to the VNA Hospice Center in Valparaiso. The care bags are for the patient and their families who are undergoing a difficult transition. Included in the bags are items to make the patient more comfortable: skin lotion, lip balm, combs, etc and also hard candies, puzzle and game books, coffee and tea, and a stuffed teddy bear among other items.

W. P. WOODS FELLOWSHIP — Cabinet Treasurer Chuck De Las Casas was awarded a W.P. Woods Fellowship by the Indiana Lions Foundation. His wife Lion Jeanne is shown put his pin on.



TOYS FOR TOTS — Chesterton Lions Club members Mel Bigger, President Laura Layman, Barbara Wilson and VP Doug Leicht place new toys in a Toys For Tots container at the Porter VFW Hall. The Club also donated numerous toys and clothing for 12 needy children for the local Salvation Army Angel Tree.

Merry

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candidate for International Director at the 100th International Convention in Chicago in July 2017.

The position was advertised and two candidates came forth: PDG Nick Xinopoulos, 25-C and PDG Mark Clark, 25-E.

Both candidates meet the basic qualifications but both must be endorsed at their respective Districts at a special "called District Convention" or at the "regular District Convention."

Make plans now to attend and vote at the 2017 State Convention ...this means all Club dues/monies owed to Lions International, State and District must be paid 15 days prior to end of certification to be allowed to cast a ballot. In addition, the MD-25 State Convention also requires

that delegates be certified on either Friday, April 28, or Saturday, April 29 before votes are cast from 7-10 a.m. on Sunday

McKellar is candidate

Immediate Past District Governor Richard McKellar has placed his name in nomination for a position on Indiana's International Convention Committee. This is a three-year commitment and he is ready for the position.

Each year the commitment brings a unique set of requirements to the individual. The first year the committee member is



PDG RICARD
MCKELLAR

morning, April 30

PDG Vern and I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

responsible for the hospitality suite at the convention. The second year the member is responsible for the parade. The third year the member is the chairperson of the committee.

McKellar says he feels he has the qualifications to do all of these and is looking forward to serving in this capacity. He is seeking Lions votes at the 2017 State Convention set to be held in Evansville in April.

W. P. Woods sunset policy

During the fourth year of inactivity of W.P.Woods accounts of credits and donations, the Foundation Trustees of each District will be notified in August by the W.P. Woods State Chair to make contact with each of the inactive account owners, or with the presidents of the Clubs in which those owners are members, to explain the options for the inactive accounts. Method of use of credits or donations recorded in an account for a deceased Lion should be determined by his or her club. If an account owner cannot be located and his or her club has been dissolved, the appropriate District Governor shall be consulted for resolution. The options include:

1. Using the credits and donations for a W. P. Woods Fellowship; or,
2. making an account active again through additional

- credits or donations; or,
3. identifying recipients, other than the current owners, to receive the credits or donations toward W. P. Woods Fellowships; (recipients may be clubs and districts) or,
4. permitting the Foundation to apply the credits or donations to the districts in which they were earned.

W. P. Woods credits and donations in accounts that have been inactive for five years or more will be moved to the account of the district in which they were earned.

**Recycle your
eyeglasses**





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NEW HOUSE — Athlete houses Turnstone shows the new houses for blind athletes sponsored by District 25-B that LCIF gave a \$100,000 matching grant for.



CHECK FOR HONOR SOCIETY — The Fort Wayne Central Lions presented a check for \$500 to the Honor Society of North Side High School for work with the club during the Johnny Appleseed Festival.

Presenting the check is Club President Mike Keesler, along with Treasurer Margaret Keesler, Club Past President Nancy Daugherty, First Vice President Rosa Gerra, and Club member Bill Daugherty are also shown.

This is the second year that this group from North Side has helped the Club at the festival. They are interested in starting a Leo Club at North Side and the Lions are working with them.



MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP FOR HUNTERTOWN LION — Lion Barbara Wagner, Huntertown Lions Club is shown receiving a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. Shown, from left, are Lions Bob Framme, Howard Gubakunst and Vic Scheele. All are Melvin Jones Fellows.



NEW MEMBER — Lion Phil Ruppert is shown installing the newest member of the Andrews Lions Club, Mike Clift. Lion Mike Okuly is Lion Mike Clift's sponsor.

What a caring bunch of people we are

By GOV. ALAN ARNOLD

The Lions in 25-B are really gearing up for Christmas. At recent Club visits I have been so impressed with all the projects that are going on during this season. Selling Christmas trees, selling fruit and other products,

ringing bells for Salvation Army and supporting people who are in need. What a caring bunch of people we are as "We Serve".

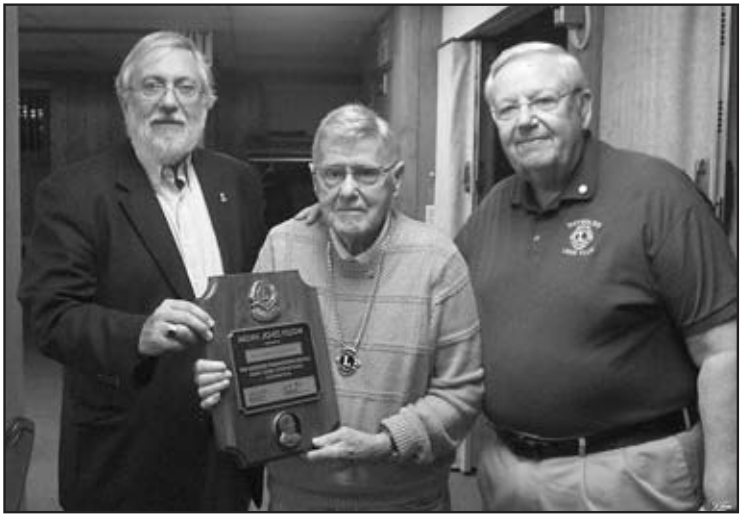
District 25B has just received a \$100,000 matching grant from LCIF to help build a transportation garage for the DeKalb Area Rural Transit (vehicles. DeKalb

County Lions Clubs. as well as a few other area Clubs. are in the process of donating towards this project. Several community grants are also being worked on to help fund this. Work is expected to begin in March or April. This garage will really help on the maintenance and care of the vehicles, especially in the winter months.

Another \$100,000 matching grant from LCIF is just being closed. The houses at the Turnstone facility in Fort Wayne that will house athletes for the U.S. Association of Blind Athletes are finished. Turnstone is now the official training site for the Paralympic Goalball Team. Just last summer, the men's team won the silver medal in Goalball at the Rio Paralympic Games. Many Lions from 25-B volunteer to help at practices and other events.

We have a new Club in 25-B! The Berne Centennial Club will be chartering on Jan. 27. We hope that all Clubs in 25-B will send some representatives to the Charter Night and also help the new Club financially with a donation to help them get off and running in grand style. Lions from other Districts are welcome to attend. The date is set, but time and place are yet to be determined. That information should be available shortly.

As we look forward to the year 2017, we will officially be celebrating 100 years of Lionism. The past 100 years have been great, but where will the Lions organization be 100 years from now? It is up to us today to set the tone for the next 100 years. Will your Club still be serving your community in 2117? Will the Lions of Indiana still be in existence? By bringing in new members and continuing to serve our communities with helpful projects we can insure that Lions will still be around in 2117. Wouldn't it be great if your great-great grandchildren were Lions in 2117? To make sure that happens, get your family involved! So let's get EXCITED to be a LION and continue to ROAR.



MELVIN JONES FELLOW — The Waterloo Lions awarded Lion Bill Hubartt with the Melvin Jones Fellow at the Nov. 15 meeting. PID David Fiantt presented the fellowship. Shown are PID David, Lion Bill and President Ken Surber.



TRIKE RACE — Lions Mike and Cheryl Okuly of the Andrews Lions Club representing District B in the Brian's Trike race.

VOTE PDG MARK D. CLARK AS YOUR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR CANDIDATE

VISION for the Future

Values
Ingenuity
Service
Integrity
Opportunities
New Ideas

Motivated
Accessible
Responsible
Knowledge

I ask for your support and vote at the 2017 Multiple District Convention in Evansville so that Indiana may continue to provide outstanding ideas and leadership for the International Association of Lions Clubs.

Vote Mark D. Clark for YOUR next International Director.





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People ‘COUNT ON’ Lions

By GOV. ROSS DRAPALIK

The last few years since first becoming the Second Vice District Governor of District 25-C, I have written about one of my family’s traditions each year. Each December we go to the IMAX theater at the Indiana State Museum and watch “*Polar Express*” and then take Danielle to see Santa Claus. In my first article a couple of years ago, I wrote about believing without seeing and about the boy whose ticket was punched “BELIEVE.” Last year I wrote about the girl who loved the spirit of Christmas and was the leader of the group. When the conductor punched her ticket, it said “LEAD.” Her immediate thoughts were lead, like a lead balloon, when in fact it meant lead as in leader or lead the way.

This year’s story is about Billy. Billy was the only child on the train whose name we know, and he was from the other side of the tracks, living in a beaten down house with a large hole in the roof. Billy was initially hesitant to even get on the train. That is until the train starting pulling away. That is when his curiosity got the best of him. He ran

and ran, as hard as he could, and the only way that he was able to get on the train was when one of the boys on the train pulled the emergency brake, much to the dismay of the conductor.

You see, Billy didn’t fit in with the other kids. In fact, he pretty much kept to himself, being the only one riding in the observation car all the way to the North Pole. We really learn about Billy as he was out on the rear platform of the observation car singing, “*I wish upon a star...and trying to believe that even though it’s far, he’ll find me Christmas Eve. I guess that Santa’s busy ‘cause he’s never come around. I think of him when Christmas comes to town.*” Billy wants to believe, but in his own words, “Christmas just doesn’t work out for me...never has.”

In 2012, Lion Kent Williams of the Martinsville Noon Lions Club came and asked our Board to consider sponsoring Christmas for some children under the custody of the Department of Child Services. Most generally, our Club does not openly solicit donations from our members, but the Board of Directors approved taking up a free-will offering from the membership. In that first year

we collected nearly \$900 to sponsor three children. DCS suggested that the gifts be limited to around \$100 per child, and the extra money rolled over into the following year’s Christmas drive, and so it began.

Lion Kent was a few years younger than myself, and he unexpectedly passed away in March 2015. Our Club chose to honor his commitment to these children by naming our annual drive the “Lion Kent Williams Memorial DCS Christmas Fund.” Each year, our Club members continue to reach into our pockets and help sponsor a “Billy” in our community who just wants to believe.

By the end of the movie, Billy met Santa, he got his green and white package with a No. 7 bow, and he believes. Before climbing back onto the train to leave the North Pole, the conductor asks for Billy’s ticket and proceeds to punch the words “DEPEND ON” into Billy’s ticket. On turning the ticket over, it read “RELY ON” and turning it over again it read “COUNT ON.”



My question to the Lions is simply this: Can the Billy in your neighborhood “COUNT ON” your Lions Club this Christmas?

From my family to yours,
Merry Christmas
DG Ross, Lion Jennifer and Cub Danielle

Save the dates

- Jan. 28 - District Cabinet Meeting
- Feb.25 - Flora Lions 50th Anniversary
- March 11 - 25-C District Convention
- April 28-30 - MD-25 State Convention

THE WINNER — The winning peace poster for MD-25 was chosen at the Council Christmas Party on Dec. 3. Meghan Chagdes of Whitestown created the poster “Peace should be something everyone can enjoy.” This poster was sponsored by the Zionsville Lions Club.



VETERANS DAY — Lion T Rex Legler II of the Martinsville Noon Lions wore his Revolutionary War uniform for the Veterans Day program at the Club meeting. He is shown with First Lady Lion Jennifer Drapalik.



PRESIDENT TAKES A SPIN — International President Bob Corlew enjoyed a spin on a tricycle during his tour of the Indiana School for the Blind on Oct. 24. Lions race to raise money on these treacherous three wheeled vehicles every fall. The President did actually ride around the track as did his wife, Lion Dianne.



LIZTON LIONS RECEIVE GRANT — Members of the Lizton Lions Club present a “Thank You!” plaque to board members from the Smithville Foundation for their generous support. This grant will be used to enhance security at the Lizton Lions Club park. From left are Lion Kathy Frederick-Caldwell, Cullen McCarty, Lion Darby McCarty, Rick Kissel and Lion Larry Pierson.

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Securing a brighter tomorrow

By DR. JITSUHIRO YAMADA
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

Sometimes, as Lions, we can get caught up in the moment. Sometimes it can be hard to imagine beyond today. Sometimes we might even get discouraged by the staggering amount of need and despair in the world.

As a medical doctor for more than 30 years, I have witnessed the heartbreak of families who have lost a loved one. The grief of family member is magnified when the individual is a child –

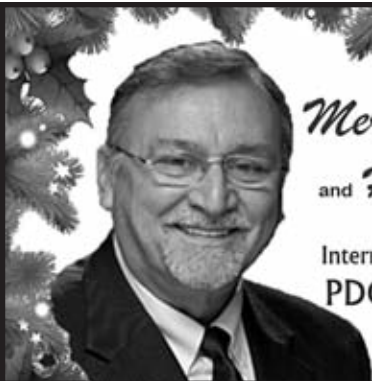
their child. It happens every day around the world, regardless of wealth, gender or race. Lions Clubs International Foundation is stepping forward to find a breakthrough that will help secure a brighter tomorrow for all of us.

Recently I visited the Garvan Institute of Medical Research in Sydney, Australia. Our Foundation has awarded a \$2 million grant to support the Lions Kids Cancer Genome Project. Together with the Garvan Institute, the Australian Lions Children's Cancer Research Foundation and other partners, this pilot initiative will improve outcomes for hundreds of children with high-risk cancer through whole genome sequencing. This could eventually serve as model for the development of personalized cancer prevention and treatment.

The Lions Kids Cancer Genome Project is another way that LCIF is demonstrating its commitment to global health. Perhaps one day, we will eliminate deaths from childhood cancer. In order to realize that dream, we need everyone to support our Foundation. No need is too large, and no gift is too small.

Thank you for your generous support of a brighter tomorrow.

Watch for
State Convention
information in
February



Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year

International Director Candidate
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Celebrate the reason for the Christmas season

By GOV. STVE HOLTZLEITER

MERRY CHRISTMAS, Indiana Lions, supporting spouses and families. We are moving towards the halfway mark of our Lions year, but first we want to celebrate the reason for the Christmas season the remembrance of the coming of The Lord with Glories and Alleluias. Your council of governors and guests enjoyed a wonderful Christmas party hosted by the Council Chair Vic Fischer and Lion Diane at the Carmel Lions Club. We were

beautifully entertained with Christmas music and songs, sung by Mikaela Smith. Santa Claus dropped in to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and brought gifts for the Lion Cubs.

We had a long, but successful second Cabinet Meeting on Nov. 30 hosted by the Wayne Fall Lions Club and a delicious fall dinner of soups and grilled ham sandwiches. We attended to much business and received some great informative presentations. The third Cabinet Meet-

ing will be on Jan., 2017, hosted by the Frankton Lions Club.

I have been very busy making Club visits and inducting some new members, but we need many more great people to join our efforts of serving our communities. Let's put help put the Multiple District in the black for the 2016-17 Lions year. Be sure to register for the State Convention in Evansville in April 2017.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas — DG Steve and Lion Katherine

Lions history display of District D

The Lions Centennial Celebration is fast approaching. First VDG Cindy Wright has been working with Minnetrista Center in Muncie, which is allowing Lions to have a three-month display of District D Clubs and their importance to their communities.

The display will be up in January, February and March of 2017. Clubs are gathering pictures, stories, and items that represent what they have done for their community throughout their years of service. The five State Projects will also be recognized in the display. What fun it is going to be to take a stroll down memory lane and see the history of 25-D's Clubs and the wonderful



MINNETRISTA GATHERING PLACE

things they have done for their communities, state, country and world.

DG Steve will hold the District Convention at the Minnetrista Center in March so more Lions will be able to see what it means to be a Lion in District D.

Minnetrista Gathering Place,
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NEW TRUSTEE —
DG Steve appointed
Lion Amy Bullock of
the Tipton Lions Club
as Trustee to Cancer
Control.



CANDIDATES — The 2 candidates for endorsement for International Director attended the recent District D Cabinet meeting. PDG Nick Xinopoulos from C and PDG Mark Clark from E are both well known and welcomed by Lions from district D. PDG Nick is shown in the photo on the left and PDG Mark is on the right.



YOUTH EXCHANGE — PCC Lee Flower introduced Lauren Pearson, Youth Exchange student to Australia, during recent the Cabinet Meeting. She had many interesting pictures and stories to share with Lions and thanked all for the opportunity to go on this adventure.



DG MEETS COUSINS — During DG Steve's official visit to Saratoga Lions Club, Lion Bud Harris and his wife, Norma, introduced themselves. They are IPDG Betty's cousins and are shown with DG Steve and Lion Katherine.

Volunteers are needed

The volunteer seeds have been planted and they are beginning to take root. The volunteer data base list is growing and the Lions are becoming excited about the opportunity to be a part of the 100th Year Celebration of our organization. Lions are asking to be included in not just one aspect of our volunteer duties but two or three different committees. Talk about flexibility!

Lions Clubs International has informed the host committee that we should prepare for between 40,000 and 50,000 Lions to attend the Convention. We also have been told to expect as many as 25,000 Lions to march in the parade on July 1st. To meet the demands that these anticipated numbers present to the host committee, we have decided that we need a volunteer, dedicated force of 2,000 Lions. I feel that this is going to be a task that can easily be accomplished by the Lions.

Recently, I have been receiving contact infor-

mation from Lions near and far and they have volunteered to work on the various committees. Some have said, "I'll work whenever and wherever I'm needed". Now that's the Lion spirit.

If you have not already filled out the FILL-ABLE VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM on the MD1 Host Committee Website - www.lions2017chicago.org, now is the time to do it. Simply fill it in on line and e-mail it back. You still need to fill out this form even if you have submitted your name already.

I will add your name to the database and the Chairperson of your assigned committee will soon be in touch with you. It's that easy!

Remember this...

"Do Your Part... Play A Part ...Chicago 2017"
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PDG Nick Xinopoulos has announced his candidacy for International Director!



PDG Nick is a 26 year veteran of the Brownsburg Lions Club with a long record of service at Club, District, State and International levels. As Parade Chairman, a 100 Percent District Governor, Eye Bank Chairman and a four-time member of the International Convention Credentials committee, PDG Nick brings a long list of achievements to his credit.

"If honored with an endorsement at this year's State Convention, I would work to represent Indiana Lions at the highest level of the Association. By working with everyone, my goal is to strengthen Lions and our efforts around the world."

PDG Nick's Lions honors include two Presidential Medals, four Presidential Certificates, Indiana Lion of the Year in 2015, and both Progressive Melvin Jones and W.P. Woods Fellowships. He is retired from Rolls Royce North America, and lives in Brownsburg with Lion Gretchen. They have one daughter, two sons and five grandchildren.

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Membership growth ideas

By GOV. TREa McCANDLESS

Can you believe that we are halfway through the year? Time is moving on.

As we look at our Clubs, are we moving forward or standing still? Are you satisfied with your Club? The way it is? Do you need to make improvements? The Club Membership Chairperson Guide states that membership satisfaction is the feeling you want Lions to have by being a member of your Club.

Do we make our members feel welcome?
Do they have responsibility in the Club?
Does the Club respect members' input and ideas?
Do members of the Club feel like part of the family?
We need members of each and every Club to achieve our service goals. We need new members with fresh ideas and projects.

Some of Lions Clubs International's ideas on membership growth are:
Invite new members to join.
Establish a Club membership committee.
Complete a membership report at meetings.
Establish an orientation schedule.
Host a membership drive.
Promote membership retention—Care for those who serve, as much as we do those we serve.
Club development/Retention of members:
Induct, inform, involve, and mentor
Have a strong and active club administration
Pay dues and Club accounts in a timely manner
File reports in a timely manner
Hold regular, well planned Club meetings
These are just a few ideas to follow from Lions Clubs International. I will have more in the next newsletter.

I will have about half of my Club visits in by the time this comes out. It keeps you busy to get 65 Club visits in.
We had our second Cabinet Meeting in Hardinsburg the last of October.
We are honored with the candidacy of PDG Mark Clark for International Director from District 25-E Please come to the State Convention and vote. The District is working hard on making a good and enjoyable Convention for all.
Don't forget the District Blood Drive, go out and give that blood.
I want to thank the Clubs that I have visited for the meals, gifts, and good times I have had visiting with each of you. I am looking forward to visiting the rest of the Clubs.
We are looking at having rebuilding training on Jan. 22, 2017. If you are looking to being a rebuilding Lion, look for more info later or email me at treamcc@gmail.com.
Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all.



CHEVRON — Lion DG Trea McCandless is shown presenting 25-year chevron to Lion Director Tom McCool.



SCREENING — Fifty-one individuals were screened at the CK Newsome Center in Downtown Evansville on Saturday, Nov. 5. Shown, from left, are Evansville East Side Club members Bill Schulz, Don Russ, Sue Russ, Sue Ahlbrand, Ceal Schulz and Theresa Arvin.

CHECK PRESENTATION — Lion DG Trea McCandless is being presented a check for State Projects — Leader Dogs for the Blind, Cancer Control, Indiana School for Blind and Visually Impaired, Eye Bank, Speech and Hearing.



BAND IN COSTUME — Seymour High School Band in costume at the Halloween parade.

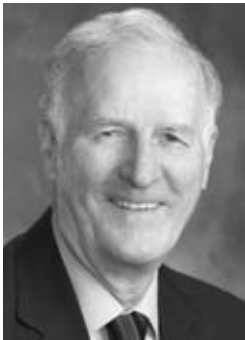


COSTUME PRADE — Seymour Evening Lions Club sponsored the 50th annual costume parade. Seymour Evening Lion President Bruce MacTavish and Lion Mollie Brown led the paraders with the Club's Lion banner.



FOGGING MACHINE — Shown is the new Insect Fogging Machine purchased by the Bedford Lions Club. The Bedford Lions raised over \$12,000 and used a Lions Club International Foundation Standard Matching Grant for \$10,000.
The Insect Fogging Project was started in 1956 and has always been done in partnership with the city of Bedford. The Lions furnish the equipment, insurance, maintenance, fuel, and manpower to spray the city each summer and the city of Bedford has always supplied the insecticide used in the fogging machine, required insurance riders, and any other required items to make the program run successfully.
The new fogging machine is totally electric, which makes it easier to control the application of insecticide and is more environmentally friendly than the machine it replaced.

It is that time of the year when Lions start lining up for district and state positions obtained through elections. I am one of them. I have placed my name in nomination for a position on the International Convention Committee. This is a 3-year commitment and I am ready for it.



Each year of the commitment brings a unique set of requirements to the individual, i.e., first year committee member is responsible for the hospitality suite at the convention, the second year for the parade and is chair of the committee in the third year. I feel I have the qualifications to do any or all of these.

This committee not only has three elected lions that serve, but also consists of the current Council Chair, the state Comptroller and the state Administrative Secretary. I am looking forward to serving and if after reading this you feel in your mind that I qualify I would appreciate your support.

Respectively,
Richard McKellar
Immediate Past District Governor
Multiple District 25-C

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PDG notes

Grace Everage, wife of PID Carter Everage dies

Grace Everage, 91, Miland, wife of the late Past International Director Carter Everage (DG 1964-65 and ID 1973-75) passed away Oct. 9.

She married Carter Everage on Oct. 5, 1946. He preceded her in death on March 12, 2015.

Survivors include one son Jack (Robbie) Everage of Milan; three daughters Sandy Mills and Sherry Kendall, both of The Villages, Fla., and Joyce Bailey of Martinsville; 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Grace was a member of the Versailles Baptist Church, the Home Arts club in Versailles, and was a former Farm Bureau member. Services were held Oct. 21 at the church

For years, Grace Everage helped to impact the lives of Indiana Lions through her work with her husband, PID Carter Everage.


Memorials may be given to the Versailles Lions Club or the Cliff Hill Cemetery.

PDG Coan Whitlock dies

Word has been received of the death of PDG Coan Whitlock, 89, (25-E1 1986-87). He was from Terre Haute and passed away Oct. 20 at his home.

He was a long time member of the Pierson Twp. Lions Club originally in 25-E1 and now in District-25-C.

He was a 1945 graduate of Pimento High School and served in the United States Army from August 1946 to June 1948. He graduated from Indiana State University with a degree in Safety/Security Management and was a certified safety professional. He was employed at Pfizer Inc. for 43 years, retiring in 1990. He was a Lion for 53 years. He served in many leadership roles including President of the Indiana Lions CancerControl Fund. He was also a 50 year member of Pimento Masonic Lodge 292. He made several mission trips to Central America and Mexico with the Lions Club to distribute eyeglasses. He was a member of Farmers' Chapel Community Church.



PDG COAN WITLOCK

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Tis the season 'TO SERVE' others

By GOV. STEVE WINEGARDNER

How time flies. The Governor's year is almost half over and we have gotten off to a good start in District 25-F but there is much work to be completed. The past few months have been filled with many service activities and fund raising projects from the very small ones, but important, to the very large ones requiring a number of Lions to organize and manage. One thing I have learned during the first few months as District Governor, is as Lions we all accept a challenge when presented and do our very best to complete the task of providing help to those less fortunate in our communities.

Thank you to the three Lions Clubs, Decatur Central, Indianapolis Franklin Township, and Indianapolis Chapel Hill who promoted the Peace Poster contest in their area. Each Club judged the posters submitted and gave the winning poster to the Activities Committee for judging. See the pictures on this page of finalists and the Peace Poster chosen to represent District 25-F at the MD-25 contest. Participating in this contest shows your commitment to serving youth in your communities. This is a great program, which lets young students demonstrate artistic ability to a peace theme selected each year.

In October, we had a rare opportunity to listen to our International President, Bob Corlew, and his wife. Dianne, shares their travel stories during the first 3 1/2 months of his term. The Clermont Lions Club hosted a dinner in their Lions Club house. The dinner meeting was very well attended and our President looks forward to returning for a third visit to attend our Indiana Lions State Convention.

Earlier in December, I was fortunate to attend your Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc. holiday lunch where we heard about the good work being accomplished by your trustees for this project. Camperships

were awarded to Indiana Deaf Camp, Hear Indiana, Deaf Youth Leadership. Scholarships, research and equipment grants being awarded to Purdue, Ball State, Indiana and Indiana State universities.

A contribution was given to Riley Hospital for Children foundation for their dedication and support of our Loaner Hearing Aid Bank. We are nearing 6,000 hearing aids loaned through this program since 1980. Dr. Richard Miyamoto, pioneer of the cochlear implant surgery, told the audience how the Lions of Indiana were very instrumental in helping fund this revolutionary surgery to the point of his world renowned status. At the end of this celebration your Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing, Inc. project had distributed nearly \$48,000.

In the next few days, each Lions Club President in District F can expect a letter from Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee PDG John Scott informing them of members in their Club who are eligible for the Distinguished Lion award presented at the Indiana Lions State Convention being held this year in Evansville. There are nearly 400 Lions in 59 Clubs eligible for this prestigious award. I hope each Lions Club, with an eligible member, will submit a nomination. Nominations are due by Jan. 31, 2017 so don't delay. Even if they aren't named Lion of the Year, they still receive a nice certificate.

Has your Lions Club completed a service project in one, two, three or four of the Centennial Service Challenge areas of Relieving the Hungry, Sharing the Vision, Protecting the Environment or Engaging our Youth? If you have not, it is not too late to start planning such an activity when warmer weather returns. Remember these activities help Lions attain our goal of helping 100,000,000 people during our Centennial Celebration. Report these activities when you submit your MM Report each

month. Remember there is a very nice Banner Patch given to Clubs that complete a service project in one of these areas. Only 64 percent of Lions Clubs worldwide have participated in this challenge, help raise that percentage.

Another issue your Lions Club needs to start planning is your Legacy Project for your community. I realize there is still plenty of time to accomplish a project such as this but it is never too soon to start planning and raising the funds to accomplish such a task.

Forty Lions Clubs have either been visited or are on the schedule. Thanks to the Lions Clubs that have stepped up to schedule their Official Visit. If your Club has not done so yet, I would encourage you to contact Cabinet Secretary Gayle Feeney, 317-509-7621 or email grfeeney25fsec@yahoo.com to schedule your Official Visit and have it placed on the District Calendar. There are 23 Lions Clubs needing to complete this task.

Last but not least, Lion Cindi and I hope that each and every Lion in the State has a wonderful Holiday Season filled with Joy and Well Wishes for All. Enjoy the time with your family. I am looking forward to visiting your Lions Club next year, 2017.

*Make plans
now to
attend the
State
Convention
in Evansville
April 28-30*

DECATUR CENTRAL'S WINNER

Above is the Decatur Central Lions Club entry in the peace poster contest. It was created by 12-year-old Julian Zehrung of Decatur Junior High and was the District 25-F entry into the state contest.



INDIANAPOLIS CHAPEL HILL'S WINNER — SHOWN IS Indianapolis Chapel Hill Lions Club's entry. It was drawn by 12-year-old Kyler Hodges from Chapelwood Elementary.



INDIANAPOLIS FRANKLIN TWP.'s WINNER — This is Indianapolis Franklin Twp. Lions Club's entry. It was drawn by 12-year-old Sukjpreet Gill from St. John Lutheran.

PDG notes

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Survivors include his wife, PDG Ruth (25-E1 1999-2000), whom he married 54 years ago, three children Rick (Andrea) Whitlock, Leavenworth, Vangie (Bill) Glass, Spencer and PDG Terry (25-E1 1992-93) (Delores) Whitlock, Terre Haute; grandchildren, Colin Glass of Anderson, Indiana, Megan Glass of Portland, Oregon, Coan A. Whitlock and Cora Whitlock, both of Terre Haute.

Services were held Oct. 24 at DeBaun Springhill Chapel, 85 East Springhill Drive, Terre Haute. Pastor Terry Whitlock officiated; burial with military honors was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Pierson Township Lions Club or Heartland Hospice.

Agnew Siemens dies

Agnes Siemens, 85, Medaryville, widow of PCC Leo Siemens (25-A 1996-97) passed away Nov. 10 at her residence in Medaryville. On Nov. 10, 1949, she married Leo Siemens. He died March 31, 2016.

She was a devoted wife and supported her husband by acting as a partner-in-service in the Medaryville Lions Club.

PDG Freddie Schmidt dies

PDG Freddie Schmidt, 79, (25-D 1989-90) died Sunday, Nov. 13, at his home in Carmel.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Kitty; and a daughter, Theresa (Jon) Weaver, of Carmel and son, Jonathan Schmidt, of Middleton, Del; and three granddaughters.

A certified public accountant, he retired from Eli Lilly and Co., in 1993 after 27 years of service.

He was a 40-year member of the Carmel Lions Club

and served as President, Treasurer and Vice President. He chaired many key projects of the Club.

He served as District Governor, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer and District Leadership Chairman. He served as a Trustee for the Indiana Lions Eye Bank for



PDG FREDDIE SCHMIDT

over 20 years and was Chairman, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer of the Eye Bank. The Eye Bank named its new building in Freddie's honor for his service and dedication.

He was named Indiana's Distinguished Lion in 2009. He received three Lions International

President's Awards and was a Melvin Jones Fellow and a W. P. Woods Fellow. He received the Ambassador of Goodwill Award from Lions International.

He as a member of the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church where the funeral was held on Nov. 16.

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Christmas greetings, Lions of District 25-G

By GOV. PEG VANNEVEL

How many of you have seen advertisements through email, on television, billboards ... just about everywhere with a "COUNTDOWN" to Christmas. Let's enjoy our days, and not panic about squeezing everything in, to make things perfect. We see

NUMBERS everywhere. Some good, some bad. There are numbers in so many phrases in the English language ... have you counted?

It's been one of those days where all I can think about is how Lions can serve more effectively. With the tornadoes going through the southern part of our country,

and Gatlinburg's devastation, we should all give three cheers to LCIF for its swift action to assist those in need. LCIF reaches out to the four corners of the earth.

Let's put two and two together and know that what 25-G Lions can do not only to help our own Clubs, but gets us back to square one to see how all of us make a difference, together. THAT picture is worth a thousand words.

If your Club has not yet made its annual donation to LCIF, here's the chance to feel like a million dollars and join in with other Lions, who are giving 24/7 to emergencies around the world.

I for one hope that not only will your Club be one of those first out of the gate with your support of LCIF, but also with our District-wide project, the local blood drives. Half the battle is making the call and getting the drive scheduled. One good turn deserves another, so make that call today.

Now, I know you don't want to put me behind the eight ball, so I'm asking that the remaining 20 Clubs who have yet to schedule an official District Governor's visit with me put me on cloud nine and reach out and get me on your calendar. You know I'll go the whole nine yards, but let's keep the nasty weather driving down to a minimum!

This could be six of one, half dozen of the other to get my two cents worth in, but "99 percent of all statistics only tell 49 percent of the story." — Ron DeLegge II

So let's give a high five and make these three things happen:

1. Send in your Club's donation to LCIF
2. Schedule a blood drive and become part of the district-wide project — 6 months in to the year, and a long way to go
3. Confirm an official visit with District Governor Peg

These are three ways we can ALL be 100 percent. Let's second that by the usual sign ... BITE 'EM!

Together everyone achieves more.



DICTIONARIES — Members of the Laketon Lions Club recently presented dictionaries to third grade students. Shown are the five "Students of the Day." They are, not in order shown, Myla Crozier (Mrs. Schutz's class), A.J. Weaver (Mr. Myers), Rylee Nethercutt (Mrs. Schipper), Thane Metzger (Mrs. Cook) and Spencer Kerr (Mrs. Hadden).



THIRD-GRADERS RECEIVE DICTIONARIES — The Madison Township Lions Club distributed 180 dictionaries to third grade students at three area schools. Club members handed out books to 22 students at Madison Township Elementary, 65 at Meadows Edge Elementary and 93 at Elm Road Elementary schools. The Club has been donating these dictionaries to student for five years.



WHEELCHAIR RAMP — A wheelchair ramp was built by Lydick Lions for a young man with ALS. Shown are Lydick Lions ZC Leroy Wise and Mike Lane.



ELKHART LIONS COMPLETE PLEDGE TO TOLSON CENTER — The Elkhart Lions Club recently fulfilled its pledge to sponsor and fund the new arts and music all-purpose room at the proposed Tolson Center expansion project. The Club approved the \$15,000 and reviewed the plans for the facility recently at a meeting. The Tolson Center plans to add a new gymnasium, library, cafeteria, and meeting rooms at its Benham Avenue location on Elkhart's near south side.

Shown, from left, are Clyde Riley, superintendent of parks; Bart Fore, president of the Elkhart Lions Club; and Tim Neese, mayor of the City of Elkhart.



INDIANA BICENTENNIAL TORCH RELAY — The Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay made its way through Marshall County on Oct. 4, stopping at the LaPaz-North Township Fire Department. LaPaz Lions were involved in a variety of activities for the celebration. Lion President Steve Cox served as one of three torch bearers. Lion Dr. Don Balka presented the history of LaPaz to the gathered crowd. Lion Jamie Erwin distributed miniature Indiana State flags purchased by the Club to attendees. Lion Roger Ecker, town board president, gave a brief history of the community economics. LaPaz was once known as the "Crossroads of America," since it was located at the intersection of US 6 and US 31, both transcontinental highways.

PDG Mark D. Clark is candidate for International Director

Past District Governor Mark D. Clark has a "Vision for the Future," and is a candidate for International Director.

He has been a member of the Salem Lions Club since 1985 and served as Club President in 1988-89, PDG Mark has been Club Treasurer since 2011. He has the Membership Advancement Key and is the Club's Orientation

Chair. He has served in all of the Club's Service Project.

He was Zone Chair 1988-1990, Region Chair 1990-92, Vice Governor in 1992-93 and served 25-E2 as Governor in 1993-94. He is currently a Trustee for Cancer Control and served 9 years as an Eye Bank Trustee. He has been a Trustee for 20 years on the Indiana Lions Foundation and the

Holding Corporation, serving as Secretary, Vice Chair and Chair.

He has been his District's global Leadership Chair since 2014 and is a past member of MERL and GLT. He has served as Parliamentarian and Resolutions Chair and Constitutional Chair.

He was State Leadership Chair and MD GLT Chair 2008-14. He has been a presenter at the Mid-Winter Conference and Multiple District Leadership events.

PDG Mark has attended multiple International Conventions and USA/Canada Leadership Forums.



PDG MARK D. CLARK

PDG Nick Xinopoulos for International Director

PDG Nick Xinopoulos is a candidate for International Director.

During his career at General Motors/Rolls Royce, Inc., he accepted positions with challenges that lead to leadership. PDG Nick been a Lion for 26 years and has held offices in his Club, District and State and is currently serving his second year as Chairman of the Board for the Indiana Lions Eye Bank Inc.

He has also worked with the International Convention Credentials Committee and has had the opportunity to participate in three eyeglass missions to Mexico. Leadership, Passion and Commitment are just a few of PDG Nick's qualifications to represent the Indiana Lions and Lions throughout the world.

PDG Nick served his club as President is currently a member of the Board of Directors.

He has been a Zone chairman, Vice District Governor and 2009-10 25-C District Governor.

He served as a member of the Indiana Lions International Convention Committee 2011-14. He has served on the host committee for the Indiana State Convention.

In 2008-09 he was a Leo Club Advisor. He is a member of 25-F's Mexico Eyeglass Mission. He is a KidSight Vision and a School-Age Children's Vision Screener.

His motto is "Working Together for a Better Tomorrow!"



PDG NICK XINOPOULOS

CENTENNIAL COINS — Shown are both sides of the Indiana Centennial Coin. They are now available but not every District Governor has them yet. They are \$10 each with the profit going to the District. See your District Governor to purchase these coins. — PCC Robert Morton, Centennial Committee.

