

## Registration deadline Oct. 20 — Two dynamic speakers featured at Nov. 3-4 Confab

With the deadline fast approaching the Lions of Indiana are urged to go to the August issue of The Hoosier Lion or the State Website - [www.IndianaLions.org](http://www.IndianaLions.org) and register prior to Oct. 20.

The Conference will feature two dynamic speakers. Lion Dr. Scott Peska on Friday night and PID Brian Sheehan on Saturday.

Peska is a member of the Elburn Lions Club in Illinois, where he serves as a member of



**LION DR.  
SCOTT PESKA**

the Club's Board of Directors. He is dean of students at Wauonsee Community College in Sugar Grove, Ill. The topic of his Friday Night program will be "Juggling It All: Lionism, Leadership and Life."

Friday night's dinner and program will be held at the Clermont Lions Clubhouse at 3201 Tansel Road, Indianapolis. Social time will be 6 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday's keynote speaker will be PID Brian Sheehan from Bird Island, Minn. He has held many offices in his home club, is currently the GLT area leader and is a member of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Planning Committee and is a candidate for Third International Vice President.

Saturday's events will take place at the Plainfield Middle School at 709 Stafford Road, Plainfield. Enter the building at



**PID BRIAN  
SHEEHAN**

door 11 in the back of the school. Registration and continental breakfast will be held from 8 until 9:10 a.m. Displays and silent auction will be open from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

The opening sessions will be held from 9:15 until 9:35 a.m. The morning workshop will be from 9:45 until 11:45 a.m. with the first seminars from 9:45 until 10:45 and the second seminars from 11 a.m. until noon.

Lunch will be served from noon until 1 p.m. with the Keynote Speaker on stage from 1 until 2 p.m.

The afternoon workshop will be from 2:15 until 4:30 p.m. with seminars from 2:15 until 3:15 p.m. and from 3:30 until 4:30 p.m. There will be no closing session.

Those attending the Conference for the first time should note so on the registration form.

If for some reason you miss the registration deadline, you can register at the school the day of the conference.



### Council Chairperson's Corner

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## Come have a 'Swingin' Time in Las Vegas

Hopefully that gets your attention about the upcoming Lions Clubs International Convention in Las Vegas next Summer. Lions from around the world will be gathering for the 101st time and will be electing Lion Gudrun Yngvadottir from Gardabær, Iceland, as the first female President of Lions Club International. All the glitz, all the glamour, all the shows, and all of the neon along the strip will be the welcome sign to Lions.

Unfortunately Las Vegas has been in the news for all of the wrong reasons of late, and as my pastor once said, "You can't bury the lead." The lead, or the lead story, is the news of the day. It's

the elephant in the room who no one wants to talk about, but no one can ignore.

As we prepare to gather next June for LCIcon 2018, we need to stop and offer a prayer for all of those affected by the mass shooting on Oct. during an outdoor concert. Our prayers are for the friends and families of those who lost their lives and for healing for those other who were injured.

As Lions, we can offer physical assistance and aid to those in need after natural disasters like hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, and other natural disasters, but sometimes our prayers are the only thing that we can offer.

Tragedies such as this tend to affect the nation as a whole, and although we look for answers as to why, those answers rarely come. All we can do is pause, reflect, and then move forward, never forgetting.

The International Convention Committee is hard at work to make the 2018 International Convention a fun and enjoyable experience. It's way too early to share all of the ideas we have been working on, but one thing is for sure - we're going to have a "Swingin' Time in Vegas."

Convention talk aside, please make sure to sign up and attend the upcoming Indiana Lions Conference on Nov. 4. In addition to all the listed seminars and workshops, we will be hosting LCI Board endorsed candidate for Third Vice President, PID Brian Sheehan, and entire Constitutional Area 1 Global Action Team Chairs (Leadership, Membership, and Service) for a full day of learning about LCI Forward and to layout the plan to serve 200 million people per year world-

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### Nomination and Election Notice

Nominations will be open for the positions of State Comptroller and International Convention Committee for the elections to be held at the 2018 Indiana Lions State Convention.

State Comptroller - two year term. Anyone interested in the State Comptroller position will need to secure their local Club endorsement and then the endorsement of their District. The candidate shall furnish a statement in writing showing that such candidate is willing to be nominated, will serve if elected, and set forth the candidate's qualifications for such office. Each such written statement shall be submitted by the District Governor to the State Council Chairperson with a copy to be sent to the State Nominations and Elections Committee Chairperson at least ten (10) days prior to the opening of the State Convention. Please reference Article IV, Section 4 of the MD 25 Constitution.

International Convention Committee member - three year term. Past District Governors from Districts A, B, D, E and G may run for this office. The procedure for nomination of a candidate from a District shall follow the procedure set forth in the By-Laws of each District. Endorsement from the District shall be submitted by the District Governor to the State Council Chairperson with a copy to be sent to


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## Las Vegas here we come

By PDG GARY OCHS  
Indiana Lions 2018 International  
Convention Chair

Make your plans now to attend the 2018 Lions Clubs International Convention June 29 - July 3, 2018 in Las Vegas, Nev. All Convention venues are located at the MGM Grand on the Las Vegas Strip.

Indiana Lions attending will stay at the Luxor "Egyptian Pyramid" hotel within walking distance of the MGM Convention Center. RV travelers enjoy special rates at the Oasis RV Resort, which is located a short distance from the convention center.



## Nick's Notes

By ID Nick Xinopoulos

## New century - New goals and new commitments

As we enter our new century of service we have so much to look forward to with new goals and new commitments. Lion Gretchen and I attended the USA/Canada Forum and attended quite a few seminars. One of the seminars I attended was on The Global Action Team. This was established to help us move forward with membership, leadership and service.

To reach our goal of 1.5 million Lions, we must start by reducing the loss of Lions by 5 percent worldwide. We all need to be leaders by inviting family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to our events and service projects and ask them to join us in the service to others. In order to increase our service to 200 million people, we will need strong membership and strong leadership. Make sure that your Club Secretary reports service projects on the MYLCI monthly Service Activity Report. This is how

LCI will know how many people we have served.

Another seminar I attended was about Lions Clubs International Foundation. With natural disasters, the continued support of the "One Shot, One Life" Measles program and the new Diabetes initiative, the need to financially support LCIF is greater than ever. In the 49-year history, LCIF has contributed over \$1 billion for humanitarian and medical needs not only here but around the world. There will be more information soon about the Diabetes program.

A reminder to everyone that the Lions of Indiana 29th Annual Conference will be Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Plainfield Middle School. The list of two workshops and 24 seminars is listed in the August Hoosier Lion. The deadline for registration is Oct. 20. There are a variety of topics available so please plan to attend.

The next Faculty Development Institute for the Lions of United States of America, its affiliates, Bermuda and The Bahamas and Canada will be offered in Atlanta, Ga., Jan 26-29, 2018. Qualified candidates are those Lions who have some experience as faculty members at Lions training events, have demonstrated basic instructional skills and have a keen interest in further developing those skills. (Lions with extensive experience as Lions faculty or as professional trainers are not recommended for this institute but are welcome to apply). The institute will be conducted in English and we will be accepting 40 Lions. Please actively encourage qualified candidates to apply. Applications can be found on the LCI website. Completed forms must be

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## Happy fall y'all

BY GOV. ROBIN SMITH

Our first quarter of this Lion year has ended, and District 25-A Clubs are going strong. When making official visits to Clubs, I am always eager to hear about the great works of my fellow Lions. I am so proud of the service these Clubs are providing to their communities. They are embracing the service challenge of Sharing the Vision by participating in Operation Kidsight and Acuity Vision Screening and giving the gift of knowledge with The Dictionary Project (think Reading Action Program). I can't think of a better way to serve our youth, gain relevance in our communities and increase public awareness of the service Lions provide. These Lions are making a difference, one youngster at a time and demonstrating The Power of Service!

Lately, we have been having some unseasonably warm weather. Isn't it great? So, I took advantage of a beautiful day and decided to cut my grass. Simple task, right? I prime my ole mower and pull the cord to start it - nothing. I proceed to do this for about five minutes - still nothing. Sad but true, I am notorious for having troubles with my mowers.

But I have two Lions friends who have always come to my rescue and repaired any damage I have caused. They tell me there is still worth in this old machine and there is. I decided to try starting the mower again, same procedure, still nothing. Frustrated, I sat down and muttered to myself, "Starting this darn mower is about as easy as getting new members into a club". Well, I was not going to give up so I primed that mower again, pulled the cord with all my strength, and voila ~ ~ I was on my way cutting my grass.

What does this have to do with Lions? Nothing really, but this analogy proves that determination can produce great results and there is still worth in our

members. My tools to keep my mower running - my two Lion angels. Our tools to get new members and to retain current members - Lions Clubs International and our Global Membership Coordinators.

While District A is meeting its goal for membership growth, we are not for dropped members and struggle alongside every District to obtain and maintain a positive net growth. If we utilize The Power of We and the Power of Action concepts, we will reach our goals.

Please remember to use the tools offered to build a stronger Club. If you are not sure where and how to get these tools, contact any member of the Global Leadership/Membership/Service team. These Lions are ready to serve us.

And while we work at building

and strengthening our Clubs, we need to be asking a few questions...Are we doing the same events and services as we did last year, and the year before, and so on? Are we adding anything new to the way we serve our communities? Do we know if what we are doing is still relevant or is it time to make a change or tweak the events of the past? There is zero doubt in my mind that we, Lions, make a difference in our communities, but it is time to ask ourselves these questions. Remember, we have entered a new century and are in the perfect position to make changes that will positively affect the growth of our organization. Like us on Facebook - District 25A Lions. We will 'Like' you, and make a difference together.

Until next time... keep Touching Lives through Service!



**WORK PROJECT** — The Star City Lions could not have asked for better weather for their work day on Aug. 12t. The Lions removed the old sign at the entrance of the Star City and Van Buren Township Recreational Park and Community Center. The Lions also cleaned gutters, filled holes and painted picnic tables.

In front of the sign are Lions Luke Anspach, Lenora Hoover, Leon Ulery, Milo Bonnell, Mel Good, Tom Roth, Jim Ruff and Kent Schultz.



**READY FOR MISSION TO MEXICO** — Lions in photo are Joe Pahs, Door Village; Kevin Roe, Winamac; Harold Haman, Kouts; Arcides Santiago, East Chicago; Dave Dickinson, Westville; Pat Hansen, Westville; and Rhonda Weston, Westville.

Helping but not pictured were Bo Zimmerman, Union Mills; Connie Roe, Winamac; and PID Gene Rice, Wanatah.

## Mission to Mexico group providing medical equipment

A group of Lions gathered to inventory and crate excess medical equipment, which consisted of walking canes, crutches, wheel chairs, etc. These items, in three crates, will be shipped to Mexico later this year, along with the eyeglass inventory for the 2018 Eyeglass Mission. Lion Butch Weston built the crates.

was donated from the Westville Lions Club medical closet and will be distributed as necessary to those in need in Mexico. This distribution will be directed by Hector, the mission coordinator in Mexico. Also, some of the equipment will be used by patients at future eyeglass missions, as many are in need of these items when they come to the mission site.

The excess medical equipment



**TWO MJ FELLOWS** — Lowell Lions Club presents two Melvin Jones Fellowship awards recently.

A presentation of a memorial MJ Fellowship for Lion Leon Morrow was made to his wife, Debbie. In photo the photo are First VDG Dennis Brown, President Will Farrellbegg, DG Robin Smith, Debbie Morrow, and Leon's daughter and grandson.

In the second photo DG Robin Smith presents a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Mel Goldman, with President Will Farrellbegg and Mel's wife, Kathy looking on.

## Nomination and — Directions to Clermont Lions Club

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the State Nominations and Elections Chairperson. Notification must be sent at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Convention. For qualifications, please reference Article VII of

the MD 25 Constitution.

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Directions and maps will be available to those who are staying at the hotels in Plainfield at the front desk.

For those who are driving, please follow these directions:

From northbound I465, take the Crawfordsville Road Exit (16) and go West (left).

Stay on Crawfordsville Road

until you enter Clermont, approx. two miles.

Turn left to head south, at the stoplight at Tansel Road (PNC bank is on your right). Go over the railroad tracks, pass the Post Office and Childcare, and the Clermont Lions Club Park is on the left.

From Southbound I465, take the Crawfordsville Road Exit and turn Right, heading west. Stay on

Crawfordsville Road approximately two miles until you enter Clermont. Turn left at the stoplight at Tansel Road (PNC Bank is on your right).

Go over the railroad tracks, pass the Post Office and Childcare, and the Clermont Lions Club is on the left.

From 10th Street, go west and turn right onto Raceway Road, heading north. Go north on Raceway Road to 30th Street, and turn right, heading east. Turn Left at the 4Way Stop onto Tansel Road, heading north. Travel two blocks and the Clermont Lions Club Park is on the right.

**\*\*Google Maps and other maps sometimes lead you to the wrong area. Please follow these directions.**

## Come have

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wide while growing our organization to over 1.5 million members by 2021.

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Governors, Multiple District and District GLT, GMT, and GST Chairs are encouraged to attend and learn about how all of these areas fit together to make the Global Action Team.

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## In and around 25-B

BY GOV. ROGER CASH

Things have been hopping in District 25-B. The School Sight Program is off to a roaring start. Several schools have already had the team in to screen their children and we have several more

scheduled through the early part of November. Many of the Clubs have ongoing service projects such as eye glass collection, providing eye exams and glasses for those who cannot afford them and youth activity support. The Lions of 25-B are making a big differ-

ence in the lives of so many.

Several of the Clubs and individual Lions have helped with donations of supplies and dollars to the victims of the hurricanes that tore through the Gulf Coast of the United States.

Some Clubs have been holding fundraisers to support the efforts of their Clubs and LCIF. The McMillan Park Club, the South Milford Club and others had their booths at the Johnny Apple Seed Festival. The Ossian Club had a game booth at Ossian Days, the Bluffton Club was at the Bluffton Street Fair, while others held fish fries and other fundraisers. Through these and other fundraisers Lions support the service to so many people.

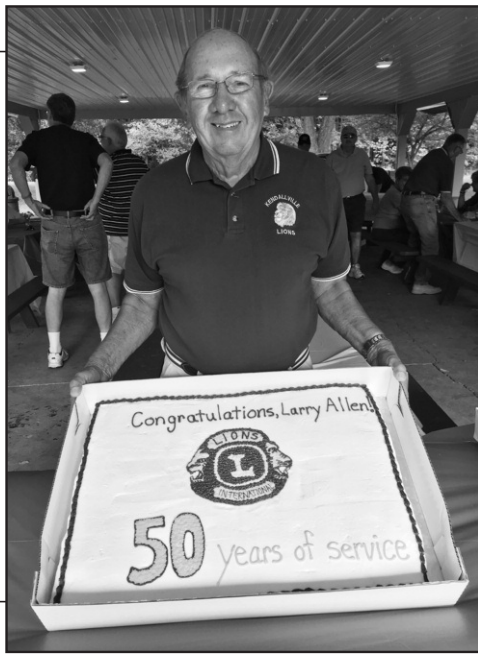
So what else has been happening in District 25-B? Several members of the District put in many hours manning the gates and working the tractor trolley at the state fair in support of the Indiana Lions Foundation, several Zone Meeting have been held. The Decatur Club celebrated its 90th anniversary and the Ossian Club celebrated its 75th anniversary. The District held its Banner Night while throughout the months of August and September the District Governor has made several official visits to various Clubs.

The district has several Clubs working on either Club growth, new Clubs or just redoing their community needs assessment. One Club has accepted the challenge to double its membership, while others are looking at starting Branch Clubs near them. Unfortunately we have lost some members due to death.

During September the District was represented at the USA/CANADA Forum in Portland, Ore. There were many excellent presentations on the various topics from recruiting new members to the Lions University. There were exhibitors with various amounts of information. The special speakers did an excellent job of encouraging us to do more through service.

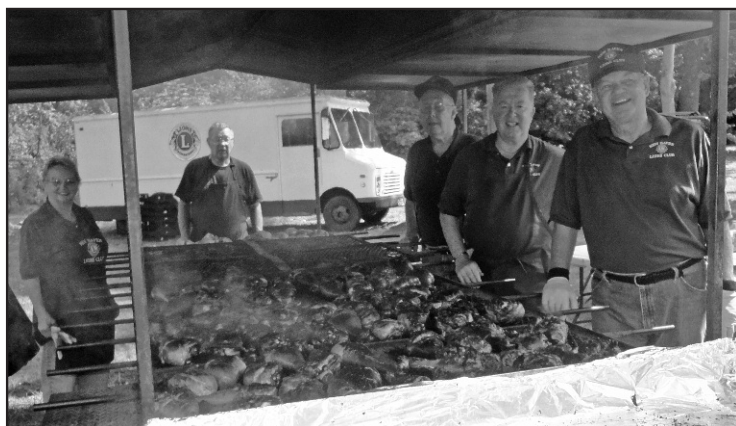
### FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE

— Kendallville Lion Larry Allen was recently honored at the newly refurbished Bixler Park Lions pavilion for his 50 years of membership and service to the Kendallville Lions Club and Lions International. Forty-nine others attended the picnic event served by American Legion Post No. 86.



**BUSY SUMMER** — The Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club has had a busy summer. Club members accompanied their eight-foot gold Lion in three local parades: Cromwell Days, Onion Days in Wolf Lake and the Ligonier Marshmallow Festival. Pictured with him are Lion Chuck Sweeney, Lion Mike Fletcher, Lion Dewey LeCount with wife Connie and Lion Craig Atz.

**MJF** — President Norm Decker of the Churubusco Lions Club receiving a Melvin Jones Fellowship from PIP Wayne Madden at the Clubs' Steak Fry meeting.

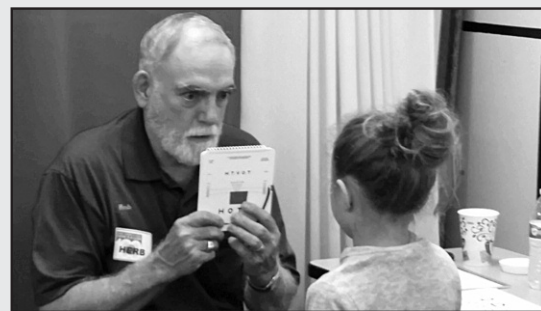
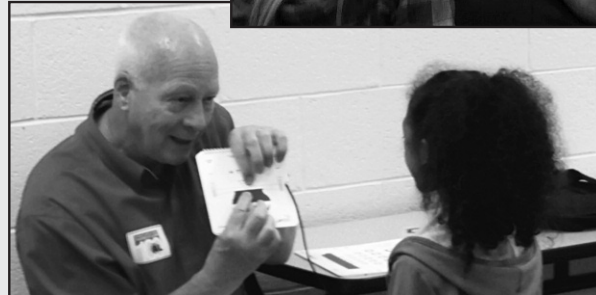
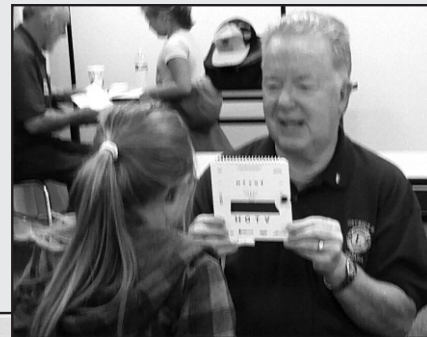


**TURKEY LEGS** — On Sept. 15 and 17, the New Haven Lions Club cooked over 1,000 turkey legs for the Fort Wayne Central Lions Club, raising over \$1,700. This money will be used to help cover the Club's donation to the State Projects and LCI. donation.

Shown on the far left is Lion Susie Hudson, in center is Lion Dennis Stoll and behind PDG Don Cooper is Lion Bob Hudson. Lion Gene Caryer is in front of PDG Don.

### SCHOOL SIGHT SCREENING

— Shown are PDG Don Cooper, PDG Alan Arnold and PCC Herb Gaff. They are part of the Project School Sight Screening in District B. This is a new project to the District.



## Lions continuous response to disaster relief efforts

By IPIP CHANCELLOR  
**BOB CORLEW**  
Chairman, Lions Clubs  
International Foundation

It is hard to recall a time recently when so many major natural disasters occurred in such a short period of time. Over the past several weeks, natural disasters have struck in several places,

with particularly devastating results - flooding in India and Japan, hurricanes in the United States and Caribbean islands, and not one but two earthquakes in Mexico. Most recently, LCIF awarded a \$100,000 grant to support relief and reconstruction in Puerto Rico in the wake of another destructive hurricane. Your

Foundation has responded with emergency and major catastrophe grants to allow Lions on scene to provide much-needed supplies.

In all cases, LCIF coordinates funding for emergency and major catastrophe grants with local Lions. Lions in the disaster area then work with local government officials and other agencies to ensure the right supplies are getting to areas most in need, without duplication of effort.

Since its founding in 1968, LCIF has awarded more than 13,000 grants totaling over \$1 billion. LCIF will continue to work every day to support humanitarian service projects all over the world and give hope to those who need it. In 2015-16, LCIF awarded over \$9 million in disaster grants, which helped more than 500,000 people around the world.

LCIF relies on donations from compassionate Lions. These donations provide the vast majority of the revenue received by LCIF, making the Foundation a leading humanitarian organization. Lions know their donations matter and that funds entrusted to LCIF will support initiatives that impact communities and change lives.

Your donation - whatever the amount - allows the Foundation to respond when called upon, and has a direct impact on the lives of millions of people.

Along with your donation, I know you join me in keeping the victims of these most recent natural disasters in your thoughts and prayers.

Together we are making a difference.

## New century

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received by: Nov. 12.

Lions and Anthem have partnered for the past three years and Anthem contributed \$250,000 this year to LCIF for our humanitarian efforts. We also participated in a partnership with Anthem employees and other Indiana Lions to stuff 3,000 backpacks

with food for school children to take home on Fridays so they will have meals for the weekend. This event took place at a Boys and Girls Club on the southwest side of Indianapolis.

**WE ARE LIONS!** Nothing is too difficult if we will all work together. So much can be accomplished by the "POWER of WE!"

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## The 'Power of We'

BY GOV. CHLOE WEYRAUCH

Meeting with the individual Clubs at the District Governor visits has been a very enjoyable and rewarding experience for me. Finding out the projects that clubs do, and how important they are to the community, is wonder-

ful. Taking part in individual projects is fun and enlightening.

In my District Governor visits, I go over several things, but one of the main things that I talk about is the International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal's "Power of We" motto. Sometimes we have a tendency to think

of our Lions work as what we ourselves do, which is the "I" syndrome. I like to think that when we find a need that has to be met that we can get away from the "I" syndrome and make it a "We" project.

Just because we do something a different way from another person doesn't make it wrong on either part. We each have different ideas of how things should go—the question is to make sure that anything that has to be done in a specific legal way is done correctly so that the Club is not held liable if something happens.

Another thing I like to stress is Clubs working together. If a Club wants to start a particular project, but can't do it on its own, ask another club for help. That is what Zones are for. Work together for the common good. This can work in reference to fundraisers within the public or working privately to raise funds for Club needs, or actual service projects. Don't hesitate to ask another Club for help, or hesitate to offer help if you see that another Club is struggling to find the manpower to do the work.

As always, look at the situation as "We Serve."



**LIONS SUPPORT YOUTH** — On Wednesday, Sept. 27, the Lebanon Lions entertained Lebanon High School FFA members at a picnic in Memorial Park. The event thanked the FFA members for their assistance with the Lions Club Hoagie sandwich sale in June. Lions Club President Dan Fleming presented FFA advisor Cayla Mustin with a check for \$200. Shown, from left, are FFA members Gracie Brandt, Cameron Whitesell, Fleming, Mustin and FFA members Sarah Huse, Liz Mars and Vance Whitesell.



**GRAND MARSHALS** — The Spencer Lions Club honored PDG Jim Query and Lion Charlotte as grand marshals for the 41st annual Apple Butter Festival. Lion Gloria Hoppe safely maneuvered the Querys through the parade.

### INDIANA WOMEN IN LIONS

Several Lions from Indiana attended the USA/Canada Forum held in Portland, Oreg., in September.

Indiana women, from left, PDG Patty Cook, PCC Sue Topf, PID Linda Tincher, Lions Gretchen Xinopoulos and Karen McKellar are pictured with First International Vice President Gudrun Yngvandottir (center) and her husband PID Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson from Iceland.

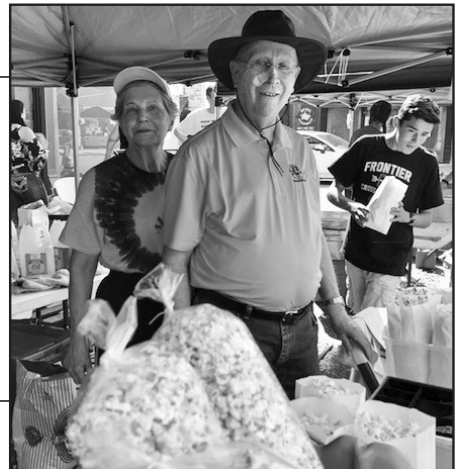


VP Gudrun will become the first woman International President at the International Convention in Las Vegas, NV, June 29 - July 3, 2018. Start now to plan for attending this exciting International Convention. Also plan to attend the USA/Canada Forum next September in Columbus, Ohio.

**W.P. WOODS AWARD** — Frankfort Lions Club Past President Marvel Albitz received a W.P. Woods award, the highest award given by the Indiana Lions Foundation. PDG Richard McKeller presented her with this award for all her work for the Frankfort Lion's Club and the Frankfort community. Marvel is an exceptional example of the "We Serve" motto for the Frankfort Lion's. She is also an award winning cake baker - just ask those present at the Zone Meeting hosted in Frankfort last month.



**POPCORN HIGH-LIGHTED** — Lions Roberta and PDG Charles Roth sell bags of popcorn at the Brookston Apple and Popcorn Festival along with Lion Thomas Tullus.



**FIRE DEPARTMENT HONORED** — The Clinton Fire Department was recently honored for saving memorabilia and vision screening equipment during the recent fire at the Clinton Lions Club building. The Club is meeting in a "very nice barn" at the moment while members struggle to get back on their feet. "Thank You!" also to all who participated in the "Walk In Support of the Clinton Lions Club" at the Zionsville Lions Park on Oct. 15. The Power of We at work!

## The Chicago Convention was great and a lot of fun

By PDG GARY OCHS  
Indiana Lions 2018 International Convention Chair

Many Indiana Lions attended the 100th Lions Clubs International Convention in Chicago this past June 30 - July 7. Many Lions were going for the first time and others were returning for the second time. The comments below are from Lions Judy Heichelbech, Jan and Don Allen from the Bedford Lions Club; and Lynn Burch, Julia and Duane Terry from the Fayetteville Lions Club.

Here is what they are saying: "It was an amazing experience getting to meet Lions from across the globe, and to listen to their stories of serving in Lionism in the same manner that we, here in the U.S., also do. I realize that Lions are truly a global effort. I discovered that Lions is the

largest service organization in the world!"

"It was also a great opportunity being able to walk in the Lions International Parade through the streets of Chicago. To see that Chicago shut down streets for many, many hours to accommodate our parade was amazing. It was a special feeling, walking alongside Lions from other countries who were attired in their costumes from each of their countries. You could see the pride and dedication on the faces of the Lions who participated. It was great being a part of the Indiana delegation, representing our great state, and getting to know our 'local' Lions."

"The plenary sessions I attended were educational, being able to see and listen to the Past International President, as well as learning about our new Interna-

tional President, and seeing his family who attended from across the globe. To hear his goals and desires for the upcoming year and the enthusiasm and dedication he has for Lionism."

"The entertainment was fantastic at the Plenary sessions; I especially loved seeing and hearing the Beach Boys and the Charlie Daniels Band."

"We drove our RV from Bedford to the Indiana Dunes State Park, from where we took the commuter train each day to Chicago for the Convention. We especially enjoyed marching with the Indiana contingent in the International Parade (great job, Lion Gary Ochs!), and admired the interesting attire of those from other countries. A highlight for us was hearing first hand about the service projects that Lions are doing around the world. Among

the international visitors we met was a Lion from Singapore, who invited us to the 2020 International Convention to be held there (I don't suppose we could take our RV...)"

"We enjoyed the entertainment at the Convention, the evening concerts and all the business meetings. We also attended the Indiana delegation pizza party and enjoyed that gathering very much."

WOW, THANKS TO EACH OF YOU FOR TELLING US ABOUT THE FUN YOU HAD DURING THIS 2017 CHICAGO CONVENTION.

SO NOW, make your plans to attend the 2018 Lions Clubs International Convention June 29 - July 3, 2018, in Las Vegas, Nev. All Convention venues are located at the MGM Convention Center on the Las Vegas Strip. The

Indiana Lions attending will stay at the Luxor "Egyptian Pyramid" hotel within walking distance of the MGM Convention Center. So, Lions get ready to celebrate in The Entertainment Capital of the World! Informational bulletins should be in your District newsletters and The Hoosier Lion soon.

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# Changes....Nobody likes them

By GOV. CINDY WRIGHT

If you are at a meeting, talking to your husband, or teaching a class, the words that no one likes to hear are...."There are going to be some changes. " All you hear in response are groans. Nobody likes changes. You are always eager to learn something new and when you get it critiqued, you get settled in your ways and keep going with it. Like everyone says, "if it is not broken, don't fix it." Well, everything does not need to be broken to have changes made.

It is hardest to make changes when you have done an event the same way for several years. You get settled in the way you do things and you don't really want to learn anything new. But if you look around you, there are several things changing that you automatically accept. Cars have changed. Television has changed. Clothes have changed. Hair-dos have changed. Houses have changed. Utilities have changed.

The way you pay your bills and do your banking has changed. If

the change is done for you and all you have to do is "go with the flow," most of the time, you accept it. But....

if you have to work at making the change or have to learn a new method of operation, you usually are against change.

Lions International made announcements of several changes that are being made. We are 100 years old. So we need to come out of the first century and make changes for the second century of Lions. We are working hard to get new members, especially the younger generations. If we do not make these changes, your Club membership will not increase. The world is changing so fast, especially in the technology area, that in order to keep up with these younger generations, we need to give in and accept changes.

Making changes is the only way we are going to get new members and younger members to keep Lions alive. The younger generations work at a faster pace than most of us do. It's not that they don't like the work that Lions do, they just know a faster, quicker, way of doing the work, spreading

the news of service and fundraising projects, completing reports, getting information out to members faster and quicker than as before, plus getting responses quicker.

Since the get-go we have worked with vision, but have added a few vision projects as we progressed. We have worked with youth, speech and hearing, and cancer control in various ways. But in today's world, more and more people are becoming victims of diabetes. So much so, that it is now an epidemic. Why shouldn't the Lions take it on. And take it on - head on!

You hear on the news every day of the people suffering from hunger close to you and around the world. We, as Lions, can do a lot of projects to curb hunger in the world. Our environment is changing every day. As we continue to erect buildings, highways and industries, human beings are the ones changing the environment. Our natural environment such as forests, lakes, animals, waterfalls, hills and valleys and much more has been affected by us. We need to protect what we have by cleaning up our environment, beautifying parks, replanting trees, and obeying the laws of littering. We need to continue our work with the youth and come up with new ideas to keep up with the new generations. Youth are the future of our world and the future of Lions.

My slogan is "Think Outside the Box." Lions ... Let's think outside the box and start making changes.



**BANNER NIGHT —** DG Cindy and Lion Rick were very happy to have their family attend Banner Night. From left are Madison Stanley, Marge Hewitt, Brandon Hewitt, Madeline Wright, Robert Wright, DG Cindy, Lion Rick, Lynn Overman and Marge Overman.

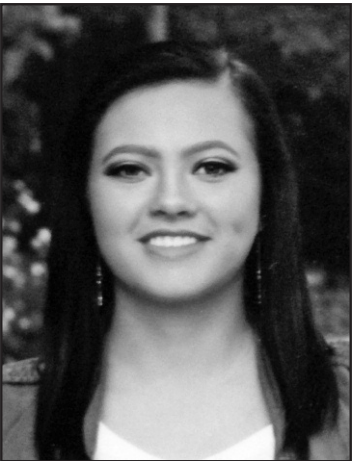


**FIRST COUPLE —** DG Cindy and First Gentleman Rick during her Banner Night on Sept. 16 in Upland.



**ADDITION —** Apothecary is the new to the Greentown Lions Pioneer Village at the fairgrounds.

**SCHOLARSHIP WINNER —** One of the 2017 Albany Lions Club scholarship recipients, Lexie Meacham.



**ANOTHER WINNER —** One of the 2017 Albany Lions Club scholarship recipients, Alivia Chriswell.



**PERFECT ATTENDANCE —** On Sept. 12, eleven Union City Lions were recognized for perfect attendance for the 2016-17 Lions Year. In front are Mick Carpenter and Jack Anderson. In back, from left, are Hody Speight, Ed Spieght, Larry Amspauh, Doug LeMasters, Black Clevenger and Keven Lehman.

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**NEW LIONS AND SPONSORS** — New members of the Brownstown Lion Club and their sponsors are, from left, Lions sponsor Jaline Spurgeon; Mike Howell, new member; Jonathan Spurgeon, new member; and sponsor John Spurgeon.

# Retention and rebuilding

By GOV. KEITH THOMAS

As I have been visiting Lions Clubs for the last few years, I have been hearing a common theme, “We need help with retention and rebuilding”. Most of our Clubs are eager to recruit new members and grow. They want to do more projects and serve more people. So I have thought a lot about this and I would like to offer my thoughts on the following for you to think about.

Does your Club have a Club handout for recruiting new members? A handout makes it easy for all the members of the Club to promote the Club in the same way. It gives a potential new member the information about the Club.

Does your Club have a signature project that your Club is known for? Several Clubs in the District have a signature project that their community knows them for. For example, the Fayetteville Community Lions are known for their work building and maintaining the Fayetteville baseball fields. The Dugger Lions are known for their support of the local school, which helped them develop a strong Leo Club. By having a signature project that is seen routinely by everyone in the community, the community knows the Lions are there and doing ‘work’ in the community. How do you expect your Club to grow if no one in your community knows you are there?

How often do you wear your Lion’s pin, hat or shirt? I hope you are wearing your Lion’s logo

every time your Club is having a meeting, function or recruitment drive. I would like you to consider wearing your pin daily, assuming your job allows you to do so and you can do so safely. I wear my pin daily, and I regularly get asked about my pin and what Lions do. This gets the conversation started and may lead to a new member.

Do you know what your dues are and what your dues structure is? I have been surprised to discover that a lot of Lions do not know, they just pay their dues when they get their dues notice letter. If you don’t know your dues, how do you plan to inform a potential member? Dues is a sticky subject that should not be overlooked, especially when talking to those potential members. Not being informed about or misunderstanding the dues and dues structure can easily turn new or potential members away from the Lions. If they leave due to feeling misled or lied to, you have lost them forever. If you are in District E, you can find the International and District Dues information at <http://www.lions25e.org/2016-2017%20Dues%20Structure.pdf>. If you are not in E and do not know your dues and dues structure, please contact someone on your District Governor team. They should be happy to get you this information.

In your meetings, does everyone have a chance to contribute to the meeting? I have observed that there is more interaction within the Club when one mem-

ber leads the pledge, another gives the prayer and so on. The Club leaders should encourage all the members to participate. If they are contributing to the meeting they will feel like they are needed and be less likely to stop attending.

Do you enjoy your Club or District meetings? To me these meetings sometimes seem pointless with no purpose and nothing is accomplished. It is important for a meeting to have a purpose. I think we need to make sure our Club and District meetings are relevant and enjoyable. To me, it needs to become more of a gathering of friends for fellowship and to work for a common cause. Any potential new member will be more likely to come back if they enjoyed themselves and see something getting done.

And what about your fundraisers and service projects? You should have fun doing so. More importantly, the public should see you have fun doing the project. Let’s think about it this way, when you go to a restaurant and you hear the staff bickering with each other, don’t you just want to leave quickly? If the staff is working hard and having fun doing so, do you enjoy watching them work? It is the same when you are working your projects. The public will see you having fun and serving and they may want to be a part of it.

In District E, we will be discussing more retention and recruitment ideas at our Cabinet Meeting in Francisco on Oct. 28. Please contact your District Global Membership person for additional information. In District E, this would be PDG Glen Georges at [glengeorges@yahoo.com](mailto:glengeorges@yahoo.com).

I have a follow-up on my last article. I have to apologize for being a little slow in getting the District Diabetes facebook page up and running. Please check it out, like and share the “District 25-E Lions Diabetes Awareness Page”. Help the District in promoting diabetes awareness so we can make a difference.



**BROWN COUNTY AND THE FROG** — Larry Hanson and Deadra Nail of the Brown County Lions are shown with the Diabetes frog.



**PR CHAIR AND FROG** — Lion Jaline Spurgeon with 25 E’s frog for Diabetes Awareness. The frog is used to raise funds for Diabetes Awareness.



**FROM CENTRAL** — Bill Smythe Sr. and Carrie Lucas from the Central Lions Club are shown with the Diabetes Awareness frog.



**ANOTHER FROG** — Rich Steele of the Seymour Noon Lions is shown with the district’s frog.



**FAYETTEVILLE WITH FROG** — Fayetteville Lions are shown with the frog. In front, from left, are Julia Terry; Kadyann Canada, holding the Diabetes Awareness frog; and Duane Terry.

In the middle row are Lynn Burch, Dinah Cox, Mike Leach, Kathy Myers, Neysa Mitchell and Jean Kozak.

In back are Dave Cox, Kevin Stailey, Brad Canada (with hat).

**SPONSOR’S PIN** — DG Keith visited the Brownstown Lions Club and is shown presenting Lion John Spurgeon a pin for bringing in a new member.



# PDG Weekend held in Indianapolis this year

PDG notes

The Past District Governors of the state of Indiana met in Indianapolis Sept. 29 and 30 and Oct. 1 for their annual meeting.

Friday night they enjoyed a catered dinner in the Colts Pavilion located at Colts headquarters. The speaker for the evening was an NFL umpire who has retired after 50 years in the field.

Saturday the group enjoyed dinner and “West Side Story” at Beef and Boards.

The necrology service was held Sunday morning with PDG Reed Fish, who served as chair for the weekend, in charge. Fish also presided over the business meeting. PDG Jeri Seely from 25-G was elected president, PID

Gene Rice from 25-A was elected first vice president and PID Dave Fiantt from 25-B was elected second vice president. PDG Jim Wyatt was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Seely announced next year’s meeting will be held at Amish Acres in Nappanee Oct. 12, 13 and 14.



**PID DOUG AND PDG KATHY LOZIER’S GRANDDAUGHTER KATIE AND DANIELLE DRAPALIK ENJOYED THE SATURDAY EVENING OUTING**

**COUNCIL CHAIR ROSS DRAPALIK AND DAUGHTER DANIELLE WERE AT THE THEATRE**



**PDG BILLY CHASTAIN IS SHOWN IN THE INDIANAPOLIS COLTS INSIDE PRACTICE FACILITY**



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**NEW MEMBERS** — Five new members were inducted into the Centerville Lions Club on Sept. 25 at a regular dinner meeting. PDG Carl Sharp did the honors and told of the history of Lions International. In the photo, from left, are PDG Carl Sharp of Liberty, Mike McCoy, Scott Bevington, Cameron Felker, Crystal Kuelen, Jeff Jenkins and President Joe Elstro.

## Namaste my fellow Lions

By GOV. MELISSA BAKER

Where There is a Need, There IS a Lion! Lions have shown enormous amounts of strength throughout the natural disasters of this past month. WE are always first on the ground to respond as WE serve where WE live.

In the United States Lions have continued assistance efforts during the West Coast wildfires plus Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and now Maria. A local Lion in District F made a personal trip down to Texas for a few days. Globally we are working to help earthquake victims in Mexico and flooding in Japan.

Want an update on our progress? Check out the Blog by our Past International President Chancellor Bob Corlew who is the LCIF Chairperson: <http://lion-sclubs.org/blog>.

Lions, please take a moment to get a sense of just how much of a difference WE make in our communities and the world. At times, our strengths can be forgotten. We grow tired. Health issues can get overwhelming. Our enthusiasm can dim and our work seem overwhelming. Then...

All it takes is getting that one child glasses, that scholarship to a worthy young person, medical equipment to a person in need. The smiles WE get when serving a meal, reading to a child, being a big kid and riding a trike in a race. WE all know that feeling. That pride of purpose. Building up of energy to go at it again. A new member, a new officer, a new project and WE are in action! That is the service heart and passion of a Lion.

Lions are the Real thing. We are the largest service organization in the world but WE act locally to serve our communities. We know that WE can help our friends and neighbors in so many ways. As I continue my visits to all areas of the District - it is truly to see and hear of the many services WE provide, just as a matter of course: the food pantry needs food, there WE are; children

need vision screening, there WE are; someone needs medical equipment, there WE are; a child has the opportunity but not the means to go to diabetes camp/deaf camp/youth exchange, THERE WE ARE!

On a personal note: The holidays are coming - Trunk or Treats are on the way, fudge and festive food will be made. Food can be a holiday comfort. Please keep in mind our Diabetes initiative while celebrating - those special foods and sweets can still be had in small amounts, while offering other healthier options. Those costumed kids love stickers and plastic spider rings just as much or more than the candy...costs less too. As a diabetic, healthy options are always in the back of my mind.

My family has enjoyed (and now demand!) several dishes such as sausage stuffed mushrooms, bacon wrapped shrimp and mini chocolate tarts ...what's that? Diabetic and you can eat sausage AND bacon AND chocolate? In moderation, of course you can. The words diabetes, diet and cardboard tasting food do not have to go together.

Many of my favorite recipes for the holidays can be found at the American Diabetes Association <http://www.diabetes.org/mfa-recipes/recipes/holiday.html>.

Lions Clubs International partners with the International Diabetes Foundation to provide diabetes awareness, education and prevention. It is estimated that fully 46 percent of people with diabetes do not know it. WE can

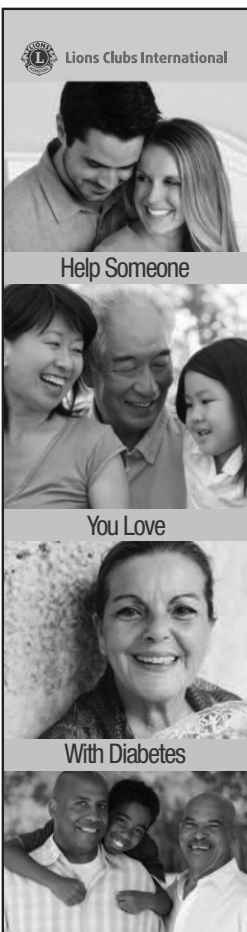
help change that number - let's start with ourselves as Lions.

What is Diabetes? Some may still remember it as "the Sugar Disease." Diabetes was thought to be caused by eating too much sugar. It is now known that is not true. While eating too much - or too little - carbohydrates can affect how the Diabetic feels physically, Diabetes is a chronic disease that occurs when the pancreas is no longer able to make insulin, or when the body cannot make good use of the insulin it produces. Insulin is a hormone made by the pancreas, that acts like a key to let glucose from the food we eat pass from the blood stream into the cells in the body to produce energy. All carbohydrate foods are

broken down into glucose in the blood. Insulin helps glucose get into the cells.

Not being able to produce insulin or use it effectively leads to raised glucose levels in the blood (known as hyperglycemia). Over the long-term high glucose levels are associated with damage to the body and failure of various organs and tissues. Diabetic retinopathy is a very common complication. Damage to the blood vessels in the light sensitive tissue (retina) in the back of the eyes cannot be reversed but can be controlled by watching glucose and blood pressure levels. Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness in working age adults worldwide.

Over 400 million are in the U.S. alone. Fending off this self-inflicted epidemic will be a daily



Help Someone

You Love

With Diabetes

struggle. If WE as Lions can put this small effort towards helping those affected it, it will expand into prevention through education.

Why should Lions care about including diabetes in our Club efforts? Diabetes is the leading cause of most new-onset blindness in many countries. Lions are known for our passion about vision. Through vision screenings, providing glasses purchase assistance, and corneal transplants WE make a difference. Lions Clubs International has had the Lions Eye Health Program available for many years. Adding diabetes outreach through a STRIDES walk or assisting with

mini health care clinics is a great way to raise awareness and healthier choices.

I will leave you with one last diabetes related thought: Doughnuts are a usual morning meeting addition. How about adding a few cheese sticks or a hard-boiled egg? A cup or two of yogurt offered beside the pie and cake would be an excellent option. Sweets may be expected but health is a Lions focus. Need other ideas? Ask your District Diabetes chairperson for information.

Until next time - Take care of yourselves and each other.

REMEMBER - YOU ARE THE REAL THING!

### Recipe for Mini Chocolate Tarts

**Ingredients**  
1.4 ounces sugar-free, fat-free chocolate pudding mix  
1 cup skim milk  
4 ounces light whipped topping, thawed  
24 puff pastry cups  
48 mini-chocolate chips

**Instructions**  
Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Bake the puff pastry cups according to package directions. In a large bowl, whisk together the pudding mix and skim milk. Put in the refrigerator for 5 minutes. Fold the whipped topping into the pudding mixture.

Spoon or pipe 1 teaspoon chocolate pudding mixture into each puff pastry cup. Top each tart with 2 mini chocolate chips.  
Serving Size: 1 tart  
Makes 24

Calories 60  
Carbohydrate 7 g  
Protein 1 g  
Fat 3.0 g  
Saturated Fat 1.6 g  
Sugars 1 g  
Dietary Fiber 1 g  
Cholesterol 0 mg  
Sodium 85 mg  
Potassium 20 mg



**WELCOME FOR NEW MEMBER** — From left, new member Jeff Jenkins is welcomed to the Centerville Lions Club by PDG Carl Sharp. Looking on is Holly Stiggleman, new Leo Club advisor at Centerville High School.

## PDG notes

(Continued from page 6)



**BIRTHDAY GIRL LION JENNIFER DRAPALIK IS SHOWN OUTSIDE BEEF AND BOARDS WITH DAUGHTER DANIELLE AS SHE CELEBRATES HER BIRTHDAY**

**PID LINDA TINCHER POINTS TO ONE OF THE INDIANAPOLIS COLTS' HORSESHOES ON THE WALL AT THE PRACTICE FACILITY**



### PDG Sam Reisinger dies

Samuel Reisinger Jr. (25-A 2000-01) age 79, of Valparaiso passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 6. He was born on Jan. 6, 1938, in York, Pa., to Samuel H. Sr. and Lillian M. (Bligh) Reisinger who preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Jean (Fogarty) Reisinger; son, John; daughters, Peggy (Patrick Jury) Reisinger, Mary (Ed Price) Reisinger and Michelle (Richard) Keen; four grandchildren, Kristin, Bryan, Brandon and Felicia; two great grandchildren, Cambria and

Lucas; and sister, Elizabeth "Betty" Stitley.

Samuel retired from Bethlehem Steel after 33 years of service. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and was a member of the American Legion Post 502, Lions Club of South Haven and a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Sept. 11 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church with Father Paul Quanz officiating. Burial followed at Heritage Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the South Haven Lions Club.

Cards to Jean Reisinger at 785 Devonshire Road, Valparaiso, IN 46385.



**PDG SAM REISINGER**



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## Lions and traditions and seeking out new ways for Clubs to operate

By GOV. TOM POLK

A young girl was learning to cook from her mother. They were fixing ham for a family gathering. Her mother got the ham out and promptly cut four inches off the top of the ham and then placed the ham in the pan. The girl asked her mother "Why did you do that?" Her mother replied - "because it will make this the best tasting ham!" The girl pressed her mother for more details as to why. Her mother explained that by cutting the top off and then turning the ham over it allowed the ham to cook more evenly. The girl didn't see how that worked and was still was not satisfied. She asked more questions as to how this made any difference. The mother, frustrated, told the girl "call your grandmother" because she was the one who taught her that was the way to cook ham.

The girl still full of questions called her grandmother and asked, "So, why does cutting four inches off the top of the ham

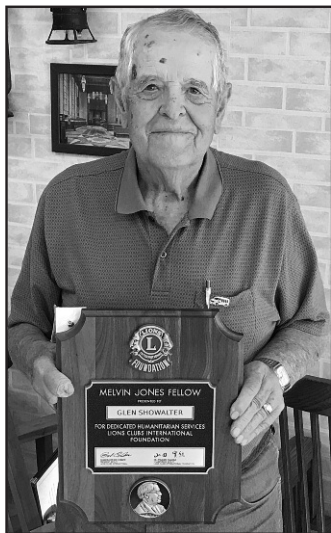
make it taste better?" Her grandmother laughed and said - "Cutting four inches off the ham doesn't do anything to the taste of the ham. When your grandfather and I were first married we were really struggling. Christmas was coming and we could hardly afford to put food on the table. One evening, there was a knock on the door and our landlord and his wife had bought a ham for us. The ham was too large to fit the pan that that I had, so I had to cut four inches off to make it fit. It was the 'best tasting ham' because of the kindness of that couple. Your grandfather and I continued to cut four inches off our ham as a tradition to remember that event."

Lions Clubs are full of traditions and things that we "have done for years". And like the girl's mother fight to continue to do them that way because "that is the right way to do them." Overall, people do not like "change" - they want things the way they have "always been" because that is comfortable. That, unfortunately,

is one of the reasons service organization are seeing declining membership and activities. We are fighting to continue the "status quo" instead of seeking out new ways to serve and adapt to the changing world around us. New potential members see us as outdated, ineffective and irrelevant in the world around them.

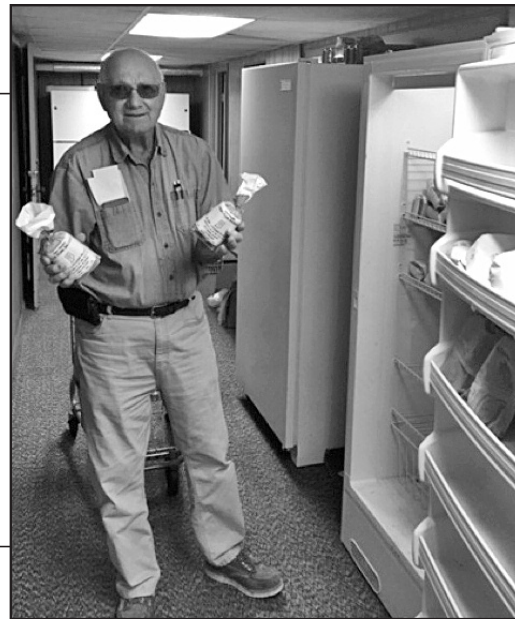
In Chicago this year, LCI introduced a new program called LCI Forward. This program is the cornerstone of their plans to move the organization in to "the next century." As part of this program are focus on two new areas of service - pediatric cancer and diabetes. We need to start considering and planning ways to reach and serve our communities in these two new areas.

As Lions, we need to challenge the "ways things have been done." We need to continue to seek out new ways to operate and work within our organization and serve our communities. Otherwise, we may find that we have just been "cutting four inches off the ham" for no good reason.



**MELVIN JONES FELLOWS** — Lion Glen Showalter and Lion Paul Whirlledge of the Millersburg Lions Club recently received the Melvin Jones Award. Lion Glen has been a member for 51 years and Lion Paul has been a member for 50 years, all with the Millersburg Club. Also shown is Immediate Past President Lion Steve Showalter presenting the award to Lion Paul.

**SAUSAGE DONATION** — Lion Jim Dyson of Richvalley Lions Club is shown loading packages of sausage into the freezer at F.I.S.H. in Wabash.



### Richvalley Lions donate sausage to F.I.S.H.

The Richvalley Lions recently donated 450 pounds of pork sausage to the F.I.S.H. food pantry in Wabash.

pounds sausage placed in the pantry's freezer on Aug. 24.

FISH stands for 'Friends In Service Here.' The mission statement is: The Purpose of F.I.S.H. is to provide food for families and individuals in need; to provide encouragement and assistance in obtaining permanent help; and to act as a referral agency to other resources in the area.



**FRIENDLY LION** — The Middlebury Lions Club had a lion mascot march with them as part of their parade unit during the Middlebury Summer Festival. A favorite with the kids, this lion was giving hugs and high fives to kids who came up to him.



**DICTIONARIES** — On Sep. 14 two members of the Madison Township Lions Club distributed 198 dictionaries to the third grade student at three public schools in the community. The Lions donated 20 to Madison Township, 101 to Elm Road and 77 to Meadows Edge Elementary Schools. The students and faculty were excited to receive these books. This is a very rewarding project for the Lions, especially when the Lions see the reaction from the students.

As Lion Alan Beehler watches, Lion Tom Green, with dictionary in hand, has the full attention of the students as he talks about the dictionaries before giving them to the students.

## The Project for Elimination of Avoidable Childhood Blindness

For more than 15 years, LCIF's SightFirst program and the World Health Organization have partnered to serve more than 127 million children by working to eliminate avoidable childhood blindness. The Project for Elimination of Avoidable Childhood Blindness is an initiative that began in 2001.

Since then, 51 Child Friendly Eye Care Centers have been established and supported in 50 countries within Africa, the Americas, the Eastern Mediterranean, Europe, Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific. The centers provide preventive, therapeutic, and rehabilitative



eye care services for children aged 0-15 years.

To date, more than 67,000 pediatric eye care staff have been trained, more than 13 million children have been screened for eye diseases, and more than 127 million children have received treatment. There have also been nearly one million education sessions for parents, caregivers and healthcare staff. Because of your donations to LCIF, millions of children have been given the chance to avoid childhood blindness.

Invite one of Indiana's LCIF District Coordinators to visit your Lions Club soon and learn more about your foundation.

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