

# PID Brian Sheehan to be 2017 Leadership Conference speaker

There are new things in store for Lions attending the 2017 Lions Leadership Conference slated to be held in Plainfield Nov. 3 and 4 with Past International Director Brian Sheehan as the keynote speaker.

Because of a conflict, the conference is being moved back to the Plainfield Middle School at 709 Stafford Road.

The Friday evening banquet will be held at the Clermont Lions Clubhouse and Lion Scott Peska, who will be coming in from Illinois, will present an entertaining program.

Some things, however will

remain the same. There will be plenty of fun and fellowship and the workshop and seminars have been chosen to educate the Lions of Indiana as we head into our second century of service. There will be a silent auction along with a light breakfast and lunch.

## PID Brian Sheehan

Brian E. Sheehan, from Bird Island, Minnesota, will be a candidate for Lions Clubs International Third Vice President on the ballot at Las Vegas next summer. He was elected to serve a two-year term as a Director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 94th International Con-

vention, held in Seattle, Wash., in 2011.

Past Director Sheehan is the founder and CEO of Rural Computer Consultants, a software development company.

A member of the Bird Island Lions Club since 1991, he has held many offices within the association, including Council Chairperson, Long Range Planning Chairperson, Membership Chairperson, Retention Chairperson, Women's Initiative Chairperson and the MD Convention Chairperson. He has also served as the chairperson of the Headquarter

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PID BRIAN SHEEHAN



**GOVERNORS IN PARADE** — Indiana's seven district governors all participated in the 100th anniversary Lions International parade in Chicago last month. From left with the banner are Keith Thomas, 25-E; Robin Smith, 25-A; Melissa Baker, 25-F; Tom Polk, 25-G; Chloe Weyrack, 25-C; Roger Cash, 25-B; and Cindy Wright, 25-D.

## Friday night dinner to be at Clermont

The Friday night conference dinner will be held at the Clermont Lions clubhouse instead of the Plainfield Middle School. It is planned to be a night of fun and

fellowship. the clubhouse is located at 3201 Tansel Road, Indianapolis.

The evening's entertainment will be provided by Lion Scott Peska, from Illinois.

The menu will consist of beef tenderloin, tilapia, roasted red potatoes, vegetable medley, salad, rolls, dessert and drink. Cost per Lion is \$15.

### "Juggling it All: Lionism, Leadership and Life"

Lion Scott Peska is a member of the Elburn Lions club in Illinois, which is one of the largest clubs in Illinois with over 180 members. Lion Scott serves on the Board of Directors and has for the last four years.

In his day job, Dr. Scott Peska serves as the Dean for Students at Waubensee Community College (Sugar Grove, Ill.) with responsibility for athletics, student life, testing services, and student conduct. Prior to Waubensee, Dr. Peska worked at Northern Illinois University and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in a number of Student affairs positions. He received both his baccalaureate and master's degrees in communication from Illinois State University, and a doctoral degree in



LION SCOTT PESKA

higher education administration at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, with a research emphasis on the adjustment of community college transfer students to four-year universities.

He holds multiple leadership positions on local boards and national associations within higher education. Dr. Peska speaks publicly on overcoming adversity, moving forward after campus tragedies, benefits of laughter, fostering inclusion and promoting diversity education, juggling multiple priorities and engaging in ethical leadership.



## Council Chairperson's Corner

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## What's the point?

When the International Association of Lions Clubs was first founded, it was done so to give back to the community. As we now enter our second century of service under International President Naresh Aggarwal's lead, his theme for the year is taking us back to the basics of Lions. Simply stated, "WE SERVE."


Over the course of the next 11 months you are going to be hearing about LCI Forward and the

Global Service Framework with its emphasis on serving 200 million people per year by 2021.

*What's the point in being good at what we do if no one else knows we do it?*

There is also the new Global Service Team, which when combined with the Global Membership Team and the Global Leadership Team

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## Nick's Notes

By ID Nick Xinopoulos

## A New Century of Service

Lion Gretchen and I want to thank all the Indiana Lions for the support and trust instilled in us for the honor to represent all of you. The International Convention in Chicago was an amazing experience that we will never forget. Being together with so

many Lions from around the world with the same goal in mind, and hearts to serve is very inspiring.

As Lions, we have accomplished so much and at the same time we have so much to look forward to.

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## Ready for a new adventure

BY GOV. ROBIN SMITH

We are off and running in this new Lion year. And the running part is no joke as the schedules have been non-stop since returning from the International Convention. The Convention was an outstanding celebration of our 100 years of service to the world, and the various messages from our International President, Dr. Naresh Aggarwal, were inspiring. While the Convention commemorated our past, it was an excellent beginning to our new century of service.

By now you have hopefully heard of our International President's theme - WE SERVE. This is what Lions do and what this organization is founded upon - service. His messages regarding the 'Power of WE', 'Power of Action' and 'Power of Service' are very motivational and POWERFUL. If in doubt, please take the time to read about it on LCI's web site. I am confident you will be motivated to help move and grow our organization.

Officer training, Banner Night, and our first Cabinet/Advisory meeting are behind us. All were very well attended and provided insights, learning and fellowship opportunities. The organizers of each event deserve a huge 'pat-on-the-back' for jobs well done. While their efforts were not a service to those less fortunate, they served fellow Lions. This type of service is just one piece of what we need for our future growth. Kudos to all who made these events successful and many thanks to those who attended.

Most Clubs take a break of some sort during the summer months. Our summer is ending and District A Clubs are gearing up for a very busy Lion year. Up next are steak fries, golf outing, pancake breakfasts and beach clean-ups. With the start of the school year,

our Clubs are preparing to serve our youth with dictionaries and eye screenings. And who knows, maybe there will be a Lions Little Library added to their communities.

Sadly, District 25A, lost the Medaryville and Kentland Lions Clubs. While grateful for their collective 97 years of service, those communities no longer have a Club in which to turn. Going forward, please place membership on the list of urgent tasks; both retention and new members. Membership is essential to achieve our goals. Please always remember you make a difference and together we will achieve great things.

We have just finished a century of service to the world and are venturing into the next. It is exciting to know we are paving the way for a new century of serving mankind. We are essentially

at year one, a rebirth and are in the position to make a powerful impact as we make this journey. Let's take the ideals from the past, the foundation of service, and build a stronger organization with new ways and new ideas. I am a strong believer that each of us affects the other in some way.

District A is ready to serve. While thinking of our District, I think of the leadership within our state and know our Districts and great state of Indiana are ready for this new adventure. We are Working Together for a Better Tomorrow, and Planning for the Future, by Surveying the Past.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another. We are Racing to Serve, we Think Outside of the Box, while Building for the Future. We Serve with a Purpose, because Lions are the Real Thing. And mostly, we are Touching Lives through Service.

## Banner night memories



**THE TORCH IS PASSED** — The "Passing the Torch" Ceremony includes lighting a candle by all past 25-A DG's to new DG Robin Smith. Included are IPDG Patty Cooke, PDGs Randy Greer, Connie Roe, Dennis Brown, Kevin Roe, Barbara Toosley and Robert Morgan.



**AT BANNER NIGHT** — Emcee PDG Dick Silveira and DG Robin Smith begin the Banner Night program to transfer the Home Club Banner to the Chesterton Lions Club.



**BANNER PASSED** — District 25-A's Banner Night was held July 22 at Chesterton Moose Hall. This photo shows the banner transfer from Schererville Lions Club by IPDG Patty Cooke to Chesterton Lions President Laura Layman.



**FROM POLAND TO VALPARAISO TO CHICAGO** — Shown are Polish Lion runners who stopped in Valparaiso on their way to the Lions International Convention in Chicago

## Valparaiso Lions Club holds dinner for charity runners

The Valparaiso Lions Club welcomed four of their fellow members who took a 1,000 kilometer run in honor of the Club's 100th anniversary on Thursday. After a long flight from Poland to the United States, the four runners started their journey from Helen Keller's birthplace in Tuscumbia, Alabama to the annual Lions Convention in Oakbrook, Illinois.

Valparaiso Lions Club President and fourth generation member, Elisha Porterfield, housed the runners, as Valparaiso was one of their final stops before reaching the convention. Porterfield, who was recommended for the job by District Vice Governor Dennis Brown, happily took part in supporting the runners and their goal-service.

"Like our motto says, 'We serve,' " said Brown. "There is so much more that Lions do that people don't really understand. Everyone thinks that Lions collect glasses, but there is so much more. There is so much more that we do for people that is not known. The more people we can help, the better."

The runners reflected the values of the Lions Club through their hope to raise 100,000 dollars for Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Led by Mariusz Szeib, the team of Daniel Weislo, Jacek Trębecki, and Mateusz Pietruliński traveled to Riga, Latvia, Hiroshima, Japan, and many other international locations in previous years with the goal to raise money for those in need.

"I am a 25-year member of the Lions Club and a marathonist,

and I wanted to use my skills to promote the Lions' ideals," said Szeib. "I personally was [in Lebanon] last year, and I saw the humanitarian disaster. So, we decided together to build a school for children who live in Nepal and who are refugees from Syria."

This philanthropic work and the desire to change lives internationally are reflected within the Valparaiso community. City Administrator Bill Oeding discussed the importance of service clubs with the runners upon their arrival to Valparaiso.

"Currently with a lot of service clubs like the Lions Clubs, they're struggling to get members and to stay active," said Oeding. "With international folks coming in, it just shows the strength and health of the club. With service organizations doing community work, the community builds on that, which creates a great environment."

To celebrate the club's tenacious endeavors, Porterfield held a dinner at her home that included several classic Hoosier specialties such as chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, and many other dishes that the runners enjoyed after a well-deserved shower. The runners continue their trip tomorrow as they make their way to the annual convention.

Learn more about the Valparaiso Lions Club at <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/valparaisoin/>, and find out more about the runners and their mission to further the values of the Lions Club at [www.freedomcharityrun.org](http://www.freedomcharityrun.org).



**LAPORTE BAND** — The LaPorte High School marching band is shown marching in the Centennial Parade. They won the third place award.

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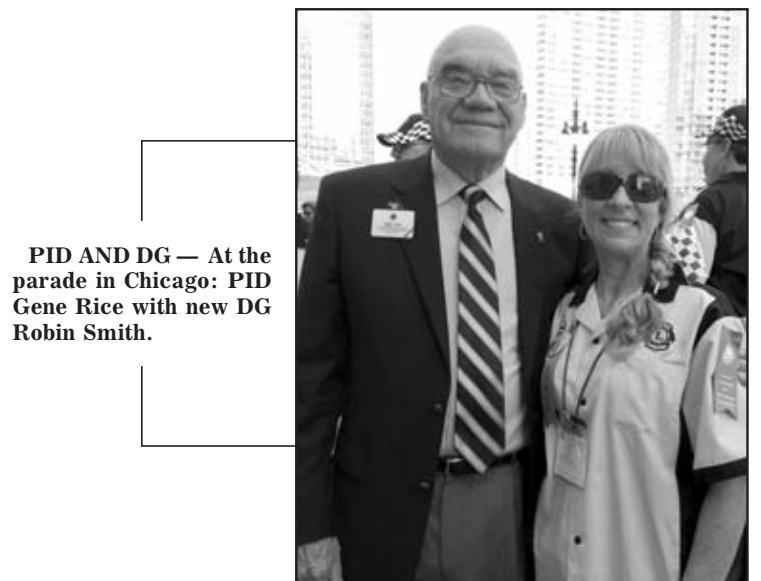
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**PID AND DG** — At the parade in Chicago: PID Gene Rice with new DG Robin Smith.





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## New year underway

BY GOV. ROGER CASH

The new Lions year has started in 25-B. Many of the Clubs have met and set their budgets and

schedules for the year in place. As District Governor, I have had the pleasure of having my first official Club visits with three Clubs, the Cromwell-

Kimmel, Wolf Lake and Ligonier.

That along with meeting with the District budget meeting and getting the District budget in place for the year. We also held a social for the District Cabinet officers and Zone Chairs. Everyone seemed to enjoy the BBQ and good company.

At the end of July, I was happy to assist the Zanesville Club with its car show and Summer Festival. I also attended the Multiple District Council Meet in Portage.

During August several from the District have volunteered to work one or more shifts at the Indiana State Fair. Besides manning the gates as ticket sellers and scanners this year some even worked the trolley as they moved visitors around the fair grounds.

As I am writing this the District is preparing for its first Cabinet Meeting. That means committee reports and state project reports, along with a review of the District goals and where we stand with them.

Some were nervous when the membership numbers dropped at the first of July, however they have taken a turn into the positive since and we are working hard to insure the numbers keep climbing.

Many of our Clubs have held several fundraisers such as the Harlan Club's chicken sales that was a featured event on the local news. Other Clubs are renting out tents and chairs for events, while still others are doing many other types of fundraisers. All of these fundraisers are to support the project each Club has planned from supporting the State Projects and LCIF to providing eye exams and glasses to those in their communities.

On Sept. 11, the Ossian Club will be celebrating its 75th year of serving the community with an event planned at Lighted Gardens in Ossian. PIP Wayne Madden will be the guest speaker. The Decatur Club will be celebrating its 90th year of service on the evening of Sept. 18. IPDG Al Arnold will be their key note speaker. And, on the Sept. 29 the District Banner Night will be at the Lighted Gardens in Ossian.

Other events on the schedule for September that various Clubs will be participating in include Ossian Days, Sept. 14-16; Johnny Apple Seed Festival, Sept. 15-17; and the USA/Canada Forum in Portland, Oreg. Along with these there are several official Club visits scheduled during September.

I would like to take this time to thank all of the Clubs in the District for their hard work last year and remind them of some of the District goals for this year. We are looking for a 15 percent positive growth in membership. Now this includes the goal of starting one new Club and possible three branch Clubs. Also we are looking forward to 100 percent participation in LCIF, the five State Projects and the Indiana Lions Foundation.

**PRIMARY AWARD** — The Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club initiated an award program to honor a West Noble Primary student for excellence in academics, citizenship, leadership and sportsmanship. The Club named this award the Brian Shepherd A+ Award after West Noble Primary Principal Brian Shepherd, who the club feels exemplifies these qualities.

Thomas Chambers was the first recipient of this award. Seventeen students were nominated with each receiving a t-shirt and certificate. Young Mr. Chambers also was given a teddy bear and will have his name added to a plaque at the Primary School. In front are Shepherd and Chambers. In back are Lions Maxine Emmert, Carol Stults and Doris Fletcher.



**WITH PRESIDENTS** — DG Roger is shown with the Presidents of the Cromwell and Ligonier Clubs. On the left is Lion Gary Stover of Ligonier and on the right is Lion Ron Gingerich of the Cromwell Kimmell Club.



**BOWLING FUNDRAISER** — Sunday, Aug. 6, the Berne Centennial and Monroe Lions Clubs held a fundraiser to raise money for an OrCam device for Ryan Hough. The OrCam MyEye recognizes text and products, and speaks to the person wearing the device via a bone-conduction earpiece. With the point of the person's finger, the device instantly responds and will infer whether it needs to read, find an item, or recognize a product depending on the environment. It may do so without searching for audio books, learning new software, or using other tools. The two Clubs raised \$570, which gives them over \$2,000 towards the purchase price of \$3,500. If anyone is interested in contributing towards the purchase of this device, contact Shari Tomac at (260) 589-2195 or Al Arnold at (260) 692-6610.



**NEW MEMBER AT ANDREWS** — The Andrews Lions Club recently welcomed a new member. From left, are Andrews Lion Club President Phil Bitzer - sponsor, new member Glen Fisher and installing the new member Phil Ruppert.



**NEW MEMBER** — The Howe Lions Club installed Art Hadley of Howe as their newest member on Aug. 2. The Howe Lions met at the Lima Township Community Center in Howe with District Governor Roger Cash present from Ossian.

Governor Roger installed Art during the Club's business meeting. Art and his wife, Jane Hadley, live on North Twin Lake just west of Howe.

Shown, from left, are Governor Roger, Art Hadley, sponsor Lion Dave Gunter and President Jeffry Schrader.



**MELVIN JONES FELLOWS** — Heritage Lions Club members Larry Smith and Tom Wolf were both awarded the Melvin Jones Fellow Award by Indiana District Governor Al Arnold on June 13. This award is one of the highest honors awarded to members for dedicated humanitarian services by the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Larry Smith has been a charter member of the Heritage Lions Club since 1971, and Tom has been an active member since 2002.

**GOLF OUTING** — On June 24 the New Haven Lions Club had its annual golf outing at Whispering Creek Golf Course in New Haven. The Club was able to raise \$3,000. Half of

the profits will be used for two \$750 scholarships for graduating New Haven High School seniors. The rest will be used to meet community needs over the next year. Seated is Lion Bob Hudson and standing, from left, are prospective members, Cory Simkin, Chandler Rice and Jeff Rice.





## 25-B Banner Night



**You Are Invited to Help the Lions of 25-B and Its Leaders Celebrate Its Changing of the Guard**

**Place: Lighted Gardens, Ossian IN**  
**Date: September 29, 2017**  
**Social Hour: 5:30**  
**Meal & Program: 6:30**  
**Guest Speaker: PIP Wayne Madden**

**Menu: Grilled Chicken Marsula Buffet**  
**Meal Cost: \$18.00 per person**

Cash Bar will be available.

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**RSVP by September 21st**

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**Number of Meals** \_\_\_\_\_ **at \$18.00 ea Total** \_\_\_\_\_

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## As each has received

By GOV. CHLOE WEYRAUCH

Each of us has a unique set of gifts that we can bring to the table in any situation. This is a wonderful gift in and of itself to Lions Clubs International and the people whom we encounter.

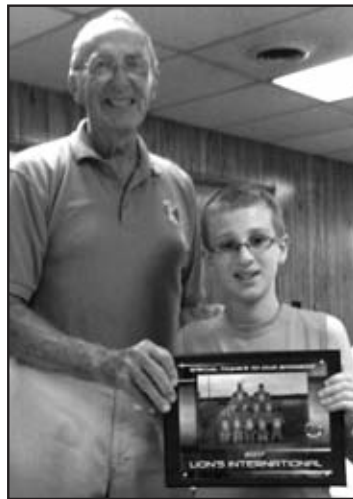
Have you ever wondered what it would be like in your Cub or District if everyone had the same set of gifts? We would find that we all wanted to do the same things all the time, and therefore we'd lose interest because everyone could do as good a job as we could. That is the reason we need to look to others for their unique abilities.

If we find ourselves only looking for the same type of Lion that we are, we are limiting ourselves and our ability to serve.

We need to look out in the community for like-minded people, people who would be willing to serve others as we do. But in doing so, we need to have a broad spectrum in our Club membership so that we can continue our service to others in the best possible way. This will also serve to keep our Clubs alive.

That brings me to another point that we should focus on. To keep ourselves growing and stretching, we need to consider adding a

new project every year or two. If we do the same set of projects every year, in the same order, with the same people, helping the same people, we get stagnant. Let's take this first year of the new century, and plan something new!



**SUMMER SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY** — Kaleb McCullough presented a plaque to Riley Lions Club for supporting the Riley Recreation League baseball program. Kaleb is a player in the league and son of Lions Kristy and Matt McCullough. PDG Vern Tinchler accepted the plaque.



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FROM 25C!

## Save these dates:

Sunday, Sept. 10 — District 25C Banner Night - Terre Haute  
Saturday, Oct. 14 — Second Cabinet Meeting - Brookston  
Saturday, Nov. 4 — Indiana Lions Conference - Plainfield

**FIRST VDG RECEIVED PIN AND BADGE** — District Governor Chloe Weyrauch pins First VDG Doug Eversole with his official pin and name badge at the State Council Meeting in July. Another step up the ladder of leadership. Congratulations to DG Chloe and First VDG Doug.



**POPCORN ANYONE** — The Lafayette Lions Club treated attendees at the Lafayette Citizens Band Concert in July to free popcorn. The Club provides this community service at two band concerts during the summer. Approximately 150 people attended - less than normal due to very hot humid weather. To ease the heat quotient the Club also sold bottled water. They also had a table with information about their Lions Club and its missions.

The Poppin' Crew from the Lafayette Lions Clubs are, from left, Lions Diane Haby, Melanie Brown, Elizabeth Quick and Club President Jen Weiss.



**PARADE PARTICIPANTS** — The Indiana Delegation looked fantastic in the International Convention parade in Chicago with their new shirts and caps and all new banners. These shirts were specifically designed for the Centennial Celebration, which will continue through the end of this Lions year. Do you need a shirt? Or a cap? Contact any member of the International Convention Committee or PCC Sue Topf at the Lions State Office to request shirts or caps.

Members of the Martinsville Noon Lions Club anxiously await to step off. From left are Lions Larry Maxwell, Dave Roloff, Roger Chalkley, Shirley East and Cub Danielle Drapalik.



**SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN** — Lions Park was the final stop for the Special Olympic Torch Run. The Zionsville Lions Club greeted and treated 100 runners to lunch, joined by the police and firemen. Lion Hugh Breen (also a Special Olympic Track winner); Gail Robbins, ZLC President; and Paul Dreier, Chair of Torch Run are ready to serve.

**GRANDPA IS SPONSOR** — The Spencer Lions Club welcomes Lion Christian Freeman (Grandpa and sponsor) and Lion Christian Freeman proudly display their Centennial Sponsorship and Centennial Membership Certificates.



**NEW MEMBERS** — The Riley Lions Club welcomes new members during the traditional candlelight ceremony. From left are Lions Sally Thompson, Paige Wilson, Jonathan, Mike Lawson and Joyce Owen. Each member received the limited edition Centennial Membership Pin.



**CENTENNIAL MEMBERS** — DG Chloe had the honor of sponsoring and inducting two members into her home Club of Prairie Creek, a former member, Rick Monroe, and one of her great nieces who just became eligible to join, Ashlee Bingham, who has been helping the Prairie Creek Lions for the last couple of years before she turned 18. A big welcome to both.

## Centennial Celebration continues

The Lions Centennial Celebration continues through this Lions year. New members receive a limited edition Lions membership pin with the word "CENTENNIAL" at the top in recognition of the Lions Clubs 100 years of service. Sponsors also receive

a limited edition Centennial Sponsorship Pin. Once the Centennial celebration is over (June 30, 2018), these pins will no longer be used.

Do you have your CENTENNIAL membership or sponsor pin yet?





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## Where there is a need — there is a Lion

BY GOV. CINDY WRIGHT

Since I have become District Governor, I am reading and reviewing things with a whole different outlook. With the start of the new century of Lions International, there are all kinds of changes being made. This gives us new avenues for service projects

to serve mankind all around the world as we enter the next 100 years.

Each of the District Governors in Indiana have their own motto:

District A is: DG Lion Robin Smith — "Touching Lives Through Service"

District B is: DG Roger Cash — "Building for the Future"

District C is: DG Chloe Weyrauch — "As Each has Received a Gift, Use it to Serve One Another"

District D is: DG Lion Cindy Wright — "Think Outside the Box"

District E is: DG Keith Thomas — "Racing to Serve"

District F is: DG Melissa Baker — "Lions - The Real Thing"

District G is: DG Tom Polk — "We Serve with a Purpose"

All of these mottos lead back to the purpose of Lions and Lions International motto - "We Serve." At the International Convention, it was very "mind-blowing" when the videos were shown displaying the work of 1.5 million Lions doing service work. These Lions all had a smile on their face as they helped those in need. I thought that 33,000 Lions attending the Convention was a lot of people, but when you think that we have 1.5 million Lions all over the world working towards the same goal, it is unfathomable!

Although many races, beliefs and ages were represented at the Convention, to me there was only one kind of person there and that was the "human race." I only thought of them as being a

"Lion." It was very easy to make friends, get people's e-mails to keep in touch, take pictures of your new Lion friends and no language barriers interfered with the purpose of being a Lion. The service work of Lions is so important that when you go out to do the service, you do not think that you may have to sleep on the floor, eat different food, wear your clothes 2-3 days, cope with the weather, or not be able to shower or wash your hair for days. You put these things aside to do the work of Lions. This happens all over the world with Lions. And the rewards are "priceless."

The 2017-18 International President, Naresh Aggarwal, has a very powerful motto: "The Power of WE" - We stand together to serve those in need. This leads to "The Power Of ACTION" - We must be the change we wish to see in the world; and "The Power of SERVICE" - As more of us come together, the world's problems become smaller.

As you go out and do your service projects, there is a Lion on the other side of the world working towards the same goal. Remember - Where there is a need, there is a Lion!



**MEET THE PRESIDENT** — Meet President George Cameron and Lion Jeri Cameron from the Kempton Lions Club. Two new Lions, John and Linda Grammer, were inducted into the Cub during DG Cindy's official visit July 28. Accompanying the DG were GM Betty Weist and IPDG Steve Holtzleiter.



**W. P. WOODS FELLOWSHIP** — PDG Betty Weist presented Sgt. Tony Slocum, director of the Anderson Law Camp, with a W. P. Woods Fellowship during Law Camp Graduation. His dedication to the citizens of Indiana, especially the youth, have certainly earned him this honor.



**NEW GOVERNOR** — District D Lions are very proud of DG Cindy Wright and Lion Rick Wright.



**VDG IN CHICAGO** — VDG Isabel Atcheson is shown at Lions Centennial Convention in Chicago.



**GRANDSON ENJOYS CONVENTION** — VDG Isabel's grandson, George Williams is shown enjoying the parade in Chicago.



**FIRST PARADE** — DG Cindy is enjoying her first parade at the Van Buren Pop Corn Festival.



**GOVERNOR'S FAVORITE PLACE** — This photo shown DG Cindy's favorite place.



**"OLD FOLKS DAY"** — On Aug. 3, the Marion Lions Club held the 87th annual "Old Folks Day." The club welcomed all senior citizens to a luncheon and program. This year's speaker was Scott Swan, anchor from Channel 13 Eye Witness News. Pictured, from left, are Lion Rev. Charles Dederick, VDG Isabel Atcheson, Lion Carol Hamilton, Scott Swan and PDG Sandra Price. Pendleton Lions Lorraine Doty and Betty Weist assisted Marion Lions Club during the event.





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## Welcome to a new century of Lionism

By GOV. KEITH THOMAS

This is my first article for The Hoosier Lion. I have decided that instead of writing about what I been doing or planning to do in District 2-5E that I would write about something all the Lions in the state need to be thinking about, diabetes.

Even before I learned that diabetes was going to be a new area of focus for Lions, I had been wanting to increase my District's awareness. The first step in any-

thing is awareness of an issue. And Diabetes has become a very big issue. Millions of Americans know that they have Diabetes and are under a doctor's care. Countless more have Diabetes and are completely unaware of their condition.

This was one of the major topics discussed at DGE training and the Lions International Convention in Chicago a few short weeks ago. One of the exercises was to write down how your life has been affected by Diabetes.

Even if you do not have it yourself, almost everyone has a family member, a close friend or just a co-worker they are close to who has Diabetes.

I would like everyone to go back their Clubs and discuss how they are (or have been) affected by Diabetes. The next step is to find a program that presents some kind of Diabetes awareness. If your Club wants to do something but doesn't know where to begin, contact your District Diabetes Committee Person. For District E, the Diabetes Committee Person is Lion Gary Reed from the New Salisbury Lions. Or contact the State Diabetes Chair Chris Reinhold from District F. That is why we have these positions, the help the Clubs promote Diabetes Awareness.

Lions Clubs International has tons of information on its website as well. Go to <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/serve/diabetes/index.php> to find this information. There is a whole series of pdfs that you can print and pass out on "Tips for Teens with Diabetes" and a pdf of "It's Not Too Late to Prevent Type 2 Diabetes". There is at least a couple of different posters you can print out to promote your health/diabetes screening event.

The handout that I really like is a list of 25 project ideas for Diabetes awareness and action. These ideas are stuff that any Club should be able to tackle no matter its size. You can find this handout by searching iad475 in the search box on the lionsclubs.org website.

The other new area of focus for Lions is Pediatric Cancer. LCI has not released much at this time on what Clubs should do but <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/serve/pediatric-cancer/index.php> does have a link for 'act now' and 'donate'. More information on Pediatric Cancer should be released at Las Vegas next July.

That's enough for Diabetes and Pediatric Cancer for now. I would like to encourage everyone to attend the Indiana Learning Conference on Nov. 4. Over the years I have found several things to bring back to my Club. It is a great chance to meet some of your Project trustees and invite them to attend your Club meetings. It is also a good time to meet Lions of all over the state, make new friends and swap project and fundraising ideas.

Also, it is not too earlier to start thinking about the State Convention. The State Convention is held in Muncie this year April 27 thru 29th. I know the co-chairs (PDGs Kathy Lozier and Betty Weist) along with PID Doug Lozier have been working hard to make this a Convention to remember. At the Council Meeting, we got some information of what they are planning. Sounds like lots of great food and seminars. Should be a great experience and I am really looking forward to it.

## Have your photo taken with the frog

As a fundraiser in the district for Diabetes Awareness, 25-E is taking pictures with the frog for a donation. Pictures will be posted on Facebook as soon as Glen Georges is ready. Below are but

a few of the photos that have been taken thus far. These were taken at Bedford and New Salisbury.



**NEW RAMP** — Bedford Lions Club members built their 200th ramp in two sections in May. Shown are Lions Jon Heichelbech, Ken Brumbaugh, ramp recipient 91-year-old Army Air Corp veteran Hugh F. Kluesner Jr, Lions Larry Ritter, Don Turpen and Phil Mitchell.

**GOLDEN HOOSIER — PDG Col. (Ret.) William G. "Bill" Willis** of West Baden Springs recently received Indiana's Golden Hoosier Award. The presentation was made at the statehouse with Marie Davis, director of communication strategy, presenting the award on behalf of Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch. The award honors senior citizens for their lifetime of service and commitment to their communities and is one of the highest honors given by the state of Indiana.



**SPECIAL PROJECTS PRESENTATION** — At Banner Night a Special Projects presentation was given. Special Projects is a source for a \$500 grant made available for District 25-E Clubs. From left are DG Keith Thomas (Petersburg), RC John Delph (Dugger), PDG Jean Bodensteiner (Wheatland), Cal Biddle (Petersburg), PDG Dale Lefler (Oakland City) and Julia Terry (Fayetteville Community)



**AT BANNER NIGHT** — District Governors and ID Nick are shown at 25-E's Banner Night. From left are DG Tom Polk from 25-G, DG Keith Thomas from E, DG Robin Smith from A, DG Chloe Weyrauch from C and ID Nick Xinopoulos.





# Roars from F



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## Namaste my fellow Lions

By GOV. MELISSA BAKER

What a difference a month makes. Writing this has given me a little time to reflect on the whirlwind that is a District Governor's life. I'm sure you'll be glad to know that so far, it's been good. As I am sure all PDGs can attest to; a DGE gets ramped up to take office, does all kinds of training, goes to their LCICon, participates in classes, meets new people, participate in a parade and might just get to go to a few concerts.

I can tell you that I'm already signed up for the International Convention in Vegas! Looking forward to silver of meeting new friends and the golden glow of

friends made. There are so many who are so kind.

It may sound a little "hokey" but it is true that "Where there is a need there is a Lion". WE truly do SERVE.

I like to say that "Lions are the real thing!" because you and I, we ARE the real thing. That's why Lions has succeeded and continues to grow and adapt to new ways of serving.

From the pork chop suppers to vision screenings, pancakes to supplying needed medical equipment, Lions do the business of serving.

Now that we are in our Lions 101st year, so let's do a little Lions 101 guide work.

Most Important documents that your Club has in its possession: Constitution & By-Laws. - these lay out the backbone and the framework that we as Lions Clubs use all over the world.

Does your Club have its own? If you do not, are you aware that your actions are to be guided by your District's C&BL. That, of course, defers to Lions Clubs International's Constitution & By-Laws.

I look forward to continuing Club visitations, Banner Nights for my fellow Governors, working on State Projects and helping the Indiana Lions Foundation at the great Indiana State Fair.

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



**PDG CARTER** — Did you know that President Jimmy Carter is a PDG? This photo was taken during his special message to the Lions at Chicago.



**FRIENDS** — Seeing Lion friends from everywhere - Lion Genia from Alaska is shown with DG Melissa. Lion Genia was celebrating five years cancer free at the International Convention in Chicago.



**DONATION FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES** — Beech Grove Lions made a donation to South Grove School Supplies. Lions Mike Pence and Don Stowers stopped by South Grove Intermediate School to present to Tonya Reid, principal, and Lin Paugh, assistant principal, with a check to be used for school supplies for those students who could not afford them.



**EXCEPTIONAL ZONE CHAIRS** — PCC Steve Winegardner is shown with exceptional Zone chairs Don Stowers, Chris Reinhold, Alescia "AJ" Johnson, Ken Faulkner.



**NEW CARETAKERS** — District 25-F's new Camp Woodsmoke caretakers, Paul and Betty Bowling are shown as they were introduced. Camp Woodsmoke is a project owned and operated by the Lions Clubs of District-F. They have both been a breath of fresh air.



**CONGRATULATIONS** — PCC Steve Winegardner congratulates Zone Chairs Mike Bender (Bright) and Carlton Curry (Lawrence).



**WINNING TICKET** — Madison Lions at the 4-H Fair choosing the winning tickets.



**STANDING LINE ONLY** — White Castle Crave-Mobile was a standing line only success in Madison.



**AT 25-A'S BANNER NIGHT** — The four Musketeers (ladies) and the three Amigos (men) posed for this photo at 25-A's Banner Night. From left are DG Cindy Wright, DG Melissa Baker, DG Chloe Weyrauch, DG Keith Thomas, DG Tom Polk, DG Robin Smith and DG Roger Cash.





# Roars from G



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**FIRST PLACE** — The Dunlap Lions Club won first place in the 2016-17 District Contest. Accepting the Club's aware, from left, are John Preheim, Jackie Kruley and Jo Ann Preheim. PDG Charlie Haffner is on the right.

## New century of Lions

By GOV. TOM POLK

Welcome to the new century of Lions! That was the message that all the District Governors-elect heard in our week of train-

ing prior to our induction as Governors.

So, what is important this new century — we need to continue our focus on the work that we do in the communities that we serve.

We need to understand why we are Lions and what we do in our communities' matters — to us and to the world around us. We need to be more than people who just raise money. We need to serve our communities.

Last year I wrote a piece that I think really expresses that opinion. I have had many people request it and I thought that I would share it with the Lions of Indiana. Growing up I, like many others, listened to Paul Harvey and his news broadcast. In 1978, Paul did a special feature titled "So, God made a Farmer" for the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and that was later re-done by Dodge RAM for a commercial during the 2013 Super Bowl. Here is my version of that:

And on the 8th day, God looked down from on high and said, "I need a doer of deeds." So, God made a Lion.

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, flip pancakes and collect money for a community project and then stay after to help distribute food at the food pantry." So, God made a Lion.

"I need somebody with arms strong enough to build ramp for the handicapped and yet gentle enough to help screen a preschooler's eyes. Somebody to work tirelessly at a vision screening, serve at the fair and then say that they'll be signing up for next year — and then do it." So, God made a Lion.

God said, "I need somebody willing figure out ways to distribute dictionaries to third graders, wash and categorize eyeglasses, go on mission trips, send cards to the shut-ins and then raise money and help install a playground" So, God made a Lion.

God had to have somebody willing to go out into their communities and make it a better place for all ages — young and old. Someone to make sure that cancer, diabetes, measles and river blindness become a thing of the past and those that need hearing aids, glasses, eye tissue or a Leader Dog get them. So, God made a Lion.

God said, "I need somebody strong enough ask others to join and then potentially serve on a committee. Someone who sees the need for action and is not willing to just sit back and write out checks. Someone who want to make the world around them to be a little better each day.

"Somebody who will pay a taitwister fine with a smile and approve motions with a hearty "Bite-em." Someone who will laugh, love and serve without a thought for themselves" So God made a Lion.

The word and the points are the same — as Lions we need to be more than people who show up for an occasional meeting. We need to seek out and find ways to make our communities better for everyone.

We need to serve with a purpose.



**CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL** — In honor of Lions Clubs International's 100th anniversary, the North Webster Lions named the Lions of 25-G as the 2017 parade marshals. Shown is the float that honored the centennial and the Lions of the district.

## Parade Marshals For 2017 Mermaid Festival Parade

For this year's Mermaid Festival Parade in North Webster, the Lions chose the Lions of District 25-G as their parade marshals.

The honor came about because Lions Clubs International is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

Indiana Lions District 25-G came into existence in 1957. It serves seven counties in North Central Indiana — St. Joseph, Elkhart, Kosciusko, Wabash, Marshall, Fulton and Miami. Lions from all seven counties were invited to ride on the float.



**NEW MEMBER** — The Rochester Lions Club has added a new member. Lion John Roberts pins, new Lion Pat Meade, as Lion Phil McCarter looks on during the Club's June 13 meeting.



**NEW LIONS** — Lion Kori Fortunato, center, sponsored the two new members inducted at the Dunlap Lions Club Spring Fling on June 1. Shown, from left, are new member Lion Lisa Andrews, Sponsor Lion Kori and new member Lion Orlue Barnes.



**TOP CLUB** — One of four winners of District Plaques for being named a top club was the Middlebury Lions Club. Shown with the Club's plaque is Dave Bontrager.



**ANOTHER TOP CLUB** — Past Council Chair Dave Eisen, left, accepted a plaque for the Mishawaka Lions after the Club was named one of the top five Clubs in the District.



**BANNER PASSED** — Immediate Past District Governor Peg VanNevel, left, is shown as she passes the District Banner to Dave Ballard, center, First Vice-President of the LaFontaine Lions Club. District Governor Tom Polk is shown on the right.

## Banner Night brings District Governor's project to light

During Banner Night festivities at Manchester College on July 29, one of District Governor Tom Polk's goals was brought to life. He wants each club in the District to support or place a Little Free Library in the community that they serve.

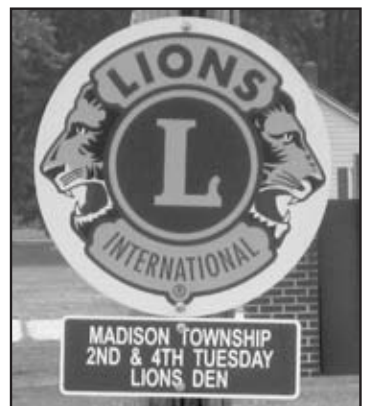
He said he chose the project for two reasons — (1) Clubs vary in size and age this easy project can make an impact on the community. (2) It honors his late brother, Jim, who would read anything in print. Both reasons go with his motto fore the year, "We Serve with a Purpose!"

Lion Marie Butler Knight, District Reading Action Chair, talked about the Syracuse Lions building Little Free Libraries for both the Syracuse Elementary School and the Wawasee Middle School. Lion Linda Madden, State Reading Action Chair, spoke on the importance of reading and noted some 93 million adults in the USA and 1 million in Indiana can't read. She urged the Lions to give books, read to children, give dictionaries and then go back with books and let the students pick out a book to take home.

PDG Charlie Haffner presented District Contest awards. Argos

received a special award and Dunlap was the District winner. Others who received plaques were Greene Township, Grass Creek, Mishawaka and Middlebury.

At the close of the evening the banner was passed from the Mishawaka Club to the LaFontaine Club.



**LEGACY PROJECT** — The Madison Township Lions Club installed new highway signs at both ends of Wyatt. These signs were bought and installed as a Legacy Project to honor the 100 Anniversary of Lions Club International.







# PDG notes

## PDG's to meet in Indianapolis

Past District Governor's Week-end will take place Friday, Sept. 29; Saturday, Sept. 30; and Sunday, Oct. 1, in Indianapolis. The Crowne Plaza Hotel will be the host hotel and was selected after the untimely permanent closing of the Clarian Hotel in Columbus. Conveniently located just off of I 465 and Sam Jones Expressway, the Crowne Plaza hotel offers free wifi, indoor swimming pool, free parking, on-site restaurant and a fitness center. Nightly rates are \$125 plus tax - this includes twin or king size beds. To make your room reservation, call (317)-244-6861 and tell them you are part of the Lions Club week-end group. The CUT OFF date for these rates is at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6.

Saturday night's dinner will be held at Beef and Boards. Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre has been serving up food, fun and fabulous live entertainment for everyone since 1973. It is called "Beef" because of the delicious hand carved roast beef served before the performances, and "Boards" referring to the boards or stage of a theatre.

Today, the Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre entertains more than 155,000 theatergoers annually. Each season includes professional Broadway shows, plays and acclaimed children's theatre productions by resident Pyramid Players.

But a visit to Beef & Boards is more than just great theatre! It offers a tasty dinner buffet prepared by the in-house chef, plus a full-service bar and mouthwatering gourmet desserts.

- Friday night will consist of dinner at TBA.

- Saturday golf times are made with tee - off times set at noon at Eagle Creek Golf Club.

- Other events taking place in close proximity of the hotel include the 54th running of the Sports Car Club of America National Championship runoffs at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

- The Indy Wine Trail is open Saturday with the following wineries part of the trail: Chateau Thomas located in Plainfield; Easley Winery located in downtown Indy; Buck Creek Win-

### Wife of PDG Dave Court dies

Jewell Court, 83, wife of PDG David Court (25-G 2000-01) and mother of Diane Fischer, wife of Immediate Past Council Chair Vic Fischer (25-G 2015-16), died June 15. A celebration of life was held June 22 at the Lakeville United Methodist Church with a reception following.

She was born in Elkhart Nov. 12, 1933. She married David Court Oct. 26, 1952. He survives. Also surviving are the couple's children, Deborah Barkey of Middlebury, Robert Court of South Bend, Stephen (Barbara) Court of Bremen, James Court of Huntington, Diane (Vic) Fischer of North Liberty and Susan (Angel) Robledo of South Bend; 15 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a sister.

She attended the University of Michigan as a music major and was a private piano and flute instructor. She served as pianist at a number of Lions events.

Memorials to 1 World Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72202, the Lakeville United Methodist Church, 610 N. Michigan St., Lakeville, IN 46536, or the Salvation Army (Kroc Center), 900 West Western Ave., south Bend, IN 46601.

2017 Past District Governor's Weekend

Registration Form

Must be received by September 20th!

Make checks out to PDG James Wyatt

Please send all registration forms and payment to:

PDG James Wyatt

2525 North State Road 127, Angola, IN 46703

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

First Time attendee \_\_\_\_\_ PDG \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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First Time attendee \_\_\_\_\_ PDG \_\_\_\_\_

Friday night dinner      number \_\_\_\_\_ X    \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday night event    number \_\_\_\_\_ X    \$59 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ery located on the eastside of Indy; Cedar Creek winery located in Martinsville.

- Saturday night's program, as noted above, will be held at the Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, located just north of the Indiana Lions State office building at 9301 Michigan Road. Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner buffet starting at 6:30 p.m. and curtain raising at 8 p.m.. The featured entertainment is "West Side Story". A set number of tables have been

### Wife of PDG Jerry Higginbotham dies

Beverly Beatrice Higginbotham, 83, of Lake Placid went home to be with her Lord on Friday afternoon July 7, 2017 at the Vitas Hospice unit in Sebring. She was the wife of PDG Jerry Higginbotham (25-G 2001-02). She was the daughter of Beatrice (Russell) and Edward C. Chamberlain, born on June 26, 1934. in Traverse City, Mich.

She was a retired registered nurse who worked for many years in several areas of medicine. She has been a resident of Lake Placid for the past 12 years moving there from Warsaw. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine in Sebring and enjoyed coloring, sewing, making quilts, crouching and spending time at the beach. She loved to cook and spend time with her family and friends at the many special family events.

Surviving with her husband of 28 years are daughters Julia Ann Watkins, Kimberly Patton, Laura Baker and Angela Jo Flenar;

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reserved. Please complete your registration as soon as possible to help in getting everyone a guaranteed seat.

- Sunday's necrology service will be at 9 a.m.
- Past District Governor's business meeting will begin at 9:45 a.m.

step children Julie D'Argo, Pamela Kincaid, Angela McCally and Scott Higginbotham; 9 grandchildren; 8 step-grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 3 step-great-grandchildren; 2 sisters; Merry Ann Youker and Barbara Jean Pound. A service to celebrate Beverly's life was held Sunday, July 9 at the First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine with Dr. Kevin Ahrens officiating. Further services will take place at a later date in Indiana.

## Indiana Lions Eye Bank now VisionFirst

As a leader in eye-tissue transplantation, VisionFirst is committed to changing the lives of individuals in need of eye tissue transplants.

Providing approximately 2,000 corneas for transplant annually, VisionFirst is the largest eye bank in Indiana. VisionFirst has been helping to eliminate corneal blindness for nearly 50 years. The board takes pride in our highly skilled, knowledgeable and consistently reliable staff who work together to provide the highest quality eye tissue to surgeons across the country.

Located in Indianapolis, VisionFirst provides a full-range of transplant services as well as research tissue and training consulting services for other medical professionals in our industry.

The VisionFirst (Indiana Lions Eye Bank) is a non-profit corporation committed to helping those in need of eye transplantations. It is the largest eye bank in the state and has been providing eye tissue for transplant since 1959.

The eye bank provides a full range of transplant services throughout the state. Every year,

## Indiana Lions Cancer Control is oldest State Project

The purpose and function of the Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana Inc. is to establish, promote, manage, and control, a fund to be used exclusively for the control of cancer. Every project conducted by this fund is devoted to the treatment of cancer patients, training of health care professionals who care for cancer patients and research that, one day, may lessen the threat of the diseases called "cancer." This Not-For-Profit Corporation under the direction and supervision of its board of trustees shall receive and disburse funds and property to accomplish this purpose. Money and items of value may be received from Lions Clubs, individuals, organizations and other such sources as may be determined by the Board of Trustees.

The Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund began as the first state project in Indiana's Multiple District 25 at the State Convention in South Bend in 1946. PDG Walter Shirley of the Indianapolis Downtown Lions Club presented a resolution to establish this fund, and it became a permanent project the following year.

The first equipment purchase, in 1947, was a megavolt cobalt unit from U.S. Army surplus after World War II for \$50,343. This cancer treatment equipment was obtained for an expanded Department of Radiology at the Indiana University Medical Center, which was dedicated June 12, 1949.

Fund raising efforts and activities continued to grow. During the 1960s, several major equipment purchases were made. For example, 1960: Eldorado Cobalt Stationary unit, 1964: 2 Million Volt Treatment unit, 1968: Picker C-9 Rotational Cobalt-60 unit plus many other smaller purchases of equipment. The Lions of Indiana also contributed to educational and research efforts.

In 1973 the Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund, Inc. accepted its greatest challenge to date. The purchase of a 40 MeV (million electron volt) Linear Accelerator Sagittaire was purchased for \$750,000. When the Sagittaire went on line it was the most powerful radiation treatment machine in the world. It offered a wide range of radiation beam sizes, shapes, energies, and types making it by far the most versatile radiation therapy machine available. The Lions of Indiana also purchased a 1 MeV General Electric therapy unit for \$57,000

and other smaller tools to help combat cancer.

Keeping pace with rapidly changing technology the need for a treatment simulator was realized. The Lions responded with this purchase in 1976. The simulator was used in setting up the patient for treatment using safe low energy X-rays and fluoroscopic images for more sophisticated treatment planning. Likewise, Hyperthermia therapy equipment was purchased for \$150,000. Hyperthermia is a technique of treating cancer by elevating the body temperature using microwaves both externally and internally.

April 1983 the Lions saw an increased need to help patients battle cancer within the IU Department of Radiation Oncology. The Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund, Inc. provided the Medical Microtron 22. The Microtron was the first of its kind installed in the United States at a total cost of nearly one million dollars. It produced a wide range of electron and photon energies that were used in a broad spectrum of patient treatments.

In 1986 a new dimension was added to the partnership of Indiana University Department of Radiation Oncology and the Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund, Inc. A patient advocate and liaison, supported by the Indiana Lions was added to provide emotional and non-medical support to the patients and their families. Lion Ira Barker, a member of the Indianapolis Warren Township Lions Club was named to coordinate cancer activities between Lions Clubs and the department. He made himself available to all Lions of Indiana for information and patient referrals. He also assisted the Lions Cancer Control Trustees in preparing materials, programs and tours of the IU Department of Radiation Oncology. Lion Barker retired in April 1999 and Lion Dottie Flack was hired to continue this service.

The Indiana Lions have raised approximately \$4.2 million for the purchase of cancer equipment, education, and research for the Department of Radiation Oncology. This work continues with a current pledge of \$1 million toward the purchase of the Gamma Knife and Stereotactic Body Frame. This equipment and the room in which it is housed is a \$4.2 million dollar undertaking. The Lions commitment was needed to complete the funding requirement.

with the assistance of dedicated partners the Eye Bank helps countless people regain their sight.

"Since 1959, the Indiana Lions Eye has helped over 30 thousand individuals regain their vision through cornea transplants."

As the primary supplier of cornea tissue in Indiana, VisionFirst provides over 1,900 corneas for transplant annually.

Since its inception, it has been committed to serving the needs of Indiana residents, not only by supplying readily available transplantable tissue to improve their lives, but also by furnishing tissue for research and education that may one day eliminate an eye disease or improve upon an existing surgical procedure.

In addition Operation KidSight, Surgical Assistance Program and the annual Circle of Life Event for donor families, the ILEB has donated millions of dollars in grants and fellowships.

Operation KidSight is a statewide vision-screening program that works to identify treatable or preventable causes of

blindness in preschool children (ages 18 months - 6 years).

The first few years of a child's life are critical in the development of normal vision. A child with vision problems often does not realize that the way they see the world is not the way everyone else sees it. Vision abnormalities in a child's eyes may occur even when the eye appears to look normal. It is estimated that 3-4 percent of children may have vision loss from undetected amblyopia—what is commonly referred to as "lazy eye." Amblyopia results when one or both eyes send a blurry image to the brain and the brain does not learn to see clearly. If this and other problems are not detected early, a child's vision may deteriorate to the point of irreversible blindness. Research indicates that 70-80 percent of what a child learns is visually acquired and there is evidence to suggest that children with undetected vision disorders are more likely to fail in school.

Photo Screening is conducted at neighborhood childcare centers, because they have both the facilities as well as the proximity to a group of children.





# THE LIONS OF INDIANA 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017

PLAINFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL  
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## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Registration & Continental Breakfast	8:00 A.M. – 9:10 A.M.	Lunch	12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Displays And Silent Auction	Open until 3:30 P.M.	Keynote Speaker	1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Opening Session	9:15 A.M. – 9:35 A.M.	Afternoon Workshop	2:15 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.
Morning Workshop	9:45 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.	Third Session Seminar	2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.
First Session Seminar	9:45 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.	Fourth Session Seminar	3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.
Second Session Seminar	11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Closing Session	4:35 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.

## Seminar and Workshop selections

CHOOSE: one (1) Workshop in the Morning and one (1) Workshop in the Afternoon; OR one (1) Workshop in the Morning and two (2) Seminars in the Afternoon; OR two (2) Seminars in the Morning and one (1) Workshop in the Afternoon; OR two (2) Seminars in the Morning and two (2) Seminars in the Afternoon.

### “WORKSHOPS - 2 HOURS EACH”

(Morning: 9:45 A.M. to 11:45 A.M.) (Afternoon: 2:15 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. with short break)

**WORKSHOP “A”: CAUGHT IN THE WEEDS:** A Basic Overview of Legal Matters Affecting Lions Clubs. (A.M.)

Presenter - David Kingsbury, LCI Legal Division

This session will cover the General Liability Insurance Program, Use of Funds Policy, Foundations and other matters of interest to Lions Clubs and Districts.

**WORKSHOP “B”: INDIANA LIONS VISION SERVICES: YOUR INDIANA LIONS SUCCESS STORY** (P.M.)

Presenters - PDG Charlie Short

Learn how we screen, whom we screen, and why Project School Sight is now the largest and hottest service project in Indiana Lions history. Learn about new presentations for vision education, and the brand new club resources available through Indiana Lions Vision Partners, and much more.

### “SEMINARS - 1 HOUR EACH”

(Morning: 9:45 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.) (Afternoon: 2:15 P.M. to 3:15 P.M.)

(Morning: 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.) (Afternoon: 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.)

**SEMINAR “1”: LIONS ORIENTATION** (P.M.)

Presenter - PCC Reed Fish

This session will go over the history of our Association at the International and state level. Many sources will be cited on the little-known facts as well as LCI and Lion member publications.

**SEMINAR “2”: WHY IS LCIF SO IMPORTANT TO A LIONS CLUB?** (A.M.)

Presenter - PDG Gary Ochs

Learn more about your Foundation during this session. Lion’s support of their Foundation is critical, as donations from Lions provide the majority of LCIF’s revenue (75% - 80%). New things

are happening as we prepare for year 2021.

**SEMINAR “3”: LIONS CLUBS 2018 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN LAS VEGAS** (P.M.)

Presenter - PDG Gary Ochs

The Indiana Lions International Convention Committee is planning for our next exciting 101st International Convention in Las Vegas, June 29th - July 3rd. You may already know that Indiana’s delegation hotel is the “Pyramid Journeys of Light” Luxor Hotel. Wow! Start planning for your trip to Las Vegas now!

**SEMINAR “4”: BRINGING FUN TO TAIL TWISTING** (P.M.)

Presenter - 1VDG Jim Reeve

Tail Twisting sounds painful, but it’s not. As Lions we come together to serve but also to have some fun. Learn how you can take some of the dry stuff out of meetings and replace it with

## Directions to school

Directions to the Plainfield Middle School are as follows:

Exit I-70 at Plainfield Exit (Exit 66), turn North on SR 267 (Quaker Blvd.)

Turn left onto East CR 450 South. Arrive at Stafford Road. Your destination is on the left at 709 Stafford Road

Enter building at Door No. 11, in the back of the building.

## Cancellation policy

Cancellations requested 10 days before the conference will receive full refunds, but cancellations requested after that date will not receive any refund. Refunds will not be granted because of the weather.

smiles and laughter.

**SEMINAR “5”: ACHIEVING CLUB EXCELLENCE** (A.M.)

Presenter - PID Dave Fandt

Simple tools to help your Club become a stronger Club, better able to serve your community and improve member satisfaction.

**SEMINAR “6”: FIRST VICE PRESIDENTS: PLANNING TO BECOME CLUB PRESIDENTS** (P.M.)

Presenter - PID Doug Lozier

This seminar will assist vice presidents to prepare for their year as a highly successful club president in responsibilities, con-

ducting meetings, delegation of work, committee selection, conflicts, expectations, giving recognition, etc.

**SEMINAR “7”: CANCER - KNOWLEDGE REALLY IS POWER** (P.M.)

Presenter - Lion Maria Walker

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## Baymont Inn is Conference hotel

The Baymont Inn and Suites at 6010 Gateway Drive, Plainfield, is the official Conference hotel again this year.

The Lions room rate is \$65 plus tax. Be sure and mention Indiana Lions to get the special rate. The telephone number is (317) 837-9000. You must use this local number to receive the Lions rate.

### Directions to

**Baymont Inn and Suites:**

From the North: I-65 South to I-465 SW to I-70 West to exit 66. Turn right and go to first light and turn left, then turn at first

left onto Gateway Drive.

From the South: I-65 North to I-70 West to exit 66. Turn right and go to first light and turn left, then first left to Gateway Drive.

From the East: I-70 West to exit 66. Turn right and go to first light and turn left onto Gateway Drive.

From the West: I-70 East to exit 66, turn left at second light, then

left and then quick left onto Gateway Drive.

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## Conference fun and fellowship in 2016



## First time attendees

The Lions Conference Committee would like those attending for the first time to indicate who is sponsoring them to attend or who has influenced them to attend their first conference. There is a line on the registration form on the back page for this.

## Directions to Clermont Lions Club

Directions to Clermont Lions Club from 465W follow:

Take exit 14 toward 10th Street (0.3 miles)

Turn right onto W. 10th Street (2.0 miles)

Continue on W. 10th Street (1 mile)

Turn left onto N Raceway Road (0.2 miles)

Turn left onto Warrington Drive (0.1 mile)

Continue on Tansel Road (91 feet)

Arrive at 3201 Tansel Road.



# Seminar and Workshop selections

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(Professor and Program Director of Radiation Therapy Technology)

This presentation will focus on cancer facts and trends featuring the most common cancers, risks, causes, and ways of controlling them. New techniques and research will be discussed as well as patient sentiments. Don't miss this requested, repeated presentation.

**SEMINAR "8": CLUB TREASURERS (A.M.)**

Presenter - PDG Marty Juel  
This session will help treasurers understand their roles and responsibilities to their clubs, including some simple methods to track income and expenses that meet LCI standards and the importance for clubs to develop and monitor budgets to avoid a future financial crisis.

**SEMINAR "9": FISHING WITH THE RIGHT TACKLE: FUNDRAISING FOR BIGGER CLUB PROJECTS (A.M.)**

Presenter - PDG Charlie Short  
Lions Clubs are great at raising small amounts of money for things, but what happens when a project is bigger than your club's tools to fund it? Want to land gifts of \$10,000 or more? Join our seasoned team of seasoned fundraisers to learn how to match your club's fundraising "tackle" to the "fish" you want to catch! Get the lowdown on the newest gear, meet new fishing buddies, scout for good fishing holes, and how to land the really big ones with ease. Bring your fish stories, too! Prizes, games, and swag for all.

**SEMINAR "10": LEGACY CENTENNIAL PROJECTS (A.M.)**

Presenter - PDG Vern Tinch  
If your club needs an idea for a visible gift that commemorates the Centennial and creates a lasting legacy of your service contributions, then plan to attend this seminar. No idea is too large or too small. Bring your ideas and questions, and let's make sure everyone knows WE SERVE.

**SEMINAR "11": PROTOCOL: IT'S NOT THAT DIFFICULT (P.M.)**

Presenter - PID Linda Tinch and PDG Steve Winegardner  
Special events are fun, but if you are concerned about who to introduce first at your event, on which side of the podium to place the US flag, or even who should sit at the head table, then this is the seminar for you. Established protocol helps to alleviate these questions and make sure respect and tradition are honored.

**SEMINAR "12": DIABETES AWARENESS: THE TIME IS RIGHT; LIONS CAN HELP (A.M.)**

Presenter - Lion Chris Reinhold  
Diabetes could affect 100 million Americans in the next few years. Lions are well positioned in the fight to reduce that number. The key step is to identify who is at risk of diabetes. Learn the basics of diabetes and take away a number of tools that can be implemented at the Club and district level to aid in the fight against diabetes.

**SEMINAR "13": THE INS AND OUTS OF THE GLOBAL ACTION TEAM (A.M.)**

Presenter - PIP Wayne Madden  
We will discuss what the Global Action team concept is and what your Club can do to be involved.

**SEMINAR "14": GO GET THE MONEY: FINDING YOUR NICHE WILL MAKE RAISING FUNDS EASIER (P.M.)**

Presenter - PDG Frank Ruane  
No matter how small your Club, fundraising is possible for your community projects. Learn the techniques of asking and convincing donors their gifts matter.

**SEMINAR "15": IS YOUR CLUB PREPARED TO HELP IF A DISASTER HAPPENS IN YOUR COMMUNITY? (P.M.)**

Presenter - Lion Mike Imbler  
Learn how your Club can be prepared before a DISASTER might occur in your community. Learn what steps are required to help your community if a DISASTER happens. The most important step is being prepared before you need to be! Listen to a panel of Lions who have experienced disasters in their communities.

**SEMINAR "16": YOUR CLUB, YOUR WAY: SOME INNOVATIVE WAYS TO REENERGIZE CLUBS (A.M.)**

Presenter - PDG Dick Silveira  
In today's changing times and with the advent of technology, we need to look at some new ways to attract and keep members. While traditions are important, challenging traditional meetings and how decisions are made can reenergize the club to attract new members and keep the ones we have.

**SEMINAR "17": INVISIBILITY: A CAUSE AND A TREATMENT (P.M.)**

Presenter - Lion Ray Furner  
Hearing loss leads to social withdrawal. Captioned telephones allow better communication, which improves visibility.

**SEMINAR "18": MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK: WOMEN MEMBERS IN LIONS CLUBS (P.M.)**

Presenter - Lion Charlotte Query

History, ideas and ways for you and your Club members to work together with others in your community to provide "Service" for those in need will be presented.

**SEMINAR "19": EXPLORING THE LCI WEBSITE - IT IS YOUR FRIEND! (P.M.)**

Presenter - PCC Sue Topf  
Not just for Officers! All Lions Welcome! This session is an opportunity to learn more about the Lions Clubs International Website; how to enter activities, My LCI, Legal, new Programs and initiatives, and much more.

**SEMINAR "20": ALPHABET**

**SOUP - ARE YOU CONFUSED? (P.M.)**

Presenter - PDG Kathy Lozier  
Do the abbreviated titles of our Lions members have you scratching your head in confusion? Then join me for this seminar and I will try to clear away the fog. Also, share ideas to get new and non-active club members more involved with club activities.

**SEMINAR "21": YOUR RAP: THE LIONS READING ACTION PROGRAM (A.M.)**

Presenter - Lion Linda Madden  
Find out what is going on in Indiana with the Reading Action Program. Get information and ideas about developing a Reading Action Program project with your club.

**SEMINAR "22": CLUB SECRETARIES (A.M.)**

Presenter - PCC Jeff Schafer  
In this program you will learn about MyLCI reporting (MMRs & Activity Reports), meeting duties (before, during and after meeting), agenda and

minutes, and election reports.  
**SEMINAR "23": CHARITY GAMING AND YOU (A.M.)**

Presenter - Kim Barnett, Indiana Gaming Commission.  
This seminar will assist your Lions club conduct legal 50/50's, raffles and other charity games in the state of Indiana. What you don't know could cause your club some big problems if charity gaming rules aren't followed, so be safe and learn the rules.

**SEMINAR "24": MOVING FORWARD AFTER A TRAGEDY: RECOVERY EFFORTS AFTER THE 2-13-2008 SHOOTINGS AT NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY (A.M.)**

Presenter - Lion Scott Peska  
The speaker was tasked with directing an office of support and advocacy for the survivors and families of the victims. Learn about the heavy volunteer support he received and what many things community organizations, and Lions Clubs, can do when such events occur.

## REGISTRATION FORM

*(Each Attendee Must Complete a Separate Form)*

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATIONS: OCTOBER 20, 2016**

**EARLY BIRD PRE-REGISTRATION FROM SEPTEMBER 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

Lions - \$30.00    Lioness - \$30.00    Partner-in-Service - \$30.00    Leos - \$15.00  
Friday Night Dinner - \$15.00

**PRE-REGISTRATION FROM OCTOBER 1 TO OCTOBER 20, 2017**

Lions - \$35.00,    Lioness - \$35.00,    Partner-in-Service - \$35.00,    Leos - \$15.00  
Friday Night Dinner - \$15.00

**\*NO PRE-REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED POSTMARKED AFTER OCT. 20, 2017\***

Conference Registration(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Friday Night Dinner(s) \_\_\_\_\_ +Books @ \$8 \_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ON SITE REGISTRATION \$40.00**

**REGISTRATION PRICE INCLUDES THE 2017 COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIR CONFERENCE PIN, PROCEEDINGS CD, AND THE BUFFET LUNCH.**

☐ *Please add \$8.00 extra for Proceedings Book.)*

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

**PLEASE SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND CORRECT REMITTANCE TO:**

**Lion Katherine Holtzleiter, 108 Canterbury Court, Anderson, Indiana 46012**

**Make Checks Payable to: *Indiana Lions Conference***

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☐ **This is my first Mid-Winter Conference. I was encouraged to attend by \_\_\_\_\_.**

Review the Workshops and Seminars offered.

Please circle your selections below to help us plan sufficient handouts for all attendees.

**CIRCLE 1 WORKSHOP OR 2 SEMINARS (NOT IN THE SAME LINE) FOR BOTH MORNING AND AFTERNOON.**

**"MORNING"**

**WORKSHOP:** (9:45 A.M. – 11:45 P.M.) \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_

**"OR"**

**SEMINAR:** (9:45 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.) \_\_\_\_\_ 2    8    10    16    21    24

**"AND"**

**SEMINAR:** (11:00 A.M. -- 12:00 P.M.) \_\_\_\_\_ 5    9    12    13    22    23

**"AFTERNOON"**

**WORKSHOP:** (2:15 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.) \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_

**"OR"**

**SEMINAR:** (2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.) \_\_\_\_\_ 1    3    6    15    14    20

**"AND"**

**SEMINAR:** (3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.) \_\_\_\_\_ 4    7    11    17    18    19