



LAPORTE HIGH SCHOOL BAND

LaPorte High School Band to march with Indiana Lions in Chicago parade

The LaPorte High School Marching Band will join the Indiana Lions delegation on July 1 in the 10th Lions Clubs International Parade in Chicago.

The band is an eight-time Indiana state finalist and the 2014 Indiana Scholastic Class State Champions. The band has consistently received gold division ratings at all Indiana State School Music Association Marching Contests. The LPMB has also won many awards including being named invitational champion,

sweepstakes award winner, best music, best marching, best general effect, and best color guard at various contests in the Midwest. The band has been an Indiana state finalist, a finalist at Bands of America Regional Championship events, performed three times at the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Parade, twice at the Florida Citrus Bowl, and four times as a featured band at Disney World.

The band has also performed for the Indianapolis Colts and

many community events and has also been the recipient of the All-Music Award from the Indiana State School Music Association for outstanding performances at all ISSMA events every year since the award's inception.

The voluntary extra-curricular marching band consists of 95 members from the total band program at LaPorte High School. The LaPorte High School Marching Band is under the direction of Mickey Stisher. Assistant directors are Matt Sullivan, Megan Sullivan and Dan Klipper.

Experience the service together - A bright future

Lion Diane and I had the pleasure of attending some of our District Conventions over the past couple of weekends. Each of them was terrific and I would like to congratulate everyone for Lions jobs well done. A little G-2 for everyone, each of our visiting International Directors was very impressed with the extraordinary levels of service we Lions provide to our communities. Also the ID's, along with their spouses, mentioned to me that were warmly welcomed and frankly had a blast while they were here.

As the Conventions were going on, one couldn't help but to notice the comraderie and fellowship that filled the halls. People from all areas and walks of life gath-

ered together to serve their fellow man no matter what the task. Ordinary people dedicating their time and treasure towards making a positive difference in some-

so we can do even more.

In that light we are becoming more creative. Implementing an adapt and improvise approach to today's needs. I've seen more



Council Chairperson's Corner

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one's life they don't even know. When you think about it, we Lions are some of the most beautiful people on this planet. All 10,300 plus in Indiana and 1.4 million of us around the globe.

It's amazing, simply amazing and a lot of fun, too!

To put it in prospective, just imagine this world without the Lions. I don't know about you but I don't even want to consider that possibility do you?

I bring this up because we need to work together more now than ever to ensure that our organization continues to have a bright future. Yes, we need to continue to be proactive in building and remembering our Clubs. Identifying new service projects for all our Clubs is paramount. Our service projects are the life blood of each of our Clubs, not the fundraisers. We live to serve others and when we do we experience that warm sensation of "yes we together made a positive difference" it provides that essential fuel we all need

and more Clubs brainstorming new approaches to discover solutions for serving the needs of their communities. Taking innovative ideas from all club members and converting these ideas into action. These successes have breathed new life into many of our clubs. And when the project is complete, as PDG Marty Juel taught us, "Banner" your accomplishments! Celebrate your success and tell the world. Get the good word out their LIONS! Don't be shy about it either.

Supporting LCIF is another critical thing we all can do individually and or as a group. The funds we provide will not only help our mission of service around the world but in several recent instances have made an important contribution to our local communities hit by tornadoes right here in Indiana. LCIF also supports many of our local and District service projects as well. If you haven't contributed to LCIF yet please do it now, it's

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Convention agenda offers something for everyone

The 2017 Indiana Lions State Convention, in Evansville, April 28-30, offers something for everyone. International President Chancellor Bob Corlew and his wife, Dianne, will return to Indiana and he will be the key note speaker for the Saturday Night banquet. President Corlew will also participate in other Convention activities.

The Convention opens Friday morning with a State Council Meeting. Exhibits open at 9 a.m. and will close at 4:15 p.m. Exhibits will be in the Locas Room A Walkway Gathering Area.

At 9:30 a.m. there will be a Memorial Tree Planting, a 25-E Legacy Project, at Ford Center.

Golfers will tee off at 9:30 a.m.



INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT CHANCELLOR BOB CORLEW AND DIANNE

at the Fendrich Golf Course.

The Credential Committee will meet at 10 a.m. with registration opening at 11:30 a.m. and running until 5 p.m. Delegate certifica-

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Linda's Journal

By PID Linda Tinch

Are your reservations made? —

Evansville has a lot to offer Convention goers

The Indiana State Convention will soon be convening in Evansville the birthplace of the first President of Lions Clubs International, Dr. W. P. Woods. Our Convention means a time of reunion with old friends, and a time to move our state forward into the next 100 years of Lionism

District 25-E is proudly sponsoring this event, which will take us deep into southwestern Indiana. Evansville, the third largest city in Indiana, is located on the Ohio River. If you arrive a little early or stay over a day you might be interested in visiting the Mesker Park Zoo and Botanical Gardens. The 50-acre Zoo features 200 species and more than 700 animals roaming freely in natural habitats surrounded by exotic plants, wildflowers, and trees.

Another beautiful building you might want to explore is the Evansville Public Library located very near the Doubletree Hotel/convention center. The library is one of the largest in the state.

In addition, another fascinating venue is the Victorian Reitz Home, which features Second French architecture. If you enjoy museums, you might want to visit Angel Mounds, which features prehistoric native American Indian artifacts, the Children's museum and the Museum

of Arts and History. Evansville has a lot to offer visitors, but Lions are in for a real treat with the Friday night dinner aboard the USS LST325.

In 2005, the USS LST325 was turned into a museum and moored in Evansville to honor the city's World War II effort. During World War II, Evansville produced 167 LSTs making it the largest inland producer of LSTs in the nation. The USS LST325 is the last navigable tank landing ship in operation and this is where 300 Lions will be having dinner on Friday night!

President Robert Corlew and Lion Dianne will be returning to Indiana from a visit in Ireland and he will be our key note speaker on Saturday night. The goal is to have 600 Lions in attendance — that works out to about 75 Lions per district. So, get those registrations in and make our goal!

Our Indiana Lions Convention is a great time to renew friendships and learn about new Lion initiatives. MD 25 will also be endorsing a candidate for International Director to be considered for election at the Chicago International Convention. The candidates, 25-C PDG Nick Xinopoulos and 25-E PDG Mark Clark, are both truly qualified and dedicated Lions who will rep-

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We all need to be ‘asking’

By GOV. PATTY COOKE
Our District Convention has come and gone and it was a lot of work but a lot of fun! I cannot thank the team enough for all the effort that went into the event. Congratulations to our 25-A officers for 2017-18: DGE Lion Robin



WITH ID — DG Patty is shown with ID Howard Hudson.

Smith, First VDGE Dennis Brown and Second VDGE Mitch Semans! I know you will do a great job.

We all enjoyed our visitors from California, Lion ID Howard Hudson and his wife, Lion Lynn. ID Howard's message at the banquet was about 'asking'. His dad was a Kiwanian and ID Howard expected to follow in his footsteps. But they never asked him to join. He went to a restaurant where they were having a Lions meeting - and they asked him to join. He did and never regretted his choice.

We all need to be 'asking'. There are so many ways Lions serve. Think of all the lives we have affected in our first 100 years of service. We will soon begin our next 100 years and LCI has a set a goal of improving the lives of more than 200 million people

per year by 2021—tripling our humanitarian impact.

To do this we need to strengthen our Clubs. We had a presentation at the Convention about changing the Club membership dynamic. A few Clubs in 25-A have done this by adding multiple, younger members over the last year. These members are enthused and full of ideas. All you need to do is 'ask'. Once that first new member joins and becomes active in serving his/her community, they will 'ask' their friends to join.

Now we move forward to our State Convention in Evansville. There we will commemorate our first Lions President W.P. Woods with our current President Bob Corlew. We will celebrate the difference the Lions have made in the last 100 years in serving the people of the world. And we will eagerly look forward to our next 100 years of making a difference in more lives.



CLUBS JOIN FOR FUNDRAISER — Region 2 Clubs in 25-A performed a fundraiser early in March for "Project Lifesaver," a public safety program designed to protect and locate missing persons due to wandering. Lions spent two weekends at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, during the park's annual Maple Sugar Time, selling Pancake and Sausage meals. A total of \$1,884 was raised, to be split between existing "Lifesaver" operations in Lake and Porter counties. Photos show Lions Ken Laviolette from South Haven cooking sausages, left, and Jerry Ruge from Chestereton making pancakes.



POLAR PLUNGE — Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions Club held its second annual Polar Plunge at their community's Sandy Beach on March 4. There were five participants This raised money for the Club's Lions projects. From left are Al Wozniak, Dan Konshak, Sky Hall, Dawn Shepard and Jackie Katz.



PEACE POSTER WINNER — Peace Poster contest winner from 25-A is Miranda Cummings, a 12-year-old girl in seventh grade at Boston Middle School. She was sponsored by the LaPorte Lions Club. She is shown with Lion President Paul Marsh holding her winning poster, VDG Robin Smith, and Convention Chairman Lion Butch Weston.



BENCH DONATED — The St. John Lions Club donated a bench made from recycled plastic bottle caps to the "Fishing for Life" site in Westville. Shown are Lions from St. John, along with Region Chair Al Konieczka behind the bench. Seated on the bench are Westville Lions Rhonda and Butch Weston, hosts for the "Fishing for Life" weekend in June.

Ask One!

Convention agenda

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tion will take place between 12 and 5 p.m. Registration will be in the Events Plaza Main Entrance Lobby Area with certification in the Events Plaza Prefunction Area.
There is no Convention lunch on Friday.
Convention souvenir merchandise and the silent auction will be open from 1 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. in the Locus Room A Walkway Gathering area.
The tour of the LST 325 will take place between 3 and 4:45 p.m. Departure will be from the Double Tree Hotel Lobby.
The Friday night dinner will be from 5 until 7 p.m. aboard the LST 325 on the Ohio River. Entertainment by DSL.
Friday night's business session will be held in Locus Rooms A-F with the color guard being the Oakland City Boy Scout Troop

240. The session will begin at 8 p.m.
The hospitality room will open the the Double Tree Hotel Ballroom at 9:15 p.m and will close at 11 p.m.
Saturday, April 29
A breakfast buffet will be held from 6:30 until 8:30 a.m. in the Events Plaza Ballroom A.
Convention registration is from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.
District caucuses will be held from 8 a.m. until 8:45 a.m.
Delegate certification will open at 9 a.m. and last until 4 p.m. Certification will be closed for the awards luncheon and reopen after the luncheon.
The Past District Governor's meeting will begin at 9 a.m.
Those taking the Children's Museum Tour will meet in the Events Plaza Main Lobby at 9 a.m.
Exhibits, souvenir merchandise

and the silent auction will open at 9 a.m. and close at 4:15 p.m.
9 a.m. Seminars. See separate article for seminars being offered.
At 9:30 a.m. President Corlew will meet with the District Governors and District Leaders.
10:10 a.m. — The second session of seminars. See separate article
The awards luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. and close at 2 p.m. in Events Plaza Ballroom A. Entertainment will be by the Sleepy Hollow Dulcimer & Folk Group.
Those taking the Mesker Park Zoo trip will meet in the Events Plaza Main Lobby at 2:15 p.m.
General Business Session II will begin at 2:15 p.m. and close at 3:45 p.m.
The receiving line will open at 6 p.m. and last for 45 minutes. The All-State Banquet will begin at 7 p.m. The Evansville VFW Post

1114 will provide the color guard and entertainment will be provided by Wood Memorial High School Music Department. The hospitality room will open at 9:15 p.m.
Sunday, April 30
Sunday morning begins with voting from 7 until 10 a.m. in Walnut Room D & E.
The Memorial Service will be held from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. in Locus Room A - F.
The Awards/Key Member Brunch will be held in Events

Plaza Ballroom A beginning at 10:30 a.m. The brunch will end at noon with the third business session starting at 12:15 p.m.
The convention will end with a Council Meeting, DGE Meeting, VDGE Meeting and a Leadership Conference Meeting.
Registrations for convention meals will continue until April 20. The price increased April 1. Registration forms are available at the Indiana Lions website www.indianalions.org and www.Indianalionsconvention.org.

Evansville has

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resent us well on the International Board.
In addition, we will also be electing someone to the International Convention Committee.

As of this writing, the only candidate is 25-C PDG Richard McKellar. Good luck to everyone! Make your plans to attend the MD 25 State Convention and have some fun!



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District Convention brings a great time

By GOV. AL ARNOLD

District Convention in 25-B has come and gone but what a great time. ID Jerome Thompson was really fantastic as he not only gave us an inspiring speech, but also led one of our workshops.

Thanks are also extended to PDG Charlie Short and PDG Charles Roth as they came and led a workshop on vision screening. Our District will be getting involved with that during the next school year.

Also thanks to all who attended to make the day truly a success. One other interesting thing that happened at the Convention, since we did not have a Second VDG this year, and no one had agreed to run for First VDG, we took nominations from the floor and DG Al Arnold was nominated for First VDG. DG Al's theme this year was "Step Up to the Plate" so here is practicing what you preach. The other two leadership roles are being filled by DGE Roger Cash and Second VDG Terry Marker. Lion Terry served as Zone Chair this past year and we thank him for his stepping up and serving his District.



SECOND VDG TERRY MARKER

Second Vice District Governor

So that everyone in our District and those others around the state can know more about Second VDG Terry, the following is a short bio written by him.

Hello to the Lions Indiana and District 25-B. My name is Terry L. Marker and I am your newly elected Second VDG of District 25-B. I am a member of the Albion Lions Club of District 25 B, and

have previously been a member of the Worthington Lions Club of 25-E, and prior to that the Silver Lake Lions Club in District 25-G.

I started my Lions journey so many years ago I can't remember the exact date. It was in the late '60s or early '70s with the Albion Lions Club. In the early '80s my wife and I had bought a business that consumed our lives and I dropped out of the Albion Lions Club.

In 1992 my life took an entirely different direction and I entered college to earn a degree in Pastoral Ministry and became a minister in the United Methodist Church where I served Churches all over Indiana.

That is how I came to be a member of the Silver Lake Lions Club. I was moved from Silver Lake to Worthington where I became a member of the Worthington Lions Club and on retirement I moved back to the Albion area where I am currently a member of the Albion Lions Club.

My wife, Nikki, and I have been married for 52 years and have three children, Keith, Shawn and Lynn, and eight grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

I grew up in Decatur and graduated from Monmouth High School. After graduation I joined the United States Air Force and served from 1962 to 1966. After the Air Force my wife and I moved back to her home town where went to work in a family Meat Locker plant. I worked there for 30 years, we owned it for 16 years.

I have held the positions of Second VP, First VP, President and Board member numerous times. I have also been a tail twister. Currently I am a board member in the local Club, and Zone Chair for Zone C of District 25-B and now the newly elected Second VDG for 2017-18. I have enjoyed being a Lions member and being involved in serving the local community and the world through the Lions. I pray as I "Step up to the plate," that I can meet your expectations.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the State Convention.

YARN BOMBING

The Hamilton Garden Club in Hamilton participate with the communities of Angola, Fremont and Auburn decorating their communities for the month of February to brighten up the communities. Yarn bombing is an urban fiber art form. The trees are decorated with mittens, gloves, hats and scarves. This is the tree sponsored by the Hamilton Lions Club.



EYEGLASS RECYCLING — There was total of 41 Lions, representing 12 different clubs, participating in the Land of Lakes Lions Club eyeglasses recycling event. They recycled a total of 8,500 pairs of glasses, 88 hearing aids, 30 cell phones and 24 contact lenses.



CERTIFICATE — Lion Ron Lytle is shown receiving the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation from ID Jerome Thompson and PID Dave Fiandt.



W. P. WOODS FELLOW — DG Al is shown presenting a W. P. Woods Fellowship to ID Jerome as DGE Roger Cash looks on.



SCHOLARSHIP — At the Speech and Hearing Luncheon DG Al Arnold is shown with Kailyn Haverstock, a student at Purdue from 25-B. She received a scholarship for being the Outstanding Student for Speech Pathology.

Convention seminars

Following is a list of seminars to be presented Saturday morning at the State Convention. Sessions 1 begin at 9 a.m. and Sessions 2 begins at 10:10 a.m.

Session 1

Lion Paul Fugate: Millennials and a New Century of Service
DGE Tom Polk: The Power of PR

PDG Dan Wilcox: Participation in the 100th LCI Convention - Chicago

Session 2

Susie Tittle: Legacy of Dr. W.P. Woods

Lion Cary Green and Lion Chris Gentry: Tips for Starting and Leading an Impactful Leo Club

DGE Tom Polk: Continuing the Power of PR

Lion Maria Walker: Cancer - Knowledge Really is Power

PDG Gary Ochs: Why is LCIF so Important to a Lions Club?

Lion Tim Fischer: Vision First - Indiana Lions Eye Bank

With the possibility of four more seminars in the works, there will be lots of information to choose from to take back to your Districts and your Clubs.

**Are Your
Convention
Reservations
Made?**

Vision for the Future

Volunteers are who we are.
Ingenuity in providing service is what we do.
Sincerity is what makes Lions great.
Integrity proves we care.
Opportunities are what we seek.
Needed Services are what we provide.

I ask for your SUPPORT and VOTE at the Multiple District Convention in Evansville, April 28-30, 2017.

Thank You, PDG Mark D. Clark



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Pride in the 25-C Pride

By GOV. ROSS DRAPALIK

When the 2017 District 25-C Convention was scheduled for March 11, 2017, way back in February 2015, I decided that we were going to push it back a couple of weeks and into March rather than February. March just sounded "warmer" than February.

Well, wouldn't you know it, just a week before the Convention at Turkey Run State Park, the weather forecast was quite daunting with predictions of 8-10 inches of heavy, wet snow to arrive just in time for the opening session.

Good fortune was definitely with us though as the Convention went off without a hitch under sunny skies and seasonable mild temperatures as we welcomed International Director Bill Phillipi and Lion Vickie of Marysville, Kan., to Indiana and shared some old-fashioned Hoosier hospitality with them.

The Convention weekend started off in Indianapolis with tours of the Indiana State Police Museum and a tour of the famed 2 1/2 mile oval known as the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the kissing of the bricks on the start/finish line. Thanks to PDG Bill Uhrig for coming to the museum on his day off to give us a personal tour of the track and museum.

Friday night was capped off with an Italian night dinner hosted by the Clinton Lions Club. Following dinner, ID Bill (a former

Kansas Highway Patrol officer) was outfitted for duty with a badge, a gun, a hat and even a patrol car after which the District 25-C troop performed a skit to the tune of "Highway Patrol" by Junior Brown. Although we're not sure how road ready the squad car was, ID Bill was a real sport throughout.

The convention itself was more of a celebration including: a celebration of service as we remembered our fallen Lions; a celebration of the MD-25 Peace Poster winner, the MD-25 Environmental Photo winner and the MD-25 International Pin Design winner; and a celebration of Lion Shelia Eversole (Young America Lions Club), Lion Paul Morrison (Brownsburg Lions Club), Cabinet Treasurer Karen McKellar (Zionsville Lions Club) and Lion Dave Rolloff (Martinsville Noon Lions Club), each being presented with a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation by ID Bill.

Congratulations to District Governor-Elect Chloe Weyrauch and First Vice District Governor Doug Eversole for moving up one more rung on the ladder for next year. AND our own Past District Governor Nick Xinopoulos for his endorsement for International Director and IPDG Richard McKellar for his endorsement for the MD-25 International Convention Committee.

Many heartfelt thanks to all who helped with and participated with the planning of the Convention and especially all of the District 25-C Lions who traveled the great distance to take the Convention back to the southwest corner of the District.

With just a little over two months left to go this year, the push will be on to continue with 100 percent MMR and SAR reporting, getting all 57 clubs qualified for two-gem Centennial Service Challenge Award (or higher), reaching our 100 percent LCIF Club participation, and pushing towards increasing our Pride. There is pride in the 25-C Pride

LEBANON'S LEGACY PROJECT — As Lions International celebrates 100 years of service to communities around the world, the Lebanon Lions Club chose the Lebanon Little League as their Centennial Legacy Project. Lion President Dan Fleming, left, presented a check for \$10,000 to Chip Hunter, president of the Little League at a recent Lions meeting. The funds will be used to pave the parking lot and paths between fields, help purchase new bleachers and sponsor the Lions Little League team. Lions have been a LL team sponsor since the League started in 1949.



PATROL CAR —International Director Bill Phillipi (a former Kansas Highway Patrol Officer) in his District 25-C highway patrol car.

HELPING THE HEARING IMPAIRED — The Hearing Lions set out to Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico on Feb. 19 to help the hearing impaired. Volunteers from Indiana included Lions Duane and Kathy Wass, Hearing instrument Specialists and members of the Bainbridge Lions Club; and Specialist Lion John Pickett a member of the Speedway Lions Club. Other volunteer specialists and audiologists came from Washington, Texas, Kentucky, and Utah. The Mexico Lions National Speech & Hearing Chairman, with his wife and son (all three members of a local Lions Club) met the volunteers at the airport. Other local Lions assisted with this mission. About 200 people were helped during the week, with about 400 hearing aids. NOTE: District 25C was happy to obtain a LCIF matching grant for \$10,000 to assist with this project - an example of what your contribution to LCIF can do. For more information about The Hearing Lions, contact Lion Duane Wass, (765) 386-6457 or dlwass@aol.com. Shown, Lion John Pickett gets a thumbs up from a happy lady!



MJF— Charter Member Roger Beckner was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship by President Norm Beck of the Flora Lions Club. President Norm received an International President's Certificate of Appreciation, the fourth highest award that a Lion can receive. Shown, from left, are PID Linda Tinchler, President Norm, Lion Roger and DG Ross Drapalik. Lion Norm was the Club's Charter President and is the Club's 50-year Anniversary President.

VISION SREENING — With the assistance of Cabinet Secretary Gretchen Xinopoulos of the Brownsburg Lions Club, members of the Plainfield Lions Club conducted vision screenings at the Little Quakers Academy Preschool in Plainfield on March 7-8. A total of 58 children were screened with three referrals. Lion Tom Isles shows a child that the camera is "friendly."



Recycle Your Used Eyeglasses



Experience the

(Continued from page 1) the increase teamwork and support we Lions have been providing to each other. Where there's a need there's a Lion and that has been certainly true this year as well with all that we together

PDG Nick Xinopoulos

for International Director

- Past District Governor 2009-10
- International Convention Committee 2011-14
- State Convention Committee 2014
- International Understanding Committee
- Indiana Lions Eye Bank Inc. Chairman
- Operation KidSight / School Age Vision Screener
- Mexico Eyeglass Mission Team
- Indiana State Fair Volunteer

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have been working on and accomplishing. Weather it's been two Lions, two Clubs, two Districts, or the entire state. Indiana Lions are pulling their resources together to accomplish service projects not thought possible just a short time ago. We are known for our ability to step up to the plate, lead the way and get the job done. Once again, it's imperative through growth in leadership and membership that this ability not only be maintained but enhanced for the sake of those we will serve in the future.

On another topic, Lions, want to have some fun and fellowship? Let's get together at our State Convention in Evansville. This is going to be a very special time for the Lions of Indiana as we celebrate our 100th year of service. International President Chancellor Bob Corlew and his wife Lion Dianne will be our very special guests.

This year's schedule has something for everyone. If you haven't made your reservation there's still time. Please "getter done." We all want to support our Convention committee members who have worked very hard to put this wonderful event together. We are really looking forward to seeing everyone there. You can count on having a great time.

As you can see, we the Lions of Indiana accomplish amazing things together. Yes, we also have challenges before us as well. That's ok. Our proven ability to step up and meet these challenges is a point of pride for us. Through hard work and dedication our future will continue to be bright as we experience the service together.

Thank you for everything that you do and keep up the great work everyone.



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Convention held in Muncie

By GOV. STEVE
HOLTZLEITER

Greetings from 25-D. We are still busy crisscrossing the nine counties visiting the 48 Clubs of the District.

We held our District Convention on Saturday, March 18, in the beautiful Minnestrista Cultural Center in Muncie, in conjunction with our District Centennial His-

tory Display in an adjoining gallery. We conducted a well-received Leadership Workshop during the Convention with the valuable input of our visiting International Director Bob and Lion Michelle Libin from New York.

Congratulations to District Governor-Elect Cindy Wright from the Upland Lions Club,

First Vice District Governor-Elect Isabel Atchison from the Marion Lions Club and to the elected trustees.

Even though we had a great Convention, the Convention had to be recessed until it was reconvened two weeks later at another location in order to get the required five remaining votes to elect our District officers and trustees.

How important is it to attend your District Convention? The answer is that it is very important! It is as important as attending your State Convention, I hope to see many Lions in Evansville this month and in Chicago.

ID BOB LIBIN AND
LION MICHELLE



HAPPY 99TH — Pendleton Lions celebrated Lion Joe Kinnard's 99th Birthday on March 14.



KYACK DONATED — Sweetser Lions Club recently donated a kayak to Boy Scout Troop No. 433 (Mt. Olive). The troop lost its canoes and kayaks in a tornado a few years ago.



CERTIFICATE —Anderson Noon Lion Larry Coats was presented a President's Certificate of Appreciation at the District Convention.

KIDSIGHT — KidSight Sheila Christoff showing perspective member Linda Courtier how to screen eyes as Lion Dick Creger looks on.



W. P. WOODS FELLOWSHIP — District Governor Steve Holtzleiter presents a W. P. Woods Fellowship to ID Bob Libin as Lion Michelle looks on.



ID AND MENTOR — ID Bob Libin is shown with his mentor PID Joe Marcheggiani. In the background are Lion Katherine and DG Steve Holtzleiter.



DG PRESENTS PINS — DG Steve Holtzleiter gives pins to Lapel President Rick Coleman, left, and Pendleton President Jeff Cash during joint meeting on March 14.

Nick's Key Words

Article submitted by "The Friends of PDG Nick Xinopoulos for International Director"

When we think of PDG Nick Xinopoulos certain "Key Words" come to mind.

INITIATIVE; COMPASSION; COMMUNICATION; LEADERSHIP; PATRIOTISM AND INTEGRITY.

INITIATIVE: Most of you have known PDG Nick for quite some time now. We know that he grew up in a small village in Greece and was on the receiving end of government assistance. He knew that there was no way that he could better himself in his poor village and decided to immigrate to the United States of America. Once here he knew he had to learn to communicate with others so he attended night school. Many late nights he

found himself walking seven miles to get home after staying after class if he didn't understand the evening lesson. It didn't take him long to work his way from a clothing store tailor to store manager. After 10 years in the clothing business he started working at General Motors and worked his way from a sewing machine repairman retiring 30 years later as the most successful manufacturing manager at Rolls Royce, Inc.

COMPASSION: PDG Nick joined the Brownsburg Lions Club in 1990. He has served his Cub in all leadership roles and is an active member of the Board. Nick and his Partner-in-Service Lion Gretchen (who has been a Club secretary for eight years and Cabinet Secretary for five years) are the Club Vision Screening Coordinators for both school age children and the Operation KidSight program. PDG Nick has just returned

from his fourth Eyeglass Mission in Mexico and he has visited a hospital in Delhi, India on behalf of the Indiana Lions Eye Bank to follow-up on corneal transplant procedures. Both PDG Nick and Lion Gretchen have **COMPASSION** for better vision for others.

LEADERSHIP: Not only has Nick served at the Club level but he was the 25-C District Governor for the year 2009-10. He has also been on the Board of Directors for the Indiana Lions Eye Bank Inc. since 2003 and is now serving his second year as Chairman of the Board. During his first year as Chairman of the Board he initiated the move of the Operation KidSight program from the Eye Bank to the Indiana Lions State Office. Not only did this generate \$600 each month to the Indiana Lions Foundation but it also made the KidSight office more accessible to ALL Lions of Indiana.

PDG Nick has been a member of the Indiana Lions International Convention Committee (three-year term) and has also served on the Indiana Lions International Understanding Committee. He also supports the Indiana Lions Foundation by working shifts at the Indiana State Fair and many years he has been known to work extra shifts as they are needed.

COMMUNICATION: He has been personally invited by four International Presidents to work on the International Convention Credentials Committee where he has been able to use his multi-lingual skills to help make the registration of Club delegates a smoother process. (We note here that while PDG Nick is working, Lion Gretchen attends the Plenary Sessions with the Indiana Lions.) PDG Nick believes that any question asked gets an answer in a timely manner. Many of you can attest to this.

INTEGRITY: PDG Nick is an outstanding and well-respected member of the community who works hard to make sure the Brownsburg Lions Club and Lions Clubs International are well respected.

COMMITMENT: PDG Nick has been known to gather "Keys for Cancer" from the community hardware stores even though he is not a trustee for the Cancer Control project. He also supports the ISBVI by riding a tri-cycle in the annual "Brian's Trike Race." If he hears of a club that needs volunteers and he is available, he will be there to help. If you haven't seen his brochure, please read through it to see his accomplishments.

PDG Nick and Lion Gretchen Xinopoulos are committed to the ideals of Lions Clubs International and would like to be your representatives "Working Together for a Better Tomorrow."

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Convention Committee has worked hard

By GOV TREA McCANDLESS

Can you believe that it's April? The State Convention is only a few weeks away. We are working hard to make this a fun filled, informational and special birthday celebration. A birthday of 100

years only comes around once, so we need to make the most of it. There are several things planned for this year's convention. On Friday, we start with our meetings. If you are interested in ships or World War II, you might be interested in going

on the tour of the LST 325. Friday night there is a dinner on the LST 325. Be sure and get your reservations in.

Saturday starts with caucus meetings be sure and go to your District's. There is a tour to the children's museum. I'm sure you will enjoy it whether you're a child or adult. There are several seminar sessions. "Millennials & New Century of Service" by Paul Fugate is one. I feel this is one we all need to go to. Our Clubs could benefit from this session. "The Legacy of Dr. W.P. Woods" I think is going to be an enjoyable session to go to. Learning about one of our forefather's life.

Don't forget about the awards luncheon, then what about a trip to the zoo. I would love to go but I don't think the other Governors would appreciate me missing the general session. Of course, on Saturday night is always the All-State Banquet. Don't forget the hospitality rooms.

Sunday is voting and the Memorial Service to remember those Lions who have finished their race and gone home to their reward. The awards/key member brunch before the last general session. Then more meetings.

I know the State Convention Committee has worked hard to make this a successful convention. I want to thank everyone who has worked tirelessly on this Convention. I want to thank PCC Sue Topf, IPID Linda Tinch, PDG Vern Tinch for coming to our meetings when they could. You have been a lot of help. There are many details to cover to make a convention a success. We have all worked together for the good of Lionism. I hope the Lions who come appreciate the work everyone has done and has a wonderful time at the 2016-17 Indiana State Convention.

Oh, don't forget to buy the souvenir merchandise. We have shirts, mugs, Lions, and hats. I personally like the singing Happy Birthday Lion.

Again, a Giant Thank You to All.

TIT FOR TAT — French Lick-West Baden Lion Roy Don Love, left, received a 35-year Monarch award from PDG Bill Willis, club President. It was President Roy on who presented PDG Bill with his new Lions pin 34 years ago when PDG Bill joined the club in 1983. (Photo by LionRuby Hinkle)



W. P. WOODS — ID Richard Liebno, with DG Trea, is receiving his WP Woods Centennial Award.



MASTER KEY — Past District Governor Eric Ahlbrand receives the Master Key award for growing the Evansville East Side Club. Presenting the pin is President Laci Benson.



CHECKS PRESENTED — At the 25-E District Convention checks were presented by PDG Frank Ruane on behalf of Seymour Noon Lions Club. PDG Frank is at the microphone. Standing, from left, are PCC Jeff Schafer, Law Camp; PDG John Wilcox, Leader Dog; DG Elect Keith Thomas, Eye Bank; Lion Sam Hopper, ISBVI; PDG Paul Schoonmaker, Speech and Hearing; First VDG-Elect Ron Edwards, LCIF; PDG Bill Willis, Cancer Control; PDG Herb Stevens, Indiana Lions Foundation. Donations for the Projects, Foundation, Law Camp and LCIF amounted to \$5,500.

PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATE — Lion Erica Thomas was presented the Presidential Certificate of Achievement by ID Richard Liebno during the District Convention.



CERTIFICATE — ID Richard Liebno presented PDG Gary Ochs the Presidential Certificate of Achievement during the convention.



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Fabulous F

BY GOV. STEVE
WINEGARDNER

The past two months have been a flurry of activity in "Fabulous F" filled with Lions Clubs Official Visits, District Convention, joint Zone Meetings and attending Lions Clubs fundraising activities. February and March saw our team make 21 Official Visits to Lions Clubs along with a joint Zone Meeting not to mention a pancake breakfast and fish fry or two. Glad I didn't have anything else planned. I want to thank all Vice Governors and Past District Governors who helped make the Official Visits. Without them this aggressive schedule would have not been possible. Along the way, several new members were inducted into local Lions Clubs.

Visitations are always enjoyable because it allows a connection to the local Lions Club to learn about all the excellent work they do in their community. Believe me there is plenty of community support being offered at the local Lions Club level. Each local Lions Club has its own niche for community support and work very hard to earn funds to support that cause. During our Official Visits, we also take the opportunity to educate fellow Lions about different opportunities that are taking place at the District and State level. Some Lions are not aware that we as Lions have programs and projects at the District and State level to serve people less fortunate than ourselves.

During this busy time, District 25-F also held its annual District Convention hosted by the Richmond Lions Club. What a fabulous job Chairperson Lion Idris Smith, President Don Bates and the Richmond Lions did with this assignment. We were honored to have International Director Melvyn Bray as our keynote speaker and enjoyed spending the weekend with him. It was an immense pleasure to showcase the State and District Projects to

ID Bray and his wife, Ginny, while visiting Camp Woodsmoke. He was very impressed by the excellent work Lions in District 25-F and Indiana do to support these projects and aid their communities. Thanks to all trustees who presented their projects and programs along with all 89 Lions representing 26 Lions Clubs who took time from their busy week-end to attend this Convention.

At this District 25-F Convention over \$30,000 was donated to State Projects, State Committees and District Programs. The Lions of District 25-F make me very proud to represent them.

As part of the District F Convention, elections were held and new officers and project trustees were elected. Congratulations to these fine Lions for stepping up to provide leadership to District 25-F. Election results are: DGE Melissa Baker, First VGE Ron Bigham, Second VGE Don Mullen, State Project Trustees - Cancer Control, Beverly Combs - Eye Bank, Mike Crull - Leader Dog, Jill Moore - Speech & Hearing, DGE Melissa Baker - ISB&VI, Linda Scott. In addition, Indiana Lions Foundation trustee PDG John Scott was elected. Congratulations and good luck to these new officers and trustees as I am confident they will represent the Lions of District 25-F well next year.

Speaking of elections, it's time for your local Lions Club to elect new officers to lead through the next Lions year. As those elections are completed it is important for your Lions Club Secretary to report these new officers to LCI. This information needs to include a current address, telephone number and email address as this becomes the preferred mode of correspondence from LCI to your local Lions Club. It is also helpful to our District Directory organizer, Denise Salsbery, as she formats the new directory.

By the time you get this issue, the Indiana Lions State Convention in Evansville will be upon us. I hope you have made plans to attend as it promises to be a Convention filled with opportunities to enhance your Lion's knowledge as we begin planning for the next Lions year. If you have not made those plans it is not too late, simply visit indianalionsconvention.org to register. It promises to be an exciting Convention. Hope to see you in Evansville.

There are two months remaining in this Lions Year. Let's end the year with a big push to accomplish some of the goals you set for yourself or your Lions Club this year. What you didn't set a single goal? Then let me suggest one or two. How about adding a new member to your Lions Club as membership is the key to our continued success? Or maybe your Lions Club would consider participating in the Centennial Service Challenge by offering community service toward one of the four emphasized areas, Engaging Our Youth, Protecting the Environment, Sharing the Vision or Relieving the Hungry. If you have not made plans to participate in the Centennial Community Legacy Projects, now would be an exciting time to embrace that activity by participating at one of the three levels. You can get started by visiting the lionclubs.org and typing your area of interest in the search box. Good luck, remember the hardest step is the first.

It is never too late to make plans to attend the Lions Club International Convention being held this year in Chicago from June 30 to July 4. At this Convention Melissa Baker will become your new District Governor. Remember, if you can only go for one day Saturday, July 1, should be that date, because it is the day of the International Parade and Show

BANNER PATCH —
Lion Alescia Johnson of the Southport Lions Club accepts the Centennial Service Challenge banner patch for her Club.



PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATE —
Lion Patricia Henninger of the Washington Township Lions Club accepts an International President's Certificate of Appreciation from International Director Melvyn Bray.



ANOTHER CERTIFICATE —
Lion Mike Bender of the Bright Lions Club accepts an International President's Certificate of Appreciation from International Director Melvyn Bray.



THIRD CERTIFICATE —
Lion Idris Smith of the Richmond Lions Club accepts an International President's Certificate of Appreciation from International Director Melvyn Bray.



MIYAMOTO AWARD —
Lion Ginny Bray accepts a Dr. Richard T. Miyamoto Fellowship from DG Stephen Winegardner on behalf of the Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing Project.



**We'll See You At
The Convention!**

Melvin Jones Fellowships to be presented

PDG GARY OCHS
Indiana LCIF Multiple
District 25 Coordinator

Just days from now, we will celebrate this year's Indiana Lions State Convention. During the Convention, April 28 - 30, Lions Clubs International President Chancellor Robert E. Corlew and his wife Diane will be attending. All Indiana Lions eligible to receive their Melvin Jones Fellowship Honor could receive them from the President during the Saturday noon luncheon. Plan now to surprise someone! Your Club could recognize and honor more than one outstanding Lion that afternoon. Deadline to enter April 21.

In order for something like this to happen everyone needs to plan ahead.

SPECIAL NOTICE: RECEIVE YOUR MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP HONORS AT THE STATE CONVENTION THIS YEAR

Any Indiana Lions Club or person who would like to have their Melvin Jones Fellowship presented during the Indiana Lions State Convention on Saturday, April 29, in Evansville, should plan for it now. Everyone will have this unique opportunity in that it will be presented by Lions Clubs International President Chancellor Robert E. Corlew and PIP Wayne Madden. What makes this a unique opportunity is because of three reasons. First, your MJF plaque with pin will be presented by the International President Chancellor Robert E. Corlew; Second, PIP Wayne Madden will be there to assist; and third, this will be a great photo opportunity for you and your Lions Club. Deadline to enter April 21.

Even if you do not have the actual MJF plaque during the Indiana Lions State Convention, we will make the presentation using a "sample" MJF plaque and then you will receive your official plaque later.

Please contact PDG Gary Ochs, Indiana LCIF Multiple District 25 Coordinator by Friday April 21st, 2017 at gochs@lions.org or 812-275-7241.

PDG notes

PDG Roger Etzler dies

PDG Roger Etzler, 82, Angola, (25-B 2004-05) passed away April 4. He was a 49-year member of the Land of Lakes Lions Club. He was the chair of the dictionaries for third grade students in the Steuben County Schools.



PDF ROGER
ETZLER

He was born June 11, 1934, in Fort Wayne and graduated from South Side High School. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Ball State University in Industrial Educa-

tion. He was a teacher for 34 years.

He married Shirley L. Bender on Aug. 20, 1955. She survives along with son Kris and daughters Kim (Ron) Hogan of Angola and Kelli (Ricardo) Rhoads of Surprise, Ariz; a brother, Richard, of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont on April 10.

Memorials may be made to the Visiting Nurse and Home Hospice of Fort Wayne, the Indiana Lions Eye Bank or Peace Lutheran Church.

**Does Your Club Have
A Legacy Project?**



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We are all looking for answers

By GOV. PEG VANNEVEL

Throughout all my visits to District 25-G Lions Clubs, there has been a consistent theme of concern: Membership. We've had some very detailed and informative discussions and I believe it helps everyone to realize that we are ALL looking for that same answer. How do we increase membership numbers? First and foremost...HAVE YOU ASKED anyone recently?

Consider talking to friends and family within these companies:

Postmaster, local bank representatives, insurance agents, realtors, Auto Repair Shops, Restaurants, School Nurses, School Administrators, PTA, Boy Scout leaders, veterans

Veterans get free membership through 2018 - ASK A VET!

Are new members given the opportunity to share their talents?

Don't wait to get new members involved! Let them lead the way on new ideas. What "didn't work 20 years ago" JUST MIGHT now, with social media helping to advertise.

Have you contacted members who haven't been attending recently?

Sometimes, it just takes someone to ask them to come back! Retention is our BEST source of keeping member numbers high. Look through your lists!

Suggested by ID Lewis Quinn at our District Convention:

Specialty Clubs - 4x4, Dirt Bike, Snowmobile, Future Farmers of America, city festival committees

These groups can operate special competitions or festivals, raise money for service projects and take advantage of the liability insurance offered through LCI that THEY cannot afford on their own.

Can be operated as a Branch Club of YOUR OWN Club with as few as five members.

Your Club can help THEIR events and service projects, and they can help YOUR events and service projects!

Now...let's talk about some FUN activities coming up. I've talked to many Cubs, asking them to attend our final District Meeting on May 20 in Claypool! The more ideas that can be shared, the more energy District 25-G can generate, and I'm not talking about ethanol from the corn fields!

Claypool has an incredible park and pavilion just outside its clubhouse, and weather permitting, we're going to have some fun doing team-building exercises with a Scavenger Hunt!

Working together, learning best practices...it's what District 25-G does! Come join the fun and be part of the fellowship. Enjoy a great catered meal including chicken, ham, scalloped potatoes, the infamous Lions green beans, rolls, lemonade, and coffee for just \$11. You can send your reservations to:

RVSP to Ann Haffner -
ann_haffner@yahoo.com
574-457-6118

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Syracuse, IN 46567

Our District has done a phenomenal job of continuity for the last few years, with District-wide teamwork and planning. This past year has flown by and I have become much more aware of the challenges each of our Clubs are facing, and am looking forward to our official Centennial year. With DGE Tom Polk ready to lead our District with exciting ideas for membership and service projects, it's a great time to be a LION!

Where There's a Need,
There's a LION!

GOVERNOR-ELECT TOM POLK AND LION KIM



FIRST VDG-ELECT JAMES REEVE AND LION SHERI



SECOND VDG-ELECT MARY REED KLEMPAY



PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATE — PDG Marty Juel, who spends many hours each year working with recycling eyeglasses and then heading eyeglass missions to Mexico, received an International President's Certificate of Appreciation at the District Convention. Shown from left are DG Peg, Juel and the Quinns.



INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATE — Richard Sisk, President of the Warsaw Lions Club, received one of two International President's Certificates of Appreciation presented at the District Convention. Shown, from left, are DG Peg VanNevel, Sisk, ID Lewis Quinn and Gayle Quinn.

BRISTOL OFFICERS — Shown are officers of the newly reorganized Bristol Lions Club. From left are Charise Markin, Treasurer; Mike Long, Director; Dan Watson, President; Ben Evans, Vice President; and Jessica Watson, Secretary.

NEW MEMBER — District Governor Peg VanNevel is shown installing a new member into the Wakarusa Lions Club. On the left is Lion Linda Wise, sponsor, and in the center is new member Jamie Wise.



FLOWERS FOR NEW MEMBERS — The Dunlap Lions Club is proud to introduce its newest members, Lion Rob Zook, second from left, sponsored by Lion John Preheim; and Lion Andrea Cramer, second from right, sponsored by Lion Beth Krehn.

Lion Kori Fortunato handcrafted the flowers for each of the new members and for Lion MacKenzie Colglazier, a new member in July. The Club hopes that these Membership Bouquet will multiply this year with many more flowers. The vase of flowers will adorn the membership table at each meeting and the flowers will be given to the Club's new members at the Spring Fling at the end of the Lions year.



New fundraising project for Clubs

By PCC REED FISH

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway has offered our membership the opportunity to be ticket sellers for the Indianapolis Grand Prix and Indy 500 races. This is a great way your Club can find a new revenue stream -

especially if there are limited options in your area.

Since this is a direct contract with the IMS, the money paid by them to the Club can either be put into the Activities fund or the Administrative account. This option is up to the Club.

Funds can go towards projects or help reduce dues.

Signing up is easy - enter in the following link to see what shifts are available and then reserve yours. Currently just the Grand Prix is open for registration - the 500 will be available soon.
www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4ea5a92aaafe3

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For additional details, contact Speedway Lions Reed Fish at Rfish@amfam.com <mailto:Rfish@amfam.com> (317) 501-0535 or Jeff Berghoff at jberghoff62@icloud.com.

LCIF needs help with Measles Initiative

By PDG GARY OCHS
Indiana Lions Multiple District 25 Coordinator

LCIF is asking for your help as we highlight one of its most significant programs, our Lions Measles Initiative. With just four months left to fulfill our pledge to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, LCIF needs

your help today. The foundation is committed to raising \$7 million more to provide measles vaccinations for vulnerable children around the world. With your support, we will be closer to funding our commitment and many young people will be protected from this terrible disease.

I hope you will consider a gift to the One Shot, One Life Lions Measles Initiative. Together, we can save lives, one shot at a time.



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