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President Preston to be keynote speaker

Lions Clubs International President Joseph "Joe" Preston of Dewey, Ariz., will be the keynote speaker at this year's Indiana Lions State Convention. The Convention will be held in Columbus, April 24-26

You've met him, or at least a Lion like him. Certainly, you don't become an International President by being an ordinary Joe. But the contours of his life are routine and familiar. He's temporarily retired from the automotive industry but served as the fleet manager for Sanderson Ford Dealership, the largest Ford dealer in Arizona. He was consistently recognized by Fort Motor Company for excellence in customer satisfaction, sales and product knowledge.

He and his wife, Joni, have three grown children, all of whom fondly recall idyllic family times including vacations in San Diego and fall Saturdays in the football stadium at Arizona State enthusiastically cheering on their beloved Sun Devils. They have seven grandchildren under the age of 7, all boys.

Lions in Arizona first met Preston in 1974 when he joined the Mesa Host Lions. He was 21. A work colleague invited him to the meeting. Preston never left.

"It was amazing - you'd go out and work on their service projects and there'd be somebody that was 80 loading bags of newspapers into the bin and helping to recycle. It was pretty hard to say you weren't going to do your share of the work when they're working like that.

As a young Lion, Preston found himself working with youth. He did eye screenings and promoted

reading. His willingness to step forward cemented his status as a Lion and presented him with his "day I became a Lion" revelation. He volunteered to drive blind people 20 miles to a blind center in Phoenix. The blind he drove bubbled over with anticipation at seeing their friends. The realization that he was bringing joy to others struck him full force. "It was amazing what I got out of it. I knew that I was making a differ-ence in somebody's life," he says. Preston's growth as a person

and at his job was tied to his (Continued on page 12)

Celebrate the Pride Indiana Lions

By PCC SUE TOPF Convention Chairperson

In just over two months, Indiana Lions will have the opportunity to celebrate their pride in Lionism at the Indiana Lions

State Convention, April 24-26. Our honored guests will be International President Joe Preston and his wife, Lion Joni. IP Joe will bring great enthusiasm and vitality to our Convention. He will be present throughout the event, so please take a moment to share a story or two with him and tell him how proud you are to be a Lion!

Lions can register on line at www.ilsc2015.com

For the second year in a row the Convention will be held at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Columbus, Indiana. Room rates are only \$89 per person. Our theme is "Celebrate the Pride! Lions from all over the state will gather together for informative business sessions and seminars, friendship and fellowship and hopefully a lot of fun and laughter!

On Saturday, after the caucus meetings and business session, we will have the "Celebrate the lowships. In an effort to keep prices low, so that more Lions may attend, this year's committee has worked diligently to lower the pricing for all meals. When you register, you will note that there is no charge for the State Convention Pin, and the meal prices are considerably lower. Please help us to show IP Preston that Indiana Lions are Proud, and plan to attend the Saturday Night All State Banquet. The cost is only \$15 per person! That is the lowest cost in many years for the banquet. The luncheon and brunch prices are great, too! Awards will be presented at the Sunday Awards Brunch for Districts that have the highest attendance at the Banquet. PCC Steve Winegardner is coordinating this.



JOSEPH PRESTON **Lions Clubs International President**



The International Centennial theme is: Where there's a Need.....There's a Lion.....so, Where are the Lions in Indiana? Membership continues to drop in the United States and in Indiana - granted - not as much as in

previous years, but membership is still not where we know it could be. Membership is not just a Global Leadership Team problem. It is every Lion's problem. Every Lion needs to become

involved and Ask One, Get One and Keep One! We can fix this problem of

declining membership if everyone becomes involved.

Pride" luncheon. Our keynote speaker will be Lion Mark Lucas, who will discuss the American Association of Blind Athletes. Mark will bring with him one of the athletes, and they will be presenting a seminar later in the afternoon. As always, the 2015 Indiana Distinguished Lion Award will be presented, plus Melvin Jones and WP Woods Fel-



Change brings opportunity

The countdown towards our Association's 100th birthday is under way as we prepare for what is going to be quite a celebration. Just like our logo of the two Lions where one is reflecting on our proud history we will hear many of the steps that were taken to establish and then grow the Lions.

To continue this growth, the "lubs had to adapt t hange and address the needs of the communities as well as its members. Sometimes it is difficult to make a change or find fresh ideals to make improvements. What is available to everyone are the resources that are offered thru our Districts, State and International that have seen successful results before - that have been "tried and tested". We just held the annual Mid Winter Conference where some great educational and training seminars were provided. Results and feedback provided by the attendees shows that they gained a lot of information that they were interested in learning so they can make improvements within their Clubs. Some of the training and ideals that were shared were:

the club excellence process; how our Lions projects are making differences in our communities and new fundraising ideals for Clubs. These are subjects that our members have asked for guidance on as these are areas that they would like to change in their operations. It was evident by the large number of first time attendees that they are looking for training so that they can co tribute to the success of their Clubs Our Districts hold an average of three Cabinet meetings per year, which offers additional opportunities for our Club and District leaders to meet and share ideals and participate in training classes. In addition Zone or Region meetings also bring Club leaders together to discuss what is happening in their areas and how they are achieving results. Most are at no cost or a minimal fee time and participation are the only requirements. At the start of this Lion's year a membership growth session was hosted by District A with members from the other six Districts also in attendance as they learned from a known expert in Club growth, PDG "Buzz" Melton. He shared with everyone some unconventional methods of (Continued on page 9)

IF your Club has not added a new member or your District has not added a new Club, now is the time to get started and do something positive. Don't wait to contact the GLT. Start by asking someone to go with you to the next service project.

Don't overlook the Lion what hasn't been at a meeting for a while either. Offer to pick them up and take them to your next meeting. Maybe they feel no one cares whether they come to a meeting or not. Show them you care. They may be considering letting their membership drop and your phone call just might let them know they have been missed. Every Lion who doesn't show up means fewer hands for service.

If each Lion would just Ask One person to go with them to a meeting or service project, you have

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Indiana Lions have been blessed with the opportunity to have a sitting International Pres-

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How to create a Club website; social media and Facebook training; multiple leadership classes;



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Conventions! Conventions! Conventions!!

By GOV. GLEN SWANSON

It is that time of the year to start planning for District, State and International Conventions. This year is just flying past us, so Lions, "start making your reservations now," so you can see all your "Lion friends" and reflect on the year.

District Convention on March 13-14 in La Porte is coming together nicely under the direction of Lion R.C. Butch Weston and his committee We are planning a couple of new features for recognizing "old Time Lions," as well as welcoming our guest International Director William "Bill" McKinney from Multiple District No. 1 in Illinois. I.D. Lion Bill joined the St. Jacob Lions Club in September of 1973 and has held every Club office as well as being District Governor and Council Chairperson on his way to being elected as International Director.

The District Convention is again this year. I am encouraging our District to come and gather information on Club membership as well as the State Projects. We are going to have two sessions running concurrently, so Lions can move from one location to the other. One session will consist of a panel made up of Lions from Clubs that are enjoying membership growth. They will be sharing ideas that have helped them bring in new members. The other session will consist of speakers from each of the State Projects.

They will explain how the support of LIONS makes a difference for them.

Our State Convention, April 24-26, in Columbus is also shaping up to be very special this year. How lucky we are in Indiana to have the International President, Lion Joe Preston and his wife Lion Joanie, join us this year He is a dynamic speaker and perhaps he will even entertain us with his song "Strengthen the Pride." We have made every attempt to keep the cost low to boost the attendance and demonstrate the strength of the Indiana Lions.

We are encouraging all Lions to reach out to friends, family and anyone who would like to be more active in the world of Service. There are people out there and if we are truly committed to "Strengthen the Pride," we have to be willing to ask them to join the organization. It is time to make a membership push if we are to show an increase in members for the 2014-15 year. 25-A Lions, let's "SET THE PACE"!

Governor's Challenge

At our first cabinet meeting in August, DG Glenn issued a challenge to his Zone ChairPER-SONS. He asked that they work with all the Cubs in their Zones to develop a Zone Project. He felt that Clubs working together would develop bonds that would help them grow. Plus pooling their resources would improve their fundraising efforts. Many of the Zones were up to the challenge.

Zone 1B will be participating in a local Relay for Life. This is the signature event of the National Cancer Society to raise funds for their fight against cancer. The Lions will be selling a pancake breakfast in the morning to provide sustenance for the walkers. The profits will be split with the NCS.

Zones 2A and 2B have decided to raise funds for the blind and low vision students of their county. They will be selling pancakes, sausages during the annual Maple Sugar Time festival held at the historic Chellberg at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.



GIFT BAGS — Dyer Lions Club President Jerry Eddy, from left, young volunteer Peyton Morris, and Lion Secretary Vicki Morris present stuffed gift bags for the residents to St. Monica Home Manager Liz Guzman-Arredondo.

Dyer Lions fill gift bags

Named after the patron saint of mothers, St. Monica Home offers pregnant teens, up to 10 at a time, a medically sound and a healthy emotional environment while awaiting the birth of their babies.

In the true spirit of the holiday season, Dyer Lions Club members filled up 10 colorful tote bags with homemade fleece blankets, toiletries, slippers, festive holiday socks and bracelets.

The blankets for the babies were made by residents of Dyer Nursing Home and the blankets for the moms were made by residents of Kindred Transitional Care and Rehabilitation Facility in Dyer. The bracelets were made by Girl Scout Troop 10015. Lions Vicki Morris and Jerry Eddy visited the home before Christmas and presented the bags to the manager and social worker for the home, Liz-Guzman-Arredondo, and met some of the residents. The teens were happy to receive the bright-colored bags full of useful items and appreciative of the kind gesture by the club.

Opened in 1994 on the Franciscan St. Margaret Health Dyer campus, residents 12 to 18 at St. Monica Home learn to foster positive relationships and parenting skills under the guidance of experienced and encouraging resident advisers.



NEW MEMBER — Adam Howard became a member of the Mill Creek Community Lions Club. He was sponsored by his wife, Emily, who joined in July 2014. Second Vice District Governor Patty Cooke conducted the ceremony. Pictured left to right: Emily Howard; Adam Howard and Second Vice District Governor Patty Cooke.



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD — The Whiting Lions celebrated their 31st annual Christmas party for the ill and disabled chil-



CHRISTMAS BASKETS — Rolling Prairie Lions Ron King, Stephanie Marron and PDG Bob Wideman delivered Christmas baskets to 40 families. They also filled the food pantries at multiple churches in town. The food products were collected by the New Prairie United Schools students. Families were also given potatoes, bread and turkeys.



dren in the area on Dec. 7. There were 29 families and 55 children who attended this years' event. The Club invites a clown to entertain the kids who enjoyed singing carols, decorating cookies and eating pizza. A great time for all!



AT RENSSELAER — DG Glenn Swanson attended a meeting of the Rensselaer Lions. The members and President of the Club visit with Lion Glenn after the meeting. From left are DG Lion Glenn; Lion Arnold Braasch, 53 year member; President Lion Ed Feich;t and Lion Lou DeGroot, 45 year member. Zone 3B will be assisting Reins of Life whose mission is to improve the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities through equine assisted therapy. The Lions will be providing some much needed assistance fixing fences, the barns and other repair tasks at the stables.

Zone 3A continues to work together on their golf scramble. This initial Zone project of the District is now in its fifth year. Last year the six Clubs each made about \$1,000 to support their various service projects.

The other Zones in the District are just as busy and we are optimistic that "Zone Projects" will catch on. Governor Glenn asked that the projects be repeated and grow over a period of years. The future leaders of the District plan to continue the challenge. GIFTS FOR SOLDIERS — The Schererville Lions recently performed their annual packing of boxes for soldiers. This year they packed a record 50 boxes — a total of 550 pounds. Well liked items are toiletries of all kinds and lots and lots of candy. The Club received donations from many sources — including local school children who wrote letters to the service men and women. The collection of items from the schools was coordinated with the American Legion and Flag Day presentations. Any items that were not packed went to local Veterans homes and hospitals. Pictured inset is one of the letters. Also shown is Lion Sharon Przybylinski doing some packing.



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The heart of a Lion

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By GOV STEVE HANAN

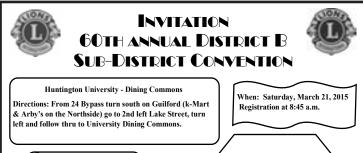
During my term I have sought to bring focus on the people we "Catch The Vision serve. Change A Life" looks at each individual as a special soul whose whole future may be changed because of an act of service by a Lions Club.

focus has been to "Celebrate Your Greatness" by letting other Lions and more importantly the communities where you are know the great things you do. Celebrate Your Greatness has to Frequently we hear some of the do with the Heart Of A Lion



NEW MEMBER - Cedar Creek Lions Club recently inducted a new member, Charlie Osborn, left. His sponsosor is Lion Dick Alfeld. Also shown are Cedar Creek President Keith Passwater and VDG Kenneth Krauter.





One of the privileges we have as Lion Leaders is to honor some of our members with some type of recognition. As Lion Leaders we may know of the special accomplishment of a recipient but many times we are hearing their story for the first time. I am usually in awe of the Lion who is receiving an award that I get to hand out

The common thread is honoring a Lion whose service has made a difference in the lives of one or many souls. They have devoted their time, their energy, their resources to help change a life. When we look at our acts of service we see the Heart of Lionism itself ... making life better for someone. You are great and you need to be celebrated !!!

I want to roar out a great big good job as we look at the first two quarters of our membership numbers. The first quarter we had a positive net gain, which is absolutely wonderful. The second quarter we had a net loss of only 7 members, which is a big accomplishment.

Please continue to recruit new great Lions who can share in the wonderful feelings we get through serving our communities and the people of the world. It is amazing how a Club's hands reach across the world to people who have no idea what the golden arches are but know the Lions logo means people care about me! So "Celebrate Your Greatness" with those in your community so they can join the greatest service organization in the world!

See you at my District Convention and at the State Convention! Bite Em!!!

ANOTHER MJF -DG Steve Hanan Jones Fellowship to

Arcol Lions Club.



A member of the Windsor Locks Lions Club, and a Lion since 1990, she has held many offices within the association, including Club President, Cabinet Secretary, Zone Chairperson, Region Chairperson, District Membership Chairperson, Leadership Development Chairperson, Vice District Governor, District Governor, Council Chairperson and Council Secretary/Treasurer. She also served as a member of the Memphis USA/Canada Forum Committee, has presented at numerous DG/VDG schools and several District/State Conventions, has presented or moderated at six USA/Canada Forums and has been actively involved for many years in the New England Lions Council.

Wash., July 4-8, 2011.

In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards including the Club Lion of the Year, 100 percent Club President Award, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Leadership Award, three International President's Medals, the International Directors Recognition Award and the Ambassador of Goodwill Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members.

She is W.P. Woods Fellow, an

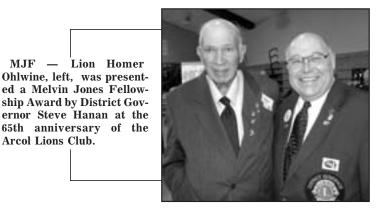
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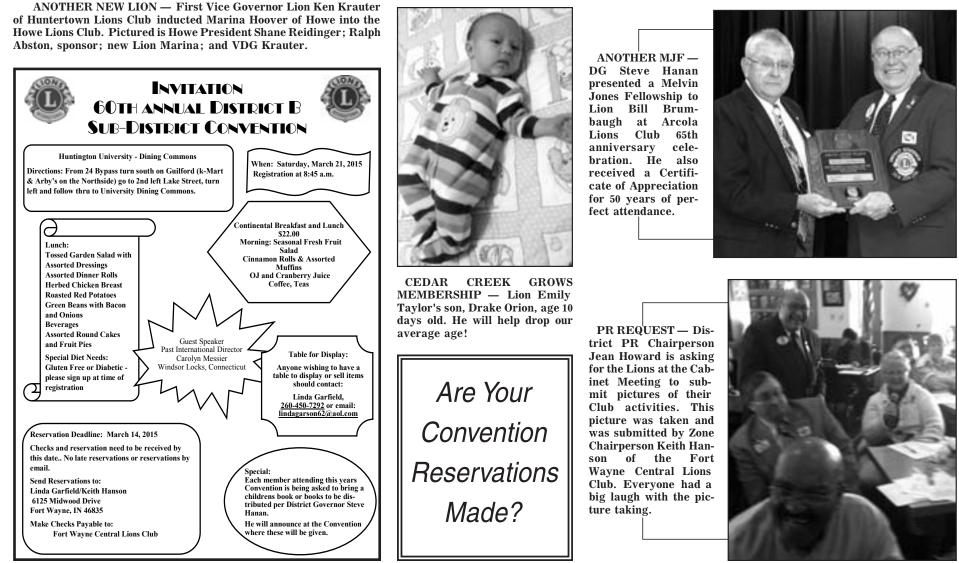
CAROLYN A. MESSIER **Past International Director**

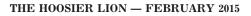
Ambassador of Sight, a Knight of the Blind, a Loyal Shepherd Fellow and has been honored by the Board of Education Services for the Blind for outstanding work with the visually impaired. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow

In addition to her Lions activities, Past Director Messier is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Visually Impaired. She has previously served as a New England board member for the Fidelco Lions Advisory Board and the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation.

Past Director Messier and her husband, Normand, a Past District Governor and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons.









MEMBERSHIP PIN — DG Charles Roth present Betty Herbert at the Poland Lions Club meeting with a membership pin for finding five new Lions in one year. Membership Chair Betty, who is well over 90 years of age, has been a Lion for only three years but is currently the sponsor of nine Lions members.



Lions don't let the weather interfere

BY GOV. CHARLES ROTH

The weather has been playing havocs with meetings and visitations but this is Indiana in the winter. You expect this to happen. The Lions Clubs of District C have not let the weather interfere with their service or planning.

I've been impressed with the ability of the Clubs to continue serving their communities and planning future service projects in spite of the weather. For example: The Plainfield Lions Club recently visited Sheltering Wings in Danville during "The Lions Worldwide Week of Service" to give Valentines and supplies to the women and children who have been the victims of domestic violence. "Every child and mother here deserves a hug and a gift of their love to give," Club Secretary Joanne Greenlee said. "The Lions enjoy supporting Sheltering Wings because it helps entire families."

TEACHER OF THE YEAR - DG Charles Roth is shown congratulating teacher Kathy Nimmer, 2015 Indiana State **Teacher of the Year** and one of four finalist for United States National Teacher of the Year. Kathy, an eighth grade English teacher, is a very appreciative recipient of her Leader Dog, Elias, who was provided by the Lions Club.

The officers and members of the Clubs have taken advantage of learning possibilities such as Mid Winter seminars, District C's Convention and Zone Meetings. Some of our members are experimenting with the on-line classes of Lion University. They have enrolled in leadership classes at the Club level for a Bachelor's Degree and/or enrolled in leadership classes at the District level for a Master's Degree.

These programs can be viewed on their free time and at home. All of the mentioned programs provide instruction not only for service in Lions but also any other service that our Lions do in their community. If you look at your members you will find many of them are active in other community organizations, too.

Not too long ago, our local paper had a front page article on volunteerism. "Indiana Volunteerism Worth \$2.9 billion" screamed the headline. This translates into 131.1 million hours in a year. The article went on to say the 28.2 percent of the Indiana residents who volunteered in 2013 is down from 31.2 percent from a decade ago.

Only 15.7 percent volunteer for social services agencies. Enter the Lions Clubs. Since July 1, 2014 the Lions of District 25-C have had 24,300 hours of service by just 75 percent of our Clubs in the District. As other organizations are losing their volunteers, Lions are stepping up to not only fill the gap but to take on new services. I am so proud of the Lions of District C and how they are serving their communities.

An inside article yells, "Volunteering Pays Off for Retirees". Again, enter the Lions Clubs. It's a good thing we don't rely on just our retired members because a Lion never retires as evident by our members who have served 40, 50 60, years. All Lions use their pep, energy and ideas to serve wherever they can. Volunteering helps mobility, moods and relives stress for all age groups.

Some high school students found that out when asked by a local Lions Club to help with a project. So how do Clubs get these volunteers? In most cases they just ASK someone who is a friend or who is interested in the project. Realize it's never too late to ask for help. Knowing they needed help to complete their planned projects the Brookston Lions Club blanketed the area with leaflets to 1900 homes inviting people to come to a callout to learn about Lions.

Lions are strengthening the Pride (Clubs and communities) by enlisting others in projects. Winston Churchill said "Everyone makes a living but what you give makes a life." Again and Again, well done Lions of District C. Keep up the great work!

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CHECK FOR LCIF — At the regular Brownsburg Lions meeting in January Lion President Larry Whitmore, left, presented PDG Charlie Short with a check for \$500 for LCIF.





MOST MEM-BERS AT MID WINTER — At the Mid Winter Conference in Plainfield on Jan. 10, Brownsburg Lions Club had the most club members present — 10. Lion Larry Whitmore could hardly wait to celebrate the recognition.









BANNER PRESENTATION — Inside Michigantown's historic museum, DG Charles Roth presents his banner to President Dennis Shouup. This museum is being developed by the Michigantown Lions Club as they remodeled the old school building where it is located.



COLD VISIT — The cold weather outside, subzero and the cool temperature inside, heaters kept throwing the electrical breakers, did not deter Treasurer Jim Snell, President Mark Flock and Secretary and ZC Al Crace of the Earl Park Lions Club from hosting DG Charles and Lion Roberta Roth at their Club meeting the evening of Jan. 8.

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'Strengthening the Pride'

By GOV KATHY LOZIER

During my Official Visits, I have noticed that as we approach the springtime of the year, it seems like more and more of our Lions Clubs are putting away some of the winter blues and beginning to consider the projects that they are going to be doing during the coming months. Joe Preston, our current International President, has asked that we "Strengthen the Pride" by bringing the members of our Lions family closer together by working in a "Spirit of Cooperation and Understanding."

Remember, this is not the "Pride" of being boastful; it is

ID Harris to be Convention speaker

Karla Harris, from South Milwaukee, Wis., was elected to serve a two-year term as a Director of Lions Clubs International at the Association's 97th International Convention held in Toronto, Canada, July 4-8, 2014.

Director Harris is a retired executive director for a non-profit service organization.

A member of the South Milwaukee Lions Club since 2002, she has held many offices within the association, including Club President, District Governor, Council Chairperson, GMT Club Success Team Member, District GLT Coordinator, Multiple District Centennial Coordinator and Leadership Institute faculty member.

In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards, including the Leadership Award, Membership Advancement Key Award, the Knight of Sight Fellowship and one International President's Medal. She was honored by the White House as a "Champion of Change" for her work to raise awareness for the visually impaired and helping to create the Lions "Rockin' the Vest" Rap Video. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.



KARLA HARRIS International Director

In addition to her Lions activities, Director Harris is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the South Milwaukee Community Center, South Milwaukee Performing Art Center, AFS International, American Red Cross and the Blind Outdoor Leisure Development (B.O.L.D).

Director Harris and her husband, Clarence, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters, both of whom are Lions. the pride of accomplishment in building communities, providing meaningful service and helping those who cannot help themselves. This feeling of pride forms the foundation of our commitment to serving others, and has made us the global leader in humanitarian service.

This is the platform for success in the coming year, through our centennial and well into the next hundred years of our association. So no matter what the project may be, be sure to involve all of the members of your Club in some way. Everyone can do something!! Every member matters, and it is up to the Club to make sure that members who have been in the club for a while and especially those new members feel like they are part of a family. Lions, we are a global

family of nearly 1.4 million members and it is an absolutely fantastic family to belong to!!!! Remember, if you need suggestions for projects, go to My LCI and learn how to use the Social Media, if you have not already done so. Or, get on Facebook and hook-up with other Clubs around the state, country or world and you would be surprised by the

friends and ideas that are at your fingertips!!!! Don't forget our District Convention will be held on March 1. It will be held in Greentown at the fairgrounds with International Director Karla Harris and her husband, Clarence ,from Wisconsin as our special guests.

The State Convention will be held from April 24-26 in Columbus.

The International Convention will be in Hawaii in June and the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be in Grand Rapids in September.

Until next time - May God bless each and every one of you.

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CLUB VISIT — Zone Chairperson Gary Roudebush, right, and Lion Karen Roudebush, left (from Lapel Lions) visited Markleville Lions Club Feb. 5. With them is Markleville President Jane Holmes.



GIFTS FOR LAW CAMP — DG Kathy announced that Melvin Jones' birthday would be celebrated during the District D Cabinet Meeting on Jan. 25, in Marion. Clubs were invited to take gifts for Law Camp for the celebration. In the two huge boxes and several bags were many things for the gift bags; such as tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, soaps, shampoos, pens, pencils, note pads, wash cloths, small towels,



Little Debbies, playing cards, etc, etc, etc. Law Camp Chairperson VDG Betty Weise thanks District D Lions for these bountiful gifts and appreciate each and every one.who helps make Law Camps such a success.The dates for Vincennes Law Camp are June 17 thru 20 and the Anderson Law Camp July 8 thru 11. Applications can be found www.trooper.org. Cost for the 2015 Law Camps is \$150.

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DG Kathy has been busy





AT REDKEY — DG Kathy is initiating a new Redkey Lion member with Sponsor Gene Stigleman watching.



PROJECT DONATIONS — Sheridan Lions gave project donations to DG Kathy during her official visit.

CHECK PRESENTATION — Marion Lions President Isabel Atchison presenting project donations to DG Kathy.

FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE Albany Lion John Littler received a chevron for 40 years as a Lion.





GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY — Elwood Lion Fred Longerbone was presented a chevron for 50 years of service as a Lion.

BANNER PRE-SENTED — Lynn Lions President is shown receiving DG Kathy's banner and challenge coin.



MONARCH CHEVRON — Marion Lion Charles Dederick receiving 25-year monarch membership chevron



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TWENTY YEAR CHEVRON — Sandy Ruane, Seymour Noon Lions, is presented her 20 year chevron by DG Jeff Schafer.





MAIN TRAIN — The Bedford Lions Mane Train was very popular doing figure eights around the parade route entertaining the kids riding in the Lions cars and the people watching in the crowd.

It's Convention time

By GOV. JEFF SCHAFER

Thanks to everyone who attended the Mid-Winter Conference back in January, it was a very successful event and District 25-E had the greatest percentage of Lions attending! Congratulations!

Also, thanks to everyone who had a hand in making the MWC successful. Without dedicated Lions like YOU, events like the MWC could not happen. For planning purpose, next year's MWC is being moved from January 2016 to November 2015 due to the inclement weather we have been having over the past 2-3 years in January. Now let's move on to upcoming events in the District and State!

First, in March, specifically March 20-21 is our District 25-E Convention in Brown County State Park in beautiful Nashville. The event will be held at the Abe Martin Lodge starting with a "Meet the ID" dinner on Friday, March 20, in the Princess Hall at 6 p.m. Our guest speaker will be International Director John Pettis Jr. and his lovely wife, Lion Elizabeth, from Merrimac, Mass.

Then our Convention will start at 8:30 a.m. Saturday with a Leadership meeting with the general Convention starting at 9:20 a.m. We're planning on an auction (silent and regular) to include another week at my lake house in northern Michigan, tables with project related material and a fun filled day of Lionism. The Convention will finish up around 4 p.m. with the banquet in the Melodeon Hall starting at 6 p.m.

The agenda, registration and information packet are available our website (www.lions25e.org) and in the January and February 2015 newsletter. We look forward to seeing all of you in Nashville!

Following our Convention, in April (24-26) will be the 2015 State Convention in Columbus, at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center. Our special guest will be International President Joe Preston, so don't miss this event!

If you're looking to stay ight_rooms_star 9 nlus ver tax (April 1 early registration deadline). We have made the meal costs for the event a rock bottom price at \$15 for Friday's

evening dinner, Saturday "Celebrate the Pride Luncheon" is only \$10, and the All State Banquet is only \$15. So take a day off from your busy day to day grind and learn more about Lionism, meet the International President and have a wonderful dinner on Saturday night. Let's show the rest of the Lions of Indiana that the Lions of District 25-E can once again rise to the challenge and have the greatest percentage of Lions attending the Convention and the All State Banquet.

Don't worry about going out and buying a tuxedo and a fancy ballroom dress, we want you to come as a Lion! Wear your typical Lion shirt and yellow vest that you would normally wear at a Lions event. Have fun, learn about Lionism, meet some great Lions in Indiana and the International President Joe Preston from Arizona!

Again, details such as the registration form can be downloaded from our website (www.lions25e.org) and in the January and follow on newsletter. They are also in this issue of The Hoosier Lion. Lion Sheryl, Future Leader Dog Molly and I look forward to seeing you all in Columbus.

These past few months after the holidays have gone by quick-In January we met at the lv. Hardinsburg Bearcat Civic Center and prepared our 21 new Optec 5000s and the accessories to be distributed throughout the District. A special "Thank You" to PDG Gary Lawson, Lion Nancy Rein, RC Steven Anderson and the Lions of Hardinsburg Lions Club for coordinating and hosting the meeting to distribute the vision screening equipment.

In addition, a very special "Thank You" to IPDG Mollie Brown for spear-heading this project during her year as Governor and getting the LCIF grant. The list of vision screening coordinators and the number of units available was posted in our January newsletter and will continue to be in the upcoming newsletter.

My travels around the District have been numerous throughout the past few months appears that it will continue through April. Though many of my counterparts in the other Districts of Indiana have completed

their official visits, I'm only 68 percent complete through February and have 90 percent scheduled.

I have only seven more Clubs to schedule and it appears that these Cclubs due to their common meeting day will happen in May and June. That's okay because we're all busy and we have the largest District in the state

In fact we have been so busy that as of our Jan. 31 monthly activity reports we have logged in more than 23,000 hours and we have served over 110,500 people in southwest Indiana. Great Job!

Lion Sheryl and I have been very impressed with the professionalism in which all of the meetings have been held, the amount of business you all complete in your short meetings, and most of all you all have fun taking care of business.

FLD Molly has been having a great time attending meetings with me and meeting a bunch of good Lions in the District who loves dogs. She has been learning her basic obedience training well and has been working very hard on greeting people (without licking). So keep up the good work in helping me train her and when you attempt to pet her and she starts to lick/gets excited, back off and let her regain her composure and attempt it again. The goal is to be able to pet her in a sitting position without her getting excited (excessive licking...).

I would like to acknowledge those Clubs that have added new members to our District since November. The Bedford Lions added three new members (thanks to Lion Robert Warren (2) and Jim Fisher (1)), the Dugger Lions added two (thanks to Lion John Delph and Chris Gentry) and the Tennyson Lions added two (congrats to Lion Jeremy Leslie for sponsoring both). The Brown County, Chandler, Ellettsville, Harrodsburg, Ireland, Odon, Paoli Meridian, Pershing Township, Salem, Sullivan and the Wheatland Lions each added one new member. Again, congratulation to everyone who has sponsored a new member this year and let's keen "Strengthening the Pride!" Please take the time to browse the Lions Club International website (www.lionsclubs.org) to learn more about Lions Club. upcoming events and to read the online version of the Lion Magazine. In addition there are videos concerning historical Lion's events and others related to the Centennial celebration. Don't forget to order you 2015-16 Peace Poster Contest Kits through the Lions Club Supplies. This year's theme is "Share the Peace." Keep up the great work in Lionism and serving your communities. Remember IP Joe Preston's membership initiative "Ask One" and make a commitment to ask someone you think has the desire and passion to be a Lion - To Serve.



RINGING BELLS - Members of the Bedford Lions Club have been ringing bells for the Salvation Army red kettles for the past 66 years. Pictured are Lions Club volunteers President Ron and Johannah Edwards ringing bells in Bedford with a community minded lady who donated to support the Salvation Army's annual Christmas campaign by putting money in the kettle.



EYEGLASSES - Mike Sowder the Bedford Noon Lions Club Sight Chairman and Jim Fisher the Bedford Lions Club Sight Chairman have a load of boxes full of eyeglasses and hearing aids going to the Indiana Lions State Office Building in Indianapolis for distribution. The Bedford Lions Club started this collection project in 1972 and has collected a total of 51,175 pairs of eyeglasses and 754 hearing aids since and was joined in 2002 by the Bedford Noon Lions Club and they have collected a total of 7,632 pairs of eyeglasses and 368 hearing aids.





CHRISTMAS PARADE — The Bedford Lions Club float won the Award of Excellence in the 2014 Bedford Festival of Lights nighttime Christmas Parade. The float entitled "Lions serve everyone young and old" highlighted many Lions state and local projects including Lions Eye and Tissue Bank, pancake breakfasts, student dictionaries, Cancer Control, insect fogging, Speech and Hearing, Recycle for Sight, Leader Dogs, handicapped ramp building, vision screening, scholarships, and youth appreciation.

'Sail with Pride and Together We'll Grow Stronger."

VISION SCREENING - Lions met at Hardinsburg Lions Club to assemble the new 21 Optec 5000 machines District 25-E got from grants from LCIF and Indiana Lions Foundation. The machines were calibrated and the group assembled 21 tote boxes with all the necessary supplies for doing the vision screening. Pictured kneeling are Lion Bill Large, Sullivan; Lion Ceal Schulz, Project Trainer, Evansville Eastside; Lion Nancy Rein, Project Trainer, Georgetown; DG Jeff Schafer, Bloomfield; PDG Mollie Brown, Seymour Evening. Standing are Lion Buster McCandless, Winslow; Lion Bill Schulz, Evansville Eastside; VDG Glen Georges, Oakland City; Lion John Delph, Dugger; Lion Glynn Wills, Dugger; District E Vision-Screening Project Chair PDG Gary Lawson, Brown County; District Treasurer, Richard Kaiser, Evansville Eastside; VDG2 Trea McCandless, Winslow; Lion Steve Anderson, Canton: District Secretary Keith Thomas, Petersburg. Not shown: Lion Sandy Ruane, photographer, Seymour Noon and helpful guest, Mike Rein, Georgetown.



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AT GUIDING LION CERTIFICATION - DG Bill, VDG John Brown and Second VDG Wayne Karanovic attended the Guiding Lions certification class.

Coming attractions

By GOV.BILL UHRIG

I haven't been inside a movie theater since I don't know when. I can't remember the last time. I do remember years ago (let's say

60-65) if you did go there would be the Movietone News, a cartoon and preview of coming attractions. That preview was used as a "hook" to get you to go back to that theater. Now TV stations



CHEVRONS - Aurora Lions received chevrons during the Governor's visit.



DINNER TIME - Vevay Switzerland County Secretary Paul Hewitt and President Don Stout enjoy a "Prime Rib" dinner during Governor Bill's OV to that Club.

DICTIONARIES Greater Greenwood Lions presented dictionaries at Isom Elementary.



use the "tease" (film at 11) to peak your interest hoping you'll come back.

Well we in MD-25 have several coming attractions. I know each of my fellow Governors is working hard on planning their District Conventions. As to 25-F ID Michael Molenda will join us at Chapel Hill 7th and 8th Grade Center in Indianapolis on Saturday, March 14, for our Convention. If attendance parallels that of Organization Day, Banner Night, the Mid Winter Conference and Cabinet Meetings in Hope and Richmond I know ID Mike will enjoy being with us learning what we've accomplished in the District.

The next attraction is the State Convention in Columbus during April 24-26. Elsewhere in this issue of The Hoosier Lion you'll see a "Join Your Friends in Columbus" article.

The concepts therein are interesting. Among other things it sets attendance goals for each. We in 25-F are charged with having 102 Lions there. Last year at this same venue we had 56 Lions attending so we'll strive to double that. We need to have a GREAT turnout to welcome IP Joe Preston as he shares his message. He is a personable and dynamic speaker and from expe-

rience I know he'll inspire you. Your State Convention Committee has put together a package that, I feel, affords great rates for the weekend. So to all Lions throughout MD-25 not just 25-F we look forward to being with you in Columbus as we "Celebrate the PRIDE in Columbus." See you there and then ...

WHAT AN OUTFIT! -Lion Janet Fish served as a presenter at the Mid-Winter Conference. the title of her seminar was "New Ideas for Fund Raising." She asked the question, "Tired of the same fundraisers? Want to bring come "fun" into your club? Then check out how clubs around the world bring "fun" into their clubs! Learn new ideas, and share some of your own!"

Governor

ference.







CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARDS — Twelve Clubs received the 2013-14 Club Excellence Award recognition at 25-F's Cabinet Meeting.



VDG SPEAKS — Lions 25-F's First Vice District Governor John Brown is shown as he addresses Lions at one of the Mid Winter Conference seminars.



Using social media is important to Clubs

By GOV. MARTY JUEL

At this year's Mid Winter Conference, two of the most popular seminars dealt with using the internet in general and Facebook in particular to promote Lions and their Clubs. We've been using the social media in our Club and the District for several years, and the results have been rewarding

Yes, we can point to individuals who joined after learning of our Club on the Internet. And yes, we use the Internet to continually post photos, calendars, newsletters and other news about our Club.

One Club in our District did a Facebook 'Boost' for one of its events. One of the Club's annual projects is a hayride each fall. Attendance had fallen off in the past few years to about 30 or so participants. A Club member decided to spend her own money (about \$5) to promote the Club's hayride to individuals in a particular zip code near the Club.

The net result was that over 130 showed up and because there were limited wagons for rides, some didn't get to go out. But they all enjoyed the evening's other activities.

While I'm not encouraging Clubs to go and purchase Facebook products to advertise or otherwise 'boost' their projects, this does show how valuable the investment was for this Club. Paid 'boosts' can be effective, but

care must be taken when using this approach.

Even more important is that any Club that does start a Facebook or other Social Media presence must work at providing fresh content on a regular timetable. The rule of thumb is to make sure a 'post' in a social media environment has 3 things: 1) Photos, 2) PHOTOS and 3) PHOTOS.

It is also important for Clubs (and individuals) to use posts with useful information about the Club, not just copy and post from other pages. Originality is synonymous with success when it comes to getting people to favorably respond to posts and invita-tions to events. There are many sources for stock illustrations and clip art that can be used in posts. LCI has a wealth of material available for use. Go to LCI's website and when you find something you want to use, right click on the image and save it to your computer. You can do this with videos and PDF documents, also. One final note to those who plan

to venture into the cyber world; if you need help, ask someone. Anyone who is in charge of successful Facebook pages and other social media outlets will be eager to share their knowledge. The more successful each of us become in working with Social Media, the more we all gain through increased traffic.

It's like the opening of a Wendy's across the street from a

McDonalds. Instead of the pie being shared by two, it grows and the combination of each share is greater than the whole pie before the second restaurant opened. Happy posting!



CYNTHIA "CINDY" B. GREGG International Director

ID Cindy Gregg to be speaker

Cindy B. Gregg, from Bells Vernon, Pa., will be the keynote speaker at the District Convention to be held at the Argos United Methodist Church in Argos on Saturday, March 7.

She is a retired music teacher. A member of the Rostraver Township Lions Club since 2000, she has held many offices within the association, including President, District Governor, Council Chairperson, District MERL coordinator and District LCIF coordinator.

In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards including the Club Excellence Award, Leadership Award, two President's Medals, four International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the Certified Guiding Lion Medal and the Joseph L. Wroblewski Award. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Director Gregg and her husband. Tom. also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have a son and a daughter, both of whom are Lions. They have one grandchild.

SANTA VISITS NEW PARIS — Santa came to visit the children in New Paris at Intera Credit Union on Dec 6. There were around 72 kids who came to visit. Santa gave each child an orange and candy after their visit with him. Shown are Santa (Merv Miller) and 5-week-old Greylynn

Miller who came to check out Santa. The event was sponsored by the New Paris Lions.





BREAKFAST WITH SANTA — The Lydick Lions held a Breakfast With Santa at the Lydick Lions Den on Dec. 13. Shown is a family with Santa and Mrs. Claus.



GIVING THE LIONS' SHARE - Members of the Milford's Lions Club assemble Christmas gift baskets for delivery to several senior members of the local community, including World War II veterans, during their second meeting in December. Shown from left are Dr. Amber Kolberg, Lavone Miller, Jerry Bethel, President Tom Sorensen and Steve Weisser.

At the Dec. 1 meeting the club held a family Christmas party, complete with Santa visit. Widows of former Lions were special guests. The club also spent \$800 to purchase gifts for children in the community.



CLUB CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY - New Paris Lions Club celebrated its 60th anniversary Dec. 15. Shown are Past International President Wayne A. Madden of Auburn, the keynote speaker for the evening; New Paris Club Secretary Larry Solyum, who received an International President's Certificate of Appreciation, the fourth highest award presented by the International organization and a Melvin Jones Fellowship; charter member Bob Lutes, who received an International President's Certificate of Appreciation and a 60-years



DICTIONARIES - The members of the Warsaw Lions Club recently gave a dictionary to each third grade student at Lincoln Elementary School in Warsaw. The Club has provided dictionaries to students for many years.

The students will be allowed to keep the dictionaries when school finished at the end of the tionary i

for a quality education and a great way to expand a student's vocabulary.

Pictured at the dictionary presentation, from left, are Duane Griner, Jack Dirck, Beth Walenga, Claire Sprankle and Richard Sisk. (Photo provided)

BANNER PATCH-

ES — Success Team Leader Angela Himes and Grass **Creek Lions Secre**tary accepted Club President's Membership Satisfaction Banner Patches at the Jan. 17 Distict Meeting. Club receiving the honor Claypool, were Grass Creek, Richvalley, Converse, Mid Lakes and Covered Roann Bridge.



Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. with the Convention to be called to order at 9 a.m. The cost is \$20 per person if received by Feb. 28 and \$23 if received after the 28th. Make checks payable to District 25-G and sent to Cabinet Secretary PDG Ann Haffner at 11268 N SR 13, Syracuse, IN 46567 or email her at ahaffner@kconline.com.

Convention attendees will be voting for district officers. trustees and constitutional amendments.

There will be displays and a necrology service.

Seminars will be on Membership Development, Using Social Media For Your Club and Leadership and Training Opportunities.

Lions pin tab and charter member wreath; Club President Tom Snider; and District Governor Marty Juel of Goshen.

Lions Dave Smoker and Ron Kirkdoffer also received International President's Certificates of Appreciation and Dean Morehouse, Merv Miller, Dale Manges and Denise Manges received Club awards.



EXCELLENCE AWARDS — Four District 25-G Club received the 2-13-14 Club Excellence Awards at the District Meeting. From left are Doug Moore from Madison Township, Bill Smith from Dunlap, Robin Claassen from Etna Green and Doug Adams from New Carlisle.

PROPOSED ILEBI RESOLUTION

The following resolution, pro-posed by Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc., is being submitted to the MD 25 Resolutions Chairperson for approval by written ballot at the Indiana Lions State Convention on Sunday, April 26, 2015.

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that "Indiana Lions Operation KidSight" be designated as an Indiana Lions State Project AND that "Indiana Lions

Change brings-

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asking someone to join as well as breaking down some "traditional" thoughts on how to gain members - undoubtably each person there took away some very useful ideals.

Just last month our Multiple District Membership Chair PDG Paul Russell and PCC Sue Topf hosted a Guiding Lions certificaEye Bank, Inc." be moved from being an Indiana Lions State Project and become its own separate category within the Indiana Lions State Constitution.

YES NO

(If this Resolution passes, then the appropriate Constitutional amendments shall be placed on the Ballot at next year's convention as amendments to the Indiana Lions State Constitution.)

tion class where Lions from all

over the State were taught the lat-

est methods in mentoring newer

Clubs and in helping in rejuvenating older Clubs. The more Cer-tified Guiding Lions available

throughout the state, the easier

for any Club to have access to this

resource that it can use to help it

Lions Club International has a

wealth of resources for almost

get stronger.

Explanation of Resolution: Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc. (ILEBI), has petitioned the Council of Governors and the Lions of Indiana to create a new State Project, in accordance with Article XI of the Indiana Lions State Constitution, to be known as Indiana Lions Operation KidSight. The primary purpose of Indiana Lions Operation KidSight shall be to provide vision screening services to the children of Indiana. In addition, the ILEBI shall be

any topic a Club could possibly

want. By accessing the LCI web-

site at Lionsclubs.org enter in

what you are wanting to find in

the search line and this will bring

sometimes so much it can almost

This is information that has

been gathered from all over the

World - a " best practices" com-

pilation of what has worked in

other areas. In print form, via

webinars or videos these are

some of the ways to get the info

that a Club or individual could

find useful for the challenge they

Of course the other valuable

resource that comes in the mail

(or on your IPad) 11 times a year

is the Lion Magazine. This also

are wanting to overcome.

be overwhelming.

up the latest on that subject

moved from being a state project, as defined by Article XI of the Indiana Lions State Constitution, and become its own separate category under a new, separate Article within the Indiana Lions State Constitution. As part of this petition, ILEBI covenants to provide to Indiana Lions Operation Kid-Sight state project: 1) the required corporate filings for the creation of the project and for securing of IRS 501(c)3 charitable organization status for the project; 2) startup capital in the amount of \$150,000; 3) the creation of a 10-year endowment in an amount of \$500,000, in which Indiana Lions Operation KidSight shall be the beneficiary of the revenue generated during the 10year period; and 4) provide office space and utilities for the Indiana Lions Operation KidSight offices in the ILEBI Annex located at 757 E. 86th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.



PDG Doug Owen's son dies

PDG Doug Owen's son, Tod Duglass Owen, 53, Pendleton, lost his battle with cancer and he passed away Dec. 9, 2014, at Vincent Anderson Regional Hospital.

He is survived by his children, Zayda, Raythe and Fletchyr Owens; his father, G. Douglass Owens and step-mother, JoAnn Karaffa-Owens.

Graveside service were held at Friends Cemetery in Pendleton. A memorial service followed immediately afterwards at Pendleton Christian Church .

Memorials to South Madison Community Foundation, 233 S. Main St., Pendleton, IN 46064.

PDG Gary Murphy dies

Gary Lee Murphy, 68, $(25-C\ 2001-02)$ Evans-Mon-



He was a member of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 136 for 50 years. He was also a member of the Lions Club, and was the Past President of the Van Bibber Lake Lions Club, as well as Governor. He enjoyed skeet shooting, hunting, and fishing.

Gary is survived by his wife of 49 years, Martha; daughters, Kimberly (Derek) Izzi and Kelly (Brent) Koch; son, David (Jennifer) Murphy; grandchildren, Kristopher Izzi, Chelsea Lady, Nicole Izzi, Kadi Koch, Devin Koch, Savannah Murphy, Sean Koch, Luke Murphy, and Fallon Koch; great-grandchild, Izabelle Lady; sister, Marilyn Israel; brother, Don Murphy; nieces and nantioanl, 300 West 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523 or to Heritage Hospice, 1202 West Buena Vista Road, Evansville, IN 47710.

PDG Joe Blankenbecker dies

Joseph E. "Dr. Joe" Blankenbeker, 70, (25-F 1987-88) former Superintendent of Brownstown Central and South Ripley Community School Cor-



porations; and Indiana BLANKENBECKER Department of Education official, died Dec. 23, 2014.

A native of Jeffersonville, he was the fifth child of Gladys Amelia (Stemler) and Howard Rush Blankenbeker, and was born Nov. 5, 1944. His parents and his older brother, Rollyn Howard Blankenbeker, and his older sister, Carol Sue Potter, predeceased him.

He was married to Margaret Helen (Scholey) Blankenbeker for 47 years. From their marriage they have a daughter, Jennifer Elaine (Tim) Harms, of Lawrence; and three sons, Dr. Timothy Howard (Miranda) Blankenbeker of South Bend, I James Clifford Blankenbeker of Louisville, Ky., and Stephen Joseph (Lauren) Blankenbeker of Wanamaker,. They have seven grandchildren, Koryn, Caleb and Adeline Harms, Ella, Evan, Ruby June and Levi Blankenbeker. He is also survived by his sisters, Judith (Conrad) Storz, Claudia Griffin, and Rita (Allan) Dean.

Joe graduated from Jeffersonville High School, Jeffersonville, IN, in 1962. He completed four degrees from Indiana University, a BA in social service, MSW, educational specialist and Ed.D.

He was a member of Zion Evanelical United Church of Christ where he was a member of the board, sang in the choir, taught Sunday school and chaired the mission committee. Joe was also a member of the Indiana Retired Public School Superintendents, the Indiana Retired Teachers Association, Past President of the Lions Club of Indianapolis, Past District Governor of District 25-F and recipient in 2004 of Sagamore of the Wabash.

THIS COULD BE YOU - Yes, this could be you or a member of your Lions Club. The photo shows just one of the many happy moments at last year's State Convention when Lion Sheryl Schafer received her Melvin Jones Fellowship.

This year PIP Wayne Madden will join International President Joe Preston in presenting fellowships to Indiana Lions at the 2015 Indiana Lions State Convention.

Shown following the presentation at the 2014 Convention are, from left, Madden, Sjeru; Scjafer. then International President Barry Palmer and Governor Jeff Schfer.

Special Melvin Jones Fellowship honors during State Convention

Any Indiana Lions Club or person who would like a Melvin Jones Fellowship presented during the Indiana Lions State Convention on Saturday, April 25, in Columbus should plan for it now.

Everyone will have this unique opportunity in that it will be presented by current Lions Clubs International President Joseph Preston and PIP Wayne Madden.

What makes this a unique opportunity is because of three reasons.

First, your MJF plaque will be presented by the International President Joseph Preston

Second, and PIP Wayne Madden

Third, this will be a great photo opportunity for you.

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

Please contact PDG Gary Ochs, Indiana LCIF Multiple District Coordinator by Monday. April 20, .at gochsinlions@att.net or (812) 275-7241.

has numerous examples of success stories that are taking place in small and large Clubs alike. Whether it is a service or fund raising project or a membership ideal there are so many thought provoking articles in each issue that can be mimicked. One of the most comprehensive learning opportunities for our

members is the USA/Canada Forum. Although it is still a few months away it will be held in Grand Rapids, Mich., this year. There are usually over 90 seminars offered during this multiday forum and is arguable the best training available to our members. An added benefit for those attending is Lions University - a series of classes for all levels of experience that a member may have - that allows members to earn a Bachelor's, Master's or Doctorate degree in Lionism.

When a Club is unsure of what steps can be taken or options they may have in obtaining a goal they should know there is help available.

The Lions did not become the largest service organization by staying the same as when it started in 1917.

They evolved to keep up with the changes that were occurring with society and were able to alter the services they provided to match the priorities of the time. They have continued to improve training and educational programs for all members, preparing them to be the best leaders of a service organization.



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Contact Information Lanny Balentine, PDG Lions Club Sales Representative Cell: (864) 444-1325 Email: Ibalen1010@aol.com



Lions Club

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As Oscar Wilde wrote "Success is a science, if you have the conditions you get the results". More than ever, the conditions are available - now we need to use them to get the results!

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Funeral services were held, Dec. 18, 2014, at Alexander Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lions Clubs Inter-

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made a difference in the service you are providing to a needy individual.

Lions do provide needed Service, but only if a Club has members. We cannot afford to let our Clubs go by the wayside. They must be maintained and constantly refreshed with new ideas albeit, new members, new projects and new ideas.

Please take a moment and remember Where There's a Need, There's a Lion. We have

a big need in our organization. We need to increase our membership and we need to encourage all Club members to make a list of their friends, acquaintances and new people they meet in their daily lives — then ASK ONE. There are many unaddressed needs in this world. We might not be able to address as many as we like but in the words of Helen Keller "working together we can do so much." We can fix our declining membership and assure our Clubs of a long life in our communities.

Services were held in both Indianapolis and in Jeffersonville with burial in Jeffersonville.

Memorial contributions be made to, Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ, Memorial Gift, 603 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis, IN 46202-4604 and/or Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund Inc., Department of Radiation Oncology, 535 Barnhill, RTO41, Indianapolis, IN 46202-5289.

Lions learn about W.P. Woods

The Indiana Lions who attended the Friday night Mid Winter banquet learned about the life of W. P. Woods. His granddaughter, Susie Tittle of Indianapolis, was the guest speaker, granddaughter of W. P. Woods.

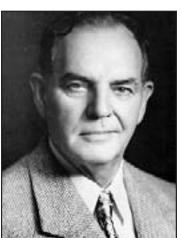
Tittle noted she did not know her grandfather as W. P., but as William Perry Woods, an Evansville doctor, who served as the first President of Lions Clubs International.

Many Indiana Lions know that Woods and others formed the Royal Order of Lions as a fraternal organization in 1911. When Melvin Jones, a member of the Business Circle of Chicago, decided that what the world needed was more compassion ... more caring about others and less concern about one's self, he invited a number of representatives from other clubs, including the Lions, to attend a meeting on June 7, 1917. The out come of that meeting was the formation of what we know today as Lions Clubs International.

Woods was elected President of the association during he October 1917 convention in Dallas, Texas.

He was born in Clarinda, Iowa, the son of a farmer, who, accord-ing to Tittle, wanted him and his brothers, to be farmers. William had other ideas, however, he wanted to be a doctor.

After attending collage, he taught for a few year, earning money to attend medical school. He attended the University of Missouri and the College of



DR. WILLIAM PERRY WOODS First President Of Lions Clubs International



ANOTHER W. P. WOODS FELLOW - MD-25's Global Leadership Chairperson PCC Richard Halladay, left, is shown presenting Justice Steven H. David with a W. P. Woods Fellowship. David was the keynote speaker at the 26th Indiana Lions Mid Winter Leadership Conference.



SUSIE TITTLE Granddaughter of W. P. Woods



W.P. WOODS FELLOW - Susie Tittle of Indianapolis, granddaughter of Dr. William Perry Woods, was presented a W.P. Woods Fellowship after telling the Lions at the Friday evening Mid Winter Conference about the life of the first President of Lions Clubs International. Presenting the award is PCC Richard Halliday, Indiana's **Global Leadership Team Chairperson.**



Grandpa William Perry Wood's praline recipe Susie Tittle shared this recipe with The Hoosier Lion. It was her grandfather's recipe for pralines. Enjoy!

3 c brown sugar 1 c boiling water 3 Tbsp. corn syrup Pecans

Cook to soft ball Beat a long time Add pecans Drop on greased paper

Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago. It was while he was in Chicago that he met and married Anna.

Anna had four brothers, all doctors. Two were medical doctors and the other two were dentists. One of the medical doctors requested William come to Evansville to practice. Tittle said that at the time many of the people in Evansville spoke German. It was a language his wife, who was of German ancestry, taught him, thus making life easier.

Tittle noted her grandfather made house calls and used a bicycle and then a horse and buggy in those early days, before eventually purchasing an automobile. Over the years he and Anna became the parents of three daughters, including Tittle's mother.

She told a lot about the family including her mother and aunts' education. She also commented on a trip the family took to the farm Iowa when she was about 14. One of her uncles had taken over the farm at that time.

Woods was 88 when he died in an Evansville hospital. He had continued to practiced medicine until two years prior to his death. He and his wife, Anna, had celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary earlier that year. They shared a room at the nursing home. Tittle said she was with her grandfather when he died.

In an email written after the conference, Tittle stated the following, "It was a remarkable time for our family and for "Gathering information about my Grandpa, the man, was a special journey for me especially communicating with his niece Carolyn in Clarinda in doing so. "His overriding trait was visionary in a collaborative, always focused on solution possibilities. "I just love his determination and drive. And, he is someone to brag about! Of course, there are more stories and accolades. I met so many nice people and Richard was truly a lovely host to me and my family! "I shall treasure my W.P. Woods Fellow award forever. I am so touched. I am the oldest grandchildren of Perry and Anna, and I was with Grandpa the night he died in the hospital. Very close to him my whole life. It all was a privilege for me. Simply, thank you."

Richard C. Zellars, M.D. to lead Indiana University Radiation Oncology

Jay L. Hess, M.D., Ph.D., vicepresident for University Clinical Affairs and dean of the Indiana University School of Medicine, announced that Richard Zellars, M.D., from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, has been hired as professor and chair of radiation oncology at the IU School of Medicine.

A breast cancer researcher, Dr. Zellars is an associate professor of radiation oncology at Johns Hopkins and assistant director of clinical trial accrual at the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer. Dr. Zellars holds a medical degree from Johns Hopkins and served as chief resident in radiation oncology at the University of Michigan in 1995-96. He has held faculty positions at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and Georgetown University prior to moving to Hopkins in 2001.

Dr. Zellars' research focuses on the safety and efficiency of radiation for the treatment of breast cancer. He has designed and completed two Phase I trials evaluating partial breast irradiation and concurrent chemotherapy, and a Phase III randomized controlled trial evaluating cardiac perfusion changes in health care disparities in African-American women who typically have more severe radiation toxicities.

Outside of the research role at Johns Hopkins, Dr. Zellars founded the Cancer in the Under-Privileged Indigent or Disadvantaged Summer Fellowship, which exposes first-year medical students who have a demonstrated interest in serving disadvantaged populations to the special of oncology. The popular program hosts medical students from across the country, including an IU School of Medicine student in 2011.

Dr. Zellars is a member of the American Society of Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology and American Society of Clinical Oncology and serves on the National comprehensive Cancer Network Breast Cancer Panel.

The Lions and members of the IU Department of Radiation Oncology look forward to Dr. Zellars joining the treatment team.

(Information taken from press release, Office of the Dean, Indiana University School of Medicine.) For questions, please contact Lion Dottie Flack, Department of Radiation Oncology, Indiana University School of Medicine, at (317) 944-4059 or email dflack@iupui.edu.

State Convention Schedule of Events

Friday night, April 24

8 p.m. — First Business Session

Hospitality rooms open 30 minutes after business session

Saturday, April 25

8:15 - 9a.m. — District Caucus Meetings -Rooms to be announced

9:15-10:45 a.m. - 2nd Business Session

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. — Seminars

12:15-1:45 p.m. — Celebrate the Pride Lunchn. Indiana Distinguished Lion Award. Keynote

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Speaker, Mark Lucas, American Association of **Blind Athletes**

2 -3 p.m. — Seminars

3:15-4:15 p.m. — Seminars

5:30-6:15 p.m. — Reception Line for MD 25 All **State Banquet**

6:30-9 p.m. — All State Banquet with Keynote Speaker International President Joe Preston. **Medals Presentation**

Hospitality Rooms open 30 minutes after end of banquet

Sunday, April 26th

Delegate Voting

9 a.m. - Memorial Service /Necrology Service

10 a.m. — Brunch and Awards

1 p.m. — 3rd Business Session and close of Convention

2015 Mid Winter Conference

Plan now to attend the next Indiana Lions Mid Winter Leadership Conference. In spite of the cold weather 290 Indiana Lions and two from West Virginia enjoyed the Jan. 10 conference. the number includes 6 Leos.

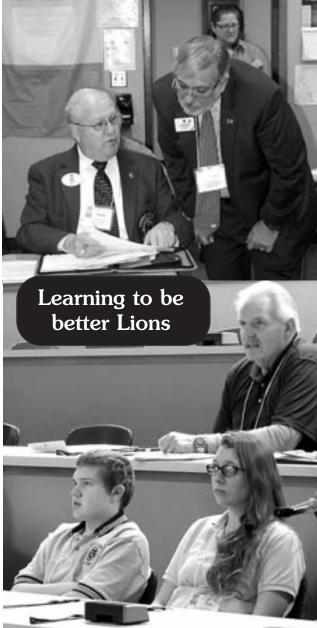
The Friday night dinner speaker was Susie Tittle, granddaughter of W. P. Woods. Saturday's keynote speaker was Judge Steven H. David. Both were well received by those in attendance.

The conference offered fun and fellowship as well as leadership training and delicious meals with a number of Lions working hard to ensure the success of the conference. A silent auction raised funds for youth projects throughout the state.

Next up is the 2015 State Convention. Make your reservations today. You will find many like events. Committee members are hard at work making plans for your visit to Columbus April 24-26. There will be fun and fellowship, delicious meals and seminars to attend. See page 12 for and make your reservations today!











President Preston

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increasing role as a Lion. "Being a Lion I've learned so many skills that I was able to use in my business life. You join for certain reasons. And you stay for certain reasons. But there are so many side benefits to being a member. It's the friendships, the relationships."

Lions delivered one relationship in particular. Joni was a member of the Pinnacle Peak Lioness Club. The incoming District Governor, Joe showed up for the installation of the charter members. Joni and Joe ran into each other again at the State Convention.

"What attracted me to Joe was his energy, his enthusiasm for life and just his good heart. I could tell right away he was a good man," says Joni. Their Lionsthemed life together continued with their children. The Prestons took them to Lions Conventions and to Service Projects.

Those who have served alongside Preston attest to his people skills, dynamic personality and solicitude for others. The praise makes Preston uncomfortable. He prefers the focus to be on the task ahead. "During my tenure I want do everything I can to increase the amount of service that we provide and help our clubs be more productive and more efficient," he says. "We have to take new strategies to what we are currently doing and take it to the next level.'

Preston believes every Lion can make an impact and every Lion can be impacted by being a member. "I think one of the important things about Lions is you don't have to be rich. You can be successful by bringing your leadership to the table or by building relationships within our association," he says.

Now, a member of the Bradshaw Mountain of Dewey-Humboldt Lions Club, President Preston has been a Lion since 1974. He has held many offices in the association and was host chairperson for the 1994 International Convention held in Phoenix, chairperson of the 2003USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum and a national/multinational coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II.

In recognition of his service, President Preston has received numerous awards, including the 100 percent Club President Award, the 100 percent District Governor Award, the Senior Builder Key Award, Life Membership in the association, nine International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. President Preston was recog-

nized by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency for his work as a Lion to prevent drug use and abuse among youth.

President Preston's Theme Strengthen The Pride

"A 'prideis a close-knit family of

lions, as can be found in the savannahs of central Africa. Each member of the pride has responsibilities

Whether they are the hunters, protectors, caregivers, teachers or learners, they work as a team, for survival and prosperity. If even one member of the pride does not fulfill its role, it can affect the entire group.

"There is another group of Lions just as proud. But unlike the lions of Africa, these Lions aren't feared. Instead they are admired and respected. They, too, form a ring of protection, and they have shown themselves to be skilled hunters - providing food for the hungry and tending to the needs of a different flock. These Lions don't restrict themselves to grassy plains. Their territory has spread to every corner of the world, and they bring goodness wherever they exist. It's us - the 1.35 million members of Lions **Clubs International**

"The English dictionary provides another definition of the word "Pride" - a feeling of happiness that you get when you or someone you know does something good. It is not the pride of being boastful it is the pride of accomplishment in building communities, doing good, and reaching out to assist others.

"Lions are indeed a proud

organization. There is a feeling of pride shared among our members, knowing that our commitment to serve the needs of others is what has made us, and keeps us, the global leader in humanitarian service. It is the same pride that has sustained us for 97 years.

"We can "Strengthen the Pride" by bringing the full Lion's family, closer together, working in a spirit of cooperation and understanding, with each Lion member doing their share. And we can "Strengthen the Pride" through our many meaningful accomplishments. This is the platform for not only success this year, but through our centennial and well into the next hundred years." -International President Joe Preston.

Join your friends in Columbus

By PCC STEPHEN WINEGARDNER

No better way to spend Saturday evening than with fellow Lions to renew friendships and meet new Lions from around the state of Indiana while enjoying a delicious set down meal. For the past several years attendance at the Saturday evening All State Banquet during your Indiana Lions State Convention has been trending in the wrong direction. The planning committee this year decided to make an effort to reverse that trend and encourage attendance by initiating the following changes:

- Affordable meal price, \$15 per person.
- Promote the Saturday All State Banquet.

• Start the meal earlier to allow for drive time home.

 Negotiated reasonable hotel rates for those who want to spend the night.

· Acceptable attire is Lions Attire. Those who need formal attire will be notified.

· Reserving tables for 10 Lions members or guests so you can all set together.

· Establishing goals from each District based on

the percentage of last year's attendance. In short, removing all barriers we could think of

DISTRICT GOALS FOR 2015

District	2014 Attendance	2015 Goal
	All State Banquet	All State Banquet
Α	25	46
В	32	59
С	35	64
D	26	47
\mathbf{E}	23	42
\mathbf{F}	56	102
G	24	44
TOTALS	221	404

Three forms of recognition will be awarded this year:

 $\sqrt{\text{Each District that meets its goal as listed above.}}$ $\sqrt{\text{Districts with the highest percentage of mem-}}$ bership attending.

V The top three Lions Clubs from each District with highest attendance.

Won't you join us at the All State Banquet in Columbus on April 25 to demonstrate some real 'Hoosier Hospitality" and the great work of Indiana Lions for your International President Joe Preston as the key note speaker and to learn of the many great accomplishments of Lions Clubs throughout Indiana during the past year.

ting President. Plan to enjoy yourselves at the Hospitality Rooms both Friday full bloom. I look forward to see- ing you the April 24-26 in Colum- bus! See Convention's Schedule Of Events On Page 10.	2015 State Convention Committee "Celebrate the PRIDE in Columbus" April 24-26, 2015 2015 INDIANA LIONS STATE CONVENTION Hosted by the Clermont Lions Club and Lions of District 25-F, Inc. With Special Guest
2015 State Convention Committee "Celebrate the PRIDE in Columbus" April 24-26, 2015	International President Joe Preston CLARION HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER 2480 Jonathan Moore Pike Columbus, IN 47201 (812) 372-1541 Room Rate: \$89.00 plus tax (includes complimentary breakfast) For room reservations call (812) 372-1541 and mention "Lions of Indiana" to receive convention room rate.
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You may register online at www.ilsc2015.com. It will be a beautiful time in south central Indiana and spring should be in

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and encourage attendance this year.

