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Indiana Lions ready to welcome President Joe and Lion Joni Preston

The Lions of Indiana are ready to welcome Lions Clubs International President Joseph "Joe" Preston and Lion Joni Preston of Dewey, Ariz., to the Hoosier State.

The Prestons will attend the State Convention in Columbus April 24-26. President Joe will be the keynote speaker at Saturday's banquet.

Those who have served alongside the International President attest to his people skills, dynamic personality and solicitude for others.

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.

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

"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.

the 2003 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum and a national/multinational coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II. In recognition of his service,



PRESIDENT JOE PRESTON

President Preston has received numerous awards, including the 100 percent Club President Award, the 100 percent District

'Celebrate the Pride' at the Lions 2015 State Convention

By PCC SUE TOPF

The pace is really picking up for the Lions of Indiana 94th State Convention in Columbus! Many of you have already registered and that is fantastic! There is still time to register for the Convention. The best way to do this is to complete and mail the registration form, or you can register online at www.ilsc2015.com or email Lion Cindy Lindgren at: cinyuk@sbcglobal.net

You can even register on Friday

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Indiana Lions Conference is set for November

There will be Mid Winter Conference in January of 2016!

The conference is being moved to Nov. 6 and 7 and has been renamed the Indiana Lions Conference. The theme for the conference will be "Unity In Service."

Chairman PCC Dave Eisen told The Hoosier Lion, "Planning has begun for the 2015 Indiana Lions Conference, the working name for the November conference, which replaces the cold and

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Council Meeting

There will be a Council Meeting at 3 p.m. Friday, April 24. Items to be discussed will be in preparation for the general sessions and Sunday's Council Meeting.

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LION JONI PRESTON

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



Council Chairperson's Corner

By PDG Reed Fish

A Convention to be remembered!

That can be said of each of the seven District Conventions that have just taken place these past few weekends. Just like each of the Districts the Conventions had their own uniqueness about them and will be remembered. It was a pleasure to meet all of the Lions, to see the business being conducted and hear the messages

of the visiting International Directors. Congratulations to the District Governor-elects, the First Vice District Governor-elects and Second VDGE's. This assures that the next Lions' year will be in good hands!

We are close to that time when members from all corners of the state come together for fellowship, fun and celebration at our State Convention, our 94th. Like last year it is being held at the Clarion Hotel in Columbus, where they have been so hospitable and catered to each of our needs. Already we have seen a large number of registrations come in - but have you sent yours in yet? When listening to members express why they either attend or don't attend the Convention there are a variety of insightful reasons.

Some have said they have been to several Conventions and enjoyed being able to see friends who they haven't seen in awhile, be able to meet the International President and hear their inspirational message, be present to share in the recognition of our members for their contribution to Lionism and participate in the decisions affecting the future of MD 25. It indeed is a mixture of business and pleasure and like everything Lions, includes some good food and good eating! Both

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Linda's Journal

By ID Linda Tincher

Are you making plans to attend?

The Indiana Lions State Convention is fast approaching ... April 24-26. Indiana Lions have a unique opportunity. In fact, only Lions in three other states have this opportunity. Any ideas what I mean?

Well, Indiana Lions are honored to host President Joe and Lion Joni Preston to our State Convention. He will be arriving on Thursday and will stay through noon Sunday. He will be our keynote speaker on Saturday night at our banquet. This is quite an honor. Presidents of our organization have busy schedules and State Conventions are NOT something they normally attend ... but they Do Attend in Indiana.

Are you making plans to attend?

We certainly hope that you are. It will be a fun filled weekend with interesting seminars. Columbus and nearby Nashville are destination areas you will definitely want to explore.

The Clarion Hotel has offered us prices that cannot be beat. IF you have never attended a State Convention, then this is the year to do


so. Let's show President Preston and Lion Joni that Hoosier Hospitality is alive and well. Let's pack the banquet room with 400 plus Indiana Lions. We can do that if 60 Lions from each District plan to attend that's less than 1 per Club in many cases.

We can do this!

You will enjoy meeting and talking with our personable President Joe. Don't stay away because you have heard you have to wear a white jacket ... that's not true! You may wear your Lions vest, Lions shirt, business suit or a white jacket if you so desire!

You don't even have to stay at the Clarion Hotel to attend seminars or dinners. YOU DO HAVE to REGISTER - but there is no fee! It's painless, it's easy and YOU WILL HAVE FUN. Make plans today and I will see you in Columbus for all three days of the Convention or for just Saturday night Banquet, whatever is your pleasure


Let's roll out the Hoosier welcome mat to International President Joe and Joni.



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Winners

By GOV. GLENN SWANSON

Some people set higher standards for themselves. They come out early and stay late — funny how they are usually the winners. We were able to honor several winners at our 60th Annual District 25-A Convention last week. First, I would like to thank International Director William “Bill” McKinney and Past Council Chair Lydia Ellis for sharing the weekend with our Lions. They

had many words of encouragement and seemed to enjoy our “Hoosier Hospitality.” Our trip to the Eye Glass Recycling Center in the Westville Correctional Facility was nothing short of spectacular. I would encourage every Lions Club to take the tour to see what the inmates are doing to help in our mission. Many thanks to Lions Ed Marks, Harold Hamon and Jerry Ruge for making the tour possible.

Lions District 25-A with 50 plus years of service

Cedar Lake Bill Kozlowski
Chesterton Richard Fitzhans
Door Village Kenneth Baker-Charter Also Charter Of Lacrosse
Francesville John Buyer
Goodland Clifford Johnson
Hamlet John Slusher
Hanna Norman Carpenter,
William Garner, Richard Vick
Hobart Charles Sapper
Koontz Lake Fred Koppenhofer-Charter
KoutsJames Schmidt
Lowell William Sheets
Michigan City Robert Dillon,
Bob Jackson, Warren Jones

Monterey Fred Bauer, Clai-born, Russ Snyder
Munster Ronald Robbins, Russ Snyder
Ogden Dunes Thomas Tittle
Rensselaer Arnold Braash, John Rusk
Rolling Prairie Jim Blint, Fred Buehrer, Jack Buehrer, Paul Depoy
Wanatah Ray Christoph, James Czerwonke, Gene Rice
Westville Philip Carson
Wheatfield Darwin Whited
Whiting Blair Westfall
A well hidden secret in the thriving metropolis of Medaryville: Population 650

EGG HUNT — The Griffith Lions recently held their annual Easter Egg Hunt. Lion PDG Margaret Verkuilen and the Easter Bunny.



DICTIONARIES — This fall the Rensselaer Lions presented 138 dictionaries to the third grade students of Van Rensselaer Intermediate School and St. Augustine Catholic School. Above with Mrs. Sarah Hurd’s class are, from left, Lion Gene Suhr, Lion Carol Sue, Lion Lois Evers, Mrs. Hurd and Lion Bob Souza.

2015-16 TEAM — DGE Randy Greer is shown with the rest of his team, daughter Jody and wife Pat.



A FRIENDLY LION — Lion Karen Swanson, wife of DG Glenn, and her friendly Lion.



TRACTOR COLLECTOR — International Director William McKinney is a collector of all things Allis Chalmers. La Porte is home to a former plant. Shown are Lion DG Glenn Swanson 25-A, DG Charles Roth 25-C, ID William McKinney, PCC Lydia Ellis, DG Jeff Shaefer 25-E as they admire an Allis Chalmers model tractor.



THE REAL THING — Lion DG Glenn Swanson, a Lion, ID William McKinney and Lion Roy “Bo” Zimmerman admire a real Allis Chalmers.



BANNERS — Lions line up for banner presentation.

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AT BREAKFAST — Some of the happy crowd at recent Whiting Lions Pancake Breakfast.





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PID Carolyn Messier, a great guest for District 25-B's Convention

By GOV. STEVE HANAN

On Saturday, March 21, Lions from around the District and several guests from around the State gathered to celebrate a great year of service by the Lions of District 25-B. Our special guest was Past International Director Carolyn Messier and her husband .PDG Normand Messier.

We were very honored to have her and I am sure she has earned the support from all in attendance for her bid to be the first woman International President. I had the opportunity, along with Lion Doreen and several other Lions Leaders to spend some time with her and get to know her better. I was truly impressed that she knows the magnitude of being the first woman who would be elected to serve as President of our International Association but that she does not seek the office to be "the first." She has a very impressive resume that, in my opinion, makes her a good candidate for this most important office. Of course she would come up through the ranks of Second Vice President, First Vice President, and then would be elected to President. Her message was one of vision and inspiration.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who worked so very hard to make this a successful convention. My Club, Fort Wayne Central, was the host Club and appointed two of our own to work out the nuts and bolts. They are Zone Chairs Lion Linda Garfield and Lion Keith Hanson. Playing a significant supporting role was our GMT PDG Kaylene Souers. Cabinet Secretary Lion Cheryl Okuly was point person with Huntington University. Others who also added support and guidance were PIP Wayne Madden, PID Dave Fiant, Lion Editor Jean Howard, PCC Bob Morton, PDG Kathy Morton, and my own Lion Doreen Hanan. I am sure there are others that I am not aware of and apologize for not naming those who contributed to the success of this Convention.

The Convention started Friday with a warm welcome of our International Guest and husband at Fort Wayne International Airport. We had a good welcoming group to show true Fort Wayne Hoosier hospitality. Yes, they got the traditional Fort Wayne welcome cookies provided to every arriving passenger.

From the airport there was a caravan to one of our local finest restaurants Chapels for a wonderful lunch and a time to get to know PID Carolyn and Norm better. Norm is a hoot. Lion Linda Madden acted as chauffeur and Vera Bradley expert on our trek to sample one of Fort Wayne's true home grown business success stories.

Norm and I watched as the women soaked up the essence of what is Vera Bradley.

Lion Linda made sure the Messiers were settled in for a short rest before dinner at another

of our great Lion supportive restaurants The Halls Factory. Present at this dinner were DG Kathy Lozier and husband, PID Doug, who were invited to share the evening with us due to a long relationship with PID Carolyn and Norm. DG Kathy apologized several times for being a party crasher and this DG took full advantage of this. Sorry Kathy.

The Fiantds acted as chauffeurs and hosts for this event and made sure they were tucked in safe for the night following a wonderful time of fellowship at dinner Friday evening.

Saturday morning came too fast for me and Doreen but we were able to get around and help set up before registration began. There were many busy Lions setting up for the Convention and the different displays for our state projects, the State Lions (uniforms and stuff), and others selling different items such as yummy goodies like apple dumplings and jelly beans.

The first session was called to order by First VDG Ken Krauter and our traditional opening. This was followed by our memorial service honoring the over 40 Lions from District 25-B who completed service this past year. Frankly this was a lot of Lions to lose and we will miss them dearly. Officiating at the memorial service was Lion Rev. Paul Row.

This was followed by the reading of the rules by PCC Herb Gaff and nominations of those running for office by PDG Dick Dodge. DG Charles Roth and PDG Charlie Short provided some very valuable information about the expansion of school sight screening. This was an important presentation and shows how we can expand our service and dedication to eyesight to schools around our District. After this presentation we moved to elections and a special opportunity for Presidents and Vice Presidents to have a special presentation and question and answer time with our International guest.

As usual our Huntington University banquet hosts provided us with a delicious luncheon that was enjoyed by all. PID Carolyn inspired us with a vision for our association that looks to the future to loyalty to our roots and traditions while applying new technologies to make us more efficient and appealing to a new generation of Lions.

I had the honor of assisting PID Carolyn with the presentation of Presidential Certificates of Appreciation to four very deserving Lions. Two were presented to Zone Chairs Lion Linda Garfield and Lion Keith Hanson for their dedication and service to District 25-B. They are very involved in any area of Lionism at the Club and District levels. They have a long history of service. A third Certificate of Appreciation was presented to PDG Kaylene Souers. Not enough can be stated about her dedication to service for the District and for this DG. A fourth was presented to Lion Doreen Hanan who was nominated

by PIP Wayne Madden. It was wonderful to present this honor to my wife, especially because it was initiated by someone other than this DG.

The afternoon session was the business session and was highlighted with the announcement of election results. I would like to congratulate our next District Governor DGE Ken Krauter and First VDG Al Arnold. We do not have a Second VDG and will be looking for a good Lion to appoint to this position.

The business session included presentations by all of our State Project District Trustees. PCC Herb Gaff presented the Convention Resolutions and remarks and introductions were provided by this District Governor.

A special thanks was given to all of the Lions Clubs that donated books to be distributed by the District Governor. The 50/50 raffle was conducted and three very special Lions received a portion of the proceeds. Our guest's husband won one of the awards and said this would be given to LCIF. A benediction was given by our Lion Rev Paul Row and the Convention was adjourned by District Governor Steve.

Later that evening a wonderful time was had at another of our fine restaurants CHOPS and we stayed and laughed and fellowshiped until it was time to go. PIP Wayne and others wanted ice cream before returning PID Carolyn and PDG Norm to their hotel for the night.

Doreen and I had the special privilege of hosting our guests to a long leisurely breakfast that was captivating as we all shared stories of Lionism and personal experiences of our own families. What a great time to share our time together before taking them to the airport to say goodbye. Of course not all could be perfect. We learned later that our guest's luggage was routed to her Connecticut home through Atlanta despite their one stop and layover being in Detroit. Hmmm go figure.

Thanks to all who made this a very special weekend to celebrate the goodness of the Lions of District 25-B!!!! Bite Em



GIFT FROM FIRST LADY — PID Carolyn is showing the gift that First Lady Lion Doreen Hanan made for her.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS — PID Carolyn Messier of the Windsor Locks, Conn., Lions Club is shown sharing her message with those who are attending the District Convention at Huntington University.



PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATE — Lion Keith Hanson is shown receiving a Presidential Certificate from PID Carolyn and DG Steve at the District Convention held at Huntington University. The certificate is the fourth highest honor given by Lions Clubs International.




ANOTHER CERTIFICATE — PDG Kaylene Souers is receiving a Presidential Certificate at the District Convention. Also in the picture are PID Carolyn and DG Steve who presented the certificate.




THIRD CERTIFICATE — Lion Linda Garfield of the Central Lions Club is receiving a Presidential Certificate at the District Convention. The Certificate was presented by PID Carolyn and DG Steve.



FOURTH CERTIFICATE — Lion Doreen Hanan, wife the the District Governor, is shown receiving a Presidential Certificate at the District Convention. The Certificate was presented by PID Carolyn and DG Steve.



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It's raining — awards

By GOV. CHARLES ROTH

April brings shower and District C is being showered with awards. Many of you are receiving certificates of appreciation from your Club officers for a job well done. Two Clubs presented one of their members with Melvin Jones Fellowships for service above and beyond the call of duty.

It was my pleasure to be at Rossville Lions Club's meeting when they presented Lion Dick Rausch with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Lion Dick was responsible for the restoration and beautification of a recently acquired Lions building on a downtown street thus adding beauty to the whole street. Dick was so surprised he didn't know what to say. I was also present when the Lebanon Lions Club presented Lion Margi McConnaha with a Melvin Jones Fellowship for her passion to make her Club a better Lions Club. She found out later that everyone in the room knew about the award except her and her husband, Al.

The District 25-C Convention saw the awards continue. ID Steve Tremaroli presented three International President Certifi-

cates of Appreciation to Ray Furner, Pat Short and Nick Xinopoulos for their long term behind the scenes work in Lions.

Certificates of Appreciation from DG Charles Roth were given to Lions Bob Dale, Steve Hall, Dave Roloff, Mike Shockley, Dave Thomas and PDG Charlie Short. PDG Pat and PDG Charlie Short received their Certified Guiding Lions Certificates. Seven clubs, Lafayette, Newport, Martinsville Noon, Clinton, Cloverdale, Paragon and Zionsville received Club Excellent Awards for 2013-14 from IPDG Larry Graden.

The big surprise came when IPDG Larry announced that 42 Clubs are within reaching distance of receiving this award next year. ID Steve recognized PDG Charlie Short, Lion Mike Joyce, PDG Ray Collins, PDG Ron Spivey and Lion Dean Strohm for developing the vision screening program in District 25-C; Lion Charlotte Query for feeding Lions year round and children during the summer months; Ladoga, New Goshen West Vigo, and Zionsville for outstanding service to their communities. The standing ovation came for Lion

Bob Dale when he was recognized as the longest serving Lion in the District at 65 active years.

A special thank you to all who joined ID Steve and Lion Marianne for the Meet and Greet Dessert Friday night. I was told afterwards, they rarely have the opportunity to chat with Lions on a one to one basis. They really enjoyed the event sponsored by the Battle Ground, Brookston, Delphi, Lafayette and Rossville Lions Clubs.

My thanks to all 110 of you who dared to brave the snow and cold to join the fun of the Convention. The weather cooperated with cold but bright sunshine. Clinton Lions Club President Nick Hall had fun asking what those letters meant and so did you when it was revealed. The Question and Answer session with ID Steve and Lion Marianne proved interesting and enlightening. DDG Buzz Melton got all us "off our butts" in recruiting members. But his biggest laugh came when as a thank-you gift he was given a pair of "furry" walking shorts. The seminar on Leader Dog could have lasted another hour because you were so interested in Lion Bob Hrdy and his life with Leader Dog Alex.

ID Linda and PDG Vern Tinchler received recognition from IPIP Barry Palmer for starting a 9th Club, Dugger Lions Club in District 25-E, at a multi-club official visit with DG Charles Roth.

After the District Convention word was received that four of the 25-C clubs had already earned their four-diamond Centennial Service Challenge Awards. Great going Clinton, Lafayette, Riley Township and Zionsville Lions Clubs! There is plenty of time for many more of our Clubs to earn this Centennial Service Challenge Award.

And then (just in case you missed it on page 17) the April issue of the Lion Magazine featured the Brookston Lions Club and their efforts to raise money for smart boards in the Frontier elementary and high school.

One last thought. Lions don't do what they do for awards. Lions do what they do because that's what Lions do.



NEW CLUB — PDG Vern and ID Linda Tinchler are accepting a letter from IPIP Barry Palmer recognizing their help in starting the Dugger Lions Club, District 25-E. This was the ninth Club started by PDG Vern and ID Linda. The letter is being presented by DG Charles Roth.



CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARDS — Club Excellence Awards were earned by seven Clubs for the Lion year 2013-14. These awards were presented by ID Steve Tremaroli and IPDG Larry Graden. Accepting the awards were, from left, Lion Robert Hrdy, Lafayette; Lion Larry Wickens, Newport; ID Steve Tremaroli; Lion Sam Goodman, Martinsville Noon; Nick Hall, Clinton; Lion James McKee, Cloverdale; ZC David Roloff, for Paragon; and IPDG Larry Graden. (Photo by Ray Furner)

MEANING? — Tail-twister President Nick Hall, Clinton, is discussing with attendees of the 25-C District Convention the meaning of the abbreviations that are on the sign hanging his neck. Do you know?



DG CERTIFICATE — ID Steve Tremaroli presented a DG Certificate of Appreciation to Lion Robert "Bob" Dale, Lafayette, in recognition of him being the longest serving Lion in District 25-C at 65 years.



PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATE — ZC Ray Furner is receiving the International President Certificate of Appreciation from ID Steve Tremaroli for his dedicated work as webmaster, audit committee chair and zone chairperson.



ANOTHER CERTIFICATE — PDG Pat Short receiving the International President Certificate of Appreciation from ID Steve Tremaroli for her dedicated work coordinating the District Convention and helping the District Governor in the area of membership.



THIRD CERTIFICATE — CS Gretchen Xinopoulos is shown accepting the International President Certificate of Appreciation from ID Steve Tremaroli for her spouse, PDG Nick Xinopoulos, who was recognized for his long term work with the Indiana Lions Eye Bank and his help to the District Governor this year. PDG Nick was unable to be present because he was on a trip to India for the Indiana Lions Eye Bank.



DISCUSSING LIONISM — ID Steve Tremaroli is discussing the state of the Indiana Lions with Indiana's 2014 Distinguished Lion PDG William "Bill" Penn.





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'Rebirth and New Beginnings'

By GOV. KATHY LOZIER

Have you "ASK ONE" or more persons to share your passion and join you in serving those less fortunate than yourself. We must "Strengthen the Pride" of Multiple District 25, but it is going to take all of us to turn this downward spiral around. We must all want to increase our membership

and I believe we can accomplish anything if we set our hearts and minds to doing the job which needs to be done.

Fellow Lions, please get out there and keep up the good work of adding members to your Clubs. Reducing drops will also help our retention results. I have faith in the Lions of Indiana and I know that all of you want to

"Strengthen our Prides" so that we can continue to be the "Knights of the Blind" or whatever "Servant Name" you want to give yourself.

Lions are serving those who have needs far greater than their own in whatever way that they can to lighten the burdens and hardships and fulfilling our motto of "We Serve"!!!

As "spring" bursts forth, we will see everything come alive and all the beautiful colors appear. This would be an excellent time for us to shake off the winter blues and get busy making our Clubs grow just like the trees, plants and flowers, which brighten our landscape during this season of rebirth and new beginnings.

The Lions of Indiana State Convention Committee has been working very hard to make sure that this year's Convention would be affordable for all Lions to attend and they have succeed beyond expectations. The Convention will be held in Columbus on April 24, 25, and 26. The keynote speaker on Saturday night will be our International President Joe President

Remember to add the International Convention, which will be in Honolulu, Hawaii, from June 26-30, to your calendar, as well as the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to be in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on Sept. 17, 18 and 19. Be sure to check out the Lions University and I hope to see you all there!!

Until next time, May God Bless Each and Every One of You!!!



NEW MEMBERS — The Saratoga Lions Club held a New Member Induction Ceremony during their meeting on March 9. Dinner was served for all members and guests followed by the regular meeting session. Past Lion District Governor Steve Marsh inducted six new members into the Club bringing the total of active members to 40.

Recent projects for the Saratoga Lions Club include the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4 at the Saratoga Park and the Annual Consignment Auction on April 11 at the clubhouse.

Shown, in front, from left, are new members Brian Hopkins, Justin Clay, Stacy White, Deric King, Carole Mills, Jerry Geeting. Standing in back are Lion sponsors Jeff Manning, Gary White, Bill Dillow, Bernice Prescott, Denis Wiist.



W.P. WOODS FOR ID — International Director Karla and Clarence Harris are shown receiving W.P. Woods Fellowships from Indiana Lions Foundation President Steve Marsh



W.P. WOODS FELLOWS — Lion Steffannie Fuydal and Cub Katie Fuydal receive W.P. Woods Fellowships from DG Kathy's work at the Indiana State Fair for the Foundation. The Governor also presented husband PID Doug with another Progressive WP Woods Fellowship.



WOMEN'S MEMBERSHIP — DG Kathy and VDG Betty are busy working on Women's Membership in the District. On April 18 a tea will be held in Markleville where female Lions will bring female non Lions for an afternoon of tea, fun, information and entertainment. Each will leave with a unique tea cup and saucer and knowledge on the No. 1 Service Organization - LCI.



CHEVRON PRESENTED — Elwood Lion Earl Watson received a chevron for 20 years as a Lion.

THIRTY YEARS — Sharpville Lion Oliver "Sonny" Myers receives a chevron for 30 years as a Lion. The Club presented a check for project donations to DG Kathy.



TWENTY YEARS — Albany Lion Rebecca Hudson received a chevron for 20 years as a Lion.



FIFTEEN YEARS — Redkey Lions Ted Champ receives a chevron or 15 years as a Lion.



PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATES - Recipients of the President's Certificate of Appreciation for 25-D are, from left, Cabinet Treasurer Bob Yunker; PDG Fran Shaul; Convention Chairperson Jim Colter; DGE Betty Weist and District Governor Kathy Lozier. International Director Karla Harris is in back.



TWO NEW MEMBERS — Two new members were inducted at Lynn. From left are sponsor DeAnn Wigginton, new member Cindy Skiver, DG Kathy Lozier, new member Derek Nicholson and sponsor Steve Skiver.



LEOS HOLD BREAKFAST — Westfield High School Leo Club held a pancake breakfast March 7 to raise funds to help defray medical expenses for Elliot Ogle, a young man of 8 who is battling ALL, a form of leukemia.

Overall they raised close to \$3,000. Lion Ted Engelbrecht helped by matching funds. He is pictured with his face painted - an incentive if the Club raised at least \$250, which he also matched.





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MIYAMOTA FELLOWSHIP — PDG Paul Schoonmaker received the Miyamota Fellowship for being a Speech and Hearing Trustee. Pictured, from left, are ID John Pettis Jr., PDG Schoonmaker and DG Jeff Schafer.



Thanks to all who made the Convention a success

By GOV. JEFF SCHAFER

I would like to start out by saying "Thank You" to everyone who attended our District 25-E Convention and made it a successful event. From the Friday night "Meet the International Director" to the Saturday night banquet, we had approximately 160 plus Lions attend the events between the two days.

I would like to say a special Thank You to the following Lions for all the time and energy they put into the two-day event: PDG Frank and Lion Sandy Ruane for being an excellent limo driver and host; PCC Richard and Lion Jan Halladay for the wonderful lunch and tour of Nashville on Friday; Second VDGE Keith and RC Erica Thomas, and CT Richard Kaiser for all of their effort in preparing and execution of the Convention, PDG Paul Schoonmaker and PDG Charlie Crawford for their wonderful gifts they made for the International Director (Paul made a scroll saw Lion and Charlie made an ink pen out of wood from the PS Alice Dean (an old Civil War steamboat)).

Also, DGE Glen and First VDGE Trea for their support during the Convention, PDG Dale Leffler and PDG John Ferry during the nominations and elections, ZC Maurice Lee Day for the outstanding live auction where we raised over \$900 for the Speech & Hearing project, and the Brown County Lions for helping support the registration area during the Convention. Finally I would like to thank everyone who donated a silent auction item, provided and/or gave a report, and added to the livelihood, laughter and all around great time (led by our great tail twister RC Erica Thomas) that we had during the Convention.

To add to the great Convention I would like to CONGRATULATE PDG Paul Schoonmaker (Bloomington) for receiving the Richard Miyamoto Fellowship, Lion Lucy Southwood (Petersburg) for receiving the Melvin Jones Fellowship and the following Lions for receiving the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation (fourth highest award in Lions): DGE Glen Georges (Oakland City), RC Steven Anderson (Canton), RC Erica Thomas (Petersburg), and Lion Ceal Schulz (Evansville Eastside). Additionally, two W.P. Woods were presented to ID John and Lion Liz Pettis. Next year's event is planned for March 4-5, 2016 at the Santa's Lodge in Santa Claus. Mark your calendars!

The next big event for the Lions of our District and the State of Indiana is the 2015 Lions State Convention planned for April 24-26 at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Columbus. Our guest speaker at the All State Banquet on Saturday evening

(April 25 at 5:30pm) will be International President Joe Preston. The cost for this event is only \$15, so take a day off from your busy schedule and enjoy a wonderful meal, listen to a great speaker and meet the International President of this great organization we call the Lions Club International!

Let's see if we can duplicate our efforts from the Mid Winter Conference and exceed our goal for participation at the All State Banquet and have the greatest percentage of Lions attending! The price is right and the dress attire is right, too (regular Lions attire is acceptable). See our District's April newsletter for registration and the schedule of events or visit us at www.lions25e.org.

What a wonderful month we had in membership growth! Since January our membership numbers have slowly gotten better with March being the defining point where we had a positive growth! It may not be much, but it's positive momentum going into the final stretch of this year! Lions of District 25-E, Way to Go and Congratulations! The District's Global Membership Team, led by PDG Dr. Herb Stevens has met with the Orleans and Brownstown Lions to put together a plan to rebuild their Clubs over the next few months. Please contact us if you would like to have a meeting with the GMT to discuss the approach and a plan to rebuild your Club.

I had the pleasure, during an official visit to the Mitchell Lions, to induct two new members and present a membership key award to Lion Larry Hardman. For a District Governor that is the best part of our job when we can induct new members into our great organization.

As of March 31, 25 percent of our Clubs are below 15 members. I would like to challenge the clubs that are below 15 members to add a few members before the end of the year to get their membership back up to 15 or more.

With the weather turning nice the time is right to keep the rudder at hard full to turn this great District of 25-E around and increase our membership to an overall positive growth for the year! Spend some time with the members who are less active to get them back involved with Lionism, to increase your projects and fundraiser, and to do those community needs that no one else in your community can do. That's what we do as Lions, We Serve!

During this same time, evaluate your Club's goals and objectives and ask yourself if you're inviting more women, families and veterans to join our Lions Clubs. Predominantly our Clubs are comprised of men (65 percent men and 35 percent women), but wouldn't it be nice if the average was 50-50 men and women?

Wouldn't it be nice if the majority of our members were under the age of 45 to ensure we had a succession plan to carry our Clubs over the 100 year anniversary of Lions in 2017 and build a foundation for the second 100 years of Lions!

We have some of the oldest Clubs in the State of Indiana (Seymour Evening 1925, Salem 1926 and Brownstown 1927) that are flourishing in their communities and some have ask for help in rebuilding because they see a need to Serve their Community. Promote expanding your membership by making your Club family friendly, think about how virtual Club members could fit into your Club, ask a veteran to join because we love to serve and have leadership, planning and organizational skills already built into our DNA, and finally ask more women to join our Clubs to bring diversity, to add to our leadership, and to contribute to positive change affecting families in our Clubs.

Let's put membership growth, both retaining members (Keep 1) and bringing in new members (Ask 1) at the top of our list of things to do as we close out this Lion Year. In fact, let's rejuvenate our goals for our Clubs and make it part of our short and long range plans. Make a commitment to ask someone you think has the desire and passion to be a Lion - To Serve!

I have completed 80 percent of my Club visits and have 97 percent of them scheduled and have enjoyed every Club visit. We have some great Clubs and members in our District and you should be proud to be a Lion.

Finally, I would like to announce that our District 25-E Picnic will be June 20 at the West Boggs Lake Park located on highway 231, just north of Loogootee in Davies County. Details are in the April newsletter and on our website (www.lions25e.org).

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



PLAQUE PRESENTED — President Chris Blackmore, left, of the Southern Indiana Sports Recreation and Youth Center, presents Lion Larry Hardman a plaque for the Mitchell Lions Club in appreciation for the Mitchell Lions Club helping the organization get established.



CENTENNIAL PATCH — Sandy Ruane, Seymour Noon Lions, received the Lions Clubs International Centennial Service Challenge Patch for Vision, Hunger, Environment and Youth. Seymour Noon was one of five Clubs achieving this award in District 25-E. Pictured, from left, are Lion Sandy Ruane, DG Jeff Schafer and ID John Pettis Jr.



COCHLEAR IMPLANT — Nicole Wheeler, took on a senior project to raise money. She chose Speech and Hearing because she has a cochlear implant and wanted to give back. She raised \$4,525. for the Speech and Hearing State Project. In light of her accomplishment the Seymour Noon Lions Club presented her with a Miyamoto Fellowship. Pictured, from left, are President Brad Nolan, Nicole Wheeler, PDG Frank Ruane and PCC Steve Windgardner, Speech and Hearing Chairperson.



ESSAY WINNER — Fayetteville sponsored an essay contest "What Serving Others Means to Me." Pictured are Chairperson Lion Lynn Burch, Lion Bud Mitchell, Fayetteville Elementary fifth grade winner Claire Day, Lion Duane Terry, Principal Rhonda Hackler. Member, Lion Pete Pritchett made the wooden trophy.



W. P. WOODS — At the Petersburg 45th Anniversary, DG Jeff Schafer presents Lion Cal Biddle a W.P. Woods Fellowship. Also shown is RC Erica Thomas, Petersburg.



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April showers bring May flowers

By GOV. BILL URHIG

In deed April showers do bring May flowers. This was from a poem written in 1557 by Thomas Tusser in which he espoused "Sweet April showers do spring May flowers." His contention was the heavy rains of April bring the abundance of flowers in May, which is a lesson in patience.

The month of April's first day, of course, is what we all know as April Fool's Day. Some histori-

ans believe the origin of celebrating this day, while not recognized as a legal holiday in any country, may be traced to the Roman festival of Hilaria. Playing pranks on another is the order of the day.

One, I'll venture to say, we all would have enjoyed took place in London in 1857. You may have received an invitation to the Tower of London's Annual Ceremony of "Washing the Lions." Of course no such event took place.

Additionally it's a joyous date in that the District Governor 25-F celebrates his birthday April 1.

We don't look to be "fooled" in April in Lionism. For one thing we are busy with our elections. Once our election is over that's just the start of the process. We must insure our PU 101's are filed with Lions International. This is to insure officers are properly listed and can receive pertinent information from International and the District throughout the year. Please insure to file this most important document.

Also the last weekend of April is set aside for our State Convention. As you all are aware this year we'll "Celebrate the Pride in Columbus" during April 24-26. The Convention has many things to offer all Lions. We are especially looking forward to hearing from International President Joe Preston at the "All State Banquet" on Saturday evening. During the noon hour we'll recognize Lions during the "Celebrate the Pride" luncheon. It'll be a joyous occasion and one I know you won't be "fooled" by. You'll only be "fooled" if you don't attend. See you there.

GOVERNOR VISITS PID — Shortly before his recent death PID Carter Everage had a visit with a special guest. Shown in what was to be one of the last photos taken of Everage is 25-F District Governor Bill Uhrig.



It's not too late...

By PCC SUE TOPF
State Convention Chairperson

... to register for the State Convention! The last time District F hosted the Convention was in 2007. This is, however, the second year in a row that we have visited Columbus for the State Convention. Lions were there last year when District C hosted the Convention.

Our theme is to "Celebrate the Pride." Our goal is to have as many Lions as possible to help us celebrate our pride in what Indiana Lions accomplish. We have the opportunity to have as our keynote speaker, Lions International President, Joe Preston. I

am certain that we will all become more engaged from his speech.

At the Saturday All State Banquet, we see Lions in vests, suits, dresses. If you have spent all day at the Convention and wish to attend the dinner, feel free to dress just as you did during the day. There is no formal dress code, although many dress up for this occasion. The purpose is to engage Indiana Lions, not to take notes on how they dressed.

The Saturday, "Celebrate the Pride" luncheon is another special event. District F has a number of nominees for Indiana Distinguished Lion. This is yet another reason for Lions to attend.

Let's once again show our pride in these great and dedicated Lions. The cost for the Luncheon is only \$10, and the cost for the banquet is \$15. Please check the registration form in this newsletter. You can also register only and pay through Pay-Pal. It is a quick and easy way to do it.

I look forward to seeing you April 24-26 in Columbus. As always, I am proud to be a Lion and hope you are, too.

Club Officer/Zone Chairpersons training

District 25F Club Officers and Zone Chairs training will be conducted as follows:

April 14 — Clermont Lions Club, sponsor, 3201 N. Tansel Road Clermont

April 21 — Indy-Franklin Township Lions Club, sponsor, 8822 Southeastern Avenue Indianapolis

April 29 — Versailles Lions Club, sponsor, 202 W. First Street Versailles

May 3 — Camp Woodsмоke,

Greensburg Lions Club, sponsor, 9219 E. CR 640 N., Greensburg, NOTE: Sponsors are responsible for providing snacks/drinks.

All training, with the exception of that held at Camp Woodsмоke, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Training held at Camp Woodsмоke will start at 2 p.m. Training will last approximately 2 hours.

Club officers, especially Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers should plan on attending. Zone Chairs are encouraged to

attend as it has been found that many responsibilities of that position are not being met.

In the past, we have seen the same clubs represented time after time. We would like to see some new clubs participate. The information is current and applies to your club, especially in the coming year, as it pertains to programs for our 100th year.

Any questions should be directed to: PDG Jack Salsbery, (317) 409-5245, or dosalsbery@att.net

LEOS LISTEN — Centerville Leo members Mattie Day and Emma Cormanlisten to remarks from the Governor.



SERVICE CHEVRONS — Lawrence Lions received service chevrons. From left are Lions Larry Bishoff, Joe Kendrick, Steve Sandbrink, and Tom Palmer.



CHEVRONS — Charlottesville Lion Doug Addison, left, displays her 35-year chevron while Lion Keith Brown displays his 50-year chevron. DG Bill is in the enter of the photo.



NARCON KITS — The Southport Lions Club presented the Southport Police Department with five Narcon kits, which are used when people have overdosed on opiates such as heroin. The kits have been placed in each of the four police cruisers and in city hall. Shown, from left, are Mayor Jesse Testruth, Lion Bob Roe and Police Chief Tom Vaughn.



PIE IN THE FACE — During Region One's Meeting several Lions received "pie in the face" the result of raising over \$200 to support several projects. Seated is DGE John Brown. Behind him, from left, Sarah Getts, PCC Sue Topf and Patsy Uhrig.

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Looking for some 'sizzle' in your life?

By GOV. MARTY JUEL

The inspiration for this column actually was part of an email from a local eatery. It was a promotion to solicit applicants for several cook openings. Unlike the traditional 'Cook Wanted' approach, the email featured an emotional appeal for persons looking to do more than just a 'job,' rather, improve the quality and excitement in their careers.

How novel! How about the same approach for Lions clubs? Instead of our traditional 'New Members Wanted' (now that's exciting, isn't it?), how about 'Life Changing Opportunities Available Now' on your next promotional flyer?

Life changing? You bet! Talk with the young parents of a preschool child who was diagnosed with a vision condition that could have developed into blindness had it not been detected through one of the Club's preschool Kid-



Sight vision screenings; the impact from having a cancer detected, treated and cured at the Indiana Lions supported cancer treatment center in Indianapolis; the stories from blind people about the freedom of mobility after receiving a Leader Dog; and one of several other recipients of Indiana Lions state projects, LCIF sponsored projects and even the work done in your own community by your club.

Yes, the work we do is life changing. I often hear from first time participants during our eye-

glass missions to Mexico about the life changing events they experience when we help a person see clearly for the first time. Mothers who never saw their child's face; students who can go back to school because they can now read textbooks; a grandmother that can continue to knit because she can see the needles and yarn. These are life changing events.

We need to remind our prospects that life changing describes the feelings that Lions will share from working on the many community projects and activities that clubs sponsor throughout the year. Yes, we're 'hiring' volunteers to get involved and the paycheck each receives will be determined on much effort is extended on a service project. But those checks can't be cashed in a monetary sense. They can and will be deposited in the banks of our lives, allowing us to cash in from our reserves knowing that we've been a part of doing good for others who may not have been able to do for themselves.

We really don't want to add new members. We need to make opportunities available to provide Life Changing experiences for both the volunteers (think Lion members) and the communities we serve.

Pancakes and sausage

The Madison Township and Wakarusa Lions Clubs, will be serving all you can eat pancakes and sausage during the Wakarusa Maple Syrup Festival from 4-8 p.m. Friday, April 24, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturday, April 25. These meals will be served at the Wakarusa Middle School (301 N Elkhart St, Wakarusa). Cost is \$8 adult and \$4 children.

Madison Township schedules two projects in May

The Madison Township Lions Club is hosting a blood drive from 8 a.m. until noon May 2 at the Madison Township Lions Den (15660 Woodland Ave, Wyatt). Interested donors can sign up on line at www.GiveBloodNow.com or contact Lion Alan Beehler project coordinator, at Mtlscabec@aol.com, who can sign up donors. The club will also be serving free breakfast to everyone who comes to the den during the hours of the drive.

The Club will have a pork chop sale from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. May 16 at the Madison Township Fire Station (66341 SR 331, Wyatt). The chops are \$5. each. Carry out only. There is no meal served.

ID SPEAKS — International Director Cindy Gregg is shown as she speaks at the Friday evening dinner.



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION — Lion Jack Goodman received the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation from ID Cindy Gregg at the Convention. This is the fourth highest award given by Lions Clubs International. He is a member of the Elkhart Lions Club and found his passion in helping behind the scenes, reading the prescriptions of over 60,000 pairs of glasses since his club purchased a new lensometer about seven years ago. He found a way to streamline the process and with the help of a relative developed a way to integrate a printer and computer to print labels at the same time a prescription is read, saving countless hours of this being done by hand.



SECOND CERTIFICATE — Lion Rev. Leroy Wise, District Chaplain and Zone Chairperson, also received a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation from ID Cindy Gregg. He has exhibited unselfish time to help the District and his Zone. He also rolls up his sleeves and personalizes his commitment to serve. The Governor said, Not only does he work the work, he talks the talk!"



DISTRICT LEADERS — Shown are district leaders as they posed at the 25-G Convention. From left are DG Marty Juel; ID Cindy Gregg, the day's keynote speaker; newly elected Second Vice District Governor Thomas Polk; First VDG-Elect Peg Van Nevel; and Governor-Elect Vic Fischer.

DEMONSTRATION — Lion Robin Claassen, 25-G zone chair from Etna Green Lions Club, is demonstrating how to use one of the SchoolSight vision screening acuity chart at the training session held March 28 in Lakeville. Over 40 Lions attended this session.



TRAINING SESSION — PDG Charles Short (25-C) is shown with Lions Bruce Wells, left, of the Dunlap Lions and PDG Paul Russell of the Lakeville Lions, demonstrating how to use the new acuity testing materials for the SchoolSight program.



SENIOR PDG'S — District 25-G's two senior Past District Governors Layne Warren of Claypool and Bud Seely of Milford are shown as they posed at Warren's 90th birthday party. Warren served the District as Governor in 1967-68 and Seely served in 1972-73.



Lions 25-G

District Meeting

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Saturday
May 9, 2015

Greene Township Hall
24600 Roosevelt Rd. • South Bend
Registration begins at 11 a.m.
FREE lunch at Noon • Mtg. begins at 1:00

Batter Up!

Special Program -
Joe Hart, President, South Bend Cubs
Our special guest will discuss the recent changes of the South Bend minor league team and how it has energized new levels of enthusiasm. Find out how the team is using community service to reach out and target new fans. If this sounds familiar to what we should do as Lions, YOU'RE RIGHT! Be sure to come and hear this story. PLUS, a new membership incentive program will be detailed to help give you and your members new reasons to reach out and introduce Lions to non-members. Special door prizes from the South Bend Cubs will also be given away!

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!
Special incentives to register now, either online or by mail
Sure, the meal will be free, but ONLY for those who pre-register. Registrations after May 2 and at the door will be \$5, based on food availability. PLUS, Lions will be assigned a number as reservations are received by the Cabinet Secretary and those numbers will be used to establish the sequence for the meal line-up. PLUS, PLUS, pre-registration is required in order to qualify for the door prize drawing. Hey, it's free, so be sure to sign up now.

Help us plan - HEY, it's FREE Mail to:
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YOU CAN EMAIL your registration to: ahaffner@kconline.com

From _____ Lions Club
The following Lions will be attending the May 9th District Meeting:

2015 Indiana Lions State Convention Schedule

START TIME	END TIME	ROOM	FUNCTION
THURSDAY, APRIL 23			
6:00 PM	6:30 PM	Crystal Ballroom	Social Hour
6:30 PM	8:30 PM	Crystal Ballroom	Welcome Dinner
8:30 PM	10:00 PM	As assigned	Hospitality Room
FRIDAY, APRIL 24			
9:00 AM	2:00 PM	Salt Creek Golf Club	Golf Outing
10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Bartholomew Room	Credentials
12:00 PM	5:00 PM	Pre-Function Hallway	Committee Mtg.
12:00 PM	5:00 PM	Pre-Function Hallway	Convention Registration
2:00 PM	2:45 PM	AV Room 2nd Floor	Delegate Certification
3:00 PM	3:45 PM	Bartholomew Room	PDG Jeri Seely with DGE's
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Bartholomew Room	Council Meeting
5:00 PM	7:00 PM	County Fairgrounds	IP Joe Meets with MD Leaders
8:00 PM	9:00 PM	Crystal Ballroom A&B	BBQ Dinner by Columbus Lions
9:00 PM	11:00 PM	First Floor Pool Area	1st General Session
SATURDAY, APRIL 25			
8:00 AM	8:45 AM	Pre Function Hallway	Hospitality Rooms
9:00 AM	4:00 PM	Pre-Function Hallway	District Caucus
9:00 AM	4:00 PM	Pre-Function Hallway	Convention Registration
9:00 AM	10:45 AM	Crystal Ballroom A & B	Delegate Registration
11:00 AM	11:45 AM	As assigned	2nd General Session
12:00 PM	1:45 PM	Crystal Ballroom	Seminars
2:00 PM	2:45 PM	B, C, D	Celebrate the Pride Luncheon
3:00 PM	3:45 PM	As Assigned	Seminars
4:00 PM	4:30 PM	As Assigned	Seminars
4:00 PM	4:30 PM	Bartholomew Room	PDG Meeting
5:30 PM	6:15 PM	Pre-Function Hallway	Int'l Pres/IPIP/DG Receiving Line
6:30 PM	9:00 PM	Crystal Ballrooms A,B,C,D	MD 25 All State Banquet
9:15 PM	11:00 PM	First Floor Pool Area	Hospitality Rooms
SUNDAY, APRIL 26			
6:00 AM	7:00 AM	Dining Room	Credentials Comm. Breakfast
7:00 AM	10:00 AM	Bartholomew Room	Voting
9:30 AM	10:15 AM	Crystal Ballroom C & D	Necrology Service
10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Crystal Ballroom A & B	Awards/Key Member Brunch
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Crystal Ballroom A & B	3rd General Session
1:45 PM	2:15 PM	Crystal Ballroom C & D	Council Meeting
2:15 PM	???????	Crystal Ballroom	DGE Meeting/CC Selection
2:30 PM	3:30 PM	Gavel Room	1st and 2nd VDGE Meeting

District	#	Golf	Fri PM	Sat Lunch	Sat Din	Sun
A	18	3	11	15	18	14
B	35	2	17	29	35	19
C	67	4	20	34	66	21
D	23	0	13	18	21	16
E	47	1	16	35	44	22
F	148	4	44	80	141	46
G	32	1	24	29	32	16
I don't know	15	1	10	15	19	8
Totals	385	16	155	255	376	162

The Emerging Lions Leadership Institute

Each year LCI offers different opportunities for training to Lions with different amounts of experience. These institutes receive excellent marks by those who have taken them. Lion Gayle Feeney from the Ben Davis Lions, District F attended the ELLI offered in October, 2014. These are some of the insights she shared from her learning experience.

The Emerging Lions Leadership Institute was a very intensive, well-managed and educa-

tional experience. Our areas of study included the following: The history of Lions, it's present and future, including the Mission Statement and Code of Ethics. How to do a community needs assessment and structure of the Lions.

Change Management was discussed and it's different forms.

Supporting Lions teams taught us about Team Development. Team goals, participation, feedback, decisions, leadership, conflict, resources and risk taking

were discussed and a case study was used.

LCIF was discussed in how it operates and how to explain it to others. Writing and getting grants was another presentation.

Effective communication was discussed and it was taught that it is achieved through reading, talking, writing and listening.

The components of conducting effective meetings were presented.

Diversity within a Club was examined.

Lions mentoring programs were presented followed by a session on creative thinking and how it can help service projects and fundraisers.

A wide range of subjects were reviewed that would help ensure a Club's success.

I found that the entire institute was a success and the interactions with Lions from all over the US and Canada were invaluable. I would definitely recommend this to anyone wanting to grow as a Lion leader.



PDG GAR OCHS

PDG Gary Ochs is candidate

Past District Governor Gary Ochs (25-E) is a candidate for 2015-18 Indiana Lions International Convention Committee.

PDG Ochs joined the Bedford Lions Club in 2003. He's served the Bedford Lions Club as a member, project chairperson, Board Member, First and Second Vice President and President two times. During 2005-06 Gary served District E1 as Region 3 Zone Chairman; 2006-07 Leadership/MERL Team Chairman and 2007-08 Indiana Lions District 25-E1 Vice-District Governor.

After Serving the Indiana Lions as District 25-E1 Governor 2008-09, he wanted to work with the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

During the past six years, 2009-14, he served three years as the District E1 LCIF Coordinator and then served the past three years as Indiana's LCIF MD 25 Coordinator. Improved communication and reorganizing was necessary. LCIF Club participation was just over 33 percent of the 404 Lions Clubs, but starting in 2012-13 participation increased to 41 percent and last year 2013-14 participation grew to 53 percent.

He and his wife, Marsha, have four daughters and six grandchildren. He is a member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and is active the church, currently serving his sixth year as church trustees chairperson.

He is also active in his community, spearheading a number of projects. In 2006 he received the "Community Service Award" from the Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce. He is a life member of the U. S. Jaycees.

PDG Ochs is retired from General Motors Corp., Powertrain Division in Bedford, having worked there for 45.3 years. He was a manufacturing engineer, serving in tooling finance. He also worked as a plant new vehicle sales committee team leader.

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and Saturday of the Convention! You may still also register for the Friday night dinner hosted by the Columbus Lions Club, the "Celebrate the Pride" luncheon on Saturday, the All-State Banquet Saturday evening, and the Key Awards Brunch on Sunday. However, please note that the early registration pricing was only through April 1, so meal prices will increase slightly. Please remember that registration for the Convention itself is free to all Lions of Indiana.

The Clarion Hotel and Conference center is almost at accommodation capacity. However, there are several hotels right across the street: Comfort Inn & Suites, Days Inn, Super 8, and Residence Inn are just some examples.

International President Joe Preston and his wife, Joni, will be our honored guests. However, there are several hotels right across the street: Comfort Inn & Suites, Days Inn, Super 8, and Residence Inn are just some examples.

A Convention

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Friday and Saturday nights have the District hospitality rooms that are open for everyone's enjoyment - another opportunity for attendees to spend time building friendships.

There are some members who have never attended one - because of other obligations or timing. Others had cited costs or not knowing if there were enough events they would be able to attend or eligible to participate in. Also mentioned was the thought that most of the meals required that they wear a suit or formal wear. This year's costs are unlike any others for many years and maybe hard to match in any future Conventions. The main Saturday night banquet with keynote speaker International President Joe Preston, is only \$15. The "Celebrate the Pride" luncheon is only \$10 and if you elect to stay at the Clarion the special Lions' rate is \$89 for a room - which will include a buffet breakfast for up to four with each night's stay. If you go with another member and share a room, out of pocket is half that amount. There are several other hotels in the immediate area that a member can stay at too - it isn't required to be a guest at the Convention hotel in order to attend the Convention. Some members only are able to attend one day - that is always an option too.

All meetings and meals are open to all members and the dress code will range from Lion's

Lucas about the American Association of Blind Athletes. Mark will be our speaker at the luncheon, and then hold seminars afterwards.

Other seminars to be held at the Convention include Special Olympics; Leader Dogs for the Blind; Q& A regarding the Indiana Lions Eye Bank resolution to be voted upon Sunday; LCIF; Richard Zellars, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Radiation Oncology, IU Cancer Center; Meet and Greet with Lion Joni Preston; Updates from Lions Clubs International; Club Presidents meet with IP Joe Preston; and much more!

I have been assured by DGE John Brown that the Hospitality Rooms this year will be the best ever! Hospitality Rooms are open both Friday and Saturday night.

We look forward to seeing you April 26-26 in sunny Columbus, Indiana. Please feel free to contact me at (317) 332-5450 with any questions or concerns.

As always, I am proud to be a Lion and hope you are, too!

attire to dressy - you decide - whatever makes you feel comfortable - there will be a mixture as is often seen at our events. There will also be plenty of things to do each day. Check out the schedule in this issue as it ranges from golf on Friday to a BBQ that night, business sessions each day, a wide range of workshops and sessions Saturday. Sunday brings the Key Member brunch (again everyone is invited to attend) and voting on the important issues.

Our Lions' leadership have offered some catchy phrases to stimulate membership growth each year - recently it has been "Just Ask" and "Ask One." I would like to encourage our members to "Bring One"! Is there a new member or a veteran member who hasn't been to the Convention? Please Bring One! Invite them and explain to them what happens at these meetings. If your time will only allow you to go for one day - please Bring One other member (or more) for a sample of the Convention. Often a member may not want to attend something like this by themselves and by inviting them to join you it gets them off to a good start in attending a meeting beyond the Club level such as this. Sometimes the perception gets made that a gathering like this is meant for only the senior members of our organization or all of the various officers. Help share the fun and fellowship and "Bring One" and help make it a Convention to remember!

Indiana Lions

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snowy January Mid winter Conference.

"We are hoping that the fall dates, when the weather should not discourage traveling or interfere with trips to Florida, will stimulate attendance and allow us to provide some new, imaginative programming for the Lions of Indiana. The committee welcomes suggestions for speakers and programs. Put the new dates on your calendars now."

As Eisen noted, It is hoped that the move will bring about better weather than the freezing temperatures, ice and snow of several conferences of the past and more Lions will be able to attend. Eisen and his committee are working hard to insure the Nov. 6 and 7 events are just as enjoyable and educational as past conferences have been. Currently the committee is

working on entertainment for Friday night, a keynote speaker for Saturday's conference and seminars and workshops that will help those who attend grow in Lionism.

The Conference will again be held at the Plainfield Middle School, with promises of warmer classrooms than were available in January, and the Baymont Inn & Suites in Plainfield will again be used as the Conference hotel.



See You
In Columbus
April 24-26

**PIP BARRY PALMER
AND FORMER U. S.
PRESIDENT
JIMMY CARTER**



Does your Lions Club support your LCI Foundation?

Lions and LCIF are committed to saving sight

By **PIP BARRY J. PALMER**
Chairperson, Lions Clubs
International Foundation
(Article submitted by: PDG
Gary Ochs, Indiana LCIF MD
Coordinator)

As Chairperson of your Lions Clubs International Foundation, I have the privilege of traveling the globe to see the amazing work Lions are doing. Every day, you provide disaster relief, empower our young people and serve our communities. You also remain committed to saving sight. Whether you are conducting vision screenings, providing eyeglasses or medicine, you are giving the gift of sight.

Together with LCIF and partners like The Carter Center,

Lions have helped to restore sight to 7.7 million people through cataract surgeries; prevented serious vision loss for more than 30 million; provided over 271 million treatments for river blindness; built or expanded 660 eye care hospitals and clinics; and trained 681,000 eye care specialists and eye health workers. Congratulations, Lions!

As we celebrate these achievements, know that there is still much work to be done. With your contribution, LCIF will be able to support Lions all over the world who continue making a positive impact in the lives of people who are blind or visually impaired.

Thank you for commitment to saving and restoring sight.

Receive your Melvin Jones Fellowship honors at State Convention

Any Indiana Lions Club or person who would like to receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship presented during the Indiana Lions State Convention on Saturday, April 25, in Columbus, you 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, PIP Wayne Madden will be there to assist; and third, this will be a great photo opportunity for you.

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 Coordinator, by Monday, April 20.
gochsinlions@att.net or 812-275-7241.

Going International

1920— Just three years after the founding of Lions the organization became international with the establishment of the first Club in Canada. Mexico followed in 1927. In the 1950s and 1960s international growth accelerated, with new Clubs in Europe, Asia and Africa.



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WORKERS — The mission workers are shown above. In front, from left, are the interpreter, Thomas Mallery and Lion Eduardo Jauregui.

In the middle row are Charlie Robinette, Deb Dewry, interpreter Karla Noemi, interpreter, interpreter Luis Campos Sanchez, interpreter Oscar Buenfil and Lion Duane Wass.

In back are Justin and Kristi Osmond.

Alone you can help one, together we can help many

By **LION DUANE WASS**
The Hearing Lions, Project
Chairman

The Hearing Lions flew into Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, on Feb. 15. Our Mexican hosts were there to greet us, and treated us like family all week. Aureliano Jauregui Vazquez, the national Speech & Hearing Chairman in Mexico, has worked with The Hearing Lions since 1998; his wife and son; Ruben and other members of the host Lions Club, Costa de Chila Sur de Compostela, were there to greet and transport us to our hotel.

The mission was held in the small village of San Jose Del Valle, about an hour north of Puerto Vallarta.

I started helping others hear in Mexico in 1995, and our group has now fit 8,611 hearing aids.

The Hearing Lions donate \$100 per aid to obtain hearing instruments, earmolds and many extra batteries from the Starkey Hearing Foundation. We had to raise \$36,000 to be able to fit the 360 hearing aids. This project would not be possible without the help of Lions Clubs International Foundation. LCIF has awarded the group a \$10,000 International Assistance Grant the last few years. Others who stepped up include churches, friends and family and the Indiana Lions Foundation. The group was still \$1,000 short of the \$36,000 budget, the mayor of the village offered to donate \$1,000.

We have made plans for the next venture of The Hearing Lions. It will be Feb. 22-27, 2016, in the state of Colima. If you or your group would like to help us fit more patients, please make your tax deductible donations out to The Indiana Lions Foundation, write "For The Hearing Lions" in the memo section, and mail them to me at 340 Jefferson Valley, Coatesville, IN 46121.

Aureliano tells us that they have a need for at least 400, probably up to 1,000 hearing aids in this area. Please consider helping The Hearing Lions to help others hear!

We fit about six bone conductor hearing aids this year. These patients may have a fully developed middle and inner ear, but no, or malformed, external ears. These conductive losses are easy to fit. Perhaps cosmetic surgery will be possible in the future for these children.

One gentleman brought his guitar with him to the mission, and after fitting him with two hearing instruments, he started playing his guitar and sang a song, and saying it was the first time in

LIONS AT WORK — Lion Stephanie Sari and Thomas Mahoney, from the state of Texas, work with a small boy with Atresia wearing a bone conductor aid.



HAPPY FAMILY — It was smiles all around when a 5-year-old was helped. Lion Duane Wass holds young Brandon, as Deborah Scott, PhD, left, from Canada, who, with her husband, winters nearby. She identified Brandon, who has a bilateral, profound sensori-neural hearing loss. His identical twin, shown in front, has normal hearing. Brandon now has some usable hearing. The twins' mother is on the right.

many years he could hear what he was playing and hear himself sing.

There were many rewarding fittings, one being a little girl named Danielle about 5 years old. A boy about 15 knew a little sign language so he could communicate a little bit. He was trying not to smile as he was fitted and able to hear but the smile came through anyway. His mom was on the side with tears in her eyes as she knew what this meant for her son.

We received this message from one of our interpreters: "I just wanted to thank you for letting me be a part of this experience, I had always liked to participate in activities where I can help

people, however this changed my life, seeing people smile and cry is something that marks you, hopefully there were more like you, the world would be very different, and better. Thanks for making a difference, God always bless you, and also all the people around you. I heard a part of your history and how you started helping, you are admirable. Really, you are an amazing person. I hope I can help you in another occasion, because there is nothing more satisfying than seeing that you can help people to smile...

Thank you for helping The Hearing Lions in the past, many thanks for allowing us to help many more in the future.

PDG notes

PID Carter Everage dies

Past International Director Carter Everage, (25-F DG 1963-64 and ID 1973-1975) passed away Thursday, March 12 at the Manderley Health Care Center in Osgood. He was 94 years old.



PID CARTER EVERAGE

He was born at Hindman in Knott County, Ky., July 13, 1921, the son of Aster and Polly Ann Morgan Everage. The family moved to a farm north of Versailles in 1937.

He was married to Grace Waters on Oct. 5, 1946. She survives.

A Lion for 65 years, Everage was a member of the Versailles Lions Club with 55 years perfect attendance. He held many other offices, including Club President, Secretary and, Zone Chairperson.

He also served as Pumpkin Show president, and master of ceremonies for the Versailles Pumpkin Show for several years. A true visionary, the late Past Director was one of the founders of Camp Woodsmoke in 1964, which is still in operation today, offering a unique camping experience to those with developmental and physical disabilities. He also served as a multiple district leadership trainer and as the multi district promoter of the Lions-Quest program in Indiana. He spearheaded the effort to raise the necessary funds and obtain a state office building for the Lions of Indiana. He also helped found and served as the first President of the Lions of Indiana Trust Fund and the Lions of Indiana State Office Holding Corp. He is also credited with sponsoring many new members. He was very proud to sponsor his last member in late 2013, daughter-in-law, Robbie, who wanted to continue the family tradition of service to the Club and community.

For his many contributions to the association Everage received many awards including the 100 percent District Governor Award, nine International President's Awards, the Leadership Award, Builder Key and Master Key award, was a Guiding Lion and received the Ambassador of Goodwill Award, the highest honor granted to a member by the association. He was also a W. P. Woods Fellow, a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a Kentucky Colonel.

A graduate of Purdue University, the late Past Director was a professor of agriculture and operated a farm. He was also an Army veteran during World War II. He was very active in his local community and served on many

school and local governmental committees and boards and was a long time member of the Versailles Baptist Church.

Surviving with his wife are one son Jack (Robbie) Everage of Milan; three daughters Sandy Mills of The Villages, Fla., Sherry Kendall of Fruitland Park, Fla. and Joyce Bailey of Martinsville; 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson; one sister Elaine Kemker of Milan; sister-in-law Reva Everage, also of Milan. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brothers John Paul Everage and R. C. Everage.

A Lions Memorial Service was held at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the Versailles Lions Club in his name.

Funeral service were held Friday March 20, at the Versailles Baptist Church.

Notes of condolences may be sent to

Mrs. Grace Everage
245 N. Delaware Road
Milan, IN 47031

PDG Bob Adams dies

Word has been received that PDG Robert "Bob" Adams (25-E 1976-77) of the Chrisney Lions Club passed away Monday, March 30, after a long illness. He was born on July 31, 1921.

He was preceded in death by his wife Kathryn.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. April 1 at the Cornerstone United Methodist Church in Chrisney with Rev. Mark Miller officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery in Chrisney. The Rockport American Legion Post 254 conducted military honors.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Chrisney Volunteer Fire Department or the Chrisney Lions Club.



PDG BOB ADAMS

PDG Bill Hanna dies

Word has been received that PDG Bill Hanna (25F 1995-96) has passed away. No other information is available at press time. He was residing in Lakeland, Fla., at the time of his death.



PDG BILL HANNA



MISSION TEAM — Shown is the mission team. In front, from left, are HESP Director Douglas Vaughn, HESP volunteer Anita Upchurch, Lion Becky Farrington, PID Joe Marcheggiani, Lion Deb Lawrence and Lion Colette Anderson.

In back are Lion Ron Hinshaw, Lion Linda Drake, Lion Phil Drake and PDG Paul Russell

Indiana Lions Eyeglass Mission to Haiti

By PDG PAUL RUSSELL

In February, PID Joe Marcheggiani of the Carmel Lions Club and Lion Ron Hinshaw of the Tipton Lions Club led a team of eight Lions and two non-Lions on an eyeglass mission to Plaisance, Haiti. This was a follow-up mission to the 2014 mission to the nearby town of Pilate.

These were the first eyeglass missions to this part of Haiti by any organization since 1983. These missions were organized at the request of the Haiti Environmental Support Program, a faith-based organization in Kokomo.

Other members of the 2015 mission team were Lions Becky Farrington, Linda Drake and Phil Drake of the Kokomo Area Lions Club; Lions Colette Anderson and Deb Lawrence of the Cheshire Lions Club; PDG Paul Russell of the Lakeville Lions Club; HESP founder and director Douglas Vaughn of Kokomo, and HESP volunteer Anita Upchurch of Kokomo.

In addition to our personal luggage, we took a table-top auto-refractor, a hand-held refract keratometer, and two suitcases full of supplies. We had previously shipped 8,000 pairs (20 cases) of used eyeglasses to Plaisance and we had access to several cases of used eyeglasses, which we left in Pilate at the end of our 2014 mission.

Plaisance is a town in the mountains of northern Haiti. The town and the surrounding area have a population of approximately 50,000 people. The main "highway" into Plaisance is a narrow, rocky, mountain road shared by motor vehicles, bicycles, handcarts, pedestrians and livestock. On a good day — one with no blowouts, breakdowns, washouts, or other delays — it takes about three hours to drive 30 miles from the airport at Cap Hatien to Plaisance.

Haiti is the poorest nation in the western hemisphere; the International Red Cross estimates that 70 percent of Haitians live on less than \$2 U.S. per day. Many Haitians live in small shacks built

HAND HELD REFRACT KERATOMETER — Lion Phil Drake uses a hand-held refract keratometer to examine a boy's eyes.



TEAM MEMBERS AT WORK — Lion Phil Drake staples exam results to a woman's registration slip and Lion Linda Drake observes as PID Joe Marcheggiani uses the auto-refractor to perform an eye exam.

of salvaged sheet metal and scrap lumber.

We tend to take things like electricity and clean running water for granted, but in Haiti, these are luxuries.

We frequently saw local people doing laundry in the nearby river and occasionally saw people bathing in the river.

At both the local school, where we held the mission, and the guest house where we stayed, electricity was provided by portable generators operated by our hosts. There was no running water at the mission site. The guest house had indoor plumbing fed from a large storage tank on the roof, however, plumbing problems

made the system unusable during most of our stay in Plaisance. We got by with sponge baths using cold water from a 55-gallon barrel.

Despite the challenges, we view the mission as a success. During our five-day mission, we provided eye exams and eyeglasses to more than 1,500 men, women and children. Many of them walked several miles to get to our mission site, then waited in line for several hours.

Our hosts went out of their way to make us feel welcome, and we received numerous expressions of gratitude from the people we served.

President Joe and Lion Joni Preston travel the world for Service and Lionism



KidSight State Project – Q & A

By **FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR-ELECT ROSS DRAPALIK**
Chairman of the Board of Directors
Indiana Lions Eye Bank Inc.

If you have read The Hoosier Lion, you may have come across a resolution, which the Lions of Indiana will be voting on at the 2015 MD25 State Convention in Columbus.

This resolution was adopted by the Indiana Lions Eye Bank Inc. in November 2014, and proposes that Operation KidSight become a State Project of the Lions of Indiana. In lieu, the eye bank would shift from being an “official” state project to become its own unique entity, which will remain governed by the Lions of Indiana.

Q And A Seminar

There will be a Question and Answer seminar about this proposal during the State Convention in Columbus on Saturday, April 25, but in the meantime, here is some of the background of what has brought us to this point and some answers to some of the questions that may be floating around.

With the success of the eye bank in recent years, the ILEBI has been able to expand our services outside of Indiana and into the



world. The number of corneas collected at home far exceeds the needs of the citizens of Indiana. We have invested in the surgical training for ophthalmic surgeons through equipment grants and textbook sponsorships; we have taken our mission abroad to help fund eye banks in India; we have expanded our facilities to include additional office space for our continued future growth of our eye bank; and most recently, we have invested in a company working towards production of the first commercially available artificial cornea, which has the potential of eliminating the need for donor corneas in the future.

The Indiana Lions Eye Bank Inc. is growing and making an impact on our world.

At the same time, the Operation KidSight preschool age vision screening program has continued to grow but appears to be reaching a plateau in the number of screenings performed each year, struggling to reach 20,000 children.

It is estimated that of the 80,000 children expected to be born in 2015 with as many as 3,200 of these children having undetected vision disorders. We can and must do better to reach all of these children.

So, “Why form an Indiana Lions

Operation KidSight state project now?” Unfortunately, some Lions look at Operation KidSight as merely an “eye bank” project and something that it does. The truth of the matter is that the current success of the program is not due to the eye bank but rather the KidSight staff and the volunteers across the state who are performing the screenings.

The only way for this program to move to the next level is to get more Lions involved and take ownership of the program.

If approved, an Indiana Lions Operation KidSight state project would be the ONLY state project in which EVERY Lion in Indiana can have a first-hand, hands-on role. Through making contacts and scheduling with their local daycares, preschools, and schools; performing the screenings; and compiling the screening results, every Lion can participate in one way or another in this project.

As Lions, our participation with the state projects is pretty much limited to telling others about what we do and raising money to support their missions. We can’t all go do corneal recoveries nor can we all be puppy raisers for Leader Dog. We don’t have the technical ability to use the gamma knife or fit a person for a hearing aid. We can travel to Indianapolis to volunteer during a cleaning/painting day at the Indiana School for the Blind, but an Operation KidSight vision screening is something that we can do within in our own communities for the children we see every day.

Also, with the launch of the LCI’s Lions KidSight USA program this past fall in Puerto Rico, it just makes sense for the Lions of Indiana to take vision screening to the next level and show the world what we have been doing in Indiana and take advantageous of the publicity generated by LCI.

The Indiana Lions Operation KidSight Coordinator, Lion Janice Chapman, has been appointed to the KidSight USA Committee, and we are already making an impact on how this national program is going to be developed.

“So, is this a preschool or school age screening program?” This seems to be the burning question with many Lions have expressed. The simple answer: It is a vision screening project for the children of Indiana. Although preschool age vision screening is the primary focus of Operation KidSight under the ILEBI, it would be shortsighted to limit the program to one particular type of screening.

Indiana Lions Operation KidSight would be vested in a Board of Directors comprised of Lions from each district just like all of

the other state projects, and they alone will determine where the program goes in the future.

Some will say, “We cannot afford another state project.” For that reason, the resolution includes a provision that the Indiana Lions Eye Bank Inc. will step aside as an “official” state project and become its own separate entity, remaining under the Lions of Indiana with representation of three trustees from each district, just as is done with the Indiana Lions Foundation. An Indiana Lions Operation KidSight state project will also be ready to roll on day-one with initial funding provided by the ILEBI and the creation of a \$500,000 endowment, with 100 percent of the proceeds of the endowment benefiting KidSight for a 10-year period.

Office space (including utilities) for the KidSight offices will also be provided by the ILEBI in the newly acquired and renovated office complex next to the eye bank.

Assuming that the individual Lions Clubs continue their support of the KidSight at the same level as they currently support the eye bank combined with support from the ILEBI, an Operation KidSight state project should remain sustainable for the foreseeable future.

International President Joe Preston’s theme for this year is “Strengthen the Pride.” With a pride being defined as a family of Lions, an analogy to a family is a perfect was to sum up what leads us to this proposed resolution being presented to the Lions of Indiana:

In 1959, the Lions of Indiana gave birth to the eye bank. They secured a home for the eye bank on the IUPUI campus in an office not that much bigger than a baby’s nursery. The Lions nurtured and raised the eye bank through its infancy. They transported the corneas across the state just like parents nowadays take their kids to soccer or band practice. The Lions financially supported us through the lean times, and struggled with us through our adolescence.

Well the eye bank has now grown up now. It has moved away from our childhood home and into its new home on 86th Street. We have grown beyond our parents’ ambitions and are serving into the far reaches of the planet.

We adopted Operation KidSight in 2007 from the Indiana Lions Foundation and helped it to grow. By voting in favor of an Indiana Lions Operation KidSight state project, we are creating a second generation state project, a grandchild so to speak.

Our pride is expanding, and we need to take pride in that.



A state project for the
Lions of Indiana...
for the
children of Indiana.



Eye Bank invests in cornea company

Singapore — LinCor Biosciences Pte. Ltd. (Singapore) a developer and manufacturer of bioengineered corneas is pleased to announce a major investment of \$500,000 by the Indiana Lions Eye Bank. The company’s cornea has shown complete biocompatibility in extensive clinical studies in animals and in a long term human clinical trial.

Timothy Fischer, CEO of Indiana Lions Eye Bank said that by responsible social investing in LinCor Biosciences, his organization will be able to further its

mandate and that of the Lions International sight restoration programs. Fischer has joined the board of directors of LinCor Biosciences.

Dr. James Socks, CEO of LinCor Biosciences, stated, “The investment by the Indiana Lions Eye Bank will accelerate the company’s final pre-market activities. The bioengineered cornea will help reduce the tremendous shortage of donor corneas in most countries around the world.”