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INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT — Lions International President Joe Preston and his wife, Lion Joni, were in attendance at the Indiana Lions State Convention held in Columbus earlier this year. He will preside over the International Convention set to be held in Hawaii later this month.



Council Chairperson's Corner

By PDG Reed Fish

Time (and our service) marches on

Each time when the new year approaches on Jan. 1 we take the time to reflect on what the past year held for us and take inventory of what we accomplished in our lives. As our Lion's year is reset on July 1, our Clubs will look back at what they have done in their communities and how their Clubs have changed.

This year we were charged by President Preston to "Strengthen the Pride" and embark on our "Centennial Celebration" with 100 million acts of service. It was very enjoyable to have been able

to see this duplicated by our Clubs throughout the state as they accepted the challenge.

By providing a new service project or reporting their activities to LCI it was one ingredient in helping strengthen the pride. As you reflect back on this past year did your Club get "stronger?" And are there "New Year Resolutions" being made for the next term?

This year has seen a few changes at the Lion's State office. The year began with the retirement of State Comptroller Ron Hinshaw and PCC Vernon

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DG Jeff Schafer is 2015-16 Council Chairman

District Governor Jeff Schafer of 25-E will serve as the 2015-16 Council Chairperson. He is an employee of the Department of the Navy in Southern Indiana. He served in the U.S. Navy for 22 years as an electrical technician and an engineering duty officer.

He joined the Bloomfield Lions Club in 2001 and has served as President, Treasurer and Secretary. He has been a Region Chair-

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GOV. JEFFREY SCHAFER

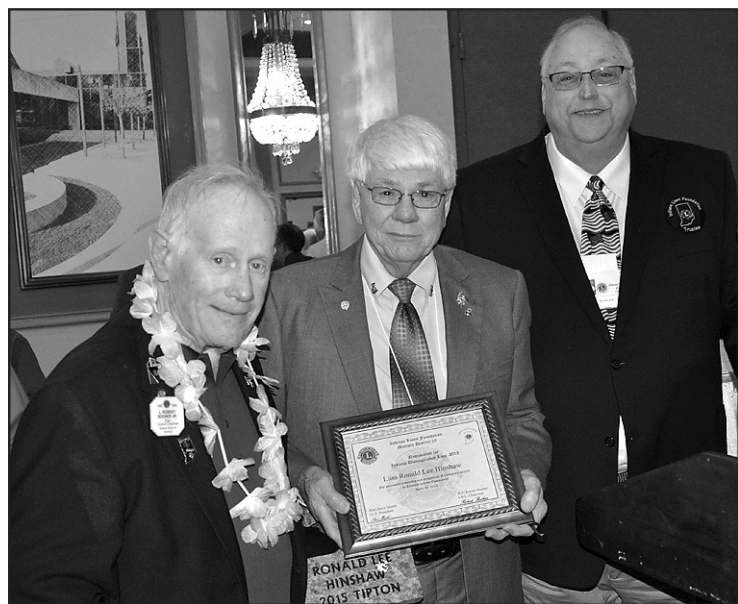
Ron Hinshaw named 2015 Distinguished Lion

Lion Ron Hinshaw (25-D) is the 2015 Indiana Distinguished Lion. He joined the Tipton Lions club in 1975 and is a Life member. He is a 100 percent Past President, a Guiding Lions and has nine Extension Awards.

He is a W. P. Woods Fellow and is a four Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. He has five International President's Awards and is an International Ambassador of Good Will. Ron retired in July of 2014 after serving the Lions of Indiana as state comptroller for 16 years.

He was chosen over 42 other candidates who have a combined total of 1,677 years of Lions service. Seven have over 50 years of service. The oldest Lion in age is 100 with 35 years of service and a 90-year-old Lion had 50 years of service.

The other nominees are, Don Alvey of Speedway, Kenneth Almon of Decatur Central, Irvin Amberger of Milan, Gene Armstrong of Seymour Noon, Wendell Bartlett of Blue River, Robert Branson of Blue River, Leon Brown of Indianapolis Center Township, PDG Jack Buckland of



DISTINGUISHED LION — Ron Hinshaw, center, was named the 2015 Indiana Distinguished Lion at the State Convention held in Columbus. On the left is PDG Robert Booher and on the right is PDG Steve Marsh, president of the Foundation.

Richmond; James Cade of Midletown, Charles Carter of Franklin, Dave Clashman of Batesville and Tracy Clayton of

Indianapolis Chapel Hill. Also, PDG Ray Collins of Riley-Township, Michael Cord of Shel-

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PIP WAYNE MADDEN — PIP Wayne Madden and wife, Lion Linda, were in attendance at the 2015 Indiana Lions State Convention.



ID LINDA TINCHER — ID Linda Tincher and husband, PDG Vern, were in attendance at the 2015 Indiana Lions State Convention.

Plan now to attend the Nov. 7 Indiana Lions Conference

Mark your calendar today for Nov. 6 and 7 — the dates for the Indiana Lions Conference. This conference will replace the Mid Winter Conference held in January in past years, sometimes with unfavorable weather keeping Lions at home. The weather in November should be more favorable.

Chairman PCC Dave Eisen and his committee are working hard to insure the success of the Conference. The theme for 2015 is "Unity In Service."

At the June meeting, the committee narrowed the keynote speaker list down to three and confirmed a number of workshops and seminars. The number has been increased over last year so as to avoid overcrowding in many of the rooms. Some will be repeats from past years but a number of new subjects and pre-

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Linda's Journal

By ID Linda Tincher

Lions are priceless

It's hard to believe that my first year as an International Director is almost over as I prepare to start for my second year as an International Director. PDG Vern and I have traveled over 14,000 miles so far this year promoting Lionism. This has not only been a great experience, but a wonderful opportunity to interact with Lions from all parts of the world. To have a voice at the International Board Meetings and to be a part of the decision

making process brings a new insight into what has made our organization great for nearly 100 years.

Lions all over the world are so different, but oh so alike! Our Motto, "We Serve" exemplifies our very essence. Regardless of where Lions live, they serve. Lions work together for the good of all without a thought of receiving recognition. For Lions,

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Roars from A



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A year we will never forget

By GOV. GLENN SWANSON

As we close in on the final month of my year as District Governor, I'm reminded of what my parents used to say, "Time flies when you get older." Looking back on this year, it has been a blur. It seems like yesterday Lion Karen and I were in Toronto being trained and now we are making plans for our final District Meeting. There are so many people to thank for making this a year we will never forget.

First of all, my Cabinet starting with DGE Randy and VDG Patty for all the little things they

do behind the scenes and always having my back. Cabinet Secretary Lions Bo and Treasurer PDG Kevin for all the record keeping that is so necessary to organize records for our District of 53 Clubs.

GLT Connie and GMT Doug for always being available to Clubs when needed. Region Chairs: Lion Al, Lion Robin, Lion Butch and Lion Dennis for their faithful service in guiding and assisting Zone Chairpersons. And of course the Zone Chairpersons PDG Patrick, Lion Jeanne, PCC Mike, Lion Pat, Lion Clarence, Lion Paul, Lion Joe, Lion Bob,

Lion Tom and Lion Rex for taking on the task of planning a Zone Project.

The best part of the year was traveling the District and visiting all the Clubs and meeting all of our outstanding Lions in 25-A. Each Club has its special projects and unique features, which makes them all special in my eyes. We are such a terrific Service Organization that it makes me sad that we are unable to draw more people into Lionism. We just need to continue to work and share our many projects, goals and missions with those we know who would make good Lions.

In closing, I want to thank everyone who attended our District Meetings, District Convention and State Convention as well as all the Lions who welcomed Lion Karen and I on our Official Visits. And a special thank you to the 50 plus-year Lions we were able to honor this year. I hope to see each of you Lions in District 25-A around at Lions functions for years to come and look forward to being called PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR GLENN!

ESSAY WINNER — In 2010 Whiting Lions Club sponsored the creation of "the Battle of 119th Street Trophy." The traveling football trophy honors the 85-year high school football battle between Hammond Clark Pioneers and Whiting Oilers. The winning football team not only gets to house the trophy for the school year but the school will receive a \$500 Whiting Lions scholarship.

One lucky service oriented student from the winning school gets chosen to receive a \$500 service award! The winning essay this year was received from Alivia Jakubowski. Pictured are Lion Dr. Efrén Gomez and Alivia Jakubowski, from Whiting High School.



GOLF OUTING — Lions from Zone 3A worked their group project — a golf outing. The monies raised will be split between the Clubs in the Zone.



PANCAKES — The Lowell Lions attempt to break the world record with the height of their pancake stack. They broke their own record and learned a lot about how to balance a stack of flapjacks.

THE GREER TEAM — Shown are DGE Randy with Lions Pat and Jody



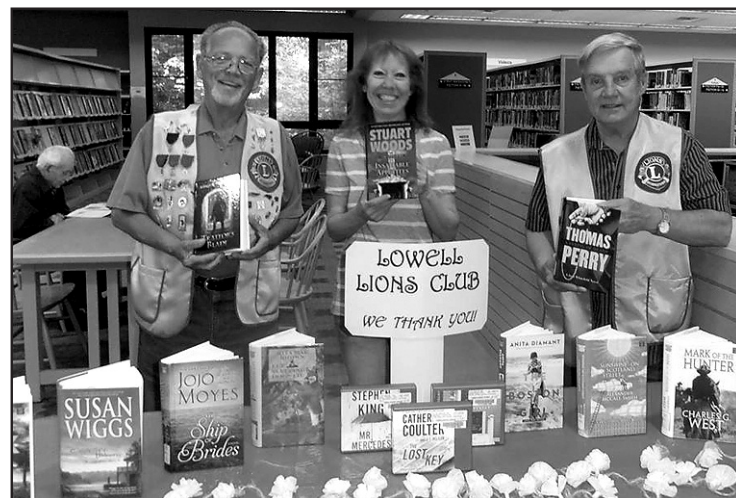
GUIDING LION — At the recent District Meeting Lion Angie Schmeltz was presented with the Guiding Lion Award for her efforts in rebuilding the Merrillville Club. Pictured are Lion Doug Schmeltz, GMT of 25-A, presenting award to his wife, Lion Angie.



CHECK FOR SCHOOL — DG Glen challenged his Zones to develop a Zone project. Zones 2A and 2B worked together to raise money for the blind and low vision students of Porter County. They presented a check for \$7,079 to the school and all Clubs in the Zone participated.



LAKE CLEANUP — East Chicago Lions Club participated in a Lake Michigan beach cleanup on May 30.



BOOKS FOR LIBRARY — Lowell Lions Club members Paul Palmer and Secretary Chester Rybicki take (Lions) pride in presenting a gift of LARGE Print books to the Lowell Public Library. Library PR representative Becky Ashe, center, accepts the gifts for the library to help the visually impaired patrons of the community.

Time (and our

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Provinces being elected to the position. PDG John Sabol also announced his retirement during the year and Lion Gretchen Zentz was hired to replace him. State Administrative Secretary Billy Chastain had notified the Council at the beginning of the year that he wanted to make this his last year and PCC Sue Topf was hired and will take over effective July 1.

I would like to thank Billy for his service to the Lions as Administrative Secretary these past few years and definitely for his guidance to a certain Council Chair this year! Sue has been "in-training" with Billy the last couple of months and is prepared to begin serving the Indiana Lions in her newest role. Please join me in welcoming her to this important

position for the Indiana Lions.

Congratulations to the Governors and their spouses who have worked diligently this year. Thank you to DG's Glenn Swanson, Steve Hanan, Charles Roth, Kathy Lozier, Jeff Schafer, Bill Uhrig and Marty Juel who shared and spread their passion for Lionism throughout the state. Lions Karen, Doreen, Roberta, PID Doug, Sheryl, Patsy and Jeanine were arm in arm with their partners providing the support that made the year go smoother.

It has been extremely rewarding to have had the opportunity to work with this team, be able to get to know each one of them and build strong friendships.

Congratulations to our incoming Council members for 2015-16. Since accepting the Vice District Governorship they have prepared

themselves thru studying, shadowing their Governors, attending leadership training classes and in so many other ways that will allow them to lead their Districts.

I wish Governor-Elects Randy Greer, Ken Krauter, Dick McKellar, Betty Weist, Glen Georges, John Brown and Vic Fischer the best of luck and continued success at this next level. They too will have alongside them Lions Pat, Pati, Karen, PDG Jack, Ann and Diane to share this experience. CCE Jeff Schafer and Sheryl have a great group of Governors to work with and the Lions of Indiana continue to have great leadership in place!

Also thanks to ID Linda Tinch and Vern, PDG Jeri Seely and PDG Bud, PCC Richard and Jan Halladay, PDG Paul Russell and Rose as they have provided lead-

ership, guidance and support to our membership. They could almost be seen weekly at some type of training opportunity, seminar, convention or project helping contribute to the strength of the Lions.

Finally thank you to our Clubs and each member for their dedication in providing the wide range of valuable services to so many people.

I am proud to belong to an association that embodies the slogan "Where There is a Need There is a Lion." This year has allowed Lion Janet and I an opportunity to see many service and fund raising projects first hand and meet so many Lions and learn from them with their success stories.

I am so amazed at the variety of ways our Clubs rise up to

answer the need of so many people. These are only some of the reasons the Lions are the largest and most active service organization in the World!

*Thanks To
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Lions roar In 25-B

By GOV. STEVE HANAN

This has been a very good year for many of the Clubs in this wonderful District. There are not enough thank you's to go around no space on this page to express my gratitude to all of the great Lions of this District. We have many true Lion Leaders who have been very active and dedicated not only to their own Club but to the District and State and International. We know who they are and know that they have made a name for themselves internationally but more importantly in their own backyard and in this state.

We have had a good year of growth and while not as good as we wanted appears we have done very well despite the large number of Lions Ending Service that we have all experienced.

The health of any District is in the local Clubs. I have seen the very successful ones take a good look at their area of service (geographical) and find out what are the needs in the community where they live. This makes the work they do essential for the community and relevant for the members. Their service has meaning!

I would like to close with a note of deep appreciation for my fel-

low Governors who I have grown to respect and appreciate for all they do above and beyond. All of the Districts around the state should be proud of those who served so well during this year. I can say that this Council of Governors has truly approached each area of business that came before us with wisdom and a desire to make good decisions even when it was very difficult to do.

Please remember to Celebrate Your Greatness as you Catch The Vision and Change Lives. The service you do means so much to those who have been blessed by your desire to make this world and our communities a better place to live. Thanks for all you And Bite Em!



W. P. WOODS FELLOW — Hamilton Lion President and Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee Bob Howard presented Lion Jim Cook a W.P. Woods Fellowship award. Lion Jim who has been a member since 2010 took on the responsibility of one of the Clubs' larger fund raisers, the Hamilton Lake Directory. Also in the picture are Mrs. Cook, PDG Dick Dodge of the Pleasant Lake Lions Club, far right, and Lion Jean Howard, far left.

ANOTHER W. P. WOODS FELLOW — Hamilton Lion President and Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee Bob Howard presented Lion Beth Kohli a W. P. Woods Fellowship award.

Lion Beth has been a member since 2012. She is the chairman of the annual citrus fruit sale, Christmas families and took on the responsibility of the Club's 75th anniversary celebration. Also in the picture is Lion Jean Howard and PDG Dick Dodge of the Pleasant Lake Lions Club, seated, far right.



DISTRICT CHECK — Cabinet Treasurer PDG Richard Hillis shown presenting a \$1,000 check to Mark Schlatter for the Grabill Christian Community Health Care Clinic. The money was given from the District's Diabetes Fund.



HEALTH CARE CLINIC — PDG Richard Hill, Treasurer of the Cedar Creek Lions Club, is presenting a check for \$300 to Mike Schlatter for the Christian Community Health Care Clinic. The Club is also donating two \$500 scholarships to seniors at Leo High School.



PARADE TIME — The New Haven and Fort Wayne Central Lions Clubs took part in the New Haven Canal Day on June 6.



NEW MEMBER — Howe Lions Club member Shane Reidinger, sponsor and new member Schuyler Reidinger.



CHECK FOR FIRE/EMS — PDG Richard Hill, Treasurer of the Cedar Creek Lions Club, is shown presenting a check for \$1,061 to Tyler Witmer of the Northeast Fire and EMS. This is their share of the recent fish dinner at the Grabill Fire House.

SCHOLARSHIPS — The New Haven Lions Club presented two \$750 scholarships to Olivia Casteline, shown, and Broelynne Smith, not pictured. A third \$750 scholarship in memory of Lion Tom Rutherford (a 42-year member) was presented to Taylor Vachon, also shown with members of the New Haven Lions Club.



Lions are

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recognition presents its self in a different format than for most individuals. It is the sense of pride that overwhelms us as we

DG Jeff

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person and the District LCIF coordinator. Besides serving as District Governor this year, he is also his District's IT chairperson (webmaster).

He received two International Presidents' certificates of appreciations and a President's Medal. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow.

DG Schafer received his BS in education from Auburn University and his MS in electrical engineering from the Naval Post-

graduate School and a Master of Public Affairs from IUPUI.

He and his wife, Lion Cheryl, have been married 34 years. They have a son and a daughter and three grandchildren.

In their spare time they like to travel to northern Michigan where they spent time at their lake house fishing, boating and snowboarding. They have raised Future Leader Dog Shadow and currently have another black Lab, Molly, whom they are raising for the school.

It's the reward the District 25-F Convention Committee felt when they asked Lions to participate and they did ... beyond expectation.... at the Indiana Lions State Convention, or the Lions who felt they could better serve their Club by attending officer training, even though they might not be a new officer. It's the pride you feel when you donate to the earthquake tragedy in Nepal, knowing you will never get to Nepal. It's the warm feeling you get when you see a blind person walk with a Leader Dog, or a house-bound individual using their newly built

ramp for the first time, or the look of disbelief on someone's face when you fit that person with glasses for the first time and

know they can see their loved one. Lions rewards come in many forms... "We Serve", says it all. Lions are priceless.

Ron Hinshaw

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byville, PDG Dave Court of Lakeville, Barter Dobson of Milan, Joe Foster of Batesville, PDG Merl Goldman of Indianapolis Washington Township, Marvin Hallman of Middletown, Ted Hartshon of Batesville, Charles Heck of Connorsville, Lowell Karns of Urbana, PDG Gary Lawson of Plainfield and Sherman Lemen of Osgood

And, Charles Moore of Miland, PCC Bob Morton of Bippus, Don Myers of Miland, Robert Norton

of Williamsburg, Ron Raver of Batesville, Floyd Rayner of Milan, Thomas Rowe of Brookville Area, PCC Paul Rider of Fort Wayne Shoaff Park, Dan Richison of Hamilton Township, PDG Jack Salsbery of Lawrence, Paul Shane of Columbus, Carl Sharp Sr. of Liberty, Bob Sheffer of Williamsburg, Richard Sitterding of Batesville, Art Stout of Ben Davis, Don Stowers of Beach Grove, David Straughn of Pike and Eugene Williams of Middletown.

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Conference**



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OFFICER TRAINING — This year's first Club Officer Training session was hosted by the New Goshen West Vigo Lions Club on May 14.

'A slow leak'

By GOV. CHARLES ROTH

Recently the left rear tire on my car has a warning light to let me know when a tire is low on air pressure, so each time the warning light came on I would stop at a gas station and put some more air into the tire. With modern tires it is almost impossible to tell a tire is low just by looking at it, so I was grateful for the warning light.

When it got to the point that I was having to add air nearly every day or so, I took the car in for tire repair. Unfortunately they discovered a nail in the sidewall of my tire, so the tire is ruined, and I had to get a new one.

That slow leak has become for me, a parable of what can go wrong with our Club life and with our Club leadership. We can get a "slow leak" and lose energy, passion, drive, commitment or direction. It can happen so slowly that we don't notice. The decline can be indiscernible to others and it can deceive us as well.

Finally the "warning light" goes on - and our Club statistics look bad, our meetings become dull, and our work ethic declines so much that we become exhausted. It happens slowly. It happens without any planning or intentionality.

Clubs don't vote and say, "Let's slowly decline over the next 5 years". Leaders don't plan to lose their way. Members don't choose to get discouraged. It happens slowly.

To change the metaphor from leaking tires, I remember what a sheep rancher in Australia told me about his herd of sheep. He said, "Sheep nibble their way into being lost." It's that way with our Clubs. We don't set out with a

plan or desire to get lost, we just "nibble our way into being lost" as we make hundreds of little decisions without a clear plan. Each of these hundreds of little decisions can seem inconsequential on their own, but they add up - they add up to a "flat tire" without enough enthusiasm and they add up to nibbling our way to being lost.

Do you have a "slow leak" in your service? The good news is that you can be re-inflated. So watch for the warning sign, don't get comfortable with "good enough" or mediocrity, and don't nibble your way into being lost. Receive a fresh dose of enthusiasm to re-inflate your life and your Club.

I'm positive if any "slow leaks" occur DGE Dick McKellar and First VDGE Ross Drapalik will have ideas to help you re-inflate your enthusiasm for Lion service. The District is in good hands with Dick, Ross, Cabinet Secretary Gretchen Xinopoulos and Cabinet Treasurer Karen McKellar. I wish all of them and all of you the best year ever.

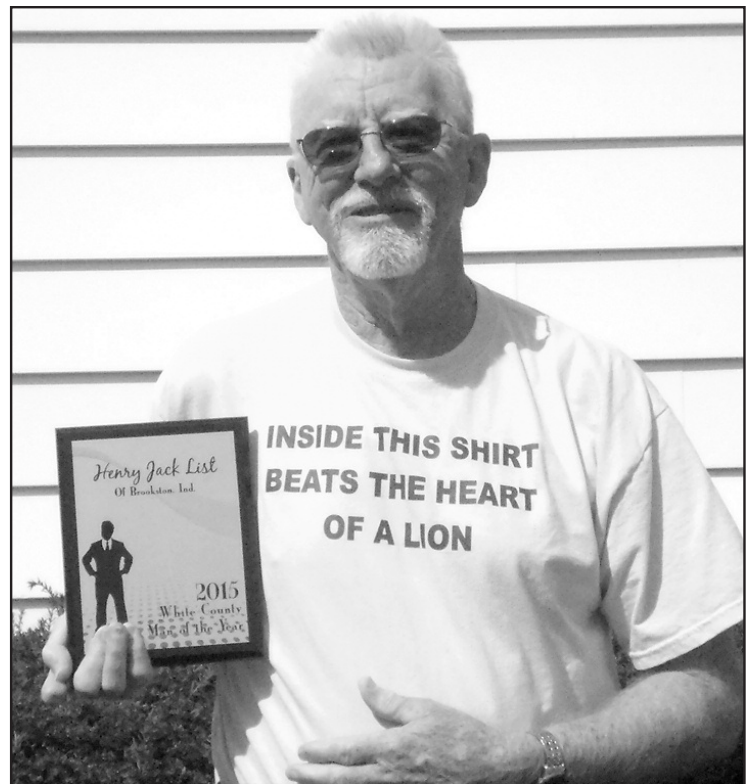
Looking back, it's been a year of delightful encounters and visits with everyday Lions serving their communities in many different ways. If you haven't seen

it yet, Zionsville Lions Club was featured in the latest Lion Magazine on page 12. As I have been writing and telling you all year, my main focus has been to serve you so you can serve your communities. That's what Lions is all about, reaching out to those who we can serve.

Some of the many things I've seen include heads that once were hung in despair lifted up with new hope; eyes sparkling with ideas of how to serve their communities; new energy in Clubs that thought they were too old; new enthusiasm for serving that has brought in new, younger members; new found pride in the service you are doing and in the fact you are Lions; innovative ways of including other service groups in your community; the many kindnesses and friendships you have offered to Roberta and me; offers to stay overnight because of bad weather or the concern you had for us driving a long distance at night; the many meals you served us or the goodies you sent home with us; your resounding interest with positive results to suggestions we made; your willingness to support the District and LCI with your presence and your money. To each and every one of you thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU!



HONOR FLIGHT PROGRAM — Pam Mow is shown presenting the program at the Lafayette Lions Club about the Lafayette Honor Flight Program. Several Lions members voiced their desire to help with and/or participate in an Honor Flight in the future.



MAN OF THE YEAR — Lion Henry List of the Brookston Lions Club was recognized for his selection as White County's 2015 Man of the Year.

District C Lions at the State Convention



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senters are being added.

There will again be a silent auction and the schedule is being reworked to eliminate the closing session. Awards and other items of business usually taken care of during the closing will be done at the end of the noon session, following the keynote speaker's remarks.

Plan now to attend the conference and watch for reservation blanks and more information in the August issue of The Hoosier Lion.



SINGING WITH THE PRESIDENT

— Mikaela Smith entertained Lions who attended the Thursday evening banquet at the Indiana Lions State Convention with a number of songs. She concluded her program by singing "Strengthen the Pride" with International President Joe Preston.

Mikaela will also sing for those in attendance at the Indiana Lions Leadership Conference's Friday evening banquet set for Nov. 6 at Plainfield Middle School.





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“Strengthen the Pride” thru retention

By GOV. KATHY LOZIER

To the Lions of District 25-D and actually the Lions of Indiana, I have to ask, “Do you know where in the last year has gone?” It seems like only a couple of weeks ago that we were getting things ready to go to Toronto, Canada, for the International Convention and now my year as your District Governor is almost over.

I started my year with a “Happy New ‘Lions’ Year to District 25-D and so I shall finish with the same, because I don’t believe we should dwell on the endings, but instead look to what is ahead of us and what we can accomplish as Lions! However, let us not forget our past! The past is part of our support system, our foundation if you will. We must build on this foundation and continue to grow our organization or as International President Joe Preston says, “Strengthen the Pride”!!

One great way to “Strengthen the Pride” is thru retention. I am very much aware that Clubs are notorious for dropping members at the end of the Lions year. But, are you dropping them as a convenience to yourselves?

Have you, as fellow Club members, found out why those members, who aren’t coming to meetings, have stopped coming or those members who haven’t paid their dues, haven’t paid them?

These are two of the most common reasons I have seen for dropped members, besides deceased, and I believe that by retaining even one-half of these dropped members, we could make a huge dent in our membership loss problem here in District 25-D, and yes, we have a great big problem, so let’s get busy and deal with it.

We all need to get together and turn this situation around before we lose our identity as a District!

I would truly hate to see our District have to be divided or split-up in some way if we can’t turn our continued downhill trend in membership stopped. I know we can do it! We just need to get busy and do what needs to be

done for the good of Lionism!!

Just a Reminder - our International Convention will be in Honolulu, Hawaii, from June 26-30 and the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be in Grand Rapids, Mich., on September 17, 18 and 19. Be sure to check out the Lions University and I hope to see you all there!!

As my term of office as your District Governor comes to an end, I would like to say thank you to all of the people, Lions and non-Lions, all over the World

who have supported me throughout the endeavors of my life. This year has been one of the most rewarding ones of my life and I greatly appreciate all of the help and assistance I have received. Let us all continue to “Strengthen the Pride” and work to reach the goal of “Peace thru Service,” which we as Lions strive for everyday as “WE SERVE.”

Again, I say THANK YOU from the bottom of my HEART!! May God Bless Each and Every One of You!!!



HOSTS — Club representatives receiving certificates for hosting a District event are, from left, Rick Dossey, Carmel Lions; Isabel Atchison, Marion Lions; Tom Moor, Greentown Lions; and Chris Arens, Markleville Lions



CHALLENGE TO COMMUNITY — Pendleton Lions JoAnn and Doug Owens, Lorraine Doty, Dick and Penny Greger were recognized for the Club’s actions in supporting the community initiative of keeping the community swimming pool open. The Pendleton Lions Club pledged a \$5,000 challenge to the community to contribute an additional \$10,000. The community accepted the challenge realizing a total of \$20,000 contributed towards the project.

SPECIAL THANKS — DG Kathy Lozier is presenting PID Doug with a Certificate of Appreciation for his computer and e-mail assistance.



PRESIDENT’S CERTIFICATE — Cabinet Secretary David DeVilbiss of Carmel Lions receives an International President’s Certificate of Appreciation from President Joe Preston and DG Kathy.



ZC AND LEADER DOG TRUSTEE — Isabel Atchison, Marion Lions, receives a Certificate of Appreciation for being Zone Chairperson and Leader Dog Trustee.



CONVENTION CHAIRPERSON — Jim Colter, Carmel Lions receives a Certificate of Appreciation for being District Convention Chairperson.



LONGEVITY AWARDS — Ralph Marley, President Russiaville Lions Club, second from left, is presenting Service Longevity Awards to three long-time members - Lion Max Randall, 55 years; Lion Don Riebe, 30 years; and Lion Ted Orem, 25 years. We say congratulations to these three Lions with their total of 110 years of active Lion service. Collectively, they roar... “WE SERVE”!

New Melvin Jones Fellows recognized during State Convention

By PDG GARY OCHS
Indiana LCIF Multiple
District Coordinator

Lions Clubs International President Joseph Preston and Past LCI President Wayne Madden presented a Progressive MJF and three Melvin Jones Fellowship plaques with pins during the Convention to the following:

DGE John E. Brown, District F. He joined the Pike Township Lions Club in 2001 and has served his Club as President, Vice President, Director, and the District as a Region 1 Zone B Chairperson. John has been active in Club projects, serving on many committees, adding new members and always helping at the District’s

Camp Woodsmoke. He became a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Lion Ron Robbins, District F, is a member of the Indianapolis Chapel Hill Lions Club. Lion Ron has been a Lion for only one year. He has been very active in Club projects, such as the Club’s furniture repair and finishing sale project, vision screening, the Club’s State Fair corn stand project, garage sale and other activities of the Club. As a new Lion, he’s a friend to all and a great Lion.

Lion Gaspar “Gus” Hernandez is from District A and the Rolling Prairie Lions Club. Lion Gus has been a Lion for 15 years. He has

served as President twice and Treasurer for four years. He has chaired countless Club projects and developed and maintains their Clubs world class website. Gus has been very active in the Zone 3A golf outing over the past six years.

Lion Philip Mitchell is from District E and the Bedford Lions Club. Lion Phil is a long-standing and active Lion for 35 years. He has served as President, Secretary seven years, guiding Lion, Vision Screening, has worked on building access ramps for physically impaired and chaired many other projects. Lion Phil has sponsored many new Lions into the Bedford Club and continues to do so.



MELVIN JONES FELLOWS — From left are DGE John E. Brown from the Pike Township Lions Club receiving a Progressive MJF; Lion Ron Robbins from the Indianapolis Chapel Hill Lions Club, Lion Gaspar “Gus” Hernandez from the Rolling Prairie Lions Club and Lion Philip Mitchell from the Bedford Lions Club who received Melvin Jones Fellowships at the State Convention.



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Some 'thought outside of the box'

By GOV. JEFF SCHAFER

I hope everyone who attended this year's State Convention was able to go back to their Clubs (and other Clubs) and tell them how much fun they had at the event. The Convention was chucked full of great learning experiences, food, socializing and meeting great folks from around the State and the USA, and did I mention the food was great!

Overall we had over 500 Lions from around the country attend the three-day event. I really appreciated everyone who attended any part of the Convention and hopefully you walked away with a sense of Pride knowing that you were a part of this outstanding Convention and plan to return next year! Congratulations to everyone who received an award and specifically from our District was 2VDGE Keith Thomas (Petersburg) - President's Medal; Cabinet Treasurer Richard Kaiser (Elberfeld) - Leadership Medal; Lion Phil Mitchell (Bedford) - Melvin Jones Fellowship; Lion Lee Cuba (Bedford) and Zone Chairperson Sue Leffler (Oakland City) - WP Woods Fellowships.

This year is winding down for me and I've had an outstanding time being your District Governor over the past 11 months. Lion Sheryl and I have had a great time attending your meetings and events and just talking with you and your Clubs about Lionism and all of the projects and fundraising events going on in our District.

Some of you have really "thought outside of the box" when it comes to fundraising events! Great Job! In addition, Future Leader Dog Molly has had some great learning experiences with each Club, which has helped her in her training to become a LD.

Though I'll be stepping down as District Governor, I'm taking on a new role as the Council Chairperson for the upcoming Council of Governors, so I'll still be active with our upcoming lead-

ers for the Lions of Indiana. In addition I've also volunteered to be our District's Centennial Challenge Coordinator and I'll retain the Webmaster duties. So, please feel free to call upon me to be a speaker at one of your Club meetings on any of these topics.

As we finish this Lion year we have typically in the past have had a significant drop in membership for June. 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 and the month of June. During your meetings in June make contact with those members who are less active and talk with them about becoming more engaged with your Club and rejuvenate their passion for "serving."

In most cases, these folks have had little contact from their Clubs and in most cases are waiting to hear from you (as President) to get back engaged with the Club. A lot of them may fear criticism from fellow members if they just "show up" to the meeting, may not know the meeting location or the meeting time. A personal contact will go a long way to Keep members and if that's not possible, make a phone call.

Over the past few months we have had a few Clubs add 2-7 members each and quite a few clubs have added just one new member. But everyone counts and like Helen Keller once stated, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much," each member really does allow a Club to do so much more! Make a commitment to ask someone you think has the desire and passion to be a Lion - To Serve!

Finally, I hope everyone is planning on attending DGE Glen's Banner Night which is July 18 at Wirth Park in Oakland City starting at 4 p.m. CST. The last event for my Lion year is our District 25-E Picnic, which will be June 20 at the West Boggs Lake Park located on highway

231 just north of Loogootee in Davies County. Details for both events are in the May and June newsletters and on our website (www.lions25e.org).

As we say in the Navy "Fair Winds and Following Seas."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY — The Canton Lions Club's meeting Feb. 24 turned into a surprise birthday party for Pauline Trueblood. Lion Pauline turned 92 on Feb. 10 and the Club wanted to do something special for her. As you can see Lion Pauline was surprised by the club members.

Also present were her great-grandson, family and friends.

The Canton Lions Club has a pitch in dinner at its meetings and Lion Pauline always does her part. Her desserts are the best (some members get a serving before the meeting starts) and they are always gone if you are not in the line.

ZC Maurice Lee Day says she always fixes something to eat. ZC Warren Jones says she wants to make every meeting regardless of the weather. RC Steven Anderson says she always has a smile and a good word to say.

Lion Pauline is the oldest Lion in Washington County and perhaps the District. Lions remember this, you are never too old "To Serve!"

MELVIN JONES FELLOW Lion John McCoy, Brownstown Lions, received a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from the Club. It was presented by DG Jeff Schafer.



CHECK FOR STATE PROJECTS — Mary Ann McMahan, President of Brownstown Lions gave DG Jeff Schafer a check for each of the state projects when he made his official visit to Brownstown.



PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL — Second VDGE Keith Thomas of Petersburg received an International President's Medal, the second highest award a Lion can receive from Lions Club's International, at the State Convention. From left are DG Jeff, Second VDGE Keith, IP Joe Preston and PIP Wayne Madden.

LEADERSHIP MEDAL — CT Richard Kaiser of Elberfeld received an International President's Leadership Medal, the third highest award a Lion can receive from Lions Club's International, at the State Convention. From left are DG Jeff, CT Richard, IP Joe Preston and PIP Wayne Madden.



W. P. WOODS FELLOWS — During the lunch on Saturday at the State Convention Lions throughout the state were recognized as W. P. Woods Fellows. Lions from 25-E who received the award were DG Jeff Schafer, ZC Sue Leffler of Oakland City and Lion Lee Cuba of Bedford. DG Jeff and ZC Sue are on the left side of the front row. Lion Lee is in the back row, second from left.

Certificate of Leadership Awards

By PDG GARY OCHS,
Indiana LCIF
Multiple District
Coordinator

Congratulations to District Governors Kathy Lozier, Jeff Schafer and Bill Uhrig for receiving the Lions Clubs International Foundation's "Certificate of Leadership". In appreciation for leading the way in LCIF donations and achieving their Indiana District D, E, F goals from July 1, 2014 through April 24, 2015.



DG BILL UHRIG, DISTRICT F



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It's a wrap

By GOV. BILL UHRIG

Using the lyrics so long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, goodbye from the Hollywood Musical "The Sound of Music" was how I started my June newsletter to those of District 25-F. While I indicated it was my last newsletter as Governor I hoped to be around for years as a PDG.

Well, this is my last article, as Governor, for The Hoosier Lion. To those of you in District F as Yogi Berra said this may be "déjà vu all over again" but here we go.

I have so many Lions to thank for what they did for and in my year(s) training for and serving as Governor. Naming them I know I will miss some but there are several who were immensely helpful and I want to make all members of M25 aware of them and their contributions.

To start IP Joe Preston and his song "Strengthen the Pride" was the foundation for my remarks while visiting Clubs. In it he charged us to work for causes so worthy and just, not just belong but be active, be giving, train others to lead, expand our relationships and to Ask!

ID Mike Molenda, and Lion Linda, he brought much to us as our keynote speaker at the District Convention. They were a real joy.

PCC Bob Booher, PCC Steve Winegardner, PCC Sue Topf, CC Reed Fish, PDGs Jack Salsbery, John Scott and Tom Slattery were with me every step of the way providing counsel and guiding me when I questioned them on how to carry out some of my duties.

I was fortunate to have now DGE John Brown, First VDGE Wayne Karanovich and since March 2 Second VDGE Melissa Baker, serving side by side. Congratulations and best wishes to them as they continue to serve.

Cabinet Secretary Don Mullen, while not only Cabinet Secretary,

"chauffeured" me about on almost all the 6,366 miles logged (through May and still have miles to go in June), while visiting with the 63 Clubs in the District either with individual Club visits but where some came together as a Zone and/or Region. Thanks to those Clubs that did. I was so thankful when Don Stowers agreed to work for and with us as Cabinet Treasurer. He was invaluable in accounting our expenses and keeping the year within budget.

Also thanks go out to Zone Chairpersons, Trustees and Club Officers for their leadership.

Space doesn't afford us the opportunity to thank them individually but you know who you are.

A special thanks to my home Club Ben Davis for all the members did during the year. Hosting Banner Night and our District Convention they undertook with conviction and made them successful.

A big thanks to all Lions of MD 25 and especially those of 25-F. You are why 'F' is known as "Fabulous F." You were very accepting of me and my entourage during the past year.

One HUGE thanks goes to Lion Patsy. We celebrated our 56th wedding anniversary on June 6. She became a Lion in 2010. She was immensely helpful going on almost all official visits. She encouraged me on occasions when I felt overcome with meeting deadlines and as I worried all would come together for the functions I was to oversee during the year.

I was blessed to serve with a great group of Lions who served MD 25 as the Council of Governors during the past year. Glen Swanson 'A', Steve Hanan 'B', Charles Roth 'C', Kathy Lozier 'D', Jeff Schafer 'E' and Marty Juel 'G'. They are not only colleagues but friends for life.

Congratulations to Jeff Schafer

on being selected as Council Chair for 2015-16. I know you'll do us proud.

For those Lions in District F, the first one who approaches me on Organization Day July 18 at Camp Woodsmoke (The Best) and tells me he/she read this charge in The Hoosier Lion I'll present you with an individualized gift.

Remembering back to my high school years at Ben Davis in journalism class and working as sports editor one year of the "Spotlight," the school newspaper, one thing comes to mind. I learned that when you finish an article and submit to the editor for review you label it with -30-. That -30- indicates it is in fact the end. I asked PDG Jeri Seely our Hoosier Lion editor if that was still in use today. She advised me with the use of the computer it is no longer in use. Should I, however, chose to use it to indicate this is the end of the article and my last submission as Governor of 25-F for 2014-15 I could feel free to use it. With that being the case this is

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ROARING — Lion Gary Redick, Middletown Lions Club, lets out a big "ROAR" as part of the Middletown Lions Fair.



PRESIDENTIAL AWARD — Council Chairperson Reed Fish, second from left, received the President's Medal second highest award given by Lions Clubs International, at the State Convention. Also shown are 25-F's District Governor Bill Uhrig, left, and International President Joe Preston and PIP Wayne Madden, right.



LEADERSHIP MEDAL — Lion Mike Crull, second from left, was presented the International President's Leadership Medal, the third highest award given by Lions Clubs International, at the State Convention. Also shown are 25-F's District Governor Bill Uhrig, left, and International President Joe Preston and PIP Wayne Madden, right.

SAGAMORE — Osgood Lions President Bill McDonald and State Representative Randy Frye presented a Sagamore of the Wabash award to 99-year-old Charter Member Sherman Lemen during the 50-year Charter Celebration of the Osgood Club.



AT WORK DAY — Lions DGE John Brown, Cory Wills, PDG John Scott, Linda Scott and PDG Pat Short from "C" are shown during work day at ISBVI.



PDG notes

Obituary received for PDG Bill Hanna

William (Bill) Curry Hanna, 77, of Indianapolis, passed away March 28. He was the son of Dr. Thomas Allen and Dorothy Mae (Curry) Hanna of Indianapolis. He was born Sept. 15, 1937. He was a graduate of Speedway High School. Hanna attended Butler University before entering the military.

He was proud to have served his country with the Air Nation-



PDG BILL HANNA

al Guard Reserve. Hanna was called to active duty during the Cuban Missile Crisis and worked as a pilot.

He joined the Speedway Lions Club. He held many positions within the Speedway Lions Club including President, District Secretary, District Governor, and Camp Woodsmoke Trustee and received the W.P. Woods Award from Lions of Indiana. He was an officer at the Speedway American Legion, too.

After moving to Florida he joined the Dixieland Lions Club to serve his new community. While there he held several offices such as Membership Chairman, Tail Twister, and was President for two terms. Under his tenure as President he was able to increase membership.

He worked for Indianapolis Power & Light Company. After attending Butler he went to work full time for a total of 44 years before he retired in 1999.

After retirement he moved to Lakeland, Fla. He became a member of Bethany Christian Church Disciples of Christ. There he served as an elder and was involved with the expansion of the church's facilities.

His love of family always came first. He is survived by his daughter, Becky (Hanna) Arkins; son-in-law Thomas Arkins; grandchildren Chase and Kira; his brother Tom Hanna; and sister Jody (Hanna) Richwine.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Indiana Lions Club Leader Dog Program.

The New Club in Town! North Vernon Lions Club

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Lion Secretary Shae Everage
1305 N. Co. Rd. 615E
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Enjoy an evening of fun, food and frivolity with our newest Lions in 25F! Donations are welcome, a few silent auction items will be available—as well as a LIVE AUCTION! Our featured speaker will be our current International Director Linda Tischer

Buffet menu:
Pulled Pork, Chicken Rotisserie, Festive Taters, Green Beans, Dessert
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What a year!

By GOV. MARTY JUEL

What a year! Looking back at the past 12 months, it's hard to believe everything Lion Jeanine and I have done. We had figured that our calendar would reveal that about one in three days would have a Lions event scheduled. That included official visits, special requests for anniversary banquets, fish fry dinners and pancake/sausage breakfasts, Council Meetings, District Meetings, State and District Conventions, Banner Nights, our own Club meetings (we belong to separate Clubs), USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, International Convention, officer training sessions, eyeglass mission ... you can imagine the rest! We fibbed with the 'one in three' guesstimate—it was actually about one in two! We're not complaining, just letting you know that DG's must learn to be time management experts.

This does not include what we did in the two years prior to becoming DG. As Second and First VDG, there are commitments to training and District events that require scheduling. As you can image, we do look forward to sewing the 'Past District Governor' patch on my burgundy sport coat. And our commitment to serving the District will not disappear, but it will take a change in emphasis. During this past year I've seen a real need to target Clubs in our District and assist them with special needs. Some need help with membership recruitment, some with leadership training, some need organizational assistance. The past years I and all PDG's behind me amassed a lot of experience that can help Clubs.

This year we've seen a few Clubs dissolve, a blow to every DG's ego, as each takes a look back and asks, "What could I have done?" Usually these cClubs fail to attend District and State Meetings and other events that offer help for those Club's officers. The attendance at our

officer training sessions is very sparse, and many Clubs could have prevented problems with the IRS and Secretary of State had they just sent their officers to learn how to do their jobs. We've had some excellent membership recruitment programs, but those also were not attended by those Clubs that needed help the most.

The challenge is out there for every Club. One of the most effective methods to improve and become a vital part of the Club's community is the Club Excellence Process (which now has a new name, Club Quality Initiative). Many Clubs began this in our District this past year and when finished, each should be ready to develop a 'Blueprint for Success' to help them become stronger and more vital in their communities. DGE Vic Fischer has been very aggressive in encouraging Clubs to participate in the program. If you Club has not taken advantage of it, be sure to contact him or Lions PCC David Eisen or PDG Paul Rus-

sell. Clubs that have completed the CEP have seen significant improvements and levels of activities, membership growth and enthusiasm.

I would be remiss if I failed to thank those who served the District this past year. I couldn't possibly name them all but anyone who accepted to be a Zone (Success Team) Chair, Committee Chair, and District Officers responded whenever asked to contribute to the District's programs. The team numbers more than 60 dedicated Lions. What is exciting is that DGE Vic has put together a team that has two vital components for success: 1) Enthusiasm and, 2) Youth. As I mentioned at the District Convention, next year's leadership team will probably decrease by 20 years in average age of the elected officers!

With that, I'll sign off with this issue's message and wish you all continued success in providing service to your respective communities.



CABINET MEETING — In the top left photo First VDG-Elect Peg Van Nevel discusses retention with the Lions who attended the final District Meeting of the year.

DEG Vic Fischer, right, chaired the meeting.

In the bottom right photo, DG Marty Juel, gives his final report to the District.



PRESIDENTIAL AWARD — John Krzyzanski, second from left, received the Presidential Medal, the second highest award given by LCI, at the State Convention. He is shown with DG Marty Juel, left; and International President Joe Preston and Past International President Wayne Madden, right, at the Saturday night banquet.



LEADERSHIP MEDAL — John Preheim, second from left, received the Leadership Medal, the third highest award given by LCI, at the State Convention. He is shown with DG Marty Juel, left; and International President Joe Preston and Past International President Wayne Madden, right, at the Saturday night banquet.



FLOWERS SAY THANKS — The Elkhart Community Lions presented Greenleaf Health Center several urns, hanging baskets and flats of flowers for its campus to thank the center for providing the Club a room in which to hold their meetings twice a month for the last six years. Pictured, from left, are Lion President Rosemary Miller; Nikki McMillan, Greenleaf Health Center Administrator in Training; Lion Treasurer Terri Longacre; Lion Membership Chairperson Connie Miller; and Jim Bickel, Greenleaf Health Center Community Service Representative.



JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS HONORED — The Dunlap Lions held their annual 3.5 banquet and program at Concord Junior High School. Students who received a 3.5 or higher grade point average every semester of 7th and 8th grade receive a medallion engraved with their name and the event.

Elephant ears and breaded tenderloins

The Laketon Lions are having an elephant ear and breaded tenderloin booth on July 24 and 25 at NewMarket Grocery

Store Parking Lot starting at 11 a.m. and selling until they are done or approximately 6 p.m.

Lions Cancer Control Fund to host Physician's Seminars

Mark your calendars and plan to attend, Sunday, Sept. 13, when the Lions Cancer Control Fund hosts the annual Physician's Seminars from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Indiana Cancer Pavilion, 535 Barnhill Drive, first floor, room RT 101, IUPUI Campus, Indianapolis.

These seminars highlight new treatments and ongoing research in the Indiana University Department of Radiation Oncology. Please plan to attend this very informative program given exclusively for the Lions of Indiana. All Lions and guests are welcome. Light refreshments will be provided.

Richard Zellars, M.D., chairman and William A. Mitchell professor of Indiana University Radiation Oncology, will moderate, and has agreed to present his presentation on breast cancer. For those of you who have had the pleasure of hearing one of his programs, you already know his talent for communication. Other members of the faculty, some new to IU, will be also be giving presentations.

This event is presented to show appreciation to the Lions of Indiana and their guests for their continued support of the Lions Cancer Control project and the IU Department of Radiation. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the latest in cancer treat-

ment and research. Please plan to attend and bring family members, friends and guests. It will be a relaxed atmosphere with many opportunities for questions following each presentation. Annually, this event proves to be very interesting and educational.

It also provides an open forum for audience participants to ask the faculty members specific cancer treatment questions.

For more information, contact Lion Dottie Flack at (317) 944-4059 or dflack@iupui.edu.

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