



Council Chairperson's Corner

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Experience the Service Together – Onward and Upward

As our Lions year comes to a close, I can't help but to reflect on some of the many significant events that took place this year. And there are many. Actually to list them all, we would need to add several more pages to this addition of The Hoosier Lion.

If you think about it for a minute, we had International

President Corlew visit our state on three different occasions. There was our very successful State Convention along with the election of our Candidate for International Director PDG Nick Xinopoulos.

This year saw the addition of new Clubs and the remembering

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DISTINGUISHED LION — Foundation members traveled to Columbus to present the Distinguished Lions award for 2017 to Paul Shane. Seated from left are Myrna Shane, Paul Shane and their daughter, Carol Einnion.

Paul Shane is Indiana's Distinguished Lion

Lion Paul Shane, a member of the Columbus Lions Club is the 2017 Distinguished Lion. He was chosen over other nominees who have a total of 498.5 years of service to the Lions of Indiana.

He has been a Lion since 1956 and has held club offices several times, most recently as Treasurer from 2008 to 2017. He served as President in 2008-09.

Shane has a Membership Advancement Key for sponsoring five new members and is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a Progressive W. P. Woods Fellow.

In 2001 he received a Presidential Award from International President J. Frank Moore.

He has served the Lions of Indiana

as a Cancer Control project trustee and has served on the audit committee, sometimes as chairman. He spent countless hours organizing workers for selling tickets at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

This year's Distinguished Lion has been on many District F eyeglass missions to Mexico and helps catalog glasses and hooks

up computers. He is involved in the Vision Screening activities of District F, acting as the Vice President of the district program and Columbus area organizer.

He is a transferred Lions from District D, having joined the Swayzee Lions, where he served in many offices and on many committees before moving to Columbus.



PRESIDENT SPEAKS — International President Chancellor Bob Corlew is shown as he addresses the Indiana Lions at the Saturday evening State Convention banquet.

PDG Nick Xinopoulos is ID candidate

Past District Governor Nick Xinopoulos will be Indiana's candidate for International Director in Chicago this summer.

PDG Nick has been a Lion for 26 years, having joined the Brownsburg Lions Club in 1990,



DG NICK XINOPOULOS

and has held offices in his club, the district and state and is currently serving his second year as Chairman of the board for the Indiana Lions Eye Bank. He has worked with the International Convention Credentials Committee and has had the opportunity to participate in four eyeglass missions to Mexico.

He grew up in a small village in Greece and as a young man immigrated to the USA. He attended night school to learn English. He was a clothing store tailor and then became the store manager. After 10 years in the clothing business he started working for General Motors. PDG Nick is retired from Rolls

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Ross Drapalik to be 2017-18 Council Chairman

Council Chairman

District Governor Ross Drapalik of the Martinsville Noon Lions Club has been elected to serve as 2017-18 Council Chairman.

He became a Lion in 1996 and served as the Club's 87th President in 2010-11. He has served as his Club's Secretary and is currently a member of the Board of Directors. He is the seventh Lion from the Martinsville Noon Club to serve as District Governor in the Club's 91-year history.

DG Ross has been awarded many Club awards, including the Linville Baker "First Year Lion" Award in 1997, the T. C. Cravens "Lion of the Year": Award in 1998

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GOV. ROSS DRAPALIK



Linda's Journal

By PID Linda Tincher

Chicago – Here we come...

Indiana Lions are heading to Chicago by trains, cars, planes and buses to participate and celebrate in the 100th Anniversary of Lions Clubs International. Many Indiana Lions will represent MD 25 by marching in the parade on Saturday, July 2

The parade will recognize our new MD 25 District Governor-Elects and our newest International Director Candidate PDG Nick Xinopoulos and Lion Gretchen, as well as all Indiana Lions. However, I also want to acknowledge the Indiana Lions who cannot march in the parade. Spectators are always needed and they take wonderful pictures that the marching unit misses. Yea, for those that sit, watch and wave.

But I have another bit of news....when you hear the parade announcer, don't be surprised if you recognize the voice. I have been selected along with

PID Doug Alexander (N.Y.) to announce our 100th Anniversary Lions Club International Parade. I am really looking forward to this historic opportunity and you can bet that everyone within hearing distance WILL know Indiana is marching. As you march by the stand, be sure to wave!

During the Convention, be sure to attend the seminars and participate in the Centennial Service hands-on service opportunities that will be offered. I participated in a food packing project at the Omaha USA/Canada forum that was truly awesome. The more We Serve, the more rewarding the experience.

I enjoyed being an International Director, but being a Past International Director (PID) is not too bad either. I appreciated everyone who worked so hard when I was campaigning three

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Thank you all, Lions of 25-A for a terrific year

By GOV. PATTY COOKE

It is hard to believe that I am writing my final article as your District Governor.

The best part of my year has been visiting all the Clubs and meeting the great Lions throughout this District. To hear about what each of you do for your communities continually energized me. In addition, you raised funds and helped with the State Projects and donated to LCI. The 25-A Lions truly believe "Where there's a need there's a Lion."

The Centennial Convention in

Evansville was well fantastic! We celebrated with other MD 25 Lions and recognized the impact of Dr. William Perry Woods on the founding of our organization. Meeting with International President Chancellor Robert Corlew again was impactful - sharing the vision of New Mountains to Climb and where Lions will be in another 100 Years. I think there will be Club on Mars.

Congratulations to Lion Angie Schmeltz for receiving the Presidential Medal from our International President. It is a well-deserved honor for all that

she has done and continues to do for our District.

Later this month we will celebrate in Chicago. I hope to see many of you there. DGE Robin Smith will be completing her training and on the 4th of July will be installed as your Governor. She has many new ideas that she will bring to our District during her year. She will have help from VDGE Dennis Brown. Both Robin and Dennis have been key members of my Leadership Team this year. And welcome to new elected Second VDG Mitch Semans. I know he will do a great job.

Thank you to Lion Bill Ellis who did a great job as our Newsletter editor. Thanks go to Lions Angie Schmeltz and Chuck DeLas-Casas, Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer respectively, for keeping me on the right path.

PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL — Cabinet Secretary Lion Angie Schmeltz was presented with a Presidential Medal by International President Chancellor Robert Corlew at the State Convention in April. PIP Wayne Madden accompanies IP Corlew and Lion Angie.



CHECKS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT — Zone 1-C Chairman Tom Talaga presents the Schererville Police Department with two checks of \$2,000 each. One was money raised at a recent pancake breakfast. The other was money donated by the family of Lion Helmut Korthauer, who passed away this year. Lion Helmut was a member of the Schererville Lions for many years. The money is going to help train two new police dogs.



W. P. WOODS FOR DGE — District Governor-Elect Robin Smith was presented a W. P. Woods Fellowship Award by her Club, the Chesterton Lions Club at the Club's Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers. Lion President Laura Layman, at right, presented the award.



PROJECT ORIGINATOR — Lion Jamie Miller is the originator of the Michiana Lions Garden project is shown at the work site.



THE FINISHED GARDEN LAYOUT WAITING FOR PLANTS



THE PLANNING COMMITTEE



MICHIANA LIONS AND THE GARDEN

Michiana Lions create Keys To Hope Garden

The Michiana Lions have created the Keys To Hope Garden. The club partnered with Keys To Hope and other local organizations to clear and plant a vacant lot in Michigan City with seeds and other plants donated by a local business. This Centennial Service Project combines three of the four service goals (Environment, Hunger, and Youth) into one project.

An empty lot in a low income neighborhood was transformed from a garbage, weed infested area into a beautiful, relaxing green space. They will soon be harvesting vegetables from 18 raised beds that will feed homeless families in a local shelter and those in need within the Citizens Concerned for the Homeless network in Michigan City.

Youth from the Boys and Girls Club summer camp will walk to the garden to be educated on where food comes from, take part in planting, grow food, and be able to try new healthy food options.

Lions Jamie Miller and Danny Konshak were part of the planning committee that began in January and met twice a month. The building of the raised planting beds took place on May 8 with over 45 people including Michiana Lions, Michigan City high school students, LaPorte County Extension, master gardeners, churches, Keys To Hope Resource Center and others participating. This project has brought together Lions, churches, and the community to do what we do best - TO SERVE.

Ross Drapalik

(Continued from page 1) and he received Lions Clubs International's Club President's Excellent Award in 2011.

DG Ross has served as a Trustee for the Indiana Lions Eye Bank Inc., since 2004, having served as Chairman of the Board

from 2010-15. He is currently a member of the ILEBI Executive Committee and chairperson of the ILEBI Long Range Planning Committee and the ILEBI Investments Committee.

His District level experience includes serving as Region Chair-

man in District 25E-1, he was a member of the District 25-C Constitution & Bylaws Committee during the redistricting of Districts C, E-1 and E-2 and he served on the 2014 State Convention Committee in Columbus.

Lions Clubs International has

recognized DG Ross with a Membership Key. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a W. P. Woods Fellow. He is a 2015 graduate of Lions Clubs International's Advanced Lions Leadership Institute.

A 1989 graduate of Purdue University with a BS degree in land surveying and a BS degree in civil engineering, DG Ross is

employed by Drapalik Surveying and Engineering in Martinsville, as a second generation professional land surveyor.

He and his wife, Lion Jennifer, have been married for 31 years and are the proud parents of their 9-year-old daughter, Danielle, from Guatemala. The family is active at Zion's Hill baptist Church in Martinsville.

THANK YOU LIONS

Lion Charlene and I wish to THANK all of the Lions across Indiana that worked with us and supported us during my campaign this past year. Thank you all and I look forward to working with the Lions of Indiana in the future.

PDG Mark Clark



paid ad

Chicago

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years ago and helped me become an International Director. This year, we will be working hard for PDG Nick. I am very grateful for the Indiana Lions who have stepped up to pass out brochures

and promote our candidate. PDG Nick is truly a dedicated and sincere Lion. We can put our faith in the fact that PDG Nick and Lion Gretchen will continue the long tradition of representing Indiana well on the International level.



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Thanks for stepping up to the plate

By GOV. ALAN ARNOLD

Wow. Here it is just a few more days and my term as District Governor will be over. We have rounded third and are sliding in to home plate. My theme this year has been to “Step up to the Plate.” I want to thank the many Lions of MD 25 who have stepped up. Thank you to my fellow District Governors for the ability to work together as we have led the Indiana Lions this year.

Thank you to my fellow Lions of 25-B for stepping up to the plate in supporting our District Project of Kate’s Kart, helping start a

new Club and working diligently at making their Clubs the best they can be.

Thanks to all of the Lions who have stepped up and plan to serve as an officer for next year in the District and their local Clubs.

And, thanks to DGE Roger Cash for all his help and support this year.

As we start to wrap up the celebration of 100 years of Lionism, let’s not forget to look to the future and the next 100 years. Hopefully 100 years from now, the Clubs in Indiana will still be serving their communities just as

they are now. Maybe your grandchildren or great-grandchildren will be stepping up and serving their local Clubs just as you are today.

District 25-B has received training to begin vision screening of school age children. We are really excited to expand the screening that our District has done in the past. Thanks to PDG Charles Roth and PDG Charlie Short for their help in training 25-B Lions.

Thanks again to all for making this year a really enjoyable one for me. I look forward to serving as District Governor again in 2018-19.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS — DG Al Arnold and Monroe Lions President Mike Allen are shown with Monroe Club scholarship winners



W. P. WOODS HONORS — Monroe Lions Club President Mike Allen is shown receiving a W.P. Woods Fellowship from DG Al Arnold.



NEW PAIR OF GLASSES — Lion Ray Johnson of the Land of Lakes Lions Club is looking for a new pair of glasses at the eyeglass recycling party. Not sure if this is the correct pair.

Vision Walk held June 10

Lions, along with 450 people from the community, walked to raise awareness for retinal degenerative diseases (like macular degeneration) at the Fort Wayne VisionWalk on Saturday, June 10. The Fort Wayne chapter surpassed its \$60,000 goal, bringing the 11-year total raised to over \$700,000.

PDG Kaylene Souers and her

team rolled out their new vision screening program at Vision-Walk. 25-B DG Alan Arnold and wife, Lion Pam, participated in the screening. The group screened around 50 people.

Shoaff Park Lions Club President Jim Platzer and PDG Kaylene were interviewed by the local WFFT News Channel 55.

PDG Nick

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Royce North America.

He has served his club as President and is currently a member of the Board of Directors. He has been a Zone Chairman and served as Vice District Governor and was a 100 percent District Governor in 2009-10 and was a member of the Indiana Lions International Convention Committee from 2011 until 2014. He has also served on the host committee for the Indiana Lions State Convention and is a volunteer at the Indiana State Fair.

In 2008-09 he was a Leo Club Advisor and is a KidSight Vision and School-Age children’s vision screener.

He has two Presidential Medals, four Presidential Certificates, was Indiana Lion of the Year in 2015 and is a progressive

Melvin Jones and W. P. Woods Fellow.

He lives in Brownsburg with his wife, Lion Gretchen. They have one daughter, two sons and five grandchildren.

His motto is “Working Together for a Better Tomorrow!”

IF YOU ARE GOING TO CHICAGO PLAN TO HELP CAMPAIGN FOR LION NICK

Limited-edition Lions Clubs Centennial Commemorative Coin is available

In celebration of 100 years of humanitarian service, Lions Clubs International has worked with the United States Mint to produce a limited-edition, exquisitely crafted silver dollar coin. These can be purchased through Lions Club Supplies or the United States Mint.

The coin features Lions Founder Melvin Jones and the Lions Clubs logo on the front and a family of lions with a globe behind them on the back.

This commemorative coin is crafted to be rich in the symbolic history of Lions first century of service. Each coin is packaged in its own presentation case and is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.



improve the lives of people in need through LCIF initiatives around the world.

These collectable coins make great gifts for family and friends and are the perfect way to show appreciation to your Club members for outstanding service.

Lions Clubs Centennial coins will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. One sold out, no additional coins will be minted. They will only be for sale during 2017.

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Congratulatory messages for Lions Clubs 100th birthday



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“Remember when...?”

By GOV. ROSS DRAPALIK

As the Lions Clubs of District 25-C are still in the process finishing strong and building our District in ways that no one would have ever imagined at the beginning of the year, now is the perfect time to take a few moments and reflect on some of our accomplishments this year. Remember when...

- the District 25-C Clubs continued their 100 percent Monthly Membership Reports and 100 percent Service Activity Report for

the ninth consecutive month and counting?

- District 25-C had 100 percent of our Clubs qualify for no less than a two-gem Centennial Service Challenge Award for 2016-17, having served nearly 1.2 million people in the areas of vision, youth, hunger, and our environment?

- for the second consecutive year, 100 percent of the Clubs of District 25-C made a minimum amount of \$25 to Lions Clubs International Foundation for a

total contribution approaching \$12,000?

- District 25-C swept all of the MD 25 contests in 2016-17, including the Peace Poster, International Pin Design, and the Environmental Photo contests?

- LCI President Chancelor Bob Corlew presented the Lions of District 25-C with seven Presidential Certificates of Appreciation, two Leadership Medals, and one Presidential Medal for their service to our organization and world?

- PDG Nick Xinopoulos of District 25-C received the MD 25 endorsement for LCI International Director and will campaign at the 100th International Convention in Chicago, Ill.? (STAY TUNED)

- PDG Richard McKellar of District 25-C was elected to a three-year term on the International Convention Committee?

- I had the privilege of being selected to serve as Council Chair for the Council of Governors and the Lions of Indiana for 2017-18?

So, as we close out the final few stories for the first 100 years of Lions, we do so knowing that there are many, many stories that have yet to be told and new mountains to climb.

Thank you Lions for a great year, and my sincerest wishes to DG Chloe Weyrauch and First VDG Doug Eversole for an even better, more successful year as they lead us into the next century of Lions.



LEADERS — Pictured are PID Linda Tischer, DG Ross Drapalik, VDG Doug Eversole and DGE Chloe Weyrauch.

Thank you from 25-C

As we approach the end of the 2016-17 Lions year, District 25-C wishes to express a huge "Thank you!" to DG Ross and Lion Jennifer for their leadership during this Lions year. Thank you for hugging, smiling, supporting, growing, celebrating, sacrificing, compromising and understanding. Thank you to the Martinsville Noon Lions Club for sharing Ross and Jennifer with the District.

DGE Chloe Weyrauch and

VDGE Doug Eversole are ready and willing to step up to lead the District into the next century. As always, we appreciate PID Linda Tischer and her willingness to support the District and Lions throughout Multiple District 25. We will also be hearing from DG Ross in his new position of Council Chairperson for MD 25. "Thank you for all that you do!" to these leaders and ALL the leaders of District 25-C!

Have you asked someone to join your Lions Club lately?



President Bob and Lion Dianne return to Indiana for State Convention

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Thanks to all who served

By GOV. STEVE HOLTZLEITER

My sincerest thanks to the Lions of 25-D, my Cabinet and Committee Chairs, especially to

my First Lady Lion Katherine who has been and continues to be my rock. Also, to our Leader Dogs puppies; Nanook and Yahzi for accompanying us to many of our Club visits and Lions events.

Nanook has been career changed to serving as a Court Victim Advocate dog and Yahzi returned to Leader Dogs for the blind on May 27 for her advanced training. The Lions of Indiana certainly received a "two for one" deal with Lion Katherine being on our team, she is involved in several MD-25 committees, such as the Annual Leadership Seminar, a trustee for the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the 2018 State Convention committee to be held in Muncie.

I thank you for your support throughout the year and ask that you continue with even greater effort to support your incoming District Governor, Lion District Governor Elect Cindy Wright. I will be supporting her and you as a District LCIF Co-Coordinator and District Emergency Preparedness Chair. Also, as the Chair of the NEW MD-25 standing committee for Special Olympics, working towards each District raising \$1,500 and more statewide to support our MD-25 initiative to sponsor the annual Winter Games in Lawrenceburg, with funding and volunteer workers. Let's continue to work on the goals of chartering new Clubs and strengthening our struggling Clubs. Now on to Chicago and a great start to our second century of service "We Serve,"

Thankful for the opportunity to serve.


AT THE CONVENTION — District D's First Lady Katherine is shown with PDG Nick and Gretchen Xinopoulos at the State Convention.



AT JAMBOREE — First VDGE Isabel Atchison traveled to Pendleton to catch a ride at the Pendleton Lions Club's June Jamboree on June 10.



THREE NEW LIONS — IPDG Betty and PDG Doug initiate three new Lions into Pendleton Lions Club. From left are IPDG Betty, Linda and David Courtier, Zayda Owens (Doug's granddaughter) and PDG Doug.



Have you
donated your
used
eyeglasses to
the Lions?

ATTENDING BALL STATE — Korryn Davidson, left, is a 2017 graduate of the Indiana Academy in Muncie. She plans to attend Ball State University and study biology and pre-med. She played basketball in high school and has volunteered at Ball Memorial Hospital. Lion Penny is on the right.



ATTENDING MARIAN UNIVERSITY — Reese Wills is a 2017 graduate and class president of Hamilton Heights High School, Arcadia. He plans to attend Marian University in Indianapolis and intends to study math, leading to a career as an actuarial scientist. He plans to minor in Spanish. Reese distinguished himself at Hamilton Heights as a member of the varsity baseball, tennis and cheerleading teams. He pitches and was recruited to play baseball at Marian University.



Scholarship winners from District D

At the Fourth Cabinet meeting in Saratoga May 31, Lion Penny Creger of Pendleton Lions Club, Scholarship Chair, presented two outstanding graduates with District D Scholarships. Lion Penny said the scholarship competition

was extremely competitive and 140 applications were received. Both of the recipients are outstanding student leaders with impressive records of service and leadership during their high school careers.



LAST CABINET MEETING — DG Steve held the last Cabinet Meeting of his year at Saratoga Lions Den May 31.



ENTERTAINMENT — Union City Lions Club held its Spring Ladies Night on May 9 and was entertained by the Taiko Drums from Mississinawa Schools. The Japanese Drum music tells a story with rhythm, different size drums and volume. The students also study Japanese history and culture.

PDG notes

PDG Jim Mann dies in Florida

Past District Governor James F. "Jim" Mann, 88, (25-F 1969-70) died April 27 in Fort Myers, Fla. Mann is a former Indianapolis resident.

A 50-year Lion, he was a member of the Flackville, Fla., Lions Club. He also belonged to the Northwest Lions and after it closed he became a member of the Speedway Lions Club.

Active in racing, he served on several pit crews at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and was also involved at the Boneyville Salt Flats in Utah. He was a 50-year member of the Speedway Masonic Lodge.

Mann served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean war and was a member of the Wayne Township board and until he retired was a deputy sheriff with the Marion County Sheriff's Department.

He is survived by his wife,

Donna M. (Niswander) Mann; a daughter, Cathy L. Schmalsting; and a son, James N. Mann.

Burial was in the West Ridge Cemetery.

Condolences to Donna Mann at 12617 Plomdsa Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33909.

PDG Weekend - Save the Date!
September 29th, 30th & October 1st
in Columbus

Hosted by District F

See the world renowned architecture in Columbus. Shop the Edinburgh Outlet mall. Golf at Otter Creek - named one of Indiana's top courses. Indulge yourself at Zaharakos Ice Cream parlor - serving since 1900.

Details in the next Hoosier Lion.

Experience the

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of others throughout the Multi-District. There were the challenges as well. True to form we met all of them head on when we were called to action during two separate disaster relief efforts in our state. Talk about service in our communities! In addition to these accomplishments, to enhance the lives of children, many Lions worked to make the Vision Services program a reality.

The things I've mentioned are amazing. But what's even more important are the great deeds our Clubs and their members do on a daily basis to serve their local communities. Sometimes we hear about them but many times we don't. It's these acts of love and kindness that truly illustrate who we really are. Loving Individuals Offer-

ing Needed Services.

I'm very proud of each District and each individual Club within each District. The future is indeed bright and its equally important to keep the ball rolling with the new team of District Governors.

Meeting tomorrows challenges today together!

I realized that this is my last article for our Hoosier Lion. Lion Diane and I would like to thank everyone for their support, hard work and efforts throughout this year. We wish the incoming Council great success in the coming year as well.

Onward and upward I always say. Fellow Lions, our future will continue to be bright as we experience the service together.

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



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How time flies

By GOV. TREA MCCANDLESS

This is my last article. How time flies. It has been a good year. We have had a good District Convention and a good State Convention. I want to thank everyone for working on these Conventions. Everyone has worked hard this year to make things go well. My District Cabinet has worked so hard. I can't praise them enough for all they have done to make my year a success.

I want to thank all the Lions in this District and all over the State for their help, prayers, and understanding over the last year and a half. It has not been easy doing this without Buster. Going on without him is not going to be easy either, but with the help of friends and family like the Lions it makes things easier.

I promised Buster that I would go on with the Governorship. I am so glad that I did. It has helped me in so many ways. If you are thinking about running for District Governor I would say

go for it. I may not have done everything right. I may have done some things wrong but I grew. I think I am a better person for it.

I have enjoyed going to each Club meeting. Meeting with all the Lions has inspired me. We should be proud to be Lions. The work we do to serve our communities, states and world is incredible. We do not brag on ourselves enough. I know we are taught not to brag but there are times when we need to. Being Lions is something to brag about and get new members in.

The District was able to get a grant from LCIF to help the Gibson County storm victims. We took the families shopping at Walmart. The District also had flooding in Salem, but most of it affected business not families.

The District picnic June 10 will be a time of fun and awards for a year well done. Thanks to the Odon Club for hosting it this year.

Thanks to all the Clubs for their help in donating blood this year.

I know you worked hard getting all the blood drives going. Congratulations to the winners of the contest. I know Buster would be proud of the work you did and the people who were helped in his name.

Again, thanks to all my Cabinet, the Clubs, Lions everywhere for all your challenging work. As we start a new year let's get behind the new leaders and support them.

Three receive fellowships

Three 25-E Lions received W.P. Woods Fellowships at State Convention. They are:

PDG Brenda Lawson Centennial Fellowship No. 1

Progressive jewel pin and Progressive Medal.

PDG John Ferry Centennial Fellowship, pin and patch.

PDG Gary Lawson No. 30 Progressive, 10 Jewel Diamond Pin.



SENIOR FAIR — The Bedford Lions Club performed visual acuity checks for distance and near vision using 2 Optec visual testing machines and performed peripheral vision checks using a Humphery FDT visual field testing machines at the WBIW-WQRK Senior Fair. This was the eighth year the Lions have volunteered at the Senior Fair. This year they screened 56 seniors and referred 22 with problems to seek additional follow up professional exams. Pictured are Lions Ron Edwards, Larry Ritter, Judy Heichelbech, and JoHannah Edwards.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD — Bloomfield President Sheryl Schafer is presenting Good Citizenship Award and check to Bloomfield NJROTC Cadet Shaun Wilhite.



LION OF THE YEAR — Medora President Ruth Beelsey is shown presenting the Lion of the Year award to Lion Russell Cross.



HONORED — PDG Frank Ruane received his 35-year chevron, along with a Tail Twisters Plaque. The chevron was from Lions Club International. Both were presented by Seymour Noon Treasurer Lion Brad Nolan.



LEGACY PROJECT — The Bedford Lions Club held a sausage sale fundraiser to raise funds so they could donate a limestone bench in the downtown Bedford monument area. Shown is the official dedication of the bench as a Legacy Project for the 2017 Lions Club International Centennial Celebration. Shown in the photo are Lions Phil and Judy Mitchell, Lion Judy Carlisle, Lion Lee Cuba, Bedford Mayor Shawna Girgis, Lions Don Turpen, David Pace, Jan Allen and PDG Newell Clifton.

CELEBRATE

The dedication of the new homes for the U.S. Paralympics Men's and Women's Goalball teams.

June 24th, 2017 – Noon
Turnstone Campus, 3320 North Clinton, Ft. Wayne

These beautiful new homes were primarily funded through a grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Matching funds came from Lions & Lions Clubs throughout the state; including more than 30 clubs in 25 B. Please join us as we celebrate this major contribution to our community. Wear your Lions shirts or vests and help us show our Lion's pride.

This celebration is being held during the National Goalball Championships, featuring athletes from throughout the U.S., being held in Fort Wayne that weekend. A good opportunity to stick around and watch these talented athletes in action.

Please Share With All Club Members

A fair shake

Kids with a severe hearing loss in Mexico do not have much chance of learning language, or going to a local school in elementary or high schools grades, let alone college. A bad hearing loss puts them at a disadvantage in jobs, vocations, relationships, and may in fact make life very, very hard.

Life has also not been kind to citizens of Mexico in recent years. Cartels and gang violence have touched many states and major cities in the country. The value of their currency is a major problem. A few years ago the exchange rate was about \$10 peso to \$1 USD. Last year, it was about



\$15 to \$1, in February of 2017 it was about \$20 to \$1. Mexico Lions try to raise about \$5,000 U.S. to help pay for hearing aids and supplies for these mission trips. That means Lions Clubs in Mexico donated about \$75,000 peso to help pay for things in 2016. Because of the declining peso, in 2017 it cost them over \$100,000 pesos. No, not a fair shake by any means: for the young person with the severe loss, or the working person in Mexico.

The Hearing Lions set out to Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, on Feb. 19 to help the hearing impaired. The volunteers in 2017

consisted of Duane and Kathy Wass, hearing instrument specialists and Lions Club members from Bainbridge; John Pickett, a specialist flying in from West Palm Beach, Fla., and a member of the Speedway Lions Club in Indianapolis; Stephanie Sari, a specialist from Spokane, Wash., and a member of the Manito Lions Club in Spokane; Thomas Mahoney, an audiologist from Cleburne, Texas; Charlie Robbinette, a specialist from Florence, Ky.; and Justin Osmond, from Ephraim, Utah. They were met at the Guadalajara airport by the current President of the Guadalajara del Sol Lions Club Alberto Velasco Vera. Also there to greet the group were PDG Aureliano Jauregui Vazquez, the Mexico Lions National Speech & Hearing Chairman, with his wife and son, (Continued on page 7)



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Another fantastic year for District 25-F

By GOV. STEVE WINEGARDNER

My second journey as District Governor started at Camp Woodsmoke on a hot evening in August. During this meeting of Past District Governors and Zone Chairpersons we all learned that our elected District Governor had resigned his position citing personal reasons for not wanting to continue his term as District Governor.

I was nominated and elected by this body of Lions to represent District 25-F for the remainder of the year. My name was submitted to Lions Clubs International for approval to be your District Governor. A few weeks later approval was received and a flurry of activity began. During that brief time after his resignation and my approval by LCI, First VDG Melissa stepped in to fill those shoes and a SPLENDID JOB she did in that capacity. The immediate decision was made keep all plans in place mainly our Cabinet Meeting and Convention to make the transition as smooth as possible.

I want to thank all Vice Governors and Past District Governors who helped make the Official Visits. Without them this aggressive schedule would have not been possible. Remember the normal year is 12 months but we accomplished our task in just nine months.

Along the way, several new members were inducted into local Lions Clubs. Visitations are always enjoyable because it allows a connection to the local Lions Club to learn about all the excellent work they do in their community. Believe me there is plenty of community support being offered at the local Lions Club level. Each local Lions Club has their own niche for community support and work very hard to earn funds to support that cause. During our Official Visits, we also take the opportunity to educate fellow Lions about different opportunities that are taking place at the District and State

level. Some Lions are not aware that we as Lions have programs and projects at the District and State level to serve people less fortunate than ourselves.

I would like to thank the Lions who continued to serve with me this past year after our rocky start. Lions all, Cabinet Secretary Gayle Feeney followed by Don Mullen, Cabinet Treasurer Patricia Bigham, Chaplain Rev. Joseph Foster, Public Relations PDG Jack Salsbery, Newsletter Editor Patrick Henninger, Song Leader Gayle Feeney. I would also like to thank the four Zone Chairman who visited their respective Lions Clubs and submitted reports, Don Mullen, Carlton Curry, "AJ" Johnson and Mike Bender. Your contributions helped this District move forward during the year, THANK YOU.

Also, I need to extend my gratitude to District Governor-Elect Melissa Baker and First VDG Ron Bigham for all the help they extended during my short term as Governor. The communications we shared these past few months is better than most I witnessed on my Council of Governors. Having them step up to help when needed has been invaluable and will help them as they continue their Leadership role.

As membership is the life blood of our association, I would like to "Thank" the Lions Clubs in the District that made a concentrated effort to add members to their Clubs during this year. It was a real pleasure for me to induct several new members during my Official Visits.

As of May 31, 42 of the 64 Lions Clubs in the District have added 121 new members this year and I am very proud of those Lions Clubs. I know it takes considerable work to increase members and to keep them once they join. Congratulations to Aurora, Clermont, Everton, Fountain City, Madison, Milan, New Salem, Speedway and Williamsburg for adding five or more members. Eighteen Lions Clubs actually

increased their membership numbers, 20 remained the same and 27 lost members. If we don't increase our District 25-F membership numbers by the end of June, we will again end the year with fewer members than we started with last July.

Summer is the time most Lions Clubs host their major fundraisers for the year. I would encourage your Lions Club to promote your fundraisers in the District Governor's newsletter. It is also a good opportunity to support your neighboring Lions Clubs with their fundraising activities. Remember this is an excellent way to recruit new members.

With only a few weeks remaining in this Lions Year. Let's end the year with a big push to accomplish at least one of the goals you set for yourself or your Lions Club this year. Good luck, remember the hardest step is the first.

It has been a remarkable year and in closing I would like to wish DGE Melissa Baker, VDG Ron Bigham and VDG Don Mullen the best of luck this coming year. I feel the District is in good hands and we will continue to grow. I hope I have lived up to your expectations the past few months, you're a "FABULOUS" group of Lions to lead.



HANDBOOK — New Palestine Vice President Jaques Tracy receives the Lions Club Handbook and explains how their Lions Club has added six new members this year.

MJF — Lion Mable Utt, New Castle Lions Club receives her Melvin Jones Fellowship plaque from IP Chancellor Bob Corlew and PIP Wayne Madden at the State Convention.



LEADERSHIP MEDAL — Lion Denise Salsbery receives her Leadership Medal from IP Chancellor Bob Corlew and PIP Wayne Madden.



ANOTHER MEDAL — Lion David Straughn receives his Leadership Medal from IP Chancellor Bob Corlew and PIP Wayne Madden.



BENCH FOR SCHOOL — Ben Davis Lions Club dedicated this bench outside Ben Davis University High School as a Legacy Project. The large scissors are for ribbon cutting.



W.P. WOODS — Pike Township Lions Club's new President Traci Little receives a W. P. Woods Fellowship award courtesy of Lion David Straughn.

A fair

(Continued from page 6)
Leonor and Eduardo. All three are members of the Lions Club in Juchipila, Zacatecas, Mexico.

There were several things that demonstrated giving help to others during the Mission in Mexico. All of the volunteers from the USA raise or donate at least an average of \$2,000 per person. Because some were not able to make the trip and/or could not donate, the group was a little behind on its budget. Stepping up to contribute extra funds were Thomas, along with his church and his family. Many thanks to the Heights Church in Cleburne, Texas; and to Thomas and his family for going above and beyond. Also going above and beyond was the team from The Starkey Hearing Foundation. Led by Foundation Founder Bill Austin, they took time out of their

busy lives to personally lend a hand and help others hear.

Some of their helpers included Dora Morales, the Starkey Hearing Technologies plant manager from Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico. The production manager from Starkey in Matamoros, Mario Cepeda, helped Duane and Kathy as an interpreter. Justine Hammer, an audiologist with the Foundation, lent her considerable expertise in working with John Pickett. Bill Austin was always nearby, to lend a hand with difficult fittings, or to point out adjustments that may benefit the patient. There were many other helpers from the SHF who also helped.

The Hearing Lions raised enough funds to secure 350 hearing aids. They are so pleased to again receive an International Assistance Grant from Lions

Clubs International. These trips would not be possible without their support. About 200 people were helped during the week, with about 400 hearing aids. Thank you to the Starkey Hearing Foundation for supplying the balance of the needed instruments. The SHF team will also provide aftercare services and try to secure mainstream opportunities for each child who was fit. What a good example of the Lions Club motto, "We Serve."

It was very cool to witness many contributing to helping others. The local Lions were so nice to the American workers, and took many of them on cultural tours in the local area. They were given the chance to see a local Tequila factory, the largest lake in Mexico, and to walk and explore Mexico's second largest city: Guadalajara. Jumping into

a horse pulled decorated carriage ride was a pleasant way to see the streets, shops, and beautiful buildings,

To those wanting to help out, please consider a donation to help secure supplies. Make checks out to the Indian Lions Foundation and mail to Duane. You may con-

tact Duane via his email: Dlwass@aol.com. They can also use donated hearing aids, working or not. Parts may be used to enable other hearing instruments to function fine. Thank you for your support; it certainly takes a lot of people to make this project happen.

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Together Everyone Achieves More

By GOV. PEG VANNEVEL

How can I begin to thank everyone for what is (to paraphrase the Dunlap Lions Club) quite possibly the BEST District Governor's year ANYWHERE!?

Coming to each of your Club's meetings, hearing your concerns and challenges, and seeing your wonderful participation in the District-wide Blood Drive project makes me proud to have been your District Governor leading into the Centennial year of Lions!

I see such dedication and imagination, it's inspiring to learn of all the ways your Clubs touch the lives in your communities. I have also seen a general openness to new ideas, ways to share your successes with neighboring Clubs, and more involvement in the District activities.

We don't stand alone...we ARE District 25-G, and our Clubs touch beyond our town boundaries. Did you donate blood, or host a drive? For every unit that was collected, we helped THREE people in our communities. We have surpassed the 100 gallon goal, all because of you! I am SO PROUD of your accomplishment!

Are you seeing a trend? District 25-G works together, and surpasses every District goal! Two years ago, we had a 100 percent LCIF giving from EVERY Club in our District. We were mentioned in the Lions Magazine for this rare feat. Last year, our goal was to raise \$15,000 for two kennels for the renovations at the Leader Dog facility in Rochester Hills, Mich. Did we stop there? Heck no! We raised over \$40,000, including a \$10,000 LCIF grant! (See? The money that we put INTO LCIF comes back to us.)

I have a favor to ask...would all Clubs who have held blood drives please confirm your total donations by sending me another email? I want to make sure that all participating Clubs get proper recognition.

Where There's A NEED,
There's A Lion!

So, as we lead into the Centennial year of Lions, what Legacy Project will your Club provide to your community? Or have you thought of new ways to increase your Club membership? Hosting a membership drive is a good way to start, but also look within your town to see if there might be a specialty Club (FFA, Tractor Club, Sail Boating) that could become a branch Club for your Lions Club.

Your creativity in community service projects is a great way to invite new people to help, so they can learn first-hand how your Lions Club touches lives. There's no greater feeling than knowing you've touched the lives of others, making a difference. Why keep that feeling to yourself? The MORE the merrier!

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DONATION TO ANIMAL SHELTER — The Rochester Lions Club contributed \$200, supplies and food for the precious companions awaiting adoption, residing at the Fulton County Animal Shelter.

In front, from left, are Dick Bounsall, Janet Showley of FCAS, Virgil Biddinger, Bob Fletcher and Bob Bridge. In back are Fred St. John, Bob Dishon, Earl Vance, Katie McCarter, Dave Miller and Randall Leininger.



LEGACY PROJECT — The Syracuse Lions Club presented a Little Free Library, complete with books, to the students of Wawasee Middle School. The Little Free Library structure was designed and constructed by Lions Club members as part of its Centennial Legacy Project. Students in Visual Art class at the middle school selected the colors for the small library and painted it. Middle school students in Girl Scouts donated books for the library and students in the school's Recycle Club will manage the library's book supply.

Shown are Media Specialist Gena Foble, left, and Library Para Deb Connert as they celebrate the installation of the Wawasee Middle School's new Little Free Library.



500 POUNDS OF FOOD COLLECTED



TRUCK FULL OF SUPPLIES FOR MIDDLEBURY FOOD BANK

Middlebury hosts stuff-a-truck

The Middlebury Lions Club hosted Stuff-A-Truck event June 3 and immediately delivered the items to the Middlebury Food Pantry after the event.

Craig Detweiler of ReGen generously donated his time and the use of his 24-foot box truck.

The Club decided to host this event in June because this is the slowest time during the year for the pantry. Most people are made more aware of the need

during the holidays and always donate during those times. Because of this, the pantry is overlooked and lack a lot of items needed.

The Middlebury Lions are proud to report that OVER 500 pounds of food, paper goods, household cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items, along with some cash (\$80.00), have been donated to the pantry.



CLUB MEMBERS — Argos Leo Club Members are shown. In front, from left, are Aaliyah Shafer, Noah Bauer, Morgan Dunlap and Zac Trump. In back are Kat Middleton, Lukas VanDerWeele, Sam Manikowski, Kyle Fishburn and John Carr.

Leos hold awards banquet

The Argos Leos held their annual awards banquet May 7 at the Argos Methodist Church Community Life Center. Attendees enjoyed a meal, followed by a presentation of awards.

Members of the Argos Lions Club, the Argos Leos, Leo family members, Leo sponsors, and special guest PDGs Charlie and Ann Haffner of Syracuse were in attendance.

The Argos Leo Club was started four years ago by the Argos Lions Club.

Special Awards were given to the four four-year Charter Members: Kat Middleton, Kennedy Binkley, Kyle Fishburn, and Aaron Spicer.

Lions Club dignitaries Charlie and Ann Haffner were pivotal in the creation of the Argos Leo Club. Lion Charlie Haffner was awarded a Lifetime Leo Award for his valuable assistance to the Club. After the award presentation, PDG Ann Haffner installed the Leo officers for the 2017-18 school year

Five receive Melvin Jones honors

By PDG GARY OCHS
Indiana LCIF Multiple
District 25 Coordinator.

Congratulations to the three new Melvin Jones Fellows and the two Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows honored during State Convention

Lions Marvin Mericle, Mable Utt, and Ralph "Butch" Fish received their MJF plaque and pin. Lion Richard Kaiser

received his gold first diamond Progressive MJF pin and PID Linda Tincer received her gold five diamond Progressive MJF pin.

Congratulations to everyone!

We hope each of you wear your Melvin Jones Fellowship lapel pin with pride. It represents your dedication to humanitarian service to the highest degree. Thank you for your continued dedication and support to LCIF.



MJF HONORS — Shown from left, are International President Chancellor Robert Corlew; Lion Marvin Mericle from the Prairie Creek Lions Club, District C; Lion Richard Kaiser from the Elberfeld Lions Club, District E Cabinet Treasurer; Lion Mable Utt from the New Castle Lions Club, District F; PID Linda Tincer from the Riley Lions Club, District C; Lion Ralph "Butch" Fish from the Bedford Lions Club, District E; PIP Wayne Madden 2012-13 LCI President; and PDG Gary Ochs, Indiana LCIF Multiple District 25 Coordinator.

Has your Lions Club donated to LCIF or sponsored a Melvin Jones Fellow?