District 25 D is *"Underway for Service"* March 2025

March is here and I'm happy to say we may see warmer weather and more people out and about. It's hard to be in a positive mood when you're always cold. I have the honor and privilege of hosting the Internal Director Judge Anthony Paradiso to our District Convention. Greentown Lions Club members have pulled out all the stops and are planning for one wonderful day to review and Listen to Judge Anthony talk about his experiences in the Lions Club in New York. I have talked to the International Director on two occasions and he is a Lions Lion. Ready to talk about the role we play in the District, State, Nation and the world.

"We Serve" is our motto and District 25 D does just that. We are the First District to get 100% participation by all our District Lions Clubs. Goal Completed for this year on our reporting of our service. Lion Anita Hines is Global Service Team (GST) Chairman for our District and for the State. I'm so happy we completed that goal. Lion Anita said that most of our clubs had Christmas Projects that were easy for us to meet that 100% goal two years in a row. Thanks Lion Anita.

Now the other goals on my list are that of membership. "Mission 1.5 "Wish I could say we are still leading the state but we're not. We had a great run till the New Years, but we have decreased membership down to 20. Let's not get discouraged and wanting to stop there, we got good stuff happening. Gas City is coming together as this weather breaks and we will be running around Fishers here soon too. Fellow Lions, we have a plan, you are not left out, you can jump in with new members anytime you have the opportunity. Lion Jeff Kozicki is at 765-481-0822 will be happy to give you tips of how to get new members, Remember, Noblesville had 11 new members just in the first half of the year. So please continue to push forward. Remember, all it takes is "Hey, you want to be a Lion "

The Global Extension Team Chairman 2VDG Mike Careins is hard at work setting up the Gas City Annual planning meeting. He's having it at a pizza place so I'm sure he'll have some attendance. The District Cabinet has come up with Cities and Towns who need a Lions club. I'm sure 2VDG Mike would be happy with other suggestions and Lions to assist in putting together a crew for a certain Town. Meet a lot of nice people too.

For all the clubs who have not reported giving to LCIF, "Lions Clubs International Foundation", we are just \$3,500.00 away from this year's goal. I'm happy to say that with four more months left on my tenure as DG that our goal is within site. If you have any questions, please feel free to call PDG Steve Holtzleiter at 765-425-1473 or PDG Mike Imbler at 765-776-0424 to arrange an LCIF workshop or more information on LCIF and the legacy program.

I have been researching my plans for May, environmental project. Taking on an old run-down park and giving it a shot in the arm. May is not that far away. Every Saturday in May we will mow and cut and re-process the park to good working order. May 10 is our Cabinet meeting in Upland and the work will continue at the park as the canoe and Kayak landing will be done by Scouts.

The State Convention is a place where Lions can see and meet the Lions of tomorrow. That could be you ! The events for that weekend will keep you busy but there will be time for shopping at Shipshewana IN. I have to saw when 300 or more Lions get together, it's a good time.

Lions District 25 D continues to work hard in every community and town. The accomplishments of our Lions have made big differences in our communities. I hear it a lot as I go from Community to Community to Community how local Lions have done many projects and fundraisers for their community. "We Serve" is alive and working and I want to Thank all Lions for their efforts.

Yours in Lionism,

Rocky DG