

Where there is a need, there is a Lion.

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The Official Newsletter
of Lions District 25-F

March, 2016



March!

By District Governor John Brown

I have always been a big fan of the month of March. Winter is starting to wind down and the first days of spring show up even if the temperature outside does not always agree. St. Patrick's Day is a great Holiday to celebrate and Basketball in the Hoosier State

is really starting to heat up. It is even the month of my Birthday so I just have to like the month of March. We Lions seem to like this month also based on all the activities planned in the District. From Pancake Breakfasts and Fish Fries to Silent Auctions and the District 25F Convention it seems like something is always going on in District 25F the month of March. Keep up the good work Lions and never forget our motto "WE SERVE"!

I had the pleasure of inducting new members into the Vevay Lions Club a couple of weeks ago and one new member especially touched my heart for what he had to say after the meeting. This new Lion was very emotional and shared with me his pride in being a new member but was most proud of his father who had been a long time Lion. He told me that his father cared greatly for his community and enjoyed every minute of his 42 years of service as a Lion. His father passed a few years ago and had never asked his son to become a Lion. Thankfully a good friend asked him to join and the rest is history! This reminds me that great Lions can be found everywhere even as close as sons and daughters and other family members!!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the District Convention in Indianapolis on Saturday March 12th at the Indianapolis Colts Pavilion. Be sure to fill out the Registration Form in this Newsletter so you are registered ahead of time. It will be a great day to meet and enjoy the company of Lions from all over District 25F. We will have PID Tom Matney as our Keynote Speaker. Lion Tom hails for the Great State of Kentucky and looks forward to meeting and greeting many great Lions from the Hoosier State. On the Friday before the District Convention I will take PID Tom on a tour of the various Lion State Projects in Indianapolis. I want to thank PCC Steve Winegardner for making the tour arrangements and all the State Projects for agreeing to host Lion Tom!

In closing, I want to share some good news about a new Lions club in Rushville, Indiana. With hard work and good planning from several Lions we are looking at Chartering a new club in April of 2016. I want to especially thank PCC Reed Fish, PCC Sue Topf, PDG Bill Uhrig, 1VDG Wayne Karanovich, 2VDG Melissa Baker, PCC Steve Winegardner along with PDG Ronnie Martin for all your work in Rushville. We Serve!

— DG John Brown

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New Clubs, New Lions

By 1st Vice District Governor Lion Wayne T. Karanovich Jr.

Where there is a need there is a Lion. This is the slogan for our Centennial Celebration. That slogan says it all doesn't it? I am proud to be your 1VDG along with our DG John Brown and our 2nd VDG Melissa Baker. On one of my visits this last week I had the pleasure of helping to induct two new members. It is always a delight for me to induct new Lions as they are our future. We need to seek out friends and family members to join us in our Lions Clubs. I will sponsor two new Lions this month and will try to sponsor at least one more during this Lions year.

I believe that we lead by example and a leader should not ask you to do something that he is not doing. I loved working to help get North Vernon Lions Club up and running as well as the work in helping to start the new Club in Rushville. I have three areas where I plan on starting new clubs next Lions year. If you are interested in helping to start new clubs please let me know. I look forward to working with Global Leadership and Global Membership of our district and state.

Once we sponsor a new lion we need to get them involved in a service project and get them to attend district and state Lions meetings, Our District Convention, and State Convention. Help us make our Lions Club strong. Thank you for your service.

Greetings from the Garden!

By 2nd VDG Melissa Baker, District 25-F

It's February and it is garden weather. This promises a year of surprises, I think. I'm planning for a great year. I've lots of seeds to plant - all different varieties. Looking forward to wonderful results that will keep on blooming.

Yes, the Lions garden I'm working on will always be great. Once planted nurtured and cared for, our future Lion family members bring joy to us and their communities for many years.



Are you planning your garden yet? Are you looking for a little joy? Plan to 'plant' a new member this spring!

First regular Lion member who contacts me with their plans, will get a special delivery to help! (****this excludes Club and District officers.... of course that officer could send an email to a member or two suggesting they read the newsletter.)

- 2nd Vice District **Green Thumb** Melissa Baker

Indiana Disaster Case Management

The Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis will be offering a train-the-trainer session in Disaster Management, available to the public. Information follows.

For more information, please contact:

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Providing Help, Creating Hope, Serving All

Prepare, Respond, Recover

When disaster strikes, the local church usually provides the first response.

Understanding that disaster response is local forms the foundation for CATHOLIC CHARITIES' disaster response training.

We equip the Catholic Parishes, Catholic Charities, and CC Agencies to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters, supporting church disaster response ministries, so that they can be the hands and feet of Christ when disaster strikes.

We will be holding a State-wide Disaster Case Management "Train the Trainer" course to prepare participants to train locals in their areas in Disaster Case Management prior to, or at the time of, a disaster, so that DCM can get up and running as quickly as possible.

The course consists of three - 2 day sessions to be held approximately every other month: March 31 & April 1; June 1 & June 2 ;and late July/early Aug (dates to be announced).

These sessions are all a part of one continuous training, NOT three separate trainings, and participants must complete the entire course in order to become certified as a DCM Supervisor/Trainer. **However**, you may attend the first session only (2 days) to become qualified as a Disaster Case Manager. You do NOT have to be Catholic to attend this course, and you do not need prior case management experience.

Membership PULSE



Connect with Your Community and Build Your Lion Legacy

The Centennial Celebration brings Lions together and also provides the opportunity to connect with your community. One way your club can commemorate the past century of service, while also looking forward to the next 100 years, is to complete a Centennial Community Legacy Project. As a visible gift, your Centennial Community Legacy Project will serve as a lasting reminder of just how vital your club is to your community. From a new sign at your city's entrance to an eye clinic, there's an opportunity for every club to be involved. There are 3 levels of Centennial Community Legacy Projects, choose from the project ideas below or create your own: **Level 1 – Raise Your Community Visibility**

- Post new Lions signs
- Donate a park bench
- Dedicate a statue
- Sponsor a fountain in a local park

Level 2 – Provide A Community Gift

- Refurbish a park or playground
- Build a footbridge over a busy road
- Donate a vehicle to a community organization
- Fund resources for the visually impaired

Level 3 – Make A Community Impact

- Expand a library or school
- Build a clinic
- Develop a training center
- Equip an area hospital



Having your entire club participate in the implementation of your Centennial Community Legacy Project will showcase your service impact to your community and strengthen the bond between your members. From selecting a community need to fulfill, meeting with local leaders, planning the project and celebrating the project completion, there are many opportunities for members to be involved. Start building your Lion legacy today by discussing ideas for your Centennial Community Legacy Project at your next meeting. Visit the [Centennial Community Legacy Project page](#) for ideas and other resources.

Register Today!

Friday, January 29 is the deadline to register to attend the [38th Annual Lions Day with the United Nations](#) on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. This year's program will include:

- Insight into partnership with The Carter Center and UN Women
- Dynamic discussions related to peace education and gender equality
- Participation from Leos and young people
- The unveiling of this year's International Peace Poster and Essay Contests Winners

Also, register to attend the very popular Lions and Ambassadors Luncheon in the historic Delegates Dining Room. Spots are limited!

Celebrate 100 Years through Service, Membership and Community



Don't miss out on being a part of the Centennial Celebration. As Lions Clubs International enters its 100th year of service, make sure your club and members are a part of the celebration. All Lions are encouraged to lead through service, invite for impact and connect with their communities to help make our centennial goal of serving 100 million people by 2018 possible. Our [Club Centennial Planning Guide](#) is a resource to help your club identify, plan and complete Centennial Celebration activities. The guide offers steps to success, tips on how to create "SMART" goals, a planning check list and a Club Centennial Celebration Plan worksheet designed to help you identify the Centennial activities/projects your club will complete in each year of the Centennial Celebration.

Impact 50 Lives by Asking One Today

The best way to create a larger impact in your community is to ask one person to join your club. On average, a Lion impacts the lives of 50 people annually when they participate in service projects. Imagine the outcomes that can occur when you ask one, two or more new Lions to join you in volunteering. Take the first step today and ask a family member, friend or co-worker to join you at a club meeting or service project. Lions Clubs International has several resources available to help you and your club invite new Lions to further impact your community. Visit the [Ask One page](#) for a press release, videos, and logos you can use. Also available is the [Just Ask New Member Recruiting Guide for Clubs](#). By growing your club, you will have a direct impact on your community, new Lions, and yourself. Start today and Ask One, it's that simple!





Jitsuhiro Yamada International President's Message

Dear Lion, As members of the world's largest service club organization, we constantly strive to welcome new Lions into the pride. New members energize your club, bring fresh ideas and position your club for ongoing success. And new members also have a tremendous impact on your ability to serve. On average, each new Lion serves 50 people a year. That's 50 more helping hands and 50 more smiles. That's 50 more lives that you can change by inviting a new member. And it all starts by asking one family member, friend or neighbor to serve with you. That's all it takes to increase your impact, so Ask One today! I am encouraging every club to set a goal of adding at least 3 new members during each year of the Centennial Celebration. With your help, we can make the world better and the future brighter for all. Sincerely, Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada

Earn Your Centennial Membership Award

You can increase your service impact and earn special recognition in the Centennial Membership Awards Program by inviting new members to serve with you. All Lions and Lions clubs have the opportunity to earn limited-edition Centennial awards for new members and clubs you sponsor through June 30, 2018. The longer your new member or club stays active, the more recognition you receive. Visit the [Centennial Celebration Membership Awards website](#) for details about the program and start inviting for impact today!

Apply for the Club Excellence Award

Get recognized for achieving excellence in your club by applying for the Club Excellence Award. Just complete the 7 Elements of Excellence and submit your award application anytime during the 2015-16 fiscal year and you'll be on your way to building a stronger club and a stronger community. Qualifying clubs will receive a Club Excellence Award pin for the club president and a banner patch for your club. For more information on the award and requirements, and to fill out your 2015-16 application, visit the [Club Excellence Awards website](#) today!

Call For Submissions: Lions Regional Women's Workshop Grant

A Lions Regional Women's Workshop brings a small group of Lions together to explore factors related to recruiting and retaining women as members. Participants will discuss specific questions about women's Lions service in their region and ask questions of their own. As a result, strategies will be created to increase the participation of women as Lions. Lions Clubs International has a funding available for districts and multiple districts to host their own Lions Regional Women's Workshop. Grants are available for up to \$2,000 to cover facility rental, audio/visual equipment, printing/postage, food & beverages, and facilitator fees. Grants are provided on a first come, first served basis and are limited to \$4,000 per constitutional area. Applications must be received at least 3 months (90 days) before your event. For further details and to apply, see the [Lions Regional Women's Workshop Planning Guide](#).

US Veteran Program Extension

Dear U.S. Lion,

We are pleased to share that Lions Clubs International is extending the Involve a U.S. Veteran pilot program through June 30, 2016. This program waives the charter or entrance fee for U.S. Veterans joining a Lions club in the United States.

Eligible veterans include retired U.S. military personnel or honorably-discharged members of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard Services, Marines, National Guard, Navy or Reserves. Those currently serving in the National Guard or Reserves are also eligible. Lions Clubs International will provide an entrance fee waiver of \$25 (\$30 for charter members) to qualified U.S. veterans that join a local Lions club.

Veterans have made so many great contributions and sacrificed so much to serve our country. As service members return home from serving in the military, let's offer them an opportunity to get involved in their communities.

Visit the Involve a U.S. Veteran web page to download a fact sheet, promotional flyer, certification form and a sample press release. [learnmoreEN150.png](#)

Make plans now to reach out to veterans in your community and offer them the opportunity to make a difference and change lives as Lions.

Sincerely,

Membership Development Division
Lions Clubs International



DG John was honored to present Janice Wiwi, 10 years, from the Williamsburg Club; Charles Ramey, 50 years, from the Economy Club; J B Cain, 50 years, from Economy the Club



DG John Brown and the Osgood Treasurer Owen Menchhofer participate in a the 2016 Polar Plunge supporting the Special Olympics.



President of the Osgood Lions Club, Bill McDonald (Thing 1,) entertains and directs onlookers at the 2016 Polar Plunge supporting the Special Olympics.



DG John awarded Ruth Nocton a progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship. Both Janice and Ruth are from the Williamsburg Lions Club.



DG John is honored to present Janice Wiwi with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. She also received a Melvin Jones award for her late husband, Robert Wiwi.



The Chapel Hill Lions Club is proud to welcome Oludotun "Sam" Sanya as a new member. Oludotun has transferred from his former Lions Club in Nigeria. Lion Olundotun is pictured with Lion Secretary Jim Halstead who formally welcomed him into his new club.



Lions Larry Gardner and Jim George are sponsors to new members Diana Stephenson, Lorraine Woodruff of the Fountain City Lions Club. The guy between the lovely ladies is DG John.



Lion Ann Brown, DG John Brown, are given gifts from Speedway President Mike Watts.



DG John Awards Speedway Past President Vince Noblet a Lion key for sponsoring two new members.



DG John surrounded by 30 year Service Chevron recipient Lion Dean Hanson and Lion President Susan Smith.



Middleton Lion President Susan Smith sponsored two new members, Lions Jeff and Susan Sanders. Inducting new members is one of DG John's favorite jobs.



Indianapolis Washington Township Lions volunteered on February 17 at Second Helpings, a company that rescues food to provide 4,000 meals a day to various local organizations. Standing - Lions Dan Riffle and PDG Merle Goldman; Kneeling L to R - Second Helpings volunteer leader Sukumara, Lions Denny and Trish Henninger; Seated L to R - Lions Mary Jo Riffle, Rhoda Davis, Eddie Davis, Lion President Ron Bigham.



DG John Brown is honored to receive a generous check from Greenfield President Pam Buck.



One of the honors DG John Brown enjoys is to distribute the Service Chevrons. Greenfield Lion Patrick Johnson received his 40 year Chevron and Lion Bill Landis, SR. received his 35 year Chevron.



Congratulations Lion Gary Rusie from the Decatur Central Lions Club on your Progressive W.P. Woods Award! From Left to Right: Lion President Bev Coombs, Lion 1st VP Linda Scott, Lion Secretary Charlie Coombs. Seated: Lion Gary Rusie



Welcome to the new Middletown KidSight vision screening team. Lion President Susan Smith, Lion Teresa Dennis, and Lion Jane Hayes.



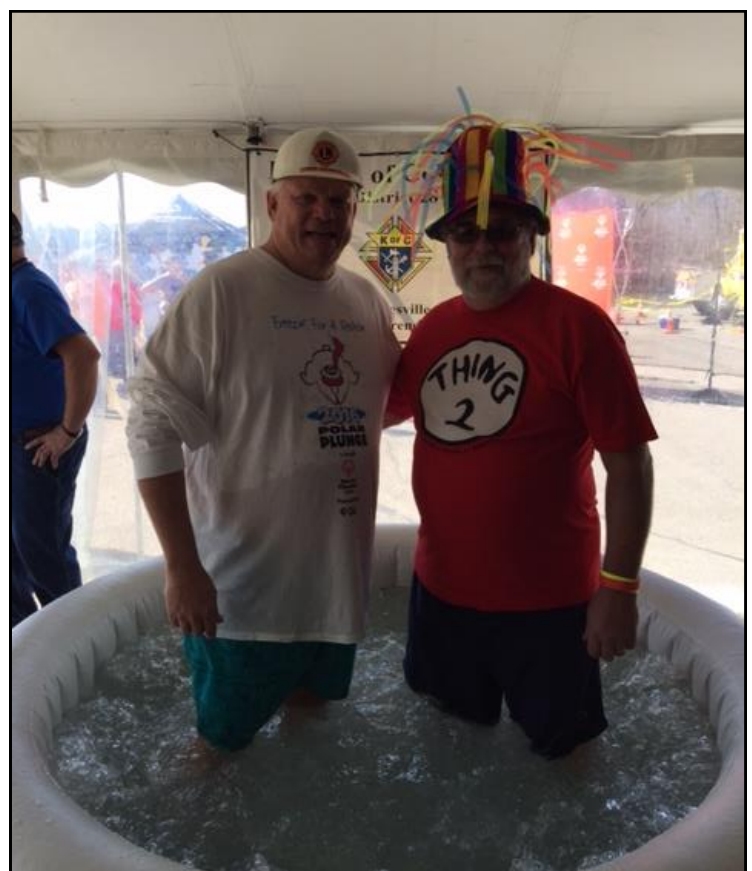
Dedicated Ben Davis Lions Marty Spencer and Carl Finchum helping out at February's pancake breakfast.



Congratulations to the Decatur Central Lions Club W.P. Woods Recipients! From Left to Right: PCC Reed Fish (Presenter), Lion Larry Shaw, Lion Toby Salyers, Lion Linda Scott, PDG John Scott, Lion Janet Reed (Presenter.)



Manilla Lion President Gene Wagoner presents DG John with a generous check for the state projects.



DG John and Lion President Bill McDonald getting ready for the Polar Plunge in Osgood for Special Olympics.



District 25 – F District Convention March 12, 2016

District Governor John Brown and the Pike Lions Club, Inc. invite you to

District 25-F District Convention, March 12, 2016

**Colts Training Facility
7001 W. 56th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46254**

Cost - \$20.00 per person (Reservations after March 1 are \$25.00 per person)

Menu:

Jonathan Byrd's Famous Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes/Home Style Gravy
Southern Style Green Beans
Cole Slaw
Rolls & butter
Dessert
Iced tea, lemonade, and coffee

8:30 am – Donuts and Coffee/Registration

Please make checks out to:
Send checks to:

Pike Lions Club, Inc. – memo: District 25-F Convention 2016

Pike Lions Club Treasurer
Pat Sherck
246 Meridian Court
Pittsboro, IN 46167

Club _____

Title _____ Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____



2015-2016 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

To qualify the club must be chartered for 6 or more months prior to the end of the fiscal year, further the objectives of the association, adhere to the association's constitution and by-laws and policies, and meet the requirements noted below during the fiscal year.

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Club Number	Club Name	Date
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
2015-2016 Club President's Name		Member Number

- ☐ **SERVICE** – The club has conducted at least three service projects. Briefly describe the service activities that were conducted:

Date: <input type="text"/>	Activity: <input type="text"/>
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- ☐ **CONTRIBUTION** — The club has made a contribution to LCIF.

- ☐ **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** - The club achieved a net growth in membership (including branch club members when applicable) or sponsored a new club. New members attended an orientation and were properly inducted into the club.

☐ Net Growth in Members: ☐ Name of sponsored club or Branch:

- ☐ **COMMUNICATION** – The club has publicized the club's service activities to the public through local media and effectively communicated activities to club members.

Please explain briefly how the club service activities were publicized.

- ☐ **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** – All officer positions were filled in accordance with the constitution and bylaws by qualified Lions, the club was represented at zone meetings and a majority of the club officers participated in a leadership training program. The training program could include training offered at the zone, district, multiple district or International level. Online courses from the Lions Learning Center, participation in a Club Excellence Process (CEP) Workshop or completion of the Certified Guiding Lion course also count toward the award.

- ☐ **CLUB ACTIVITY** – The club has hosted regular and meaningful club events and reported Membership Service Activities, and the New Club Officers in a timely manner.

- ☐ **CLUB IN GOOD STANDING** – the club is not in status quo and International dues and new member entrance fees have been paid in full. No more than US\$50 in any other expense due to LCI is outstanding beyond ninety (90) days.

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Date	2015-2016 District Governor's Signature *	District	Member No.

* Applications received from the District Governor's registered email address will be considered signed by the district governor. In undistricted areas the coordinating Lion or provisional zone or region chairpersons should sign the completed form.

The completed form must be mailed to the English Language Department at International Headquarters, or email to clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org, or fax to (630) 706-9273 to arrive by August 31, 2016. Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club shall be considered only if received at International Headquarters within 12 months after completion of the fiscal year, provided that the original application form is already filed at International Headquarters. The award will be mailed to the 2016-2017 district governor for presentation. In undistricted areas the award will be mailed to the coordinating Lions or directly to the 2015-2016 club president.

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District Governor's Point Contest

July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016

CLUB:		MONTH:			
MMR REPORTS		DUES			
Online by the 30th	150	International Dues paid by 7/31/15	200		
List of New Officers by May 1, 2016	150	International Dues paid by 1/31/16	200		
Activity Report	100	State Dues paid by 7/31/15	200		
MEMBERSHIP/RETENTION		State Dues paid by 1/31/16	200		
Each New Lion	150	All Dues paid on time (additional)	100		
Reinstated/transfer	100	ZONE MEETINGS (each meeting)			
DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT		President & Secretary	200		
Scheduled by 9/1/15	150	President or Secretary	50		
Scheduled by 10/1/15	75	Each additional Lion	50		
Scheduled by 11/1/15	20	Each non Lion	20		
CLUB VISITATION		President & Secretary attend all	400		
Each Lion (min.2 Lions from same club)	100	LIONS PROGRAMS AT CLUB MEETINGS			
LIONS LAW CAMP		Camp Woodsmoke	150		
Each Camper	100	Cancer Control	150		
LIONS CONFERENCE		Diabetes	150		
Each Lion	200	Eye Bank	150		
USA/CANADA FORUM		Eyeglass Recycling	150		
Each Lion	300	Global Leadership Team	150		
STATE CONVENTION		Global Membership Team	150		
Each Lion	150	Indiana Lions Foundation	150		
CABINET MEETINGS/DISTRICT CONVENTION		ISBAVI	150		
Each Lion	100	Law Camp	150		
CAMP WOODSMOKE		LCIF	150		
Each Lion or guest (per visit)	50	Leader Dog	150		
Work Detail (each Lion)	100	Leo Club	150		
Pork Chop Sunday (each Lion)	50	New Club	150		
Sponsor group at Camp	150	Speech & Hearing	150		
ASSISTING ANOTHER CLUB		Visions Screening Program	150		
Each Lion (per project/per day)	50	Youth Exchange	150		
VISION SCREENING EVENT HOSTED		All Programs an Additional	500		
Each School/site	50	LEADERSHIP TRAINING SESSION			
Each Lion assisting w/screening	50	Officer training (each Lion)	300		
STATE FAIR PROJECTS (FOUNDATION)		All Officers Elect (Pres.,Secr., Treas.,) additional	200		
Each Lion per day	50	Other Leadership training (each Lion)	250		
WHITE CANE PROJECT		NEW FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS			
Each Lion	25	Lions License Plate (Each Lion)	200		
BANNER NIGHT		W.P. WOODS (each Lion)	300		
Each Lion	50	MELVIN JONES (each Lion)	400		
ATTENDING ANOTHER CLUB FUNCTION		CARTER EVERAGE (each Lion)	300		
Each Lion (NOT a visitation) i.e. pancake breakfast	50	RICHARD T. MIYAMOTO (each Lion)	300		
YOUTH EXCHANGE					
Each youth hosted/sponsored	300	TOTAL POINTS			

Points must be submitted to CS Sarah Getts at: district 25fsgetts@comcast.net or by mail postmarked by the 15th of the following month.

BRIGHT LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016
7 AM TO NOON**

**2160 LAMPLIGHT DRIVE
BRIGHT, INDIANA**

(Next to Firehouse on Salt Fork)



**Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy
Coffee, Milk & Juice**

Donation: Adults \$7 - Kids 12 & Under \$3.00

Pre-Sale tickets available from any Bright Lions Member or at Logan Supermart

Event Sponsored by Logan Supermart



Spring Clean up at
Camp Woodsmoke
April 9 2016



We will be having spring clean up at camp woodsmoke. We will be providing the meat and drinks. All we ask is that you bring a covered dish , chips or dessert .



Bring tools to help get the camp clean for the spring season and ready for the new camping season



We will be starting at 9 am, lunch will be served at 1 pm and work will be done about 4pm.



4th Annual Pike Township and Clermont Lions Club Dinner and Auction

Saturday, March 5th

3201 N. Tansel Drive, Clermont

5:30 p.m.

\$20.00 per person

Dinner, silent auction, live auction, and various raffles!

Questions? Call 317-627-1678

DG John Brown's Official Visit List

Tues.	March 1 -	Morristown
Wed.	March 2 -	Jeffersonville
Thur.	March 3 -	New Lisbon, Lewisville, New Castle
Wed.	March 9-	Blue River
Thurs.	March 10-	Rising Sun
Tues.	March 15 -	Charlestown
Thurs.	March 17-	Hope
Wed.	March 23-	New Palestine?
Mon.	Mar. 28-	Centerville

Vision Screening Certification / Re-Certification

Vision Screening training will be conducted on Saturday 19 March, 2016, from 10 AM to 12 PM, at the Lawrence Lions, Paul Baxter Building, 4745 N. Richardt Street in Lawrence.

The training is open to all. You need not be a Lion, but must be 16 yrs of age or older.

PDG Jack Salsbery
President, Vision Screening Program



Designed by Lion Janet Fish

Clermont Lions Club (LC125F)

WEAR THESE Buttons TO ALL YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS AND FUNDRAISERS

Cost including S&H is approximately \$1 each for 20, depending on Zip code.

Order Information: Wacky Buttons at www.wackybuttons.com 1-585-267-7670

Orders can be called in or placed online at "order@wackybuttons.com"

Design code number is 3761429 Size of button is 2.25 Standard Back Pin

After you order send Wacky Buttons an email letting them know that Lion Janet Fish gave you the order information. Include your club name, where the buttons will be worn.

Doing this usually makes your order arrive sooner. They give Lions Club orders top priority!

Wear them with pride, may your club membership grow!

ANNUAL FUND RAISER Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Sponsored by The Indianapolis Center Township Lions Club



March 14, 2016 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Forest Manor Methodist Church

4062 East 34th St Indianapolis, In 46218

\$10.00 at door

**Includes Corned Beef, (or Chicken for those who don't eat corned beef)
Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes, Corn Bread, Salad, Dessert, Lemonade or Coffee**

EDITOR'S NOTE: This page and the following contain information published last month, but which is still relevant to upcoming activities.

District Convention - Mar. 12, 2016

Lion Sarah Getts, Cabinet Secretary, District 25F

Voting at the District Convention on March 12 at the Colts Complex will be very important. We will vote for our District Governor, 1st Vice DG, 2nd Vice DG, International Convention Committee, Trustees for several State Projects, and Region Trustees for Camp Woodsmoke.

Secretaries, don't forget to enter your club's new members and delete lost members. Your delegate number is based on the members each club has reported online at LCI as of midnight, February 28, 2016. Club membership needs to be updated each month so clubs are always current.

Mark your calendars: April 29 – May 1, 2016 to attend the State Convention in Shipshewana, IN. Check this newsletter for the registration form.

Things are Happening!

By Lion Sarah Getts, Cabinet Secretary, District 25-F

You won't want to miss the District Convention at the Colts Complex on March 12th. So you can set your GPS, the address is 7001 W. 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46254. The Pike Township Club will be sponsoring this event. Send your registration today! DG John Brown would appreciate your attendance at this meeting.

You will want to sign up for the State Convention beginning April 29- May 1 in Shipshewana. There will be lots of shopping available...

Remember that the number of delegates is determined by the number of members you have on the International website by the month before each Cabinet/Convention meeting. The formula for delegates was in last month's newsletter. It is up to each club secretary to keep your club roster current at the end of each month.

We have been enjoying attending the Official Visits with DG John. Unfortunately, Lion Ann has to get up very early each morning because she is a surgical nurse, and can't accompany us very often. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the weather holds up and makes our travels easier.

Notice Of Change To The District 25-F Constitution & Bylaws

The following is a proposed change to be voted on at the District 25-F Convention to be held March 12, 2016. The first is the wording of Article XIII Section 1 as it appears in the District 25-F Constitution & Bylaws at present. The second is the proposed change to Article XIII Section 1. This change is to incorporate a Resolution that was passed in 2005 at a District Convention. The change only corrects some confusion that exists at the present time on the Dues paid by each Club on each member. It does not increase the amount each Club pays at this time for each of its members. Just a clarification of where the total amount that is paid at this time is arrived at by the Cabinet Treasurer when billing the Clubs each year.

**ARTICLE XIII
District Administration Fund**

Section 1 - Assessment of Dues.

The sum specified in the Multiple District 25 Constitution and By-Laws shall provide the revenue to defray the administrative expenses of the District Governor. In addition a \$1 (one dollar) per Lion per year assessment will be charged by the Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer. An Assessment of \$.50 (fifty cents) will be made during each installment of dues each year except for the first year only where the assessment of \$1 (one dollar) will be made at the second half-year installment of dues.

Proposed Change To The District 25-F Constitution & Bylaws

**ARTICLE XIII
District Administration Fund**

Section 1 – Assessment of Dues

The sum specified in the Multiple District 25 Constitution & Bylaws shall provide revenue to defray the administration expenses of the District Governor. In addition a \$2.60(two dollars and sixty cents) per year assessment will be charged by the Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer. An assessment of 1.30 (one dollar and thirty cents) will be made during each installment of the dues year.

YES

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ALL LIONS CLUBS FILING OBLIGATIONS

BUSINESS TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY RETURNS

All Lions Clubs are **REQUIRED** to file annually: Business Tangible Personal Property Return (Form 104) and Business Tangible Assessment Return (Form 103). The above returns must be filed with the Township Assessor, if any, or the County Assessor in which the property is located as of January 1, 2016.

The above Forms 103 and 104 must be filed no later than May 16, 2016.

Not required, but necessary to exempt property from being taxed, Application For Property Tax Exemption (Form 136). Two copies of this form must be filed with the County Assessor of the county where the property is located no later than April 1, 2016.

Definition of Business Tangible Property includes, but is not limited to, Club Banner, Flag, Bell and Gavel, Tail Twister's Lion and Treasurer's checkbook. As stated above **ALL Lions Clubs** must file the aforementioned forms.

The following forms need to be filed: 103, 104 and 136. These forms may be filled out on line. Use your search engine and type in:

- A. Indiana Property Tax Form 104 PDF;
- B. Indiana Property Tax Form 103 long PDF and
- C. Indiana Application for Property Tax Exemption Form 136 PDF.

The above forms have changed from last year. In 2015 information was for property location as of March 1. For 2016 the date is January 1. For practical purposes this change will have no effect on your Club's filing.

If your Club has property in more than one Taxing District you must file in each district covering the property in that district.

To help Clarify the above statement: Club meets in county (A). There is a Lion's plaque in the meeting place. The Lions Tamer lives in county (B) and keeps the Club's equipment there. On January 1, 2016 the Club has property in both county (A) and (B) and must file the above forms for each county.

Lion Dick Getts, Cabinet Treasurer
Lions District 25-F, Inc.

IMPORTANT CORRECTION!

DISTRICT OFFICE AND TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS GUIDELINES

It is time to submit your letter of intent to run for a District Office, State Project Trustee, or Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee.

We will also be accepting letters of intent for anyone interested in running for Indiana Lions State Comptroller and Indiana Lions State Convention Committee Member. These two positions are at the State Level, but must be approved by your club and District, prior to submitting your letter of intent to the State Nominations Chair, PDG Billy Chastain.

Anyone who intends to run for District Governor, 1st or 2nd Vice District Governor, must submit a request in writing to the District Nominations Chair, Lion David Straughn. A letter of endorsement from your home club which states that you are a Lion in good standing in the club, and that the club supports you and endorses your candidacy for office. This letter is due thirty (30) days prior to the District Convention, being held on March 12, 2016. Letters of intent will be due no later than February 11, 2016.

Anyone who intends to run for a trustee of any of the five state projects or the Indiana Lions Foundation will also need to submit their request in writing, and include the same type letter from your home club. These letters are due ten (10) days prior to the convention, March 2, 2016.

Letters should be submitted to: Lion David Straughn, 8636 Nature Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46278, or they may be emailed to: straughn@iquest.net

If you have questions about the requirements for any elected position, you may reference the District 25F Constitution and By-laws, which may be found on the District website: www.lions25f.org, under "Forms".

If you have further questions, please contact Nominations Chairperson, Lion David Straughn, at (317) 297-1391.



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