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District 25-C

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## Our Mission

To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation.

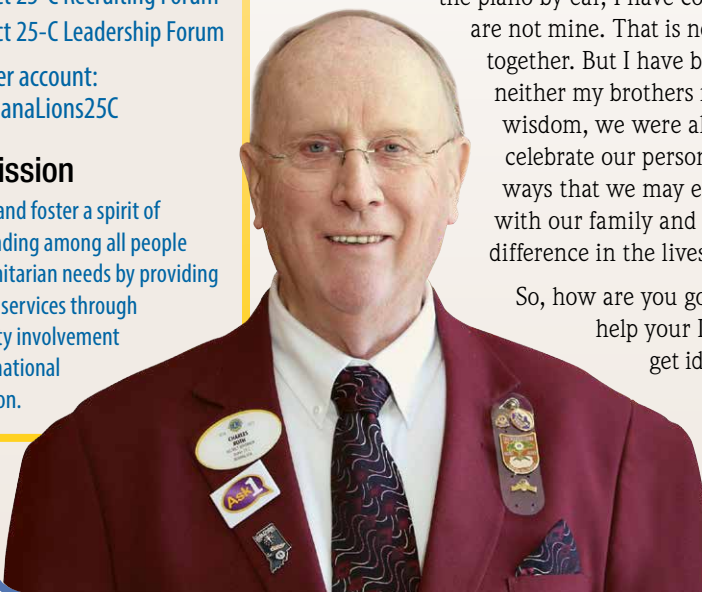
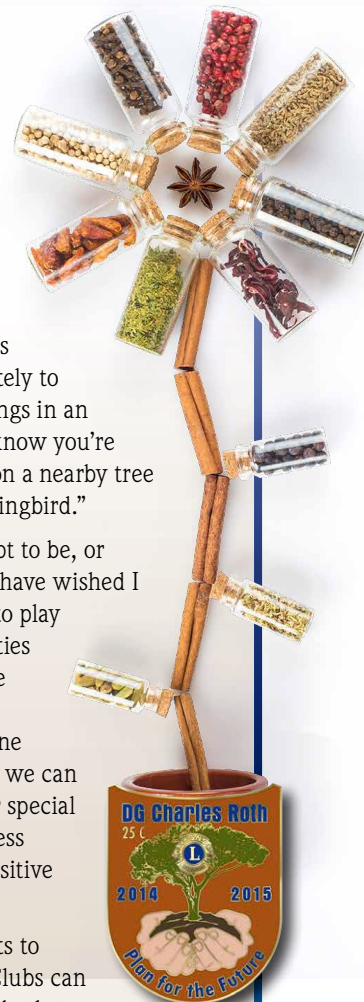
## 57 Varieties!

How many of you remember the commercials for Heinz 57 varieties of condiments? You know, that description fits District C – we have 57 clubs and 57 varieties of what a Lions Club should be. As I have visited the clubs of our great District this year, I have been showing a segmented ribbon that has 504 pieces. Each piece is different thus each ribbon is different. Just like a Lions club, where each Lion brings into the club unique talents and abilities, this makes that club different from any other club. But Roger Wayne Hicks of Arizona said it better. “A beautiful purple finch was trying desperately to drink from our hummingbird feeder. Watching it furiously flap its wings in an attempt to maintain an airborne drinking position, I said ‘Don’t you know you’re not a hummingbird?’ Eventually the finch hurried to secure footing on a nearby tree branch. It seems to have realized that it could not hover like a hummingbird.”

“Observing this finch caused me to ask myself ‘How often do I attempt to be, or wish to be, something or someone I am not?’ No matter how much I have wished I had the wood crafting talent of my two brothers or my wife’s ability to play the piano by ear, I have come to realize that these abilities are not mine. That is not the way my Creator put me together. But I have been given some talents that neither my brothers nor my wife have. In the divine wisdom, we were all made different. This means we can celebrate our personal uniqueness and search for special ways that we may effectively share that uniqueness with our family and our community to make a positive difference in the lives of others.”

So, how are you going to use your unique talents to help your Lions Club provide service? Clubs can get ideas from others but how we do that service is different. If you look closely, every flower that blooms in May is different. Let your Club bloom with all the unique individuals that make up the 57 varieties.

District Governor, Charles Roth



# No Greater Service Organization

## Lions Club International

Spring is here and so is the rain. Everything picks up at this time of the year. How about Lions? Are we picking up or are we “weedling” on, (a word we used to use when I was a kid in my home town for sauntering on) same as always? I hope we are picking up. We are sadly in need of picking up. What we do, we do very well and this, of course, is spread worldwide. Some of the challenges for the next Lion year are:

1. Increasing membership significantly. Oh! Boy, not that membership thing again! I will be working with our district Global Membership Team to develop a contingent, establish goals and put them into action.
2. Increasing participation of club members either across clubs or at the district level.
3. Finding a way to encourage more club members to participate in cabinet meetings. We have a little less than 1500 members and a showing of a maximum of 80 at cabinet meetings, 5% attendance.
4. Finding a way to increase our fundraising and thereby increasing our giving to the five state projects.
5. Increasing our overall contributions to Lions Club International Foundation. There several very good reasons for doing this.
6. Increasing our service to our communities. I mean **increasing** our service to our communities.
7. Significantly increasing the potential to develop new clubs. Did you know we have two counties in the district that do not have a Lions club?
8. As District Governor, working with those of you that have stepped up into the state committee positions representing District C, thank you. I am looking forward to having at least **one** meeting of each of the committees during my District Governor term. Some committees do not meet for whatever reason. We need to move the chairs of these committees off dead center. With your help we can do it.

There are many more committees, and maybe some that you have a personal interest in. If so, let me know (please, I am always looking for input and respect your thoughts and ideas). There should be no end to suggestions, but be aware, he that puts forward a suggestion/idea will probably be involved in it up to their neck.

Have you thought about making application to Scholastic Books?

Have you thought about making application for the next Club Excellence award?

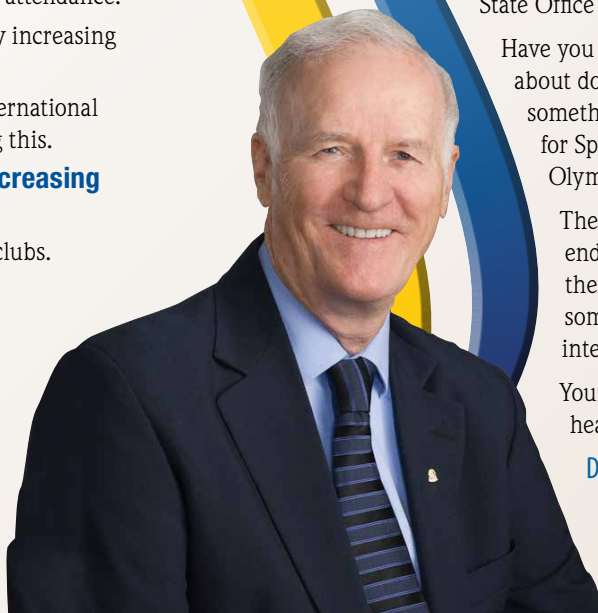
How about purchasing a brick for the front of the State Office Building?

Have you thought about doing something specific for Special Olympics?

The list is endless and there must be something that interests you.

Yours in good health.

District  
Governor  
Elect, Dick  
McKellar



## Working Together as a Pride



While talking with some Lions from some clubs around the district, it is interesting all of the questions and comments that you hear. Many of those may seem rather trivial to a seasoned Lion, while others cause me to stop and think, “Why haven’t we tried that?”

That’s the perfect reason why Zone Meetings are so important, it gets clubs together to talk about their successes and work together to solve their problems.



Clubs working together to build each other up is what working as a pride is all about.

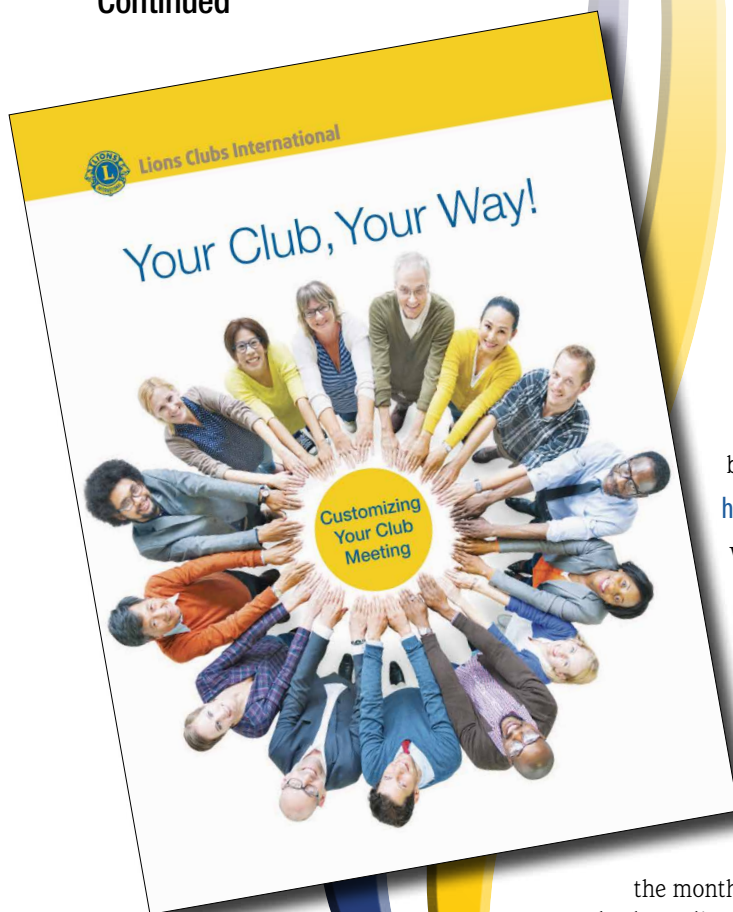
While attending one of these zone meetings the other night, there was a discussion about whether or not a club needs a new president every year or possibly having them serve a 2-year term.

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## Working Together as a Pride

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There was another discussion about two clubs working together to have a joint club officer installation dinner. There was even another discussion about clubs working together on fundraisers and service projects. This is Lions at work.

Every club is valuable to their community, and every club is unique. Some may meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, while others meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays. Some meet once a month, and others meet once a week. Some meet at night and some during the day. Some clubs may even take the Summer months off and not meet. Some clubs have invited women to join, while others are holding fast to the tradition of only having men. Some clubs are 90+ years old, with others having been formed since 2000. Some are large clubs with membership over 100, and some have only a handful of members. Some are active at the district and state level, and some are focused solely on their community.

That is one of the reasons why Lions Clubs International as developed the resource guide "Your Club, Your Way!" to help you best determine the direction for your club.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/DA-YCYW.pdf>

What works for your club may not work for another club, but by working together our entire association becomes stronger.

One other question that I have been asked is about how I am feeling in preparation for my District Governor year beginning 14 months from now. Here's just a short, sneak peak: The 2016-17 theme has been set, the District Governor pin has been designed, and the 2017 District 25C Convention has been scheduled and will be held on March 11, 2017 at Turkey Run State Park. My Banner Night Committee is searching for a venue, and I even have some of the cabinet officers filled, **BUT** my biggest fear is heading into

the month of May and NOT having a 2nd Vice District Governor in line behind me to lead our district during the centennial year of Lions in 2017-18. We do have a few leads for a 2VDG in 2016 to serve as District Governor in 2018-19, but **we need a Lion to step up now and lead us into the second century of Lions.**

Anyone interested? Give me a call, and we'll talk. 765-346-2443

1st Vice District Governor Elect, Ross Drapalik

### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please send articles and or photos for our monthly newsletter to Dick McKellar or Ross Drapalik to be considered for publishing. They will review and select articles submitted for inclusion prior to layout.

**Deadline:** 20th of each month

**Publish:** 1st of each month



## Lions of 25-C Hit a Home Run!

It was fabulous to see so many of you at the State Convention in Columbus. When you ask, the Lions of District C show up in huge numbers! The 25-C/A hospitality room hosted by District Governor Elect Dick and Lion Karen McKellar and District Governor Elect (District A) Randy and Lion Pat Greer was as warm and friendly as the state of Hawaii. We did have a marvelous time didn't we? Thank you all for supporting the Lions of Indiana! There will be a more complete State Convention coverage in the June Newsletter.



## District Governor's Meeting

Three clubs worked together to hold District Governor's Meeting. The clubs came together to help save travel time for the District Governor; and, (due to size) to meet with the District Governor all at the same time and place.



Those pictured are: District Governor Charles Roth. Lion Club Presidents: David Rauback - Terre Haute Lions Club, Thomas Mitchell - Pierson Township Lions Club, and Barbara Mericle - Prairie Creek Lions Club. Submitted by Marvin Mericle

## Helen Keller Day

**June 1, 2015**



In 1971, the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International declared June 1 Helen Keller Day.

Born in Tuscumbia, Alabama, USA, in 1880, Helen

Keller developed a fever at 18 months of age that left her blind and deaf. With the help of an exceptional teacher, Anne Mansfield Sullivan of the Perkins School for the Blind, Helen Keller learned sign language and braille.

A few years later, she learned to speak. As an adult she became a tireless advocate for people with disabilities. And in 1925, she attended the Lions Clubs International Convention and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." The

Lions accepted her challenge and our work ever since has included sight programs aimed at preventable blindness. A video of Helen Keller's Speech at the 1925 International Convention at Cedar Point, Ohio can be viewed at

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/who-we-are/mission-and-history/helen-keller.php> where you can also find a transcript of Helen's speech.

**March 10, 2015**



## Brookston Lions Induct Eight New Members

Pictured left to right: Club President Dave Thomas, Lions Trudy Hughes, Jeremy Martin, Jan and Dave Alm, Trevor and Kinsey Benakovich, Jami Ade, Willis Smith and Past District Governors Pat and Charlie Short



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April 10, 2015

## Celebrating 50 Years of Service



Lion Richard Wait accepts his honorary Lion Certificate from Lion Margi McConaha. Lion Richard has been a Lion for 50-years. He is a past President of the Whitestown, the Thorntown and the Lebanon, Indiana Lions Clubs. He joined Lions in March of 1965. *picture by Alyn McConaha*

## Brookston Lion Named Man of the Year

Henry J. List was heading out the door to serve with the Brookston Lions Club at Frontier Elementary School in administering vision screening tests when he was informed he was White County's Man of the Year. "I was surprised and honored to be nominated. I'm even more surprised and more honored that so many people believe in me". List said. "I started out volunteering with eight years in the Air Force and volunteering just kept building. I've found out that the more I give, the more I receive. It's kind of overwhelming." After his military service Henry spent 32 years in the work force in Indiana. And for Henry, enjoyment comes when he is serving others. Besides serving with the Brookston Lions Club, he is serving his second three-year term as a trustee at the Brookston United Methodist Church. He serves on projects with Habitat for Humanity, and as Commander of Brookston American

Legion Post

251. He

volunteers

at the White

County Food

Pantry each

Monday, and is

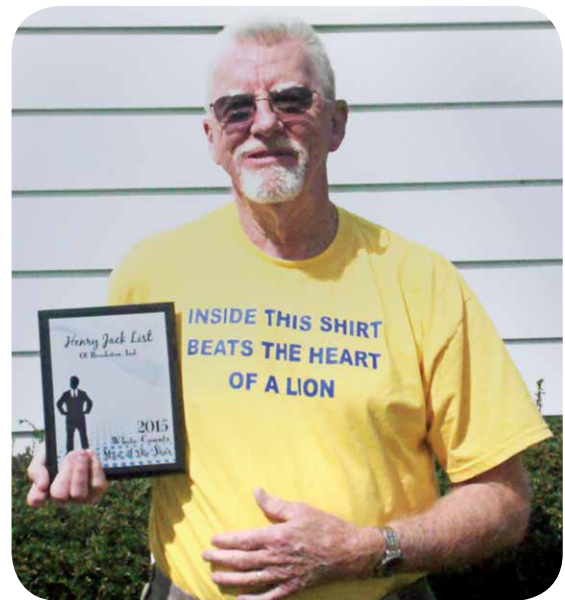
active with a group

working to salvage

Hanging Grove School

for reconstruction.

"Working to help other people just makes you feel good. I think that's what God intended us to do, serve others. You don't have to work 24 hours a day; there is always time after work hours to help others."



## Lions In the Media **Cleanup Draws Television Attention**

The Lafayette Lions were featured on TV-18 WLFI for their road cleanup efforts. The Lions' environmental crew picks up trash along a one mile section of State Road 231 four times a year.

See Lion Bob Hrdy's interview by following this link:

<http://wlfi.com/2015/04/18/spring-cleaning-hits-the-highway/>



**Worldwide Week of Service, May 16-22, 2015**

## Children in Need

*"In every community, there are children in need. Consider hosting a special project to help children lead happier, healthier lives."* International President Joe Preston

### What are you doing to help your community's children?

If you are not engaged in any such focused events, please consider hosting a child-help service project this May. Many of you are already involved in helping children through your RAP, backpack/buddy bag, vision/hearing screening and eyeglass programs, but here are a few possibly new ideas:

- Host a book drive for a local community center or school library.
- Collect teddy bears or safe toys for a children's hospice or hospital.
- Volunteer at a center for battered women and their children.
- Organize a clean-up project in an impoverished community.
- Donate food supplements and children's vitamins to a local food bank.



- Provide free haircuts.

Involve your club members and have them invite family members and friends to serve with you on these projects. A great opportunity to showcase your club and the power of service! And who can resist those sweet, young, smiling faces. Of course, we mean those of the Lions.

More information – go to: <http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/programs/centennial-service-challenge/worldwide-week-of-service.php>

April 11, 2015

## Walton Lions Fish Fry



District Governor Charles and Lion Roberta enjoyed the fish served at the Walton Lions Club's Fish Fry on April 11.

The fish fry was a co-sponsored event in support of a purchase of Scholastic books that will be given to each of the 145 children who receive weekend Buddy Bags. The Walton Lions raised enough money to purchase all of the books needed this spring and the remainder will support food purchase for the Buddy Bag summer program.

*Photo taken by Lion Mary Burrous.*

### best-FISH-u-ever-ate FRY



**At Walton Lions Club**

104 depot st. walton, in

**Sat. May 2, 2015**

**serving 4 to 7 pm**

Adult ~ \$9 Child under 10 ~ \$5

Proceeds Benefit:



**Cass County Historical Society**

Tickets available at Museum, Amelio's on the River, Coonie's Select Auto, or from any Board member.





Saturday, April 25, 2015

**All State Banquet**

Lion Bob Hrdy receiving Leadership medal from International President Joe Preston at state convention All State Banquet in Columbus Indiana.



Pictured left to right District Governor Charles Roth, International President Joe Preston, Lion Bob Hrdy, Past International President Wayne Madden and Leader Dog, Alex.

## Centennial Service Challenge

### **28 Million Benefited**

As of April 20, 2015

There's never been a better time to serve than now! For nearly 100 years, Lions have served their communities and impacted millions of people around the world. To celebrate our 100th anniversary, District 25C Lions are being asked to help reach our worldwide Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people by June 2018. Every club can play a part in reaching our goal, and your club can earn special Centennial recognition when you serve. Share these numbers with your friends, family and communities – show what we as Lions do, and invite others to join us to reach our 100 million helped goal!



**Youth**  
11 million helped



**Vision**  
5 million helped



**Hunger**  
5 million helped



**Environment**  
7 million helped

Lions Club International will feature your club on the Lions Club International home page when you report your qualifying Centennial service projects through MyLCT's Service Activity Report. Go online to view Lions Club resources or "Click" on the following pdf download links for additional information:

- Centennial Service Challenge Brochure
- Relieving the Hunger Planning Guide
- Engaging Our Youth Planning Guide
- Protecting Our Environment Planning Guide
- Sharing the Vision Planning Guide



Brazil Lions Club

## **Increasing Membership by Two**

Pictured from left to right: International Director Lion Linda Tincher with new members: Lee Ann Martin sponsored by Lora Fenwick; Heather James sponsored by Mary Ann Thompson, and Past District Governor Vern Tincher.

Submitted by Zone Chair, Marvin Mericle

# As Lions, We are Not just About Glasses...

## **We are About Helping Wherever There is a Need**

The world gets better and problems get smaller when Lions unite to serve in their own communities and around the world – through humanitarian projects and hands-on service – to help our neighbors who live next door as well as people on the other side of the world – people we may never meet. **We truly roar!**

While service is at the core of what every Lion does, being a Lion is also about leading your club, growing your club, and developing valuable skills that can help strengthen your club. There are many leadership programs/on line webinars through Lions Club International to help you. The stronger your club is, the bigger of an impact you can make in your local and global communities.

Your club will also be stronger when you invite others with like minds to join you in expanding your services to your communities and bringing new ideas and skills to your projects and fundraisers... not to mention more

**FUN and friendships!** Realizing how important these strengths are to all Lions clubs, Lions Club International recently initiated its Centennial Membership Awards program. This program provides all Lions and Lions clubs the opportunity to earn special Limited Edition awards for inviting new members and helping to organize new clubs. So, **invite a new member** and be immediately recognized as a Centennial Sponsor to receive a Limited Edition pin and certificate. These are very nice, but the biggest rewards we all receive are the smiles and thank yous from those we are able to help in our own communities. This is where we get our warm heart feelings

and true sense of what it truly is to be a LION. Sharing such experiences with our non-Lion friends will make them realize what they are missing and bring them on board. So invite them to help with your projects and fundraisers this spring – give them an apron at the fish fry, a paint brush at the local park, a trash bag for highway clean-up, or a spatula to flip those pancakes – or train them to help with KidSight and School Vision Screenings. Who can honestly work with the children and not be touched by the good we do? How we can possibly change the lives of those who'll govern our future?

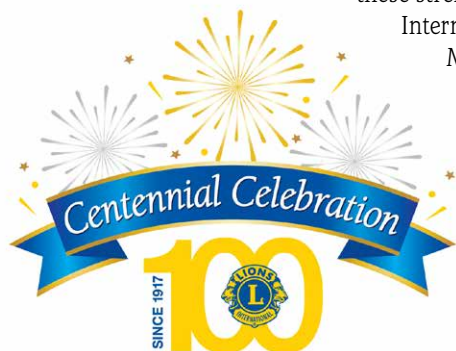
See more at: <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/awards/centennial-membership-awards/>

Past District Governor Pat Short, Recruitment Coach

## **Lions Tour Governor's Mansion**



Lions International Director from Indiana, Linda Tincher (Riley Township, left) Susie Kersey, wife of representative Clyde Kersey, Terre Haute (center) and Karen McKellar (Zionsville Lions club, right) were invited to join a group to tour the Governor's mansion and lunch at the Holly Hock restaurant. Picture taken in the Governor's residence.



## **Membership Awards**





## Sparky at Lions Park



The Zionsville Lions club opened their 22 acre park on Saturday, April 4th with an EGGnormous egg hunt. Over 15,000 eggs were prepared by several groups supporting the local club but were scooped up in a little less than 3 minutes. It was a beautiful day and the event was well attended. The Zionsville club is very appreciative of the local police and fire departments at every event. "Sparky" is unidentified but seems to be enjoying himself while being carefully watched over by other fireman attending. From the picture you will note that a fireman always holds a life in balance. Photo by Zionsville Lion Doug Gauthier.



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## Purdue Basketball Banquet **Lafayette Lions Sponsor 93rd Event**

District Governor Charles Roth considered it an honor when he was asked by the Lafayette Lions Club to be their Lion representative at the 93rd Purdue Basketball Banquet Honoring the 2014-15 Boilermaker Seniors. This annual banquet has been sponsored by the Lafayette Lions Club since its inception in 1923. This was just 3 years after the Lafayette Lions Club was chartered. The Lafayette Lions Club presented awards to the senior players, managers, and athletic trainers on the team for their contribution to the Purdue basketball program.



District Governor Charles Roth meets Purdue Center, A.J. Hammons and mascot, Purdue Pete.



# Strengthening our Pride

Your club can be a ★ too!

All it takes is to just...  
Ask 1, and Keep 1!

Past District Governor Pat Short

## Ask 1



## Net Membership Goals for the Year

DG's Growth  
Net Goal  
2014-2015

Net Actual  
April 20,  
2015

+16

+8

0

0

-14

## 25-C LIONS "ASK 1" STARS

As of April 20, 2015



Member net gain  
since July 1, 2014



Highest % new members  
net gain since July 1, 2014

CLUB	NET GAIN		LIONS AT	
	%	#	April 20, 2015	June 30, 2014
Brazil	15%	4	31	27
<b>Brookston</b> ★	25%	<b>11</b>	55	44
Clay City	15%	3	23	20
Jamestown Community	31%	4	17	13
Lucerne	24%	4	21	17
<b>Michigantown</b> ★	<b>64%</b>	9	23	14
Poland Community	14%	2	16	14
Wolcott	28%	2	9	7

- 15 clubs show a net zero gain for the year to date.
- Close to **+1** club excellence membership criteria
- Invite others to be the difference in your communities.
  - Invite them to be Lions – **Let's meet this goal!**

### Through April 20, 2015:

- 20 Clubs with net gain (35%)
- 15 Clubs with zero gain (26%)
- 22 Clubs with net loss (39%)

### Members as of April 20, 2015

	Added	Dropped
Month to Date:	+15	-4
Year to Date:	+132	-146
Net Year to Date	-14	

2 months  
to go!!

April 13, 2015

## Greencastle Lions Induct New Members

Pictured left to right: Lions sponsors L.T. Taylor and Joe Tucker, District Governor Charles Roth, and newly inducted Lions Jonathan Cope and Di Carter at the Greencastle Lions Club meeting.





## Brazil Lions Club Golf Scramble

### Forest Park Golf Course

Friday, June 5  
Lunch at Noon  
Tee off at 1:00 p.m.

\$50 per person  
\$200 for team of 4

Hole sponsorships  
available: \$100.00

Contact: Kim Riddell 812-448-3100  
Brian Wyndham 812-240-5338  
or J. Blaine Akers 812-605-0494



## Save the Date!

Don't miss  
these  
upcoming  
Lions  
Club  
events.



### 4 Person Golf Scramble

Saturday, June 13th  
2 p.m. Tee Time  
Battle Ground Golf  
Course

\$50 per golfer  
Reserve by June 10, 2015  
For more information, call  
765-567-0181 or 765-567-5007 or  
email [mbjmontg@yahoo.com](mailto:mbjmontg@yahoo.com)

### Blue Grass Bash

Saturday, July 18  
Lizton Lions Club Park  
100 S Cherry Street  
For more information  
call 317-374-4707 or  
317-410-6441



## Why Become a Lion? Three More Reasons from Our Top Ten



Joining a local Lions club is a great way to network with other people in your community and make new friends. Find a special interest club that involves people with the same interests, hobbies and passions. Or consider starting your own club! Serving together can help build relationships that last a lifetime.



Through volunteer work and community service, Lions are learning new things and developing leadership skills every day. Learn how to plan a food drive and feed the hungry. Learn about the risks of diabetes, and share your knowledge with community members to help them lead healthier lifestyles. LIONS – Making a difference throughout the world every day, one Lion at a time.

Every person offers unique talents to any organization. When we combine our efforts and work toward a common goal, the results are usually mind boggling. Lions' work is like a gigantic puzzle.

Until the last piece is found, the picture is never complete. Your unique piece to the puzzle is a vital part of our community service. Seek out a Lions Club today and help complete this worldwide effort.





May 11-17, 2015

## Worldwide White Cane Week

Throughout the world, the long white cane is used by people who are blind or visually impaired as a tool for safe and reliable navigation. The white cane is a symbol of the user's skills and talents and recognizes his/her mobility and independence.

### Suggested Activities for your club:

- Arrange for a visually impaired person to demonstrate the use of the white cane and its benefits
- Invite someone to speak about white cane orientation/mobility and white cane laws in your town.
- Work with local news media to convey your community's white cane laws to the public.

May 2015

## Lions Club International Foundation News

We are coming into the home stretch of another Lions year, SO IT'S TIME.

We are on pace to meet our goal of 100% of 25C clubs participating!  
Here's the leader board as we get ready to take the checkered flag!

<input type="checkbox"/> Attica	<input type="checkbox"/> Frankfort	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Goshen/ W. Vigo	<input type="checkbox"/> Walton
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bainbridge	<input type="checkbox"/> Gosport	<input type="checkbox"/> Newport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> West Point
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Battle Ground	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greencastle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oxford	<input type="checkbox"/> Whitestown
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brazil	<input type="checkbox"/> Jamestown	<input type="checkbox"/> Paragon	<input type="checkbox"/> Wolcott
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brookston	<input type="checkbox"/> Ladoga	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pierson Twp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Young America
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brownsburg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lafayette	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plainfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zionsville
<input type="checkbox"/> Camden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lebanon	<input type="checkbox"/> Poland	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cayuga	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lizton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prairie Creek	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay City	<input type="checkbox"/> Lucerne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Riley Twp	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clinton	<input type="checkbox"/> Martinsville Evening	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rossville Area	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cloverdale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Martinsville Noon	<input type="checkbox"/> Royal Center	
<input type="checkbox"/> Colfax	<input type="checkbox"/> Michigantown	<input type="checkbox"/> Spencer	
<input type="checkbox"/> Crawfordsville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terre Haute	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delphi	<input type="checkbox"/> Monrovia	<input type="checkbox"/> Terre Haute Downtown	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Earl Park Community	<input type="checkbox"/> Monticello	<input type="checkbox"/> Terre Haute Evening	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flora	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Morgantown	<input type="checkbox"/> Twelve Mile	

As of April 20, 25C has 29 of 57 clubs contributing to LCIF and all the great things it does. If your club's donation isn't listed, contact me right away to ensure your donation receives proper credit. An LCIF donation of \$100 or more is part of your Club Excellence Award. Don't miss out.

PDG Charlie Short – LCIF Coordinator/District 25C

## Jesse's Story

Meet Jesse Belcher. A young police officer, who dropped his gun and lost his sight. I

Gail Robbins of the  
Zionsville Lions Club (left)  
and Jesse (right).



picked Jesse up at his hotel in Indianapolis. He was in town working with the Bosma Center. Jesse contacted our Zionsville Lions Club to find someone to assist him in filming his application for The Leader Dog Program.

We (my husband Tom and our granddaughter) picked him up at his hotel and drove to Zionsville. He

wanted our busiest corners, at rush home hour. I hung out with Jesse while my husband filmed from one side of the road and Samantha filmed the other side. To get him coming and going.

I will tell you as I stood back and let him figure it out, the cars showed him no mercy! Quietly/no silently, I was a mess. But all went fine. Hopefully he has his dog by now.

Always a pleasure to serve.

Gail Robbins,  
Zionsville Lions Club





## Officer Training Sessions

Taking on responsibility for running an organization such as a Lions Club can sometimes be overwhelming. However, help is at hand. Please make this information available to officers elect for the year 2015-2016.

District Governor Elect Dick McKellar and Global Leadership Team Charlie Short have released a schedule for club officer training. This is an aggressive schedule, designed to wrap up before International Convention in Hawaii.

All sessions except Delphi will include a light meal, served at 6:00 pm, and training sessions will start promptly at 6:30. They are designed to help Presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, treasurers and membership chairs to do a better job.

With the exception of the session in Delphi, all meetings will be from 6:30-8:30 pm. Information on host clubs, and trainers will be sent to you as they become available.

Thursday, May 14th / W. Terre Haute  
Emmanuel Methodist Church, 6086  
Hwy US 150 (use sanctuary door)

Saturday, May 16th / Delphi\*\*  
First Presbyterian Church, Main Street  
This is the date of the Cabinet Meeting

Thursday, May 28 / Martinsville  
Zion's Hill Baptist Church, 5050 Turkey Track Rd.

Monday, June 1 / Zionsville  
Zionsville United Methodist, 9644 Whitestown Rd.

Even if you have been an officer before, these sessions will prove worthwhile, because the manner in which information is made available and shared has changed a great deal. Your participation will help to "Strengthen the Pride".

\*\* The training session will begin shortly after the cabinet meeting.

Questions: call Charlie Short at (765) 743-3160 or (765) 491-3355 or Ray Furner 317-852-8087.

**Yours in Lionism,**  
Past District Governor, Charlie Short



## Club Excellence Award *Strengthen the Pride*

Clubs that excel in service, growth, communication, and organizational management may win the **Club Excellence Award**.

**Criteria your club needs to meet to qualify for this prestigious award**

1. **Service** – three service projects
2. **Donation to Lions Club International Foundation**
3. **Membership Development** – net increase of one member!
4. **Communication** – club, district and community
5. **Leadership Development** – elections, attend officer training/zone meetings!
6. **Club Activity** – regular meetings, submit membership/activity reports, and club officer report for the incoming year.
7. **Club Maintains Good Standing** – annual dues paid.

### NEW for 2014-2015! Pride of Excellence Award

Our District Governor Charles Roth has an opportunity to earn a crystal Pride of Excellence Award and the Ambassador of Goodwill Medal (to be awarded at this year's International Convention in Hawaii this June) **if we all submit our Club Excellence Award applications early**. To qualify, clubs must **submit their Club Excellence Award application on or before May 31, 2015**. (The usual submission deadline is September 30.) The award will be based on membership gain as of April 30, 2015 and your club must meet the other requirements listed above. Since the club officer report is not required until May, this report may be submitted at a later date. Membership growth will need to be maintained through June 30, 2015.



**For Club Excellence Award applications and more information, go to:**

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/awards/excellence-awards/index.php#sthash.SQHyGa78.dpuf>

Make it your club's tradition to achieve the Club Excellence Award every year!

Past District Governor, Charlie Short

## Indiana Lions for the Indiana School for the Blind & Visually Impaired State Project

The Indiana Lions have supported ISBVI not only financially but also physically for many years and, in about 6 weeks on May 30, we will be holding our spring workday at the school.

The School for the Blind is always in need of our support especially at our spring workday, when we clean up the grounds, do garden clean up, wash windows and generally clean where needed. There will be a number of inside and outside jobs to do that day – lots of opportunities to help one of your state project in a hands-on way. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with work beginning at 9:30 a.m. and we are usually done by 3:00 p.m.

This is a “fun” day of easy to hard work – choose what you want to do – and a time to meet other Lions from around the state. Bring your friends, family and did I say potential new members to work alongside us. Lions will be amazed when they see the school and when we tell them what an amazing educational facility it is to help our State’s vision impaired.

So dig out your work duds, hoes, weeders, etc. and come to our May 30th get-together! Actually, the school provides most of the equipment and cleaning supplies, so just bring yourself, your energy, jeans and Lions hats/vests. And, I forgot to mention, the school provides us with pizza for lunch!

We do need to know who will be there so we can arrange for sufficient pizza as well as work tools/supplies etc. If attending, please contact Lion Al Arnold (Workday Committee Chair) by May 23 at 260-692-6610 or by email at [pamalarn@centurylink.net](mailto:pamalarn@centurylink.net)

Wouldn’t it be great if we had every club in 25C represented! I’m sure you have Lions who can weed, clean or paint so why not get a carload from your club to attend!

PDG Pat Short, ISBVI – 25C Trustee



**It’s a great day of fun, hard work and camaraderie and a chance to meet other Lions from around the state as well as visit this beautiful campus.**

**This is one of your Lions State Projects – take a few hours to help beautify and improve it. You’ll get great satisfaction from doing so, and of course, a free lunch! See you there.**

Past District Governor Pat Short (Lafayette LC)

Past District Governor David Parker (Riley Township LC)

**Saturday, May 30, 2015**

## Workday Scheduled

Your Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired Lions Trustees are sponsoring a work day at the school in Indianapolis on Saturday, May 30, 2015. This is a great opportunity for you, family and friends to walk the walk and put our “We Serve” motto into action.

### Our schedule for the day

**9 a.m. — 10 a.m.**

Registration and donuts

**10 a.m. — Noon**

Morning work Session  
(outside projects)

**Noon — 1 p.m.**

Lunch (provided by the school)

**1 p.m. — 3 p.m.**

Afternoon work session (inside projects)

Come and help us beautify and improve this campus! Send your (name, phone, email, address, district and club information) by mail or email to:

Lion Alan Arnold  
595 E. State Rd. 124  
Monroe, IN 46772

[pamalarn@centurylink.net](mailto:pamalarn@centurylink.net)

