



# Lions Club- District 25-B



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## It is Really Cold Outside

**From the Desk of: DG Kenneth Krauter**

This is the time of our Lion year when most clubs start planning for their up-coming service projects. For the most part, doing a service project in the cold is not the easy way to go. Some of us cannot stand the cold weather. So let's plan for warmer weather projects. What am I talking about? You could be planning for the future of one of our sports programs, or planning for one of the many park projects that so many of our clubs are involved in, or better yet, let's plan on increasing our membership so that we can accomplish more and provide more services. Invite the veteran, or the store clerk where you shop, or how about the people from your church to join your Lions Club. There are so many places you could look for new members for your Lions Club. It may be COLD outside but welcoming new members to join your club can have a warming feeling. So, get busy and help grow your club, and help your District Governor's membership numbers grow too.

Club Presidents; please make a list of names of your members with perfect attendance over the past year so that you can present them with a pin to acknowledge their accomplishment. Attendance Pins can be purchased from Lions Clubs International store for \$2.00 each. If your club wishes to purchase attendance pins I would suggest a few clubs join together to save on shipping costs.

Here is an update on the USABA project; all 7 District Governors and our Council Chair, Jeffrey Schafer, have donated to this project. Also, our International Director Linda Tincher has supported this project. We are quite happy with the support we have received for this housing project and the number of clubs that have come forward with donations. I have contacted LaHartz Trophies in Fort Wayne, and we have begun the process of designing our plaque for the USABA housing project so that we can acknowledge everyone's hard work and dedication to this successful endeavor.

I have been going on my official visits to the clubs in District 25B. So, if you have not already scheduled your official visit, please do so. I would like to visit ALL the clubs in our district and would greatly appreciate it

if you could please contact me at 260-637-0950 or 260-229-2732 to set up a time. Thank you so much for your help with this.

Also, don't forget that our District Convention is coming up on March 19, 2016. VDG Alan Arnold has been working tirelessly to make this a real convention. I hope everyone will plan to attend. Lastly, don't forget that the State Convention will be in our backyard in Shipshewana, Indiana. I hope that we have a huge turnout of Lions from District 25B- remember that it can't get much closer. Next year the convention will be way down in Evansville; so take advantage of this year's close distance and show up for our State Convention.

## 61<sup>st</sup> Annual District 25B Convention

**When:** Saturday, March 19, 2016  
**Where:** Holiday Inn IPFW, Ft. Wayne, IN  
**Across from the Coliseum**

**Guest Speaker:** ID Karla Harris from South Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Registration:** Begins at 8:15 a.m. with opening session at 9:00

**Continental Breakfast:** bagels, danish, coffee, and juice

**Little Italy Lunch:** Fettuccini, grilled chicken breast, alfredo sauce, penne pasta baked with marinara and mozzarella cheese, Caesar salad, breadsticks, lemonade, coffee

**Workshops will be held on the following topics:**

- Lions 101: Everything a New Lion needs to Know
- The Lions Centennial Celebration
- Leadership Opportunities at the District and State Level
- Ready, Set, Grow!!

First time attendees at a District Convention will have an opportunity to have your registration reimbursed by attending a workshop. Details will

be given at the Convention. There will also be a special prize to the club president that is present with the most club members in attendance.

**Early Bird registration** cost is \$26 prior to March 1. From March 1 to March 14 cost is \$32. No reservations accepted after March 14.

Anyone wishing to have a table for a display should contact VDG Al Arnold at 260-692-6610 or email pamalarn@centurylink.net

### Thank You for Your Service



DG Ken making a presentation to Lion Tom Kleber for 60 years of service; of the Fort Wayne Central Lions on Jan 6th



DG Ken with State Rep Bob Morris who presented Lion Tom Kleber with the Wabash award, from Indiana Governor Mike Pence

## February Membership Key

**Submitted by: PDG Kaylene Souers**

The beginning of January found me going through my normal routine of cleaning out files and sorting papers. It's good to recall the positives that have happened in the last year, but also get rid of what wasn't important. With 5 months left in our Lions' year, look at what has worked so far and build on the positives.

One of the things I found was a list developed by participants of an Indiana Leadership Workshop several years ago. The purpose was to help all Lions understand how to become the best Lion they could be. What kind of Lion are you? This has been a good reminder for me.

### ***Ordinary Lions***

- Attend meetings
- Pay Dues
- Do Projects when Convenient
- Wear Pin to Meetings Only
- Stay Within Own Club
- Don't Accept Offices
- Don't Volunteer
- Don't Ask Friends to Join Their Lions Club

### ***Real Lions***

- Attend Meetings Regularly
- Wear Pin ALL the Time
- Willingly Volunteer
- Have Lions License Plate
- Bring in new Members
- Visit Other Clubs
- Accept Club Offices
- Attend Mid-Winter Conference
- Attend Officer Training
- Bring New Ideas to Club

### ***Lion Leaders***

- Accept Challenges
- Encourage Others and Lead by Example
- Set Goals
- Accept District Offices
- Are W.P. Woods Fellows
- Participate in Mid-Winter Conference

### ***Super Lions***

- Take on Responsibilities or Develop Projects that Strengthen Lionism Statewide

## **DISTRICT OFFICE AND TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS AND GUIDELINES**

**Submitted by: DG Kenneth Krauter**

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, 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, must submit a request in writing to the District Nominations Chair, PDG Joe Frymier. A letter of endorsement from your home club which states that you are a Lion of 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 19, 2016. Letters of intent will be due no later than February 19, 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 19, 2016.

Letters should be submitted to: PDG Joseph Frymier, 1488 Henney St., Angola, IN. 46703 or they may be emailed to: [jff656@yahoo.com](mailto:jff656@yahoo.com).

If you have questions about the requirements for any elected position, you may reference the District 25B Constitution and By-Laws, which may be found on the District website: [www.lions.org](http://www.lions.org), under "Forms."

If you should have further questions, please contact Nominations Chairperson, PDG Joseph Frymier at 260-665-9354.

## **Lions District 25B Invites Local Veterans to Join the Lions Club**

**Submitted by: DG Kenneth Krauter**

The Lions Club is offering local U.S. veterans a special opportunity to serve their community.

The *Involve a U.S. Veteran* program is a nationwide initiative sponsored by Lions Clubs International that offers qualified U.S. veterans an entrance fee waiver when joining a local Lions club.

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.

To learn more about the *Involve a U.S. Veteran* program or, contact Lion District Governor Ken Krauter at (260)637-0950 or via email at [kennethkrauter@comcast.net](mailto:kennethkrauter@comcast.net).

Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world. Its 1.35 million members in more than 46,000 clubs are serving communities in over 200 countries and geographical areas around the globe. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired, championed youth initiatives and strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects. For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

## **ISBVI Workday**

**Submitted by: VDG Alan Arnold**

The date for our spring ISBVI Workday at the school will be Saturday, May 21.

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with work starting at 8:30. Donuts, juice, and coffee provided in the morning with pizza and drinks at noon.

Please plan now to attend. More details as to what needs to be done will be sent out in March.

## **Lend a Helping Hand For a Fellow Lion**

**Submitted by: Lion John Siela**

Tom Sadler, my neighbor and long-time Christian friend, was involved in an auto accident on December 22, 2014. Since that time, he has lost his ability to walk. Tom has been in the hospital or rehab center since the accident and is wheelchair-bound.

Louise, Tom's wife, commutes back and forth to wherever Tom is located and also has health issues. I don't know how she manages to lift the wheelchair in and out of the trunk or how she gets him in and out of the car. However, she is always positive, thanking God for each day.

Tom was very active in his church, Lions Club, and with community activities. He is 6 feet 4 inches tall and weighs 265 lbs. A big guy! They are in need of a used, lowered, side-load lift, handicap van.

Tom usually elects not to go places because he doesn't want Louise to "hassle" with it all. Your love and support are appreciated more than words can say.

### **Donations can be mailed to:**

Markle Church of Christ  
Samaritan's Fund  
PO Box 609  
Markle, IN 46770

\* Please designate Sadler Van in memo.

You may also donate online by going to:  
The Go Fund Me page that was set up:  
[www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com) and Search for Tom's  
Handicap Van or Markle, IN.

For additional information or questions, please  
contact the following people:

John Siela 260-437-8981,  
Phil Smith 260-402-3610 or  
Jerry Duncan 260-758-2656

*Thank you for your contributions and prayers on  
behalf of Tom!*

## **DISTRICT 25-B OFFICERS**

### **District Governor**

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Vacant

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Vacant

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## A Sense of Humor Goes a Long Way

Just in case you weren't feeling too old today, this will certainly change things. Each year the staff at Beloit College in Wisconsin puts together a list to try to give the faculty a sense of the mindset of this year's incoming freshmen. Here's this year's list:

The people who are starting college this fall across the nation were born in 1998.

They are too young to remember the space shuttle blowing up.

Their lifetime has always included AIDS.

Bottle caps have always been screw off and plastic.

The CD was introduced 7 years before they were born.

They have always had an answering machine.

They have always had cable.

They cannot fathom not having a remote control.

Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave.

They never took a swim and thought about Jaws.

They can't imagine what hard contact lenses are.

They don't know who Mork was or where he was from.

They never heard: "Where's the Beef?", "I'd walk a mile for a Camel", or "de plane, Boss, de plane."

They do not care who shot J. R. and have no idea who J. R. even is.

Mc Donald's never came in Styrofoam containers.

They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter.

# February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 O.V. Arcola Lions Club @ 6:30	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 O.V. Monroeville Lions Club @ 7:00 at the Town Hall	10	11	12	13
14	15 O.V. Ft. Wayne Coliseum @ 6:30 at Lucky's	16	17	18 O.V. Harlan Lions Club @ 6:30 at the Turnstone -Goal Ball Demo	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					

**LIONS CLUBS  
INTERNATIONAL**



## Registration form for District 25B Convention

March 19, 2016  
Holiday Inn IPFW, Ft. Wayne, IN

Cost:           \$26 prior to March 1  
                  \$32 between March 1 and March 14  
                  No reservations accepted after March 14

Make checks payable to Monroe Lions Club

Send reservations to:  
                  VDG Alan Arnold  
                  595 E. State Rd. 124  
                  Monroe, IN 46772

Check if first time District Convention attendee

Names of first time attendees \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate, with the corresponding letter, which workshop you would like to attend (in the space provided after your name).

- A. Lions 101
- B. The Lions Centennial
- C. Leadership Opportunities
- D. Ready, Set, Grow!!

Your Home Club \_\_\_\_\_

Lion \_\_\_\_\_ workshop \_\_\_\_\_

Guest/Lion \_\_\_\_\_ workshop \_\_\_\_\_

Guest/Lion \_\_\_\_\_ workshop \_\_\_\_\_

Number of reservations @ \$26/\$32each \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount due: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Special diet: Gluten Free \_\_\_\_\_ Diabetic \_\_\_\_\_



# 2016 INDIANA LIONS STATE CONVENTION

APRIL 29—MAY 1, 2016

*“In the Heart of Amish Country”  
Shipshewana, Indiana*

Hosted by the Lakeville Lions Club and Lions of District 25-G  
With Honored Guest

**INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DR. JITSUHIRO YAMADA**

Convention Headquarters Hotel  
**Blue Gate Garden Inn**

800 S. Van Buren St., Shipshewana, IN 46565  
(800) 545-4725



**Room Rate: \$89.99 plus taxes (complimentary breakfast)**

Call for reservations or reserve online at <http://www.bluegategardeninn.com/>  
Choose “Book Now”, Choose “Group Code” & type “Lions2016”. Choose dates of stay. Click “Check Availability” & select your room reference.

## Registration Form (one per person)

Name & Title (as desired on name badge) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Golf Outing	\$ 50.00	_____
Friday Amish Farm Luncheon	\$ 15.00	_____
Friday Evening Authentic Amish Haystack Dinner	\$ 15.00	_____
Saturday Celebration Luncheon	\$ 13.00	_____
Saturday Evening All State Banquet	\$ 16.00	_____
Sunday Brunch	\$ 11.00	_____
Indiana Lions Convention Pin	\$ 4.00	_____

**Total Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary needs: Gluten Free \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations  
received after  
April 1st**  
Add \$5.00 per each meal

**NO MEAL  
RESERVATIONS  
ACCEPTED  
AFTER APRIL 21ST.**

**Send Registration form to: Jeanine Juel, 3204 Village Court, Goshen, IN 46528. Make check payable to: Indiana Lions State Convention OR register and pay online at**

<http://indianalionsconvention.org/convention-registration/>