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#### From the Desk of District Governor Ken

District B Obtains \$100,000 Grant

Our District has received the needed paperwork from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to proceed with a Grant to assist the USABA with their need for residential training facility for the athletes. A US\$100,000 grant would be awarded contingent upon USABA raising new funds in the amount of US\$50,000, where the Lions of Indiana would be responsible for contributing 25% of the \$50,000 that is raised. Our share would be US\$12,500 of the US\$50,000 that is raised. If each club in our district could make a pledge of \$100.00 or more so we could fulfill our part of this obligation. I hope all club presidents will place this on their agenda for their club members to act upon. We had 45 days to accept or decline this offer, per E-mail communication, the Lions of Indiana, specifically District 25-B and USABA have accepted this offer. LCIF will release the US\$100,000 grant once the US\$50,000 is collected and verified and the required documentation is on file. The USABA has stated that they will raise the needed funds for their part it is now our turn to commit to raise our part of the \$12,500.00. I have been in contact with the other service clubs in our area, seeking their support. We will proceed with Dignity, Harmony, and Humanity as we reach out to support the USABA organization and other projects from our district.

The first cabinet meeting was held at Pokagon State Park. I had a smaller turnout then expected but the members who attended thought it was a good idea to hold this meeting in the park. PDG Greg Jeffery gave a short report on the International Understanding Committee upcoming service project. The budget for the year was passed and other reports were distributed. The planned merger of two clubs had to be placed on hold till our next Cabinet Meeting in November because one of the clubs was behind on their dues to LCI. Our directory was available for distribution at this cabinet meeting any club that didn't receive their directory can contact their Zone Chair for most Zone Chairs have picked them up. Moving forward with Dignity, Harmony, and Humanity DG Ken Krauter, BITE-UM, BITE-UM, BITE-UM





The Burn Council Presents:

# Samonas 2015

Wear your jeans and your bling!

When: Saturday, October 3rd 6:00-10:00 pm

Where: Weidler Farm 3130 Eggeman Rd Fort Wayne, 46814

**Pricing:** \$50/single &\$90/per couple Available for advanced purchase only

To purchase go to our website www.BurnCouncil.org
Call us at 260-444-3636
Email us at burncouncil@gmail.com

This event supports our burn survivor efforts and our Burn Family Suites located at the Regional Burn Center at St. Joseph Hospital

#### **Knowing Club Membership Goals**

Do you know what the membership goal is for your club? If so, great. That means your president is way ahead in the planning game and has great lines of communication in place. You are well on your way to a successful year.

If not, why not call or email your president and offer to help implement a membership plan. The LCI website has many tools to help if you don't know where to start. The easiest thing is to set a goal of ending June 30<sup>th</sup> with one more member than you started with on July 1<sup>st</sup>. That sounds doable, right?

The district leadership team, DG Ken, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Al, PID Dave Fiandt, and I are all here to support and encourage as we move through another exciting year. Let's keep building District 25-B to be the best we can be.

Now, lets get started!

PDG Kaylene

#### Worldwide Week of Service in Sight

This October 4th-10<sup>th</sup>, President Yamada invites you to you join Lions around the world for a special service event to raise awareness about eye health, blindness and vision impairment. Vision screenings, provision of eyeglasses and assistive devices, and eye health education are just a few ways your club can bring dignity to friends and neighbors who lack access to adequate eye care. In addition, your project will help us reach Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people. Visit the Worldwide Week of Service in Sight page for more information, and start planning your project today!

#### **ASK ONE Today!**

Make a lager impact in your community and ASK ONE. Its that simple! When 1.4 million Lions worldwide ask one person – a family member, a friend, or neighbor – to become a Lion, the effect is monumental. The lives of both Lions and those they serve are impacted, all because you took the first step and asked one person to join. Watch the new ASK ONE video and send your photos of new members to **askone@lionsclubs.org** 

## Order Peace Poster Contest Kits by October 1st

Each year, the Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest gives children around the world the chance to express their visions of peace through art. Lions Clubs can sponsor and organize a contest with local schools or youth groups. Kits for this year's theme, "Share Peace", are available online through Club Supplies (Item search "peace poster kit") until October 1st. Visit the Peace Poster Contest page for more information and watch the new Peace Poster video on You Tube to see last year's Merit Award winners.

### Customize Your Club Meetings - Your Club, Your Way

Are you club meetings all that they can be? The Your Club, Your Way guide helps all Lions assess their current club meetings and structure new meetings in a way that best meets the needs of a diverse membership. Find tips and new ways to make your meetings more inviting, incorporate new forms of technology to better connect and encourage attendance and involvement. The guide also includes a short survey to gain input from members. Download the Your Club, Your Way guide.

# New Video: 98<sup>th</sup> International Convention Highlights

In June, Lions from around the world came together for the Lions International Convention in Honolulu. The new Convention Highlights video features excitement and culture from the Parade of Nations, Lions camaraderie at the exhibit hall and plenary sessions, and the beautiful backdrop of Hawaii. Watch the video on the LCI website or You Tube channel.

#### Press Release for the Titmus Machine

The Hamilton Lions Club represented by club president, Ron Abraham, and Lion Carol Jean Abraham presents a new eye screening machine, the portable Titmus V3 to the Hamilton Community Schools. Representing the school district in accepting this machine are the school corporation nurse, Tabitha Pittman, and Hamilton Elementary School Principal, Stephanie Leasure. Third grader, Nicholas, also pictured, is receiving the first eye exam on the new machine.

Ms. Pittman approached the club back in June requesting this machine. She informed the Lions that she only has a wall eye chart with which to check students' eyes. This new machine is much more accurate and will test for more than just near and far sightedness. It will also test for color perception, visual acuity, and muscle balance. "I am truly so thankful for the Hamilton Lions Club contribution of this vision screener to the school corporation. This will have a great impact on our students."

Elementary Principal, Stephanie Leasure added "Representing Hamilton Community Schools, I would like to say thank you to the Lions Club for supporting and partnering with our Hamilton team to continue to improve students' emotional, physical and academic growth."

Hamilton Lions Club President, Ron Abraham stated the "We, Hamilton Lions are pleased to support the Hamilton Community Schools by providing this Titmus machine to help improve the vision of Hamilton students and reduce referrals."

In 1925 Helen Keller challenged Lions club International to be an advocate for people with disabilities to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Lions worldwide have taken this challenge to heart and have worked tirelessly to assist people who need help in getting eye exams, eye glasses, eye surgeries, and for those who are visually challenged providing Seeing Eye dogs, white canes, and adaptive machines to help those with vision problems function in this sighted world.



Here are a couple of pictures from the Leader Dog for the Blind remodel project







# September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue 1 O.V. Pleasant Lk. 6:30 PM	Wed 2 O.V. Angola 6:30pm	Thu 3	Fri 4	Sat 5
6	7	O.V. Tri- Lakes/Busco 6:30 pm	9	10	11	12
13	Huntertown 6:45pm OV	Waterloo 6:15pm O.V.	16	17u.s.a. Canada Forum Grand Rapids Mich.	18Forum	19 Forum end
20	21 OV Mongo Orland, S. Milford, Strow Draft Horse	22	23	24 OV Auburn Classic Bridgewater noon	25	26
27	28	29	30			