



### From District Governor **RICHARD SILVEIRA**

**LET'S CELEBRATE** was the theme for this year's Convention

**And Celebrate we did**



We celebrated the miracles the Lions of this Awesome District make.

We celebrated by attending seminars and learning from our fellow lions.

We celebrated by reacquainting ourselves with old friends and making new ones.

We celebrated by enjoying games and the now famous or infamous pie throwing contest.

We celebrated the Lives of Lions who have passed away.

We celebrated by conducting our district business and electing our leaders.

We celebrated by breaking bread together.

We celebrated by the listening to the motivating messages of our special guests International Director Robert Corlew and Lion Dianne.

**We celebrated by doing our business and having fun!  
Thank you to Lions who attended and made this a great convention.**

Radisson truly out did itself with hospitality and the food. If weren't there you missed a fun filled Friday night with "Schmeltz Production" and the 25A Actors Guild presentation of a murder mystery starring IPDG Pat, DG Dick, VDG Connie, RC Al, Lion Robin, PDG Kevin, Lion Mary Andres, Lion Ethel Crouch, and our special guests ID Bob Corlew and Lion Dianne. A big Thanks to Lion Angie for her hard work making the "Murder Mystery" a great success. You also missed an absolutely scrumptious Saturday dinner. The steak was plentiful and full of flavor! (Not your father's pot roast by any means.)

Special **Thanks** to the hard working Convention Committee and Chair Lion Chuck De Las Casa.

Now we need to get back to work serving the visual impaired, those in need and our communities. To do this we need to have strong clubs and Lions ready and willing to take up the challenges we face. While our fundamental mission will always be to restore sight and prevent blindness, we must do all we can:

- To prevent a child from going to bed with the pains of hunger
- To prevent the tyranny of illiteracy and poverty to overtake our communities
- To allow the deaf a chance to hear again
- To allow cancer patients to have the treatment they need
- To give our children a safe and healthy environment
- To help our communities be a better place for all
- To encourage others to join our journey of love and caring for others.

Over the next three and a half months, let's work hard to overcome the net loss of 65 Lions in our District. As an incentive, we have a membership contest where one lucky sponsoring Lion can win \$100. And a club with a net growth can also win \$100. We do well in getting new members but we always seem to lose more than we bring in. At the convention, we celebrated the lives of 26 Lions who passed away.

What happened to the other 130, that's right 130? We dropped 156 members this year and only brought in 90? We need to do a better job asking people to become members, but we really MUST do a better job of making members feel valued and proud to be Lions. One way to find out why Lions leave is for every club to an assessment of their club and how it operates. I urge all clubs that have not yet done so, to complete the LCI "How Are Your Ratings" survey.

Not all is Gloom and Doom. The Awesome Lions of District 25 A continue to serve. The Lions of 25 A donated nearly \$50,000 to various State and District Projects. And the Lions of District 25 A donated much more to their local communities. Eye screenings, dictionaries, books, eye glasses, restoring community buildings and ball fields are just a few of the Lions projects. It is always hard to gage the amount that the Lions give to the local communities, but I think it is safe to say at least \$150,000. And that does not count the "In-Kind" donations of time and effort and materials.

Each Lions is a Star. Each is a special person. When the stars are out, notice the ones that are twinkling. Their represent the people whose lives you have changed and demonstrate the far reaching impact of Lions. Reach up as far as you can and grasp a star. Make it your own star and put in your heart. And pass it on to someone else by asking them to join us on our journey of love and caring.

Yours in a World of Service,  
DG Dick



**25A'S  
ACTORS  
GUILD**

BACK ROW

DG Dick Silveira –VDGE Connie Roe – PDG Kevin Roe – CT Doug Schmeltz – Lion Ethel Crouch  
Lion Mary Andres – Lion Angie Schmeltz – ID Bob Corlew

FRONT ROW

RC Al Konieczka – PDG Pat Rodriguez – Lion Robin Smith – Lion Dianne Corlew

**Keep looking for the FUN**





## They're Always After Me Un-Lucky Charms



Although there are many different lucky charms native to different cultures, one of the most common known to us is the Four Leaf Clover. St. Patrick, the patron Saint of Ireland, adopted the Four Leaf Clover as a symbol of Irish luck due to the fact that clovers are abundant in the hills of Ireland.

This very old Irish verse describes why the four leaf clover is consistently believed by many to be a lucky charm:

One leaf is for fame,  
And one leaf is for wealth,  
And one is for a faithful lover,  
And one to bring you glorious health.



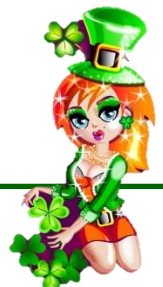
Now I am sure you all know that luck is something that occurs beyond our control without any intent, regards to one's own will or by any ones actions or desired results. Therefore, I now proclaim that we Lions (is it us Lions or we Lions? You English buffs can correct me)...now, where was I? Oh yeah, I now proclaim that we/us Lions are the Un-Luckiest People in the World!

And speaking of un-lucky...what a great District Convention! Who knew we were going to have a brief, impromptu pole dancing lesson from PDG Kevin Roe at the second business session? Who would believe that PDG Keith Hall raised the most money for the second year in a row, during the pie throwing event? Who knew that Cal, played by Lion Al Konieczka, would turn out to be the killer in the Friday night Mystery Dinner play?

Thank You Lion Chuck De Las Casas, convention chair, and to all who helped make this such a great convention. **But most of all...** Thank You Lions, one and all, for without your attendance, support and efforts in Lionism this wonderful convention would not be possible.

Everything we do as Lions is with intent and purpose. This intent and purpose is fueled by a powerful heart-felt desire to help create a better world. The powerful heart-felt desire to make positive changes in our communities. The powerful heart-felt desire to better the lives of others and just as importantly, our own lives. How un-lucky is that?

Let us continue to go forward with propose, intent and vision. Let us always be un-lucky. And let them all be after our un-lucky charms. We are magically Lionicous!



DGE Connie



## From Vice District Governor Elect GLENN SWANSON

### MARCH NEWSLETTER

#### “WORDS”

The next time you are in attendance at your Local Lions Meeting just listen to the conversations around the room. We are impacted so much by the tone of the conversation and the way we treat each other in a group. Our Maple City Lions were blessed to have the family of our Peace Poster International Contest Finalist, Brianna Holzer with us this week. As our club secretary, Lion Larry Gattorna, read the words of the recent article in the LaPorte Herald Argus, this little girl just “beamed”. I felt that this set the tone for our entire meeting. Her parents and even little brother were so proud of Brianna that it was just written all over their faces. It made me proud to be a Lion and excited about what we do as Lions.

We are constantly talking about attendance and membership and it should be our most important mission as we look to the future of this “Amazing Service Organization”! In my humble opinion, this problem can be solved if we will just use WORDS. We as Lions need to start telling people, who we are and what we do and stand for in the world of service. The time of being humble needs to come to an end before District 25A losses another club or even a member. Let us start by telling a friend, co-worker, and relative, neighbor, stranger what we do and what we stand for in our communities. Put your Lions pin on every day and wear a pin that represents one of our great projects. Then when someone asks you what that pin says or represents, put it into “words” for them. Then invite them to a meeting and see what happens. If we each asked just one person a week to a meeting we might be amazed at how many members we could gather in a year.

“There are three things that are stately in their stride, four that move with stately bearing: a lion, mighty among beasts, who retreats before nothing; a strutting rooster, a he-goat, and a king with his army around him. If you have played the fool and exalted yourself, or if you have planned evil, clap your hand over your mouth! For as churning milk produces butter, and as twisting the nose produces blood, so stirring up anger produces strife.” May all your words in the month of March be uplifting and positive as to encourage all who come in contact with you. WE SERVE!

VDGE Glenn Swanson  
Maple City Lions





We took our special Guest to:

Outer space



TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA



We even made sure he would be ready for the Lions of 25A

A visit is not complete without a trip to **Portillo's**

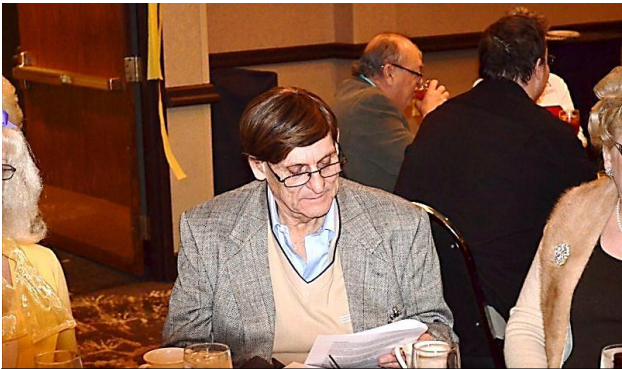




**T H E      C O N V E N T I O N      F r i d a y**



**Best Costume won by  
Lion DENISE KONIECZKA**



**DG Dick with HAIR**



**Special Guests  
ID Bob and Lion Dianne Corlew  
Grooving to the 50's**



**"Joe College" with "Teacher McGillicuddy"  
DG Dick & PDG Barbara**





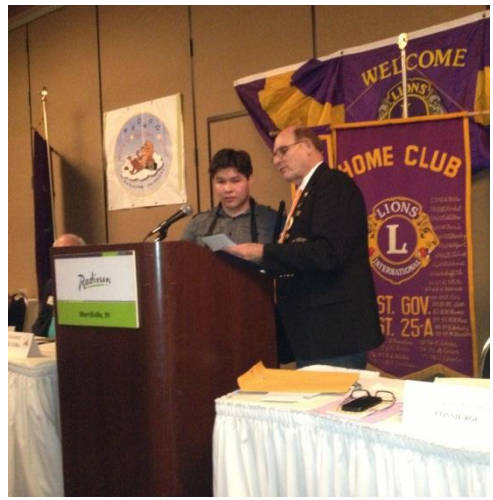




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LOWELL LIONS INDUCTIONS OF NEW MEMBERS









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T H E C O N V E N T I O N







**International President's  
*Certificate of Appreciation***

*Were presented to*

**Cabinet Secretary Carolyn Toosley ~ Convention Chair Chuck DeLaCasas**

**Zone Chair Harold Haman ~ Lion Patricia Greer**





**Our special Guests**

**ID Bob Corlew  
&  
Lion Dianne Corlew**

Were presented Indiana  
Lions highest award a

**W.P. WOODS  
FELLOWSHIP**

Presented by  
DG Dick Silveira  
& Past Foundation President  
PDG Sam Reisinger



**A**

**MELVIN JONES  
FELLOWSHIP**

Was presented to

**Region Chair  
Al Konieczka**

From the St John  
Lions Club

Pictured: ID Bob Corlew  
RC Al Konieczka  
Lion Denise Konieczka  
DG Dick Silveira







**THANK  
YOU**

**ID Bob & Lions Dianne**

**Thank You**

For inspiring us with your words,  
giving of your time,  
and sharing this Convention with all  
the Lions of 25A.



THERE IS STILL TIME.....



**TEAM 25A**

**TEAMWORK = THE WINNERS CIRCLE**

**START YOUR ENGINES TO WIN \$100.00**

RULES OF THE ROAD: Sponsor a new member between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013. The new lion must be submitted on a MMR with you listed as the sponsor during the above dates. The winning will be drawn at the first cabinet meeting in Lion year 2013-2014.

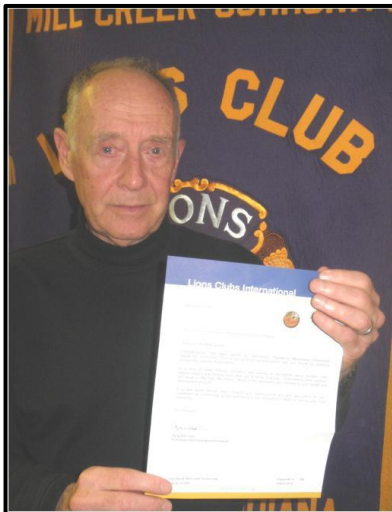
One Lucky CLUB CAN WITH A POSITIVE NET GROWTH

AS of June 30, 2013 CAN WIN **\$100.00**

for their admin fund. Don't miss your turn in this race.

Working together we can make a positive contribution to our communities and district.

REMEMBER, JUST **ASK**



Lion Tom Sharp of the Mill Creek Lions Club was presented this February with an International Presidents Membership Achievement Award from Immediate past president Wing- Kun Tam.

This award documented his outstanding accomplishment of his membership efforts in the Lions year 2011-2012.

In addition to his record of achievement, he was also honored with a crystal pin. The pin and his certificate is in appreciation for not only his contributions to membership growth but also the belief in our associations efforts to improve his local community. Congratulations Lion Tom!

Other Presidents who received this award were: Carolyn Toosley, Schererville Central Lions Club; and Paul Palmer, Lowell Lions Club.

**Congratulations**







**Union Mills Lions** distributed dictionaries at South Central School Elementary School for the third year. Shown from left to right is Lion Lucy Heironimus, Leo member James Urschel and Lion Mary Deering. While they made the presentation they also explained the importance of giving eye glasses to the Lions Club. An eye glass donation project was initiated with a prize to be given to the class with most donated. Both Heironimus and Deering have been to Mexico with the EyeGlass Missions and have firsthand knowledge of the eye glass project.

**Bass Lake Lions  
Annual Smelt Fry**

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in April  
4-03-2013 - 5 PM CDT**

**BASS LAKE LIONS CLUB BUILDING  
4506 S PRAIRIE ST, KNOX, IN (BASS LAKE)**

**All Lions and Guests Welcome  
Plan to join us in Fellowship and Fun**

**FREE WILL DONATIONS ACCEPTED**



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*Since 1938*



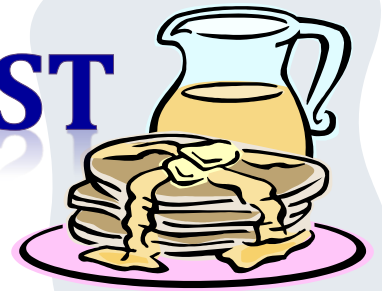
**“WE SERVE”**

**LOWELL LIONS CLUB**

**61st ANNUAL**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

*“All You Can Eat”*



**Saturday, April 13, 6am -12pm**

**LOWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**19250 CLINE AVENUE, LOWELL, IN**

**Adults- \$6.00 Under 12 years- \$3.00 Under 2- Free**

Breakfast includes; Fluffy pancakes, sausage links, egg & sausage casserole, regular & decaf coffee, white & chocolate milk, orange juice, regular & sugar free syrup.

**50/50 drawing at 12 Noon, winner will be notified after the drawing.**

For more information about our breakfast please call one of these members:

Bill Rankin @ 219-696-2730, Jeff Greco @ 708-906-9800,

Leon Morrow @ 696-6607, Paul Palmer @ 696-1987.





2013-2014 LIONS YEAR - ELECTED **Results**

**25A - District Governor** *1<sup>st</sup> VDG Connie Roe*

**25A - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor** *2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Glenn Swanson*

**25A - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor** *Randy Greer*

Cancer Control *Margaret Verkuilen*

Eye & Tissue Bank *Paul Freeland*

Indiana Lions for Leader Dog *Dennis Brown*

Indiana Lion Trust Foundation *Richard Silveira*

Indiana School for the Blind & Visually Impaired *Roy Zimmerman*

Speech and Hearing *Ken Anderson*

Ed Paine & Helping Hands - Region 1 *Doug Schmeltz*

Ed Paine & Helping Hands - Region 2 *Jerry Ruge*

*Congratulations*

To

*DGE Connie Roe*

*VDGE Glenn Swanson*

*1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Randy Greer*

and those Elected to a Foundation or Project





**Medaryville Nursery School Presents Lions with Valentine.**

Two excited students from the Medaryville Nursery School presented the Lions with a heart-felt thank you card that they made in class with loving hands. All of the students signed the hand-crafted card. This was in appreciation for their Kidsight eye screening that was held near Valentines day in February.

Lion Rose KaPouch from the Medaryville Lions coordinated the KidSight screening although she was not able to attend. Lions, Judy Heater, PDG Kevin Roe and VDG Connie Roe from the Winamac Lions and Lion Elaine Parish from the Medaryville Lions were on hand to do the screening.

This is the second year for the school to invite the Lions for the Kidsight screening and they are excited and already looking forward to next year.

**Bass Lake Lions:** Lion James J Mc Grory was awarded a 15-year Chevron at their meeting in February. His Certification was read and presented by the Club Secretary Louis Fornelli.

**Leader Dog - He's Doing It Again**

That's right! The man who rode 3,500 on his bicycle last year is at it again—but with a twist! This time Mark Mansell will be on a motorcycle instead of a bicycle and his wife, Debbie Mansell, is going along for the ride. The duo will ride 9,349 miles through all 48 contiguous states in 24 days. Learn more about their trip (<http://www.leaderdog.org/update/2013/Issue1/hes-doing-it-again.php>).

**La Porte Lions Club.** Lion Dom Liberatore gave the Lions Alert financial report with a balance of \$9,806.85; the report was approved. Two thank-you notes from Lions Alert clients were read. A motion to move the monthly charge for new Lions Alert clients back to \$10 was approved. Volunteers are needed to call clients each month. Irish







## Message from President Madden



Dear Lions,

In the northern hemisphere, the month of March is a transitional period. The snow has stopped falling, the temperatures are warming, and plants and trees are once again beginning to blossom. It is spring. A time many people refer to as rejuvenation. The same can be said for Lions Clubs International. March is the perfect time for clubs to invite new members, and for districts to charter new clubs to close out the year with a strong finish.

This month, President Madden's March Message EN and districts President Madden's March Message EN will be holding the third of four pit stops. This is the time for clubs to review their accomplishments so far this year, and plan your calendar for the remaining four months - to include activities in support of the fourth Global Service Action Campaign Protecting our Environment President Madden's March Message EN. There is also time to participate in the Reading Action Program President Madden's March Message EN (RAP), or do your second or even third RAP project. And clubs can still qualify for the Club Excellence Award President Madden's March Message EN.

Last month, district governors received an email explaining how to qualify for the Winners Circle Award President Madden's March Message EN, which will be based on the end of March membership and club numbers. The award criteria were specifically designed so all district governors still have an opportunity to receive an award. Even districts that are currently showing negative growth can qualify for an award with just a little more acceleration.

This is indeed a very busy time of the year. Club presidents and district governors have four months left in their respective terms. Keeping your engine running at high speed will ensure your year ends on a high note.

Finally, I want to urge you all to register for the 2013 International Convention President Madden's March Message EN in Hamburg, Germany. This year's convention is going to be one to remember. Highlights include our international parade, keynote address by former U.S. First Lady Laura Bush, and presentation of the Humanitarian Award to opera singer Andrea Bocelli. As part of his acceptance speech, Mr. Bocelli will perform live.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Hamburg. In the meantime, there is much to be accomplished. So make sure your engines are tuned up as we sprint toward the finish line!!

Sincerely,

Lion Wayne Madden



REGION 2 MEETING - Zones 2A & 2B

Our next Zone Meeting will be **Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup>**, **Paragon Restaurant** in Hobart (Rts. 6 & 51).

Social hour will begin at **6:00PM**, followed at **6:30PM** by the meeting/dinner. Dinner will be ordered individually from the menu. Our host for the evening is the **Portage Lions Club**.

The focus of this meeting will be our membership drive, offering new ideas to bring in new members while retaining our current ones. Our speakers will be from the various State Projects.

These meetings are **not** just for the officers but for **all** our Lions who wish to attend. Please encourage your members to come and bring with them a guest to learn more about Lionism.

Please RSVP to me at the phone number below by Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> for the final count.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Pat Kalina  
Zone Chairperson  
219-759-3240

Lion Barbara Toosley  
Zone Chair  
219-365-6079

March 15 – **La Cross Lions Port-a-pit Chicken Dinner**, contact President Mary Schmitter 219-754-2670

March 17 – **Whiting Lions Pancake Breakfast**, contact President Efren Gomez 219-659-1105

March 21 – **Crown Point Lions Bingo**, 6:00 PM, Lake County Fair Grounds, 889 S. Court Street, Crown Point, IN 46307. Contact President Paul Bremer 219-663-1986.

March 24 – **Cedar Lake Lions Pancake Breakfast**, American Legion, Cedar Lake, 13050 Washington St, Cedar Lake, IN 46303, contact Secretary James Braner 219-365-0149  
April 13, 6am -12pm

April 7<sup>th</sup> – **Chesterton Lions Easter Egg Hunt**, contact President Barbara Wilson, 219-926-3056

April 12 – **Schererville Central Lions** – All you can eat **Crab Boil**, 5:00pm – 8:30pm, St John Township Center, 1515 Lincoln Highway (US30) just West of RT 41. For Tickets 219-365-6079

April 13<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, **Lowell Lions Club**, Lowell Middle School Cafeteria, 19250 Cline Avenue, Lowell, Adults- \$6.00 Under 12 years- \$3.00 Under 2- Free

April 14, – **Kouts Lions Pancake Breakfast**, contact PDG Dennis Brown 219-766-3770

April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday - Annual Pork Chop Dinner, from 4-7PM, **LOFS Clubhouse**, \$9-1 chop \$12-2 chops

June 15 & 16, **FISHING FOR LIFE**, Contact Lion Butch Weston 219-785-2865 or PDG Kevin Roe 574-946-4701.



←→  
**Indiana Lions State Convention, May 3 - 5, 2013**  
Hosted by District 25B - Grand Wayne Convention Center –  
120 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN



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New Shirts and Hats will be available







# 2013 Indiana Lions State Convention

Hosted by District 25B

**May 3 - 5, 2013**

Grand Wayne Convention Center

120 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, Indiana

## Special Guest

International President Wayne Madden & Lion Linda

## Host Hotel – Hilton (attached to the Convention Center)

1020 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, Indiana

Room Rate: \$104.00 plus tax

Call 260-420-1100 or 1-800-445-8667 for reservations

*mention Lions of Indiana - Group Code LOI*

Registration Form (one per person)

Registration Deadline: April 19, 2013

*Please print name as desired on Badge*

Name and title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

Friday Evening Dinner \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch \$18.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday All State Banquet \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Brunch \$18.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Golf Outing \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2013 Convention Pin \$ 4.00

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send Registration and Check, payable to *IN Lions Fort Wayne State Convention*

Lion Linda Garfield, 6125 Midwood Dr., Ft. Wayne, IN 46835

Contact: 260-450-7292 or [lindagarson62@aol.com](mailto:lindagarson62@aol.com)



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WHEATFIELD LIONS CLUB	Loren Cavanaugh Larry J Nimetz	THOMAS E STRAIN ROBERT TILLEMA
WHITING LIONS CLUB	Lauren J Curosh	STEVEN A LEVIN

**Let us remember .....**

<i>Richard Bolinger</i>	BURNS HARBOR LIONS CLUB
<i>Betty Jean Kiechle</i>	CROWN POINT LIONS CLUB
<i>Jack Williamson</i>	HIGHLAND LIONS CLUB
<i>Robert M Kelly</i>	MICHIANA LIONS CLUB
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