

From District Governor RICHARD SILVEIRA

## On to The Winners Circle

**TWO LAPS TO GO. THE FINISH LINE IS AHEAD.  
LET'S GO FOR IT AND END UP AHEAD.**



We have had some bumps along the way and the 25A TEAM of 1,471 Lions continues to make miracles and strive for the winners circle. Three short years ago our TEAM had over 1,600 Lions. Even though we are smaller, we are still Awesome. But we need to grow to be able to continue our service to our communities, the visually impaired, those in need and humanity. Our membership is being hurt by the number of Lions who are leaving the greatest Service Organization of all, right here in the LAND OF 25A OZ.

The Tin Man wanted a heart. The Lion was found rusting in the forest of past accomplishments and tries to intimate members and shoots down new ideas. Hidden behind a coat of armor for years, the Tin Man rattles and shakes Lions who then become disenchanting and leave. The Tin Man was once Lion Hearted, but eventually became a man of tin without a cause. We need to help the Tin Man and all Lions to awaken the angle in their Hearts that unites us in a World of Service. Let's make all Lions feel valued and proud to members of the greatest service organization in the world. It only takes heart.

We have our Scarecrow whose greatest wish is to procure himself a brain. Despite his perceived lack of brains, however, the Scarecrow is exceedingly intelligent and resourceful. This Lion can be a mover and shaker, but wants to sit back claiming that working behind the scenes is best. Even though his "Lion's Land of OZ" is without leadership, this Lions won't step up. Our Lions need to lead. Without leaders our clubs falter. Every Lion needs to be concerned with working as a team to get the "brains" needed to make our clubs the best they can be.

Then we have our cowardly Lion who wanted courage. This Lion sits back and criticizes the work and accomplishments of others. Even when a projects works, there are the: could've, should've, and, I would've, stinging comments rather than a pat on the back for a job well done. These Lions that forget the Lions Code of ethics: ***Be Careful with criticism; Be liberal with praise; Build Up, Do not destroy.*** Sometimes they seek revenge for a perceived wrong and carry grudges that hurt the Club's efforts to serve. Hopeful, we can make them understand that we as Lions, with all our personal difference set aside, are all in this together and we are chasing the same goal: service to those in need, the visually impaired, our community and humanity throughout the world. We need to give them the courage to move forward.

Hopefully, these little tidbits will be food for thought. There is no wizard or magic wands to keep Lions from leaving. Retention is every Lions responsibility. Each of us must work to welcome new Lions into our "land". **WE** are responsible for making **all** Lions feel **VALUED AND PROUD** to Members of our great association.

The Lions of 25A are doing an awesome job of making the dreams of those we serve come true. Let's keep our members growing and keep dreaming of ways to serve. As Melvin Jones said:

***Dreams are the ideas of yesterday that are the common place miracles of today.***

Dream on with your eyes wide open, believe in the Goals and objectives of our great association, and then do it. because WE SERVE.

DG Dick

## Through the Looking Glass



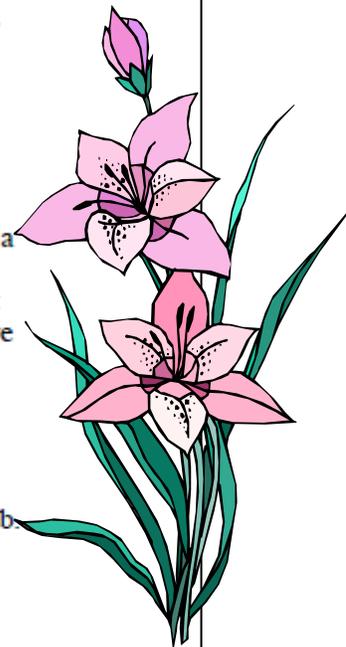
In 1865 Lewis Carroll wrote the book *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. Then in 1871, he penned *Through the Looking-Glass and What Alice Found There*. This second book's story begins outdoors, in the warm month of May. Oh how appropriate; this being May and all. Anyway, back to the story....Alice is playing with her two kittens one whom is called Snowdrop and the other is Kitty. She sees the mirror above the fireplace mantel and wonders what the world is like on the other side of the mirror's reflection. Climbing up onto the mantle, she pokes at the mirror and to her surprise, finds that she can step into an alternate world. In this other world, she meets the Red Queen who reveals to Alice that the entire countryside is laid out in squares like a gigantic chessboard. The Red Queen offers to make Alice a queen if she can move to the highest rank and she must overcome all the obstacles in the journey. Of course there were all sorts of nonsensical obstacles and when Alice reaches the highest rank, she is dubbed a queen. The ceremony is completed with a shiny jeweled crown that gets plunked on her head. After the plunking of the jeweled crown, she suddenly awakens in her armchair and realizes it must have all been a dream. As for the cats, Snowdrop and Kitty, they are doing what cats normally do....not a darn thing! Well really, I don't know what the cats were doing. I only assumed that is what they were doing, being cats and all.

And that brings us to the shout-out for the district officer training! Even though you might be a repeater, one must always assume they will learn something new. Or at the very least, lend some valuable experiences to those coming on board. 'Tis not a dream, officer training is right around the corner. This year we are adding Tail-Twisting to the list of training sessions. There will be a \$25 gas card drawing and snacks will be provided by the Westville Lions. We respectfully request that you leave your cats at home.

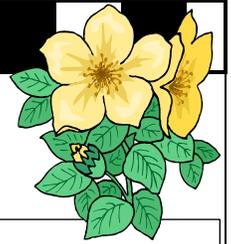
We are encouraging all incoming officers to attend even if you have held that position before. Not only is there always something new to learn but experienced officers are essential to providing past knowledge to help a newly appointed officer have an outstanding year for their club. First, second and third vice presidents are also encouraged to attend, so they can get a feel for what challenges they can prepare for in their year. Get out that looking glass and let us magnify the chessboard and get any obstacles out of the way!

Now what if Alice had stepped through the mirror into the world of Lionsim? I am certain she would have seen the Lions of 25A hard at work serving their communities and the world. She would have seen us helping each other, having fun. She would have seen all the officers having a blast at officer training! And, oh yeah, each and every Lion in this district would have crowns plunked on their heads!

Let the plunking begin....See you at officer training. Details on locations and times are in this newsletter.



**From First Vice District Governor Elect GLENN SWANSON**



**“ZONE PROJECTS”**

Often over the years, we have heard Lion Members say “we do a poor job of selling what Lions do, and who we are”. Most people have little knowledge about the “Greatest Service Organization” in the world. They know we help people who need glasses and we have pancake breakfasts but other than that, they don’t know what all we do to help people in our local communities and all over the globe.

One belief is that we need to start thinking on a larger scale, when it comes to fund raisers and activities. Expand out of our club and combine with other clubs in the Zone to have larger fund raisers and projects that will draw larger crowds and more revenue. Why shouldn’t we put on concerts, carnivals, car shows and Texas hold’em tournaments? In reality, it may not take any more work, to plan and carry out a zone activity than a local club project.

I recently heard of a club in Indiana having a Texas Hold’em Tournament which generated \$35,000! Think what your clubs or club could do with that much money. Most Zone are our state have at least one good sized town with facilities that could handle a large crowd. I would like to challenge all the Zone Chairman in District 25A to consider a project in the coming year. We in Zone 3A are having our 5th. Annual golf outing on June 7 of this year and as Chairman of that project, I would be more than happy to share my ideas with anyone who is interested. Of course all Lions are encouraged to come and observe or participate in our outing at Beechwood golf course in LaPorte.

First Vice District Governor Elect,  
Lion Glenn Swanson

Maple City Lions  
Zone 3A, District 25A

**Please find brochure for zone project at [www.rollingprairielions.org](http://www.rollingprairielions.org)**



*International Association of Lions Clubs*

Cabinet Secretary Carolyn Toosley

13670 W 89<sup>th</sup> Place

St. John - IN 46373

219-365-1085 C 219-668-8233

toosley5@hotmail.com



District Governor Richard "Dick" Silveira

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Sunday, June 2, 2013

HOSTED BY: LOFS LIONS CLUB

19th Hole Grille (Patio)

1054 Sunnyslope Drive, (Lakes of the Four Seasons), Crown Point, IN

Lost? Call: 219-668-8233 or 219-798-5950

Steak (cook it your way), baked potato, vegies, salad, rolls, dessert.

\$13.00 per person

Checks must be received by May 25th – Pre-paid meal ONLY

**1:00 PM CDT**

*All Lions, Club Secretaries, Club Presidents*

*Zone Chairs, Region Chairs, Committee Chairs, PDG's*

*Are Invited to Attend*

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Names/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Use BACK for more Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$13.00 = Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks payable to: Lions District 25A**

***We must order the Steaks, so All Meals need to be PRE-PAID by May 25, 2013***

Mail to:

Cabinet Secretary Carolyn Toosley - 13670 W 89<sup>th</sup> Place - St. John - IN 46373

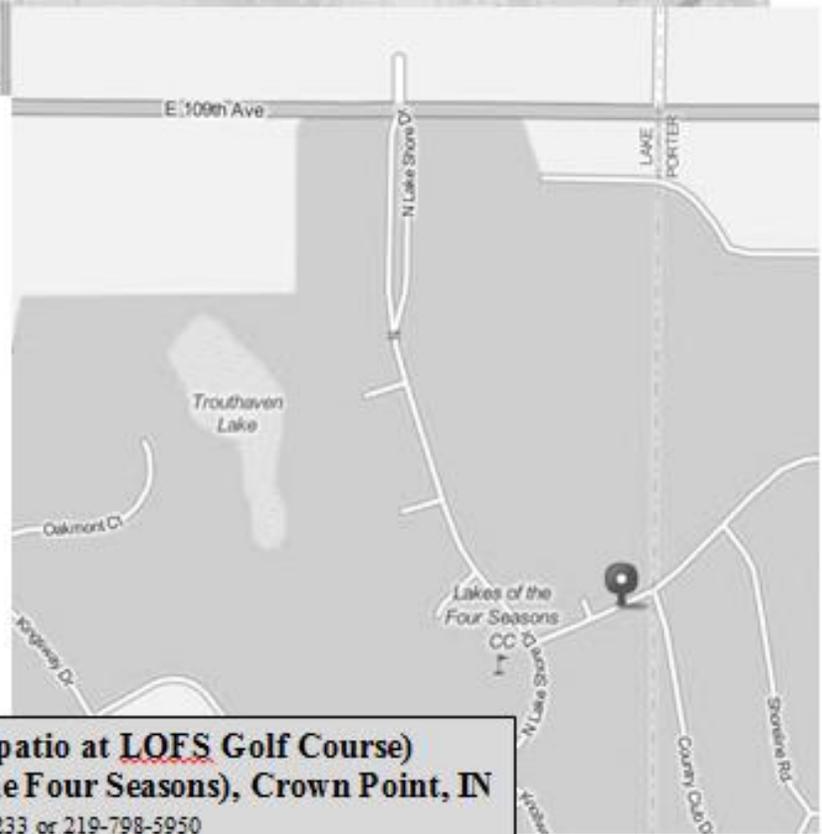
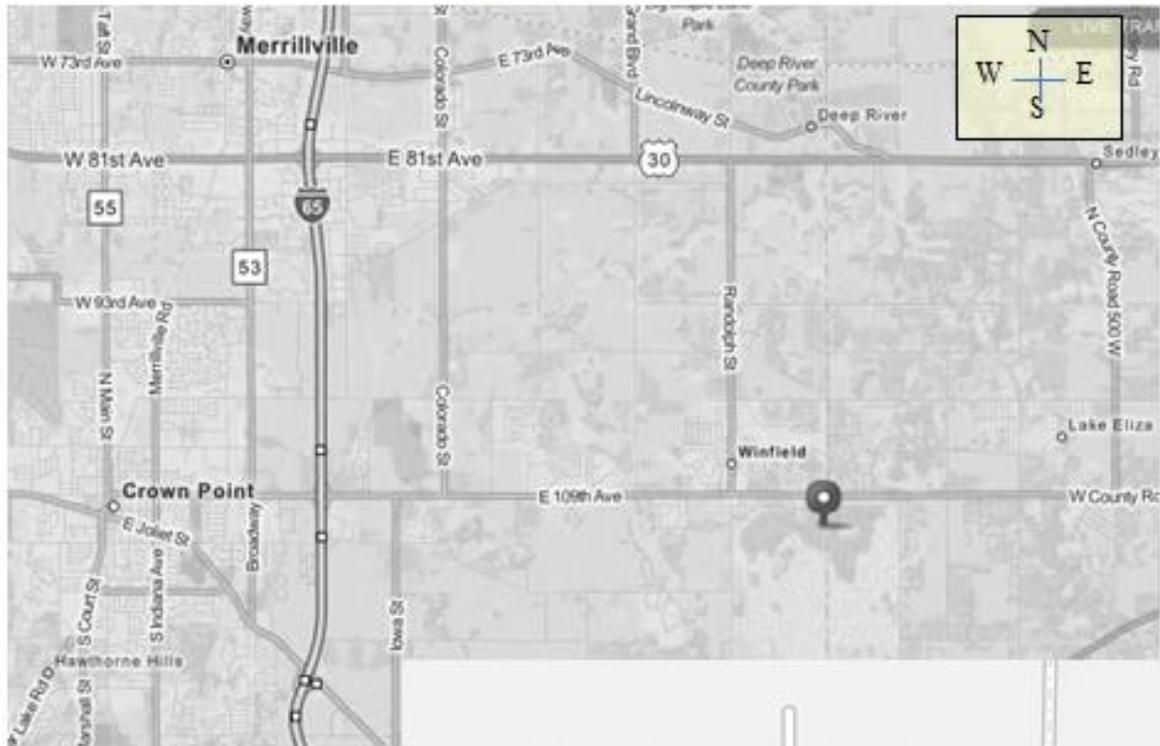
# 4<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting – Sunday, June 2, 2013

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## 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**

The La Porte Lions Club May Newsletter:



**How are you trying?**

## **Rensselaer Lions Club**



### **First Annual Golf Outing**

**Friday, July 26th**

**Registration 11:00 A.M.**

**Tee Time 12:00 P.M.**

**Curtis Creek Country Club  
Rensselaer, Indiana**

**Come enjoy the golf outing. Proceeds benefit our community projects.**

**\$60.00 per person (Includes Steak Dinner and cart)  
\$240 per team**

**Skins game: closest to the pine, most accurate drive, longest putt and more...**



**Contact Pat Geleott to register or with questions  
219-866-8912/geleott4@embarqmail.com**

**Directions to Curtis Creek: I-65 to Exit 215  
Morocco/Rensselaer exit. Turn west on Rt. 114, go 2 miles,  
turn south. Course in on the east side of road.**

## Chesterton Lions Club

### Blood Drive for Local Man

There will be a blood drive for **Charles Hughes**, who works at Porter Bank. Charles has cancer and needs blood. The drive is at **Porter Bank, Friday May 10th, 2 to 6 pm.**

You may call **Red Cross** to schedule at 1-800-RED CROSS, or online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and sponsor code "help."



### MILL CREEK LIONS CLUB

In co-operation with the LaPorte County Library, the Mill Creek Community Lions Club performed free Operation Kidsight Vision Screening for two to six years olds of the Mill Creek and Fish Lake Communities on April 20th. There were nine children who participated in the screening. This vision screening can detect most problems that cause poor vision and other disturbances that can lead to blindness and other eye disorders, if not detected at this early age. The attached picture is of one of the mom's filling out the consent form for her sons to be tested. Lion Marolyn Klockow (on the left) from our club is assisting.

### Schererville Central Lions Club

Two more new members....

**New Lion Gloria Kathleen King**  
sponsor **Lion Joanne Freeland**

**New Lion John J. Evanich** sponsor  
**Lion Paul Miecznikowski**

Just



Ask

There's a Lion in all of us





**The Mill Creek Community Lions Club. Our sixth annual Community Roadside Cleanup took place April 6, 2013. This activity is sponsored by the Lincoln Township Community Improvement Committee and coordinated by the Mill Creek Community Lions Club. We walked 12 miles of roadway in the Fish Lake/ Mill Creek area and collected sixty (65) bags of trash.**

## **VALPARAISO LIONS CLUB**

I thought I would let you know what happened with your referral of the gentleman from Lowell. I talked to his wife and instructed her to download the Grant application from our club's website. She did that and sent it to our club. Last month the board voted to purchase a video magnifier for Mr. Miller at a cost of \$1100. My wife and I took it down to him two weeks ago. Mr. Miller was very happy with the video magnifier and is now able to read and view pictures that he could not see before. Thanks for forwarding his request to our club.

Lion Dick Ireland

Lions District 25 a  
Zone 3a Annual  
**Golf**  
Scramble

2013

Friday, June 7



State Projects done by our clubs:

- ◆ *Campaign First Sight*
- ◆ *Cancer Research*
- ◆ *Leader dog for the Blind*
- ◆ *Indiana School for the Blind*
- ◆ *Eye and Tissue Bank*
- ◆ *Diabetes Awareness*



"We Serve"

For more information:

**VDGE Glenn Swanson**  
**219-324-7149**  
**gkswanson350@comcast.net**

For Brochure:

**[www.LaPorteLions.org](http://www.LaPorteLions.org)**

**Participants Entry Form**

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cut on dotted line

For each player  
 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Please place me on a team.

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

Make Payments to: **Lions L.P. County Golf**

Mail to:

Lions L.P. County Golf  
 346 Holton Rd  
 La Porte, In. 46350

**Indiana Lions  
 Zone 3A Lions Club of District  
 25A: w/projects**

- LaPorte Noon Lions-** Lions Alert
- Maple City Lions-** Deserving Child Shopping
- Michiana Lions-** Reins of Life
- Mill Creek Community Lions-** Senior Luncheon
- Michigan City Lions- Adult** Eyeglass Assistance Program
- Rolling Prairie Lions-** Children's Dictionary Project

**Beechwood Golf Course**



2222 Woodlawn Drive  
 LaPorte, Indiana



**Indiana Zone 3 A Lions**

Zone Chairman: Paul Tuszyński  
 219-778-4180

E-mail: [webmaster@rollingprairielions.org](mailto:webmaster@rollingprairielions.org)



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## Outing Information

**Date:** Friday, June 7, 2013

**Time:** 11:00 registration & lite lunch

11:30 chipping and putting contest

12:30 Shotgun start ~ scramble format

5:30 Dinner, team awards, cash bar.

**Deadline for entries:** *May 24, 2013*

**Location:** Beechwood Golf Course, LaPorte, In  
Limited 144 golfers max

**Golf Format:** 4 man scramble, no rain date.

**Donation:** \$75/golfer, \$300/Team

Donation includes golf, cart, dinner,  
Lite lunch, team and individual awards

**How to enter:** (several ways)

- 1) fill out form on back and mail in
- 2) Download form online at :  
[www.rollingprairieilions.org](http://www.rollingprairieilions.org)
- 3) Available at Beechwood Golf Course
- 4) See a Lion member for forms

**Sponsors on :**

Holes will be 18X24 sign for \$100

Driving range or putting green for \$300 (banner)

Golf Cart sign \$50

Indicate on registration form what type of ad (above)  
you would like.

Please submit a business card and/or info on ads when  
you mail your registration

Any questions regarding this event or Lionism,  
please contact any of the following:

Gus Hernandez (219-608-3256) Rolling Prairie  
Glenn Swanson (219-324-7149) La Porte M.C.  
Dave Labiak (219-369-1094) Mill Creek  
Dwight Graham (219-688-7058) La Porte  
Jim Fanselow (219-393-5353) La Porte M.C.  
Bob Jones (219-363-6036) La Porte M.C.  
Verne Hixon (219-326-7114) Michiana Lions  
Jim Day (219-362-6412) La Porte

**Sponsors choices:**

Dinner Sponsor \$500

Lunch Sponsor \$200

\$10,000 Hole-in-one \$350

Hole Sponsor \$100

Cart Sponsor \$50

2 prizes Closest to Pin \$50 each

2 prizes Longest Drive \$50 each

“Goodie Bag” gifts (need 80)

**If you are interested in becoming a Lion in  
your community, please contact:  
webmaster@rollingprairieilions.org, or the  
above 8 contacts and you will be directed to  
the appropriate personnel.**

Sponsor Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last \_\_\_\_\_

First \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_,

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Tele \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Advertisement \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Make payments to: **Lions L.P. County Golf**

Mail to:  
LaPorte Lions  
346 Holton Rd  
La Porte, In. 46350

(Entrant form on back)



Indiana Lions  
Zone 3 Lions Club of District 25A  
LaPorte Noon Lions  
Maple City Lions  
Michiana Lions  
Mill Creek Community Lions  
Michigan City Lions  
Rolling Prairie Lions

E-mail: [webmaster@rollingprairieilions.org](mailto:webmaster@rollingprairieilions.org)

# Fishing for Life 2013

Once again district 25A along with the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired is hosting a weekend (Father's Day weekend) to give low vision friends an opportunity to have fun, fishing, camping, cooking and an all around great outdoors experience.

Our first year was such a great success that the committee wants to continue this well into the future. So much happened that weekend, it has spread around the state. This was in part by Kevin Morales with his presentation at the Mid Winter Conference and also at the District Convention. The support from the district, any many outside the district, supported this wonderful event and made a difference to many. Not only by just fishing and camping but pulling together and completely understanding that everyone can do the same things; it just might not be in the same way.

With the Lions and the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, working together we can spread the word that we as Lions are out there. All we have to do is look and give support to them and they can show us what we can do to help.

This is a very worthwhile cause. We need to continue the steps forward and give support of their ideas to become leaders in their communities and any endeavors that are chosen. There is no limit.

What we are asking is any funds from clubs in the awesome district to support this outstanding project. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to: District 25A**

Mail to: CT Doug Schmeltz, 14726 Bryan St, Cedar Lake IN 46303

Doug's email: [d\\_schmeltz@hotmail.com](mailto:d_schmeltz@hotmail.com)

**Be sure to put 'Fishing for Life' in the memo section**

Also, if you are interested in joining us that weekend to help or observe or just camp and fish, please let myself or Lion Butch Weston know. There is plenty of space for your tent or camper.

Questions or comments may be directed to:

PDG Kevin Roe  
701 S Huddleston Rd, Winamac IN 46996  
574-946-4701  
[kroegwen@embarqmail.com](mailto:kroegwen@embarqmail.com)

Lion Butch Weston  
2222 S 900 W, LaPorte, IN 46350  
219-785-4296  
[Rhonda\\_weston@yahoo.com](mailto:Rhonda_weston@yahoo.com)

Application and brochure is on the district website: [www.lions25a.org](http://www.lions25a.org)

**Fishing & Camping Experience**

**for Blind and Low Vision Kids!**





**Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired  
7725 N. College Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46240-2504**

**The campus of the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired has 31 buildings located on 63 acres. The Indiana Lions for the ISBVI invite you to participate in our Spring work day. It is an excellent opportunity to put our “We Serve” motto into action and you can be absolutely sure that the 7 members of the maintenance department will greatly appreciate your assistance.**

## **LIONS WORK DAY**

June 22, 2013 Saturday  
9:00 AM – 3:30 [4:00] PM

### **9:00AM Registration**

### **10:00AM-Noon Morning Work Session**

**Washing exterior windows, mulching and weeding playgrounds, refurbishing computers**

**Noon-1:00 Lunch will be provided**

### **1:00-3:30 [4:00] PM Afternoon Work Session**

**Washing interior windows, installing replacement drop ceiling tiles, refurbishing computers, cleaning the student cafeteria**

Registration Form [one per person]  
Registration Deadline: May 17, 2013  
Please Print

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail the registration or email its information to:  
Lion Mike Joyce, 1210 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Clinton, IN 47842-2212  
[maj1210@aol.com](mailto:maj1210@aol.com) 765-832-9232**

## LEADERS AS HEROES AWARDS to Recognize NWI Residents



April 23, 2013 9:30 am • Lu Ann Franklin NWI Times Correspondent

Leadership Northwest Indiana will honor 22 Northwest Indiana residents and recognize 11 of them with Leaders as Heroes awards on Friday at Avalon Manor in Hobart.

The call for nominations garnered “a great response,” according to Keith Kirkpatrick, LNI Executive Director. An award selection panel met in March to review the finalists and chose the 11 to be honored at the second annual South Shore Leadership Awards event.

“These awards will honor individuals who exemplify LNI’s 10 principles of leadership,” he said.

The LNI principles are connected, boundary spanning, innovative, hopeful, aware, active, engaged, courageous, inclusive and ethical.

Finalists are **Bill Jarvis, Tri-Town Safety Village in Schererville**; Bridgette Kelly of Bridgette C. Kelly Youth Foundation in Gary; David Lee King Jr., Gary’s Westside Leadership Academy; Steven Kokas, Holiday Star Theatre, Merrillville; Kris Krouse, of the Shirley Heinze Land Trust based in Michigan City; Nancy Machnikowski, School City of Hammond; Tavetta Patterson of Gary Life Magazine; and Dr. Allison Petrovich, of Franciscan St. Anthony Medical Center in Crown Point.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO LION BILL JARVIS – Schererville Central Lions Club**

## Operation KidSight News

Congratulations to all the clubs that are participating in this project that is sponsored by the Indiana Lions Eye and Tissue Bank.



Since the last article, several new clubs have stepped up in this district to do a screening. Even though it may have been only a few children, it only takes just one child that may have a problem to make the screening worthwhile, no matter how much time we Lions' gave of our time.

The appreciation that the parents or guardians of these kids give us a good feeling that we are accomplishing saving our youth's sight early. We have only touched the surface. And as a believer in the success of this project, we need to get out more and do more training in smaller clubs. Our goal is to hopefully get every club in the district to do screenings in their own communities. Yes, it will take some work but we have four cameras that are owned by our district. The S09 camera (pictured left) is very easy to use. Just point and pull the trigger. It is not difficult to operate and we would love to show you how to set up a screening in your community. Thanks to many clubs, Lion's Club International Foundation and the 25A Eyeglass Recycling and Mission Group for their donations to help us obtain these district-owned cameras.



Truthfully, this is a year-round project. Many parents take their children to a babysitter or a preschool during the summer months too. What us Lion's have to do is search out and find them. There is a tool on the website, that will help you find at least the licensed daycare and preschools in your area. Below are the instructions on using the daycare finder:

1. go to [www.in.gov](http://www.in.gov)
2. Click on: Family & Health
3. Click on: Find Child Care
4. Under Program and Services, click on: Locate Child Care

Type in your county OR town OR Zip code. This will give you a list of the licensed centers in the area you choose.

All you have to do is ask. We will be happy to help get your club involved with the outstanding commitment to saving sight for our children. They are our future.

IN.gov Indiana Family & Social Services Administration

Child Care Provider Information

Search by (pick one):

County State Map  
 --OR--

City  
 --OR--

Zip Code  
 --AND (Optional)--

Provider Name

I have read the site [terms of use](#) (Required)

[Control Panel Home](#)

More Info Contact Trustee:

Paul Freeland 219-322-2795 - Kevin Roe 574-946-4701 - Chuck Temple 219-926-7859

### Pediatric Cataract Initiative Changes Lives

"For the last year, Pradip's study was affected, he was unable to see properly," said the mother of seven-year-old Pradip Tigga. She and her family live in West Bengal, India. "My husband works in the tea gardens as a daily wage worker, so it was really hard to take Pradip to private hospital because of the financial problems. But now, he is back to school and now he can play, read and walk without anybody's support. It's our wish that he is a good student and literate, successful person."

In 2012, Pradip received a pediatric-cataract surgery and free treatment as a result of LCIF and Bausch + Lomb's [Pediatric Cataract Initiative](#) (PCI) grant to Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital in West Bengal. Through the PCI, the hospital is the recipient of one of six projects awarded around the world since 2010 to improve their local capacities to detect, treat and follow-up with the often complex pediatric cataract cases.



## Lions Clubs International

Watch historic newsreel footage and other rare films of Helen Keller with Anne Sullivan in the digital May LION Magazine.

View these videos in the LION Magazine to see Helen speak about her greatest disappointment and meet with Mark Twain, Winston Churchill, John F. Kennedy, Frank Sinatra and other legendary figures. Also, a 1950s documentary presents Helen's daily life.



# Message from President Madden



*"The mistake I really learned from was in 2005, leading the Indianapolis 500. I had a decision whether or not to save enough fuel to finish the race - which meant slowing down - or going all-out for the win. I went conservative and saved enough fuel to go to the end but finished fourth."*

*-[Danica Patrick](#), Indianapolis 500 Driver*

Dear Lions,

It's April. That means we are now three quarters of the way through this Lions year. Only three more months to go. Are you going to save enough fuel to finish the race, or are you going to accelerate toward the finish line? How you answer that question will really define your year.

I want you all to accelerate!!! With three months to go, there is still so much we can accomplish – like chartering new clubs and inviting new members.

As we approach our 4<sup>th</sup> and final pit stop, district governors should be encouraging clubs to participate in our global action campaign "[Protecting our Environment](#)," and striving for at least 50% club participation in our Reading Action Program. This is also the time to end the year on a high note by chartering a new club and a net increase in membership (a requirement for the [District Governor Team Excellence Award](#))

Club presidents should ensure that their club is in good standing and has a net growth at the close of the year (a requirement for the [Club Excellence Award](#)). Currently, more than one-third of our clubs have not invited a new member this year. That represents an opportunity to add at least 15,000 additional members by the end of the year.

I'm very pleased to report as of the end of March, we have surpassed 60,000 [Reading Action Program](#) activities, serving over 6 million people worldwide. That's an amazing accomplishment, and indicative of the Lions spirit to serve the underserved. For clubs that have not yet participated in the program, there is still time. It's easy, and a great way to make a real difference in your community.

Finish strong! Make sure every bit of fuel in your tank is used by the end of the year.

Sincerely,  
Lion Wayne Madden

# T R A I N I N G & M E E T I N G S

**Officer training at Westville is May 22 at 7:00pm cst. Meet at Westville High School (West Doors).**

Training for: incoming Presidents, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Tail Twister, Secretary, and Treasurer, and any past officer that wants to share some wisdom. There will be a drawing at each session for a \$25 gas card

**Zone 1B Meeting**, May 6th at 6:30 pm at Baja's Restaurant, 10749 Randolph St., Crown Point, IN. Order Dinner from the menu and support one of our own. Zone Chairman Lion Charmaine Ganley.





## OUR NEW MEMBERS

| <i>The Club</i>                 | <i>New Member</i> | <i>The SPONSOR</i>          |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cedar Lake Lions Club           | Louie J Kappas    | <b>John G Schutz</b>        |
| Hamlet Lions Club               | Diana L Foust     | <b>Jerry Hancock</b>        |
| Monterey Lions Club             | Diana M Loehmer   | <b>Lawrence P Loehmer</b>   |
| Munster Lions Club              | Louis Chambers    | <b>Rusty Kunz</b>           |
| Munster Lions Club              | Austin J Grow     | <b>Robert Grow</b>          |
| Munster Lions Club              | Ray Radjenovich   | <b>George Shinkan</b>       |
| Munster Lions Club              | Andrew Qunell     | <b>David B Nellans</b>      |
| Schererville Central Lions Club | John J. Evanich   | <b>Paul M Miecznikowski</b> |
| Schererville Central Lions Club | Gloria King       | <b>Joanne Freeland</b>      |
| St John Lions Club              | Debrah A Walker   | <b>Please Add Sponsor</b>   |

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

MILL CREEK COMMUNITY LIONS CLUB *Robert Ernie Tompkins*

SCHERERVILLE LIONS CLUB *James C Sidenbender*

# April Showers



# Brings May Flowers

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