

THE FINISH LINE

DISTRICT 25 NEWSLETTER



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From District Governor **RICHARD SILVEIRA**

Hi all you mummies! We really did have fun and fellowship at the cabinet meeting as some of us were TP'd as mummies thanks to Lion Jody's ice breaker. Hey, I even got to take the unused TP home (and just in time as we were running out!) Thanks to the Union Mills Lions Club for hosting the meeting.

If you were not at the cabinet meeting, not only did you miss the fun and fellowship, but you missed the Heart of the Lion as we were treated to an amazing account of service being accomplished by the Lions of our awesome District. Listening to the Lions report on their projects and programs revitalizes us all and unites us in the belief that Lions truly make a difference. We heard that clubs were establishing goals for membership and service projects. We heard some innovative ways to help Lions pay their dues and how Lions are caring for Lions just as we care for family. It reemphasizes that we are a family and we need to care for each as we care for those we serve. Clubs reported on their Reading Action Programs and how they were combining both Kid Sight and adult eye screening into their literacy projects. The report on the NFB convention reminded us of our challenge by Helen Keller to be knights of the blind. The Fishing for Life project will continue this year and hopefully for many more. All of these great things always remind me of Margret Meads' comment (paraphrased here) that we should never doubt that a small group of people (Lions) working towards a common goal can change the lives of others and indeed the world. It has, and always will, be that way.

After the meeting, the Global Membership Team (GMT) met to discuss their plans to help clubs. The team is doing a great job and it is truly amazing how much can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit. GLT PCC Mike is setting up orientation programs in each Region.

You have often heard me say "What a country and Only in America". Our in the spotlight section is devoted this month to those who protect our way of life and our freedom. Many paid the ultimate price and many wear the scars of the battle for freedom. Salute a veteran this month and let them know how much we appreciate their sacrifice.

When we count our blessings at this time of year, let's remember the **GIVING** part and how fortunate we are to be Lions because **WE**:

- T**ake the tears off the faces of children and replace them with smiles
- H**ave the Heart and Courage of a Lion to serve those in need and our communities
- A**cept Helen Keller's challenge to be Knights of the Blind and give the gift of sight to all
- N**otice the needs of our Lions family and care for each other
- K**eep our clubs strong and growing to leave a legacy of service to the future

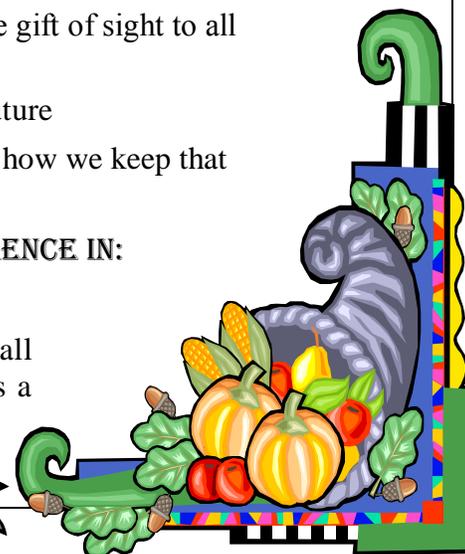
Our gift is the special feeling of knowing we changed the lives of so many and how we keep that "special angel" in our hearts.

FROM THOSE WHOSE LIVES YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE IN:

THANKS FOR GIVING

I am Thankful to be among the awesome Lions of District 25 A and to be a small part of the miracles they accomplish Every Day, In Every Way. Every day is a time for giving and every day is a time for thanks.

DG Dick



Last month, myself, PDG Kevin and Lions Butch and Rhonda Weston from the Westville club, Lion Bo Zimmerman from the Union Mills club and PDG Patrick from the Indiana Harbor East Chicago club were invited to the Indiana State Convention for the NFB (The National Federation of the Blind). They wanted us to share our experiences from the 25A Fishing for Life Derby that was held in June and explain how we got it started. We sure got our eyes opened by attending and listening to NFB's purpose and their achievements to meet their goal of complete integration of the blind into society on a basis of equality.

In the planning of the Fishing for Life Derby, our goal was to teach the blind children attending to be able to put a fishing pole together, fish for a day and generally have some fun and fellow-ship. Little did we know that what was achieved was far greater than fishing for life. It opened the door for independence and leadership opportunities for not only the children but the blind mentors as well.

All of the blind mentors that helped with the Fishing Derby are members of the NFB. Lion Al Lavoti, from the ISBVI, requested that they write a synopsis of their experience and the following is part of what one mentor, Kevin Morales wrote:

“My goal for attending the Fishing for Life Derby was to learn about leadership. As VP of the Leo Club, I wanted to make sure I went ‘fishing’ for information, strategies and other means that communicated leadership. The rain poured down hard that Saturday afternoon, but I kept ‘fishing for the understanding’ of what it meant to be a true blind leader. Other mentors were there to show me how to lead; with purpose, meaning and motivation. They taught me how to constantly cast the fishing pole; not only for the present moment but also for the moments, days, weeks, months and years to come. After I got home, I took what they taught me and reflected up on what I just had gained. I have gained sense of pride in my blindness and a love for ‘fishing of knowledge’. Lion Kevin Roe, My fishing coach, also played a major role in this. He taught me how to fish for patience and understanding of how the fishing pole works and the will to face my fears. You see, I had never fished before, touched a fish or got so close to water before. He also taught me how to coach others, when I get the opportunity to do so. My experience I went through during the fishing camp was remarkable and I definitely do not regret any single moment of it!”

Kevin was just one of the many inspiring stories we got to hear during the convention. Fellow Lions, it all comes down to the NFB's belief that *“The real problem of blindness is not the loss of eyesight. The real problem is the misunderstanding and lack of information that exist. If a blind person has proper training and opportunity, blindness can be reduced to a physical nuisance.”*

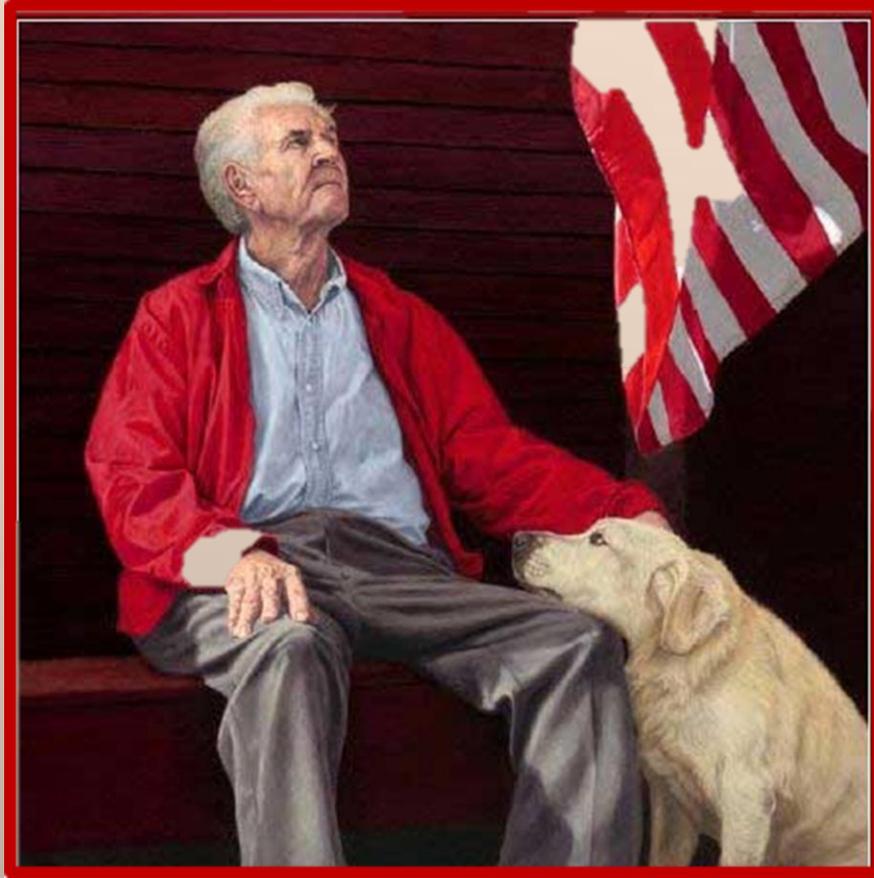
It was during the convention that Helen Keller's appeal to the Lions to become Knights of the Blind became took on a broader meaning for me. It was more than about helping the blind it was also about being advocates for the blind. So I appeal to you, fellow Lions, let us expand our sights and do all we can to promote the interests of the blind and educate the public about the true nature of blindness. Visit nfb.org for more information on how you can help and be sure to visit lionsclubs.org on how to do a white cane day program and advocate for the blind in your communities.

Thank you Lions for giving hope, love and opportunities to your families and all that we serve.
Happy Thanksgiving!

VDG Connie



It Is The Veteran...



**It is the VETERAN, not the preacher,
who has given us freedom of religion.**

**It is the VETERAN, not the reporter,
who has given us freedom of the press.**

**It is the VETERAN, not the poet,
who has given us freedom of speech.**

**It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer,
who has given us freedom to assemble.**

**It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer,
who has given us the right to a fair trial.**

**It is the VETERAN, not the politician,
Who has given us the right to vote.**

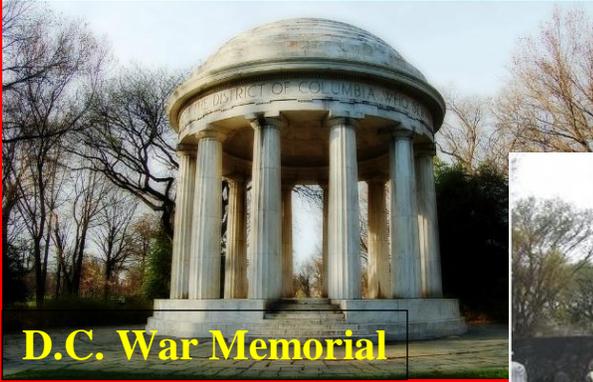


History of Veterans Day

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”



Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery



D.C. War Memorial



The Korean Memorial

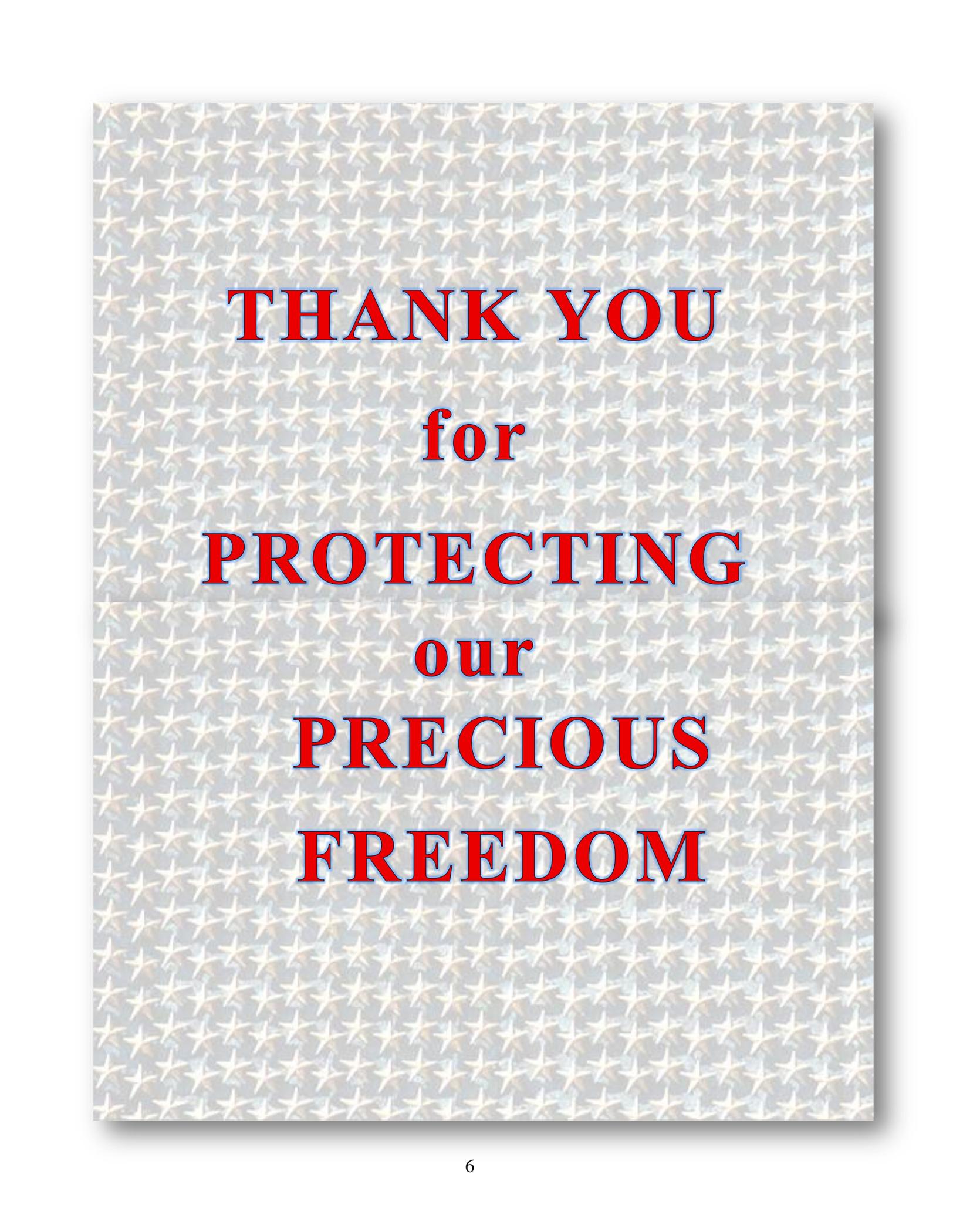


Vietnam Memorial



NATIONAL WWII MEMORIAL
Washington, DC





THANK YOU
for
PROTECTING
our
PRECIOUS
FREEDOM



25A MEMBERSHIP

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**

HOBART LIONS



We Serve

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



SUNDAY, November 18, 2012

7 - 11 AM

At Trinity Lutheran School

891 Linda St. Hobart

**Serving pancakes, eggs, sausage,
biscuits & gravy, juice, coffee & milk**

Adults \$6 - Children \$4

50% of proceeds donated to Hobart Food Pantry

Chesterton Lions Club Fundraising Report:

Taste of Duneland, September 1st, we served Swedish potato sausage, sweet corn, & drinks. Net profit \$669.

Wizard of Oz Festival, September 15-16th, we served sweet corn & drinks. Net profit: \$1564.00

Mint sales in September totaled \$201.00



Missed the last CABINET MEETING?
The meeting was besieged by Mummies. Tail Twister Lion Jodi Greer once again energized the meeting with a “mummy wrapping contest”. Can’t really tell you who won, but it was roamed that one of the mummies was DG Dick.





*Left to right
Paulette Maxie, Carolyn Hunt and Maryann Dwan*

The Mill Creek Community Lions Club recently received the “Faithful Friend Award”, presented by the American Red Cross Blood Services Indiana-Ohio Region. This award was given because the club hosts a blood drive at the Lincoln Township Community Building at Fish Lake, every eight weeks. These drives are held when there is a crucial need for blood.

Community members have a chance to donate to help save lives. One blood donation saves the lives of three people. Every two seconds someone needs blood in the United States. Lion members hosts the blood drives and helps recruit donors. This award was presented with gratitude for the Lions loyal and selfless efforts to help save lives through blood donations. Maryann Dwan, Merrillville IN, Donor Recruitment Representative, nominated the club as a “Faithful Friend”. This award was presented to Lion Carolyn Hunt by Paulette Maxie, Merrillville IN District Manager, at the Marriott Fort Wayne Hotel. The Mill Creek Community Lions club had their first blood drive in January 2010 with Hunt and Paul Tuszynski as chairman.

Mill Creek Community Lions Club member Donald Grott was presented the W.P. Woods Fellowship award, lapel pin and patch by Immediate Past District 25A Governor Patrick Rodriguez at the Mill Creek Lions Club sponsored hog roast at the Lincoln Township Community Building on September 15th. He was nominated for this honor based upon his contributions to the principles of Lionism. The W.P. Woods Fellowship is the highest honor bestowed by the Lions of Indiana.

The W.P. Woods award was established April 22, 1995 to honor the first president of Lions International who was an Indiana Lion from Evansville. The Award is a way that Indiana Lions may honor their dedicated Lions with a Hoosier Lion Award.

Lion Grott’s name will be forever displayed at the Indiana State Lions Office recognizing W.P. Woods Fellows. Grott’s wife, Mary, pinned his award. Eleven family members from Muskegon Michigan, Springfield Missouri, and Mill Creek Indiana witnessed this joyous event.

Grott received this award for creating the “Medical Equipment Lending Locations Directory.” This directory was created and published by the Mill Creek Community Lions Club in 2012 and contains the contact names of clubs and organizations where loaned medical equipment is available. Over 1,000 copies of this directory have been distributed in North West Indiana.

Carolyn A. Hunt Reporter 219-369-9565



The **Kouts Lions Club** continue their service projects with eye screening for adults



MICHIANA LIONS CLUB

Oct. 11th: Michigan City LaPorte Northern IN Tourism Bureau



Jack Arnett

Jack Arnett, Executive Director of the Tourism Bureau presented the program. He gave us an overview of the Bureau and its marketing efforts.



**Lions Clubs International
Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act signed into law!**

In recognition of our 100th Anniversary in 2017, LCI led efforts to have 400,000 silver dollar commemorative coins minted by the U.S. Treasury. Sales of the coins will raise millions to support our global mission areas for the visually impaired, disabled, youth and those affected by disaster. Lions from all over the globe are exploring similar commemorative campaigns locally.

Through the hard work and grassroots advocacy of many Lions, the "Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act," S. 1299/H.R. 2139 achieved 295 sponsors and co-sponsors in the U.S. House of Representatives and 70 sponsors and co-sponsors in the U.S. Senate before its passage by Congress. President Barack Obama signed the Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act into law on October 5, 2012!

Now that the legislation is passed and signed into law, [LCI commemorative coins can be purchased from January through December 2017 from the U.S. Mint](#) or by phone at 1-800-USA Mint. Commemorative coins are always in great demand among coin collectors; therefore, please add your name to the [waiting list](#).

**Want to thank your Members of Congress for co-sponsoring the
Lions Clubs International Commemorative Coin Act?**

* Note, Senator Moran and Representative Roskam are the sponsors of S. 1299 and H.R. 2139 respectively. When thanking them, please address them as sponsors and not co-sponsors.

- Use this [template letter](#), deleting and personalizing the bold text and text in brackets.
- Share a copy of your letter with LCI by emailing it to government.relations@lionsclubs.org.

LCIF News

Some Lions ask what is LCIF, it is the lending arm of Lions International. When clubs donate their money to Lions International this is where it goes. There are 5 major areas where your club can send money and get credit towards a Melvin Jones Award: Area of Greatest Need, Sight, Disaster Relief, Youth and Humanitarian needs. The latest program is the One Shot, One Life This program is about the Lions Measles Initiative, a measles vaccine only cost a dollar and its good for a lifetime, making it one of most cost effective health interventions available. Act now and meet the Gates Challenge for every \$2 we donate the Gates Foundation will donate a dollar.

If your club is looking for a program LCIF coordinator Lion Randy Greer would be glad to come to your club. He can bring you up to date on what is going on at LCIF and all the things that they have been able to accomplish with your generous donations. Call Lion Randy at (219) 759-2865 or (219)728-8432(cell) or you can e-mail me at: lionrandy@yahoo.com

I hope to hear from you.

Yours in Lions,
Lion Randy Greer





THE LIONS OF INDIANA 24TH MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2013

PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE: Registration & Continental Breakfast 8:00 AM – 9:10 AM
 Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM ~ Opening Session 9:15 AM – 9:35 AM ~ Keynote Speaker 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
 Displays and Silent Auction Open until 3:30 PM ~ Workshops & Seminars 9:45 AM – 5:00 PM

PLAINFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL: Exit I-70 at Plainfield Exit (Exit 66), turn North on IN S.R. 267 (Quaker Blvd.) to Stafford Road. Turn West on Stafford, proceed to Plainfield Middle School at 709 Stafford Road. Enter building at DOOR #11, in the BACK of the building.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations requested ten (10) days before the conference will receive full refunds, but cancellations requested after that date will not receive any refund.

Refunds will not be granted because of the weather.

WIN A PRIZE: FIRST TIMERS, on the registration form, indicate who encouraged you to attend.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER: Social 6:00 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM, Plainfield Community Middle School, \$15.00 Per Person, Menu: Fried Chicken & Baked Tilapia.

Hotel – Baymont Inn and Suites, 6010 Gateway Drive, Plainfield, IN, 317-837-9000. From the North: I-65 South to I-465 SW to I-70 West to exit 66. Turn right and go to 1st light and make left, then 1st left to Gateway Dr.

Seminar (1 Hour) and Workshop Selections (2 Hours)

CHOOSE: one (1) Workshop **OR** two (2) Seminars for Morning or Afternoon Sessions

Morning: 9:45 AM to 11:45 AM ~ Afternoon: 2:15 PM to 4:30 PM (2 HOURS)

WORKSHOP "A": HOW THE GMT CAN HELP YOUR DISTRICT & CLUB (AM) – Presenter – PDG Barbara Toosley

WORKSHOP "B": THE INDIANA LIONS STATE PROJECTS (AM) – Presenters All State Projects

WORKSHOP "C": THE CANOE THEORY: A TEAMBUILDING STRATEGY FOR LEADERS AND ASSOCIATES (PM) – Presenter – PDG Eric Ahlbrand

WORKSHOP "D": THE LCIF PROGRAM FOR INDIANA (PM) – Presenter – PDG Gary Ochs

WORKSHOP "E": OUR HEARING, HOW TO PROTECT IT, (A.M.) – Presenter – Elliott H. Berger,

WORKSHOP "F": WHAT ARE SOCIAL MEDIA SITES? (P. M.) – Presenter – 2VDG Jeff Schafer

9:45 AM to 10:45 AM - 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon - 2:15 PM to 3:15 PM - 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

SEMINAR "1": 2ND CHANCE TRAINING – SECRETARIES & PRESIDENTS (AM) – Presenter – Linda Tincher, GLT

SEMINAR "2": FISHING FOR LIFE (AM) – Presenters – Lion Al Lavoti and PDG Kevin Roe

SEMINAR "3": HOW TO CONDUCT AN ORIENTATION AT YOUR CLUB (AM) – Presenter – PDG Gary Lawson

SEMINAR "4": WHAT IS NEW AND EXCITING AT YOUR INDIANALIONS FOUNDATION (PM) – Presenters

SEMINAR "5": 2013 CANCER QUIZ BOWL (PM) – Presenter – Lion Dottie Flack

SEMINAR "6": PREPARATIONS FOR DISASTER – Presenters – CC Stephen Winegardner and DG Sue Topf

SEMINAR "7": THE KEYS TO SUCCESS – IN LIONISM AND LIFE (AM) – Presenter – PDG Charlie Haffner

SEMINAR "8": CHARITY GAMING (AM) – Presenter – Larry Delaney, Asst Director of IN Charity Gaming Division

SEMINAR "9": EMPOWERING LIVES THROUGH PROVISION OF INDEPENDENT TRAVEL (PM) –

SEMINAR "10": ARE WE THERE YET? (PM) – Presenter – PDG Paul Russell

SEMINAR "12": 2013 HAMBURG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION (PM) – Presenters – PDG Barbara Toosley

SEMINAR "13": FIVE LEVELS OF LEADERSHIP (AM & PM) – Presenter – PDG Herb Stevens

SEMINAR "14": WILLING TO CHANGE? (PM) – Presenter – Lion Charlotte Query

SEMINAR "15": PRESIDENT MEETS THE PRESIDENTS (A. M.) – Presenter – IP Wayne Madden

SEMINAR "16": UPDATE FROM LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL (P. M.) – Presenter – IP Wayne Madden

SEMINAR "17": LIONISM 101 (A. M.) – Presenters – CC Steve Winegardner, DG Ann Haffner, and VDG Connie Roe

SEMINAR "18": TRAVELING 340 DAYS A YEAR (A. M.) – Presenter – IP Spouse Lion Linda Madden

SEMINAR "19": CLUB EXCELLENCE (A. M.) – Presenter – PID Dave Fiandt

SEMINAR "20": PORTRAIT OF A FAMILY (A. M.) – Presenter – PDG Kaylene Souers

SEMINAR "21": LIONS EYE BANK. - OUR VISION IS YOUR EYESIGHT (P. M.) – Presenter – Lion Ross Drapalik,

Visit www.indianalions.org/FORMS for details on seminars

REGISTRATION FORM

(Each Attendee Must Complete a Separate Form)

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATIONS: DECEMBER 24, 2012

EARLY BIRD PRE-REGISTRATION FROM NOVEMBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2012

Lions & Guests \$15.00 - Leos \$15.00
Friday Night Dinner - \$15.00

PRE-REGISTRATION FROM DECEMBER 1 TO DECEMBER 24, 2012

Lions - \$35.00, Lioness - \$35.00, Partner-in-Service - \$35.00, Leos - \$15.00
Friday Night Dinner - \$15.00

Mid-Winter Registration(s) _____ Friday Night Dinner(s) _____ +Books @ \$8 ____ Total \$ _____

After December: ON SITE REGISTRATION \$ 40.00

REGISTRATION PRICE INCLUDES THE 2013 CONFERENCE PIN, PROCEEDINGS CD, AND LUNCH.

(Please add \$8.00 extrafor Proceedings Book.)

Workshops and Seminars will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Send registrations early to assure getting the Workshops or Seminars of your choice.

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND CORRECT REMITTANCE TO:

PDG Jim Query, 2408 Shepard Patrick Rd., Spencer, Indiana 47460

Make Checks Payable to: *Indiana Mid-Winter Conference.*

E-Mail Address: jequery@bluemarble.net Phone: (812) 829-4496

Name _____ Club _____

Address _____ Position _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ District 25- _____

Phone Number _____ E-Mail Address _____

Hearing Impaired Need Signer () How Many Mid-Winter Conferences Attended ()

This is my first Mid-Winter Conference. I was encouraged to attend by _____.

Review the Workshop and Seminars offered. Then circle your selections below.

CIRCLE 1 WORKSHOP OR 2 SEMINARS FOR MORNING AND AFTERNOON.

"MORNING"

WORKSHOP: (9:45 A.M. – 11:45 P.M.) _____ A _____ B _____ E _____

SEMINAR: (9:45 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.) _____ 1 _____ 3 _____ 8 _____ 13 _____ 15 _____ 20 _____

SEMINAR: (11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.) _____ 2 _____ 7 _____ 17 _____ 18 _____ 19 _____

"AFTERNOON"

WORKSHOP: (2:15 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.) _____ C _____ D _____ F _____

SEMINAR: (2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.) _____ 5 _____ 10 _____ 12 _____ 13 _____ 14 _____ 21 _____

SEMINAR: (3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.) _____ 4 _____ 6 _____ 9 _____ 16 _____

District Convention; **March 8-10, 2013** Star Plaza Radisson Hotel, Merrillville

Cabinet meetings:

3rd: **January 27**, Cedar Creek Community Center, 151 Freemont St, Lowell, IN, \$12.00 per person, Taste Of Italy Buffet.

4th: TBD

November 23rd, Friday, **Chesterton Christmas Parade**. If you *love* giving out candy canes, waving, smiling 'til your face hurts, and generally wishing everyone in town a very Merry Christmas, contact **Chesterton Lion Mel Bigger** (926-5588) to participate!

December 2nd, Sunday, **St John Lions Club**, reserved for a **fundraiser** at the Five Guys Burgers and Fries, on US 30, Schererville, IN. This is an all-day fundraiser from 11 am until 10 pm. Please let all your family and friends know about this important date and all they have to do is put their receipt in the box.

December 15th, Saturday, **Ogden Dunes Lions**, **Annual Holiday Party**, 7:00pm-11:00pm, Ogden Dunes Firehouse, 111 Hillcrest Road. Donations \$35.00 (\$60.00 per couple) for entry, Appetizers, drinks and live band provided. Contact President Matt Rogatz, 773-254-9555.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



MUNSTER LIONS CLUB

COME JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR DIAMOND JUBILEE
 CENTENNIAL PARK BANQUET HALL, Calumet Ave & Columbia, Munster
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2013
 6:30 P.M. GATHERING/SOCIAL HOUR - 7:00 P.M. DINNER

Followed by Entertainment / Tributes To & From Sponsors and Distinguished Guests /
 Sharing a Few Laughs / Raffle Drawings

R.S.V.P. by December 3, 2012 (Limited Seating)
 Send Reservation Form and Check to: **Munster Lions Club, P.O. Box 3273, Munster, IN 46321**
 Further information: www.Lionsofmunster.com (follow link)

\$50 Registration Fee for the event includes 2 raffle tickets
 I / We will attend the Celebration Dinner Person(s) attending (\$50 /person)
 I would like to purchase _____ table(s) to the Celebration Dinner (\$500 / Table)

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Ph # (____) _____ EMAIL _____

We are unable to attend. Please find attached our Club's "Congratulatory Greeting"
 Ad, or both Greeting and Ad w/ Our Donation of \$ _____.

All Sponsors, Patrons and Club Greetings and Ads will be loop scrolled on screens at the Banquet Hall

HAPPY

THANKSGIVING



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