

THE FINISH LINE

DISTRICT 25A
NEWSLETTER

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From District Governor **RICHARD SILVEIRA**



MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL



*A little girl climbed onto Santa's lap. Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?" The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped: **"Didn't you get my text message?"***

Sometimes we get caught up in the new world of technology and the fast pace of life itself. Things seem to be constantly changing and keeping up is sometimes difficult. But one thing remains constant in our lives as Lions:

OUR GIFTS TO THOSE WE SERVE THAT ARE IN THE FORM OF SMALL ACTS OF KINDNESS WE DO EVERY DAY, IN EVERY WAY.

As we prepare to celebrate the holidays, remember those who are less fortunate and those, like our troops, who are away from their families. The Lions of 25A are a great source of relief to many providing food baskets, toys, clothing, and simply doing small acts of kindness to so many who are in need. It is said that one of life's most basic laws is:

"Every single act of love, kindness, and generosity will multiply and return to you many times over".

The more you give the happier you will feel. Pause for a moment as you read this, and take a big, deep breath. Hold it for as long as you possibly can. As you hold it inside, notice how uncomfortable you begin to feel when you are holding on to something that is meant to be released. **True giving, without the expectation of anything in return, is as effortless as breathing.**

Maybe instead of saying "Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" we could say, "Yes Virginia, there are Lions.

Lions who Dream with their eyes wide to see and fill needs; Lions who believe in themselves and the miracles Lions make; Lions do it because it is what we do:

We Serve

Alex was five. His Christmas presents were always signed; "From Santa" A little while after opening his presents he looked quite down. "What's the matter, Al," asked his Dad? "Ummmm", replied Alex, "I really hoped that you and Mummy would give me something for Christmas".

We wish you all and your families the very best of your holidays.

DG Dick and PDG Barbara

From Vice District Governor CONNIE ROE

THE SECRET SANTAS OF LIONSVILLE



In the blessed little town of Lionsville, on a cold and starry night, The Lions put on their Santa suits and joyfully prepared for flight.

Each toy, food basket and gift to give was adorned with a colorful bow, Ready to find their home this day, in the hearts of those we know.

The Lions with love and wishes placed each precious gift in the sleigh, while sharing warm thoughts and prayers for those they would serve that day.

Lion Dick announced the ready and off like a shot they went, down the street and through the snow, glad tidings and cheer they sent.

Bright smiles and warm thank you's and glistening tears were shed, By the grateful children and families that the Lions gifted and fed.

When the gifting was done and the Lions were snug in their beds, Visions of smiling children and families danced round in their heads.

T'was next morning the Lions gathered to share their stories of joy, Smiles and hugs were shared for the overjoyed girls and boys.

Suddenly out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, they rushed out of the house to see what was the matter.

Too much amusement and laughter their surprise did appear, was Lion Dick shouting frantically, "Dude where's my car?"

Oh DEER, so I flunked out in poetry but we as Lions have the hearts to dream, the hearts to believe and the hearts to do it. To what dreams may come from our beliefs.

A very warm and Merry Christmas to you, your families and all those we serve.

VDG Connie



“HAVE A ZONE PROJECT”

As Zone Chairman in 3A back in 2008, we decided to have a project. Being an avid golfer in a community with several courses and leagues it seemed like a perfect fit. In talking with some of the local golf professionals, we decided to revive the LaPorte County Golf Tournament. People shared with us what a “great event” this was back in the 70’s & 80’s attracting several hundred golfers of all ages. So we set about planning this great event.

We contacted each of the clubs, 6 in our zone, and ask them to put up seed money and appoint two Lions to serve on our committee. We asked one of the local golf professionals to serve on the committee to help guide us through the process. Everything went very well except for one major problem. This was the year the economy took a dive and we could not get golfers to participate. “You cannot hold a golf tournament without golfers”! With a week before the tournament we only had about 15 golfers and we had to cancel the tournament.

The committee met and decided that this was still a good idea and our clubs all rallied behind us and we decided to make it a golf scramble in 2009. Our goal has always been to provide a “First Class Outing” that people will look forward to each year and in which our Lions can make a profit. The first year we made a few hundred dollars for each club and it has grown a little each year since. This past year 2012, we made a profit of \$6,000.

The real value of having a zone project is that club members come together and get to know each other a little more. We share information about what is happening in each club and support projects of the other clubs in the zone. This is additional work for a few members of each club but the actual event brings together many members on that day.

The golf outing is what we choose to do but I’m sure there are many other ideas for projects. My thought would be for each Zone Chairman to reach out to your clubs and see what ideas they might have for a “Zone Project”. It may be a little late this year but let’s always be looking to the future. We did not give up when, falling on our faces, the first year. Remember, Lions never give up!

JUST KEEP ON ROARING!

2ND Vice District Governor,
Lion Glenn Swanson

S U R V I V I N G T H E H O L I D A Y S



Q. What kind of bird can write?

A. A pen-guin

Q. What do you get if you cross Santa with a detective?

A. Santa Clues!

Q. What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?

A. It's Christmas, Eve.

Q. Why does Santa Claus like to work in the garden?

A. Because he likes to hoe, hoe, hoe!

Q. What happened when the snowwoman got angry at the snowman?

A. She gave him the cold shoulder

Q. What do snowmen wear on their heads?

A. Ice caps.

Q. How do sheep say Merry Christmas in Mexico?

A. Fleece Navidad!

Q. What is a snowman's favorite lunch?

A. An Iceberger!

Q. What do vampires put on their Christmas turkey?

A. Grave-y.

Q. What did the ghost say to Santa Claus?

A. I'll have a boo Christmas without you.

Q. What do you call a snowman party?

A. A Snowball!

Q. What did the Gingerbread Man put on his bed?

A. A cookie sheet!

Q. What do you get when you cross a snowman with a shark?

A. Frost bite!

Q. What do you call an Eskimo cow?

A. An Eskimoo.

Q. How is the Christmas alphabet different from the ordinary alphabet?

A. The Christmas alphabet has NO EL.

Q. What do the elves sing to Santa Claus on his birthday?

A. Freeze a jolly good fellow . . .

Q. What do you call a cat on the beach at Christmastime?

A. Sandy Claws!





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

MEMBERSHIP

Premise: Our International Association of Lions Clubs is only as strong as our clubs and the individual members that comprise the clubs.

Club Goals: to strengthen each member in **The Power of One Lion** –What each Lion member can individually commit to this coming year, to strengthen our clubs and provide more service to our communities.

1. Every Lion wear their Lions pin every day, at work, recreation or socially, being ready with their Lions Elevator Speech of 15 seconds or less, to tell them Who Lions Are and What Lions Do, when asked about the pin.

Who Lions Are? Lions are 1.3 million men and women in 207 countries.

What Lions Do?

1. Serve those in need in our community and around the world.
 2. Global mission of assisting those with vision impairments.
 3. Leadership opportunities and training for our members.
2. Smile and have fun in all we do as Lions. A smile is the easiest thing to give away and it makes you and the other person smile. They will more likely want to be part of an organization that has fun while serving those in need.
3. Invite a non-Lion to a service project with you before the end of 2012. Help someone feel what it is like to make a difference in someone else's life and they will want to be a part of our association. Then invite them to be a member.

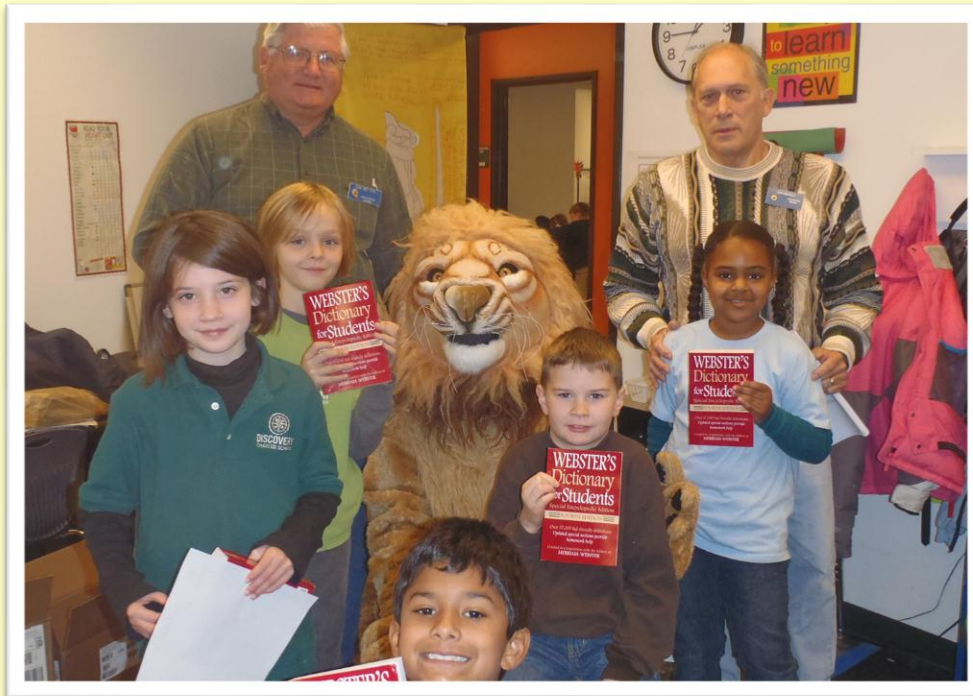
We Serve,
PID Gary Anderson - Area GMT Leader



Lion Barbara Toosley, PDG was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by International President Wayne Madden at the Lions Night with the Council at the Columbia Club in Indianapolis during the 2012 Indianapolis Lions Clubs International Board Meeting.

Lion Barbara chaired the "Indiana Lions Host Table" at the Board Meeting that was held at the JW Marriott in Indianapolis. Lions from around the state volunteered at the "Host Table" to assist Board attendees' with information about local attractions, restaurants, shopping, and pharmaceutical and medical needs.

Chesterton Lions Club THE DICTIONARY PROJECT



The Chesterton Lions Club has again sponsored "The Dictionary Project" for all third grade students in the Duneland area (7 elementary schools with 538 students). During the past two weeks, we visited the seven schools along with our mascot "Chester" the Lion to speak to the students and their teachers about Lions activities and present each one their own student dictionary. Photo attached is from the Discovery Charter School, where Lion Co-Chairs Robin Smith (as "Chester") and Bill Ellis and Lion member Tom Kelly are shown with several of the third-graders there. We were warmly welcomed at each school by the Administration, the Teachers, and the students, who showered Chester with hugs and high-fives after getting their dictionaries.

Diabetes Awareness Needs your Help!

Each year, nearly 15,000 children develop Type 1 diabetes in the United States. In addition to this increase in the incidence of Type 1 diabetes, a shocking increase in childhood obesity has contributed to an equally disturbing increase in Type 2 diabetes in children. At least 740,000 Hoosiers have diabetes, which equates to a prevalence of about 9.8 % of the population. Diabetes is the 6th leading cause of death in Indiana.

Until a cure is discovered, a child with diabetes must give themselves regular injections—typically four or more per day. *That’s more than 1,000 shots every year.* They must also test their blood glucose levels by pricking their fingers as often as *four to five times a day.* Children who are lucky enough to understand and afford an insulin pump can escape the injections, but must still check their blood glucose frequently.

In 2010 a 2 year commitment was made to Riley Hospital for Children for equipment to advance research into a cure for type 1 diabetes. This commitment was completed in July 2011. The Indiana Lions Diabetes Awareness Committee with approval from the Council of Governors has pledged \$15000 over a 2 year period to purchase additional equipment needed to enhance their research into a diabetes cure at Riley Hospital for Children. To achieve this goal the support of the Lions Clubs in Indiana is paramount.

If every club in MD 25 who contributed to Diabetes Awareness last year increased their financial support by a mere \$5-10 per year over the next 2 years and every club who has not support diabetes in the past would contribute at least \$5-10 a year for 2 years we would easily accomplish our goal.

This would also allow the committee to maintain its present level of support to the diabetes camps in Indiana. For additional information check your district directory for your diabetes awareness committee member. Invite them to a meeting.

Dan Richison, MD Chair

2013-2014 LIONS YEAR - AVAILABLE ELECTED OFFICES

25A – 2nd Vice District Governor (one nomination has been received) One year Term

Ed Paine Care & Helping Hands - 3 Year Term –Term 2013 to 2017

One candidate from Region 1

One candidate from Region 2

MD – International Convention Committee – 1 candidate - 3 Year Term – Term 2013 to 2017

State Foundation – Representing 25A – 1 candidate each - 3 Year Term – 2013 to 2017

Cancer Control

Eye & Tissue Bank

Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Indiana Lions Foundation

Speech & Hearing

Nominee has secured the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the Clubs in the District. Further provided that said nomination and endorsement must be received by the Nominating Committee not later than thirty (30) days prior to the District Convention (February 5, 2013). Send to:

Myrle (Butch) Weston, 2222 S 900 W, LaPorte, IN 46350 - rhonda_weston@yahoo.com



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 Roa

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 Stephan 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 Roa

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

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

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 _____

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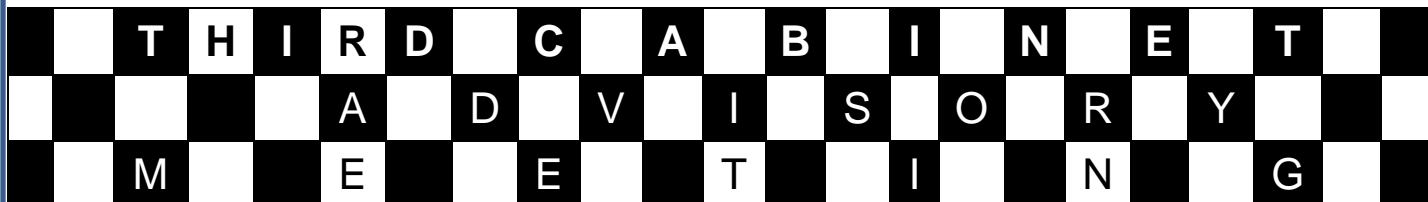
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District Governor Richard "Dick" Silveira



Sunday, January 27, 2013

HOSTED BY: LOWELL LIONS CLUB

Cedar Creek Community Center, 151 Freemont St, Lowell, IN

Taste Of Italy Buffet - \$12.00 per person

1:00 PM CST

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 \$12.00 = Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make Checks payable to: Lions District 25A

PLEASE RSVP BY JANUARY 13, 2013

Mail to:

Cabinet Secretary Carolyn Toosley - 13670 W 89th Place - St. John - IN 46373

December 15th, **CEDAR LAKE LIONS**, Our **Christmas Party** is on at The Lighthouse in Cedar Lake. Cocktails will begin at 6 pm with dinner at 7pm. Food choices and pricing are being finalized this

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.

ZONE 3B MEETING, January 21st at 6 p.m. at the St Matthew Lutheran Church in Hamlet. ZC Roy Zimmerman



District Convention; March 8-10, 2013 Star Plaza Radisson Hotel, Merrillville
Information coming in January's Newsletter

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)

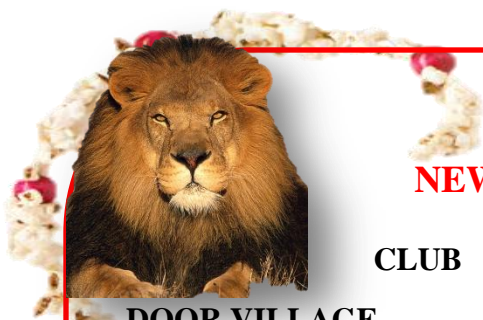
Name _____

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



NEW 25A LIONS

CLUB	LION
DOOR VILLAGE	Nancy L Weaver
CHESTERTON	Russell A Hardsock
HIGHLAND	Timothy Tintor
LAPORTE MAPLE CITY	Robert J Jones
LAPORTE MAPLE CITY	Ryan G Seaburg
LAPORTE MAPLE CITY	Bethany Ann Irwin
LAPORTE MAPLE CITY	Gregory J Irwin
MICHIGAN CITY	Peggy J Margraf
MUNSTER	Robin Moore
MUNSTER	Peter Morikis
MUNSTER	Dan Sirounis
MUNSTER	Matthew Underwood
SCHERERVILLE CENTRAL	Teresa Kistner
SCHERERVILLE CENTRAL	Timothy J. Kistner
SOUTH HAVEN	Lois K Finney
ST JOHN	Karen L Ditola
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Let us remember

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T'was the Night before Christmas Poem

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that St Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads. And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below. When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh, and eight tinny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name!

"Now Dasher! now, Dancer! Now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! On, Cupid! on, on Donner and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall! Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky. So up to the house-top the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of Toys, and St Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.

A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler, just opening his pack.

His eyes-how they twinkled! his dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath. He had a broad face and a little round belly, That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly!

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself! A wink of his eye and a twist of his head, Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk. And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose!

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle. But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he drove out of sight,

"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"



Merry Christmas

Happy Chanukah

and



Let us be thankful for all the little Miracles each Lions gives throughout the year.



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