



District 25A - Newsletter



From District Governor **RICHARD SILVEIRA**



25A's District Convention

MARCH 8 & 9, 2013

Radisson, Merrillville - Room Rate: \$99.00 per night Friday & Saturday Nights (plus tax)
 219-769-6311 Mention "District 25A Lions Club"

Seminars – **Games - Hospitality Room - Friday Dinner & Play - Saturday Banquet**

Special Guest: ID Bob Corlew & Lion Dianne

Introducing.....

THE 25A ACTORS GUILD



Friday Night Dinner & **"WHO DID IT"** Mystery
 Its 1959, and DG Dick's 1954 Class Reunion, and
 someone has been murdered!



Come see your fellow Lions in their greatest PERFORMANCE,
 it's to DIE for. Rumored to be a Tony nomination.



Come see

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| GMT Al Konieczka – St John Lions | as | Cal aka Calculator |
| PDG Kevin Roe – Winamac Lions | as | Del aka Deltoid |
| DG Dick Silveira – St John Lions | as | Joe aka Joe College |
| PDG Patrick Rodriguez – East Chicago | as | Rick aka Recalcitrant |
| Lion Jenny Gasparovic – Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions | as | Pris aka Pristine |
| Lion Ethel Crouch – Hammond Lions | as | E.C. aka Easy |
| VDG Connie Roe – Winamac Lions | as | Penny aka Penny Loafer |
| Lion Robin Smith – Chesterton Lions Club | as | Dee aka Seducer |
| Our Special Guests: ID Bob & Dianne Corlew | as | John & Bea |

Will you be the one to solve the mystery!

Prizes for the best dressed 50's Costume & one person for solving the mystery

Come be a Star at the District Convention

Walk the red carpet and see the PDG Lions walk of fame!

Join us for some **FUN** at the Convention!
After Lunch
1:00- 2:15 pm

Throw a pie at the Governor and other Lions

Hole in one Golf Tournament

Spin the wheel and win a prize!

Relax with a game

Many more surprises!

D I S T R I C T C O N V E N T I O N A D B O O K

Email your AD to LionBarb@comcast.net or send idea for Ad or printed copy
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	Regular Page	\$ 100.00
	1/2 Page	\$ 60.00
	1/4 Page	\$ 35.00

Check Amount \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **District 25A District Convention**

	Ad is attached or emailed to: LionBarb@comcast.net
	Please design an Ad with the attached information

Mail check to: **Lion Barbara Toosley, 13700 Lantern Drive, St. John, IN 46373**
219-365-6079

DG Dick Silveira invites all Lions, Lioness, Leos and Families to

25A's District Convention

MARCH 8 & 9, 2013

Radisson Hotel - Merrillville, IN

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ROOM RESERVATIONS ARE TO BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL - 219-769-6311

By Feb 27, 2013 - Mention "District 25A Lions Club"



Friday Night Dinner & **"WHO DID IT" Mystery** \$16.00 per person

Its 1959, we're at our 1954 Class Reunion, and someone has been murdered!

Presented by: **THE 25A ACTORS GUILD**

Come see your fellow Lions in their greatest Performance

Prizes for the best dressed 50's Costume & one person for solving the mystery



SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET \$25.00 per person



Deadline for the Convention Registration & Meal Reservation: **February 25, 2013**

CLUB REGISTRATION OR ADDITIONAL NAMES ON THE BACK		TITLE OR LION, LIONESS, LEO OR GUEST	
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City, State & Zip:		Phone:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Friday Dinner & Play	\$16.00 x	Total Front & Back	
		No. of Meals ____ =	\$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saturday Banquet -	\$25.00 x	Total Front & Back	
		No. of Meals ____ =	\$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Friday Dinner & Play - Children under 12 (selected menu)	\$10.00 x	Total Front & Back	
		No. of Meals ____ =	\$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saturday Banquet - Children under 12 (selected menu)	\$10.00 x	Total Front & Back	
		No. of Meals ____ =	\$
Make check payable: District 25A District Convention		Total Enclosed	\$
Mail to:	LION PAT GREER - 744 ACADIA ROAD - VALPARAISO, IN 46385-8636 219-759-2865		
<input type="checkbox"/> Our Club/Project would like a Display table: Name _____		We need electricity <input type="checkbox"/>	

Lions 25A District Convention - Silent Auction Items Needed

If any club (or individual Lion member) would like to donate an item (or multiple items) for the silent auction to be held at this year's district convention, please contact Lion Al Konieczka of the St. John Lions. You can reach Lion Al by email (alkon@jorsm.com) or by telephone (219) 365-1091. Any auction item large or small will be very appreciated. Please make sure that your auction item is provided to Lion Al prior to the start of the convention. Lion Al can also pick up your auction item if needed. Please help to support the district by donating something today!

Al Konieczka
 (219) 365-1091 <http://www.alkonconsulting.com>

25A's District Convention March 8th & 9th, 2013

TENTATIVE AGENDA

8:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Registration
9:00 AM to 1:30 PM	Display and sales tables
9:00 AM to 9:45 AM	<i>Seminars</i>
	Retaining, Recruiting, and Revitalizing Lions
	The Environment – How Your Club can Help
10:00 AM to 10:45 AM	<i>Seminars</i>
	ID with Club Presidents
	Lion's Orientation Program
11:15 AM	1st Business Session

Includes induction of New Members by ID

We encourage the Clubs to bring your new Members to this memorable event.

12:15 PM to 1:00 PM	Lunch on your own
1:00 PM to 2:15 PM	FUN Time
	Games, pie throwing, hole-in-one golf, etc,
2:15 PM	Banner line up
2:30 PM	2nd Business Meeting
	Necrology Service
	Nominations and voting
15 Min. after Business Meeting	PDG's with ID
5:30 PM	Reception with cash bar
6:15 PM	Head Table Line up
6:30 PM	Banquet

ALL Region, Zone, State Projects & District Committee Chair Reports are required in writing before February 24, 2013. Reports can be sent as an email or an attachment to an email or via US Mail to:

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

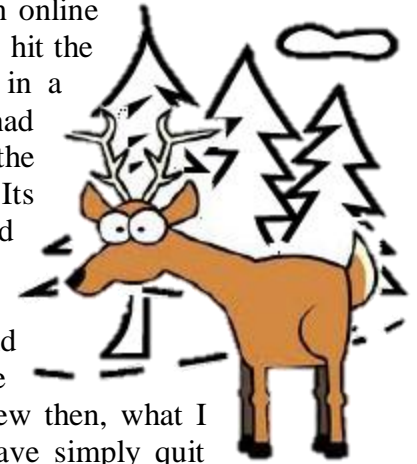
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From Vice District Governor **CONNIE ROE**

Oh Deer!

A good friend of mine, who shall remain nameless, recently had to take an online defensive driving course. One of the components of the online course was to hit the simulated brakes in a simulated video to avoid hitting a simulated deer in a simulated forest on a simulated highway. This cartoon-looking like deer had eyes that looked like they were going to pop right out of its head. I swear the deer also had a simulated sneer on its face. Not only that, it was snickering. Its hoofs were stuck in its ears wiggling back and forth and its pink simulated tongue was sticking out. Mocking me! Anyways, the object was to click on the imaginary brake in time to keep from hitting the deer. Well, before I could figure out what to do to avoid a head-on collision of fur, hooves and antlers, I had laid to rest at least 10 deer. You will be glad to know there are about 10 less deer to populate our roadways! Well, at least online. If I knew then, what I know now, I would certainly have taken a different approach. I would have simply quit driving altogether to avoid hitting a deer.



But seriously, What if I had given up trying to pass the course after a couple of attempts and not challenged myself? I would have gotten nowhere. I would not have experienced the immense satisfaction and joy of victorious improvement. I would not have renewed or revitalized my driving skills or learned anything new. Simply put, I would have become complacent. Sat there with my gearshift in park, with the emergency brake on, fogging up the windows, listening to the oldies station and never getting in gear to move forward. Rusted in place; eventually to be dragged off to the junk yard.

Fortunately for us, there is something for everyone at the upcoming 25A District Convention that will help us all revitalize, refresh, renew and strengthen our skills as the great Lions we are. There will be a seminar on Retaining, Recruiting and Revitalizing Lions along with Environmental Programs. These two things alone are worth the effort to attend. Personally I am looking forward to the Recruiting part of the seminar, maybe it will help figure out how to replace the deer I plastered online. Oh wait; maybe it will help your club recruit new Lions! Oh, deer.

There will be fun and games again with the ever-popular pie-throwing event. Come and test your accurate throwing skills and have-at-it at one of the infamous faces in the District. The silent auction is also a grand event with plenty of great choices and bargains. Come meet the visiting International Director. Learn what is new with our wonderful State and District Projects. There will also be a display on developing and installing Frisbee Golf courses for the blind, visually impaired and sighted. This will be presented by Jacob Ayers, a new Lion in the Hammond club, who is a graduate of the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Be sure not to miss the Friday night dinner and murder-mystery play and bring your sleuthing skills. This is sure to be a hilarious event and you get to decide who the murderer is!

These are not simulated events. Make your convention registrations today! Get it out of park and get into gear. Let us roar down the road of Lionism and never hit the brakes!

VDG Connie





From Second Vice District Governor GLENN SWANSON

LIFE IN THE 1500'S

What was life like in the 1500's? Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and were still smelling pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor.

Baths equaled a tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all, the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "don't throw the baby out with the bath water".

Houses had thatched roofs. Thick straw, piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the pets... dogs, cats and other small animals, mice rats, bugs lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip off the roof. Hence the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs".

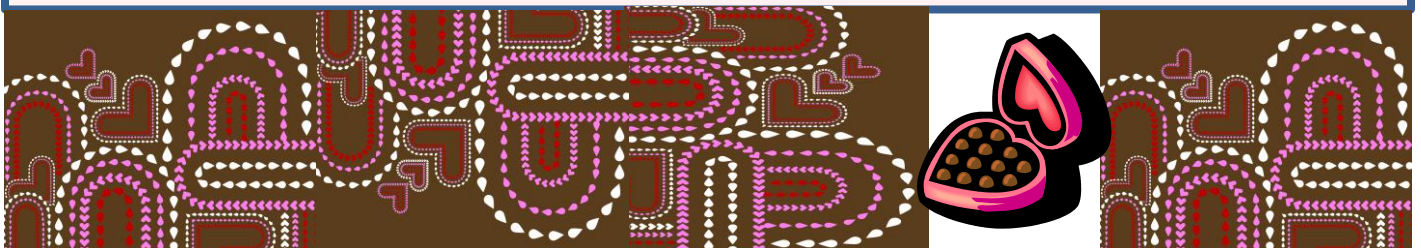
There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could really mess up your nice clean bed. So, they found if they made beds with big posts and hung a sheet over the top, it addressed that problem. Hence, those big beautiful big four poster beds with canopies.

They cooked in the kitchen in a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They mostly ate vegetables and didn't get much meat. They would eat stew for dinner leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes the stew had food in it that had been in there for a month. Hence the rhyme: Peas porridge hot, Peas porridge cold, Peas porridge in the pot nine days old".

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whiskey. The combination would sometimes knock them out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom, of holding a "wake".

Makes me wonder what it would be like to attend a Lions District Convention in the 1500's? We would probably want to meet in May rather than March. Can you tell this Lion has "cabin Fever"!!!!!!
Have a productive month. WE SERVE!

2ND V.D.G.
Lion Glenn Swanson



La Porte Lions Club

Right now our main fund raiser is the Lions Alert and this project is being managed by only five or six of the members, we really should be thinking of starting some other fund raising projects.

We would really appreciate some input from the membership on new ideas for some fund raisers. Remember, all Lion members are welcome to attend the Board meetings and give their input, if you don't want to attend, and then pass our ideas on to one of the Board members. The ideas don't have to be just for raising funds, they can also be for community projects which is a very good way to promote our club.



At our last meeting Lion Paul Marsh brought up the idea of contacting the Pioneer Land Board at the La Porte County Fair and possibly building a miniature replica of the Door Prairie Round Barn inside of Pioneer Land. This would be a nice addition for Pioneer Land and it could be used during the Fair as a booth for the Lions Club to promote ourselves to the public. This could even be a good project to involve the participation all of the Lion Clubs in the area. The La Porte County Fair draws people from all over the County and it could help promote all of the Lions Clubs.

TIME TO START OUR BRAINS WORKING AND COME UP WITH SOME GOOD IDEAS!

New Business: The board approved buying four bricks from the Indiana Lions Foundation to honor the club's four past district governors at a cost of \$100 each.

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**

**2013 ST. JOHN
LIONS CLUB**



**★ CANDLELIGHT
★ BOWLING
★ FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY MARCH 16, 2013
10 PM - 1 AM**

AT

The Super Bowl, Inc.

218 S. East Street, Crown Point, IN

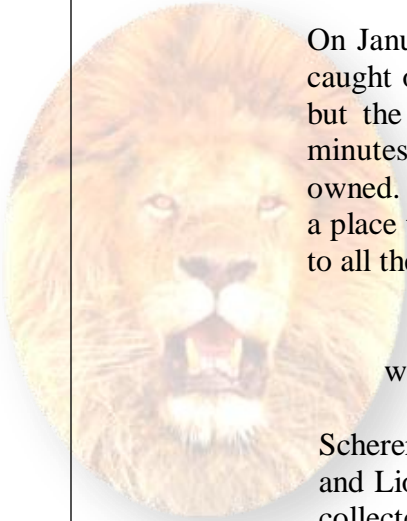
**\$25 DONATION INCLUDES
3 GAMES OF BOWLING, SHOES AND FOOD**

For information or to purchase tickets, please call Lion Al (219) 365-1091



HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHY YOU JOINED AN ORGANIZATION?

LIONS ROAR



On January 20, 2013, the apartment building at 1401 119th St in Whiting Indiana caught on fire. Ten families lived in that building. None of the residents were hurt but the damage was devastating. The entire building was engulfed in flames in minutes. The building is a total loss and all the families have lost everything they owned. The community gathered at the local community center and gave the victims a place to stay for the evening. The whole community gave gift cards and donations to all the families.

The Whiting Lions Club
would like to send out a big Lions Roar to the following Clubs:

Schererville, Lowell, Kouts, Schererville Central, St John, Portage, EC Evening and Lions District 25-A helping hands. These clubs, along with the Whiting Lions collected \$2865.00 in donations to give to the recent fire victims in Whiting. The lions really live up to their motto "We Serve" by always being there for their communities. The lions strongly believe in giving back. Roar of Thanks to all the Clubs that gave.



Because together, we make a difference.

What a Great Cabinet Meeting!

THANK YOU LOWELL LIONS



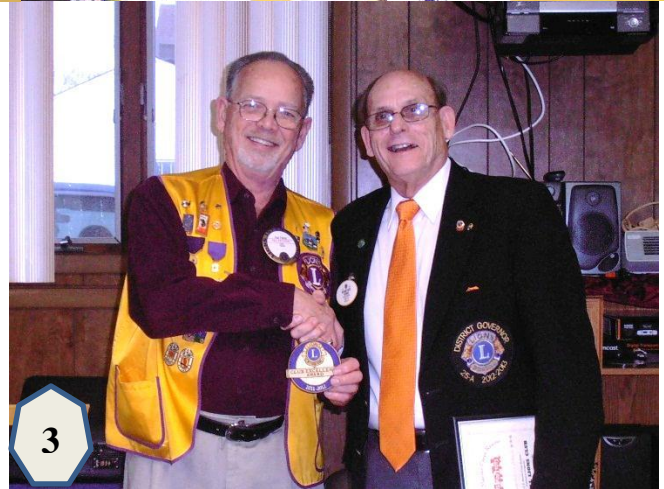
A view of some of the attendees

CT Doug, DG Dick, VDG Connie, CT Carolyn



Awards were presented....

1. IPDG Patrick Rodriguez received the 2011-2012 District Governor Appreciation Award from IPIP Dr. Tam.
2. Lowell Past President Paul Palmer received the 2011-2012 Membership Achievement Award.
3. Lowell Past President Paul Palmer also received the 2011-2012 Club Excellence Award.



Congratulations to IPDG Patrick and IPP Paul





The Hebron Lions Club held a Membership Night on February 7, 2012. Approximately 12 potential members attended. PDG Dennis Brown presented an inspiring new member orientation program. Immediately following the Membership Night, they opened their by-monthly meeting, where DG Dick Silveira inducted two of the attendees as *NEW Members* of the Hebron Lions Club.

It is that easy!



SCHERERVILLE CENTRAL LIONS CLUB

At their January 21st meeting PDG Barbara Toosley inducted new Lions Tim & Teresa Kistner, who she sponsored.



LaPorte Lions Club

LaPorte County Emergency Management

Fran Tibbot and Angie, her state liaison, represented LaPorte County Emergency Management. Four lucky members received Weather Alert radios.



Fran Tibbot and Angie

The 25-A Mission Group applied for a LCIF matching grant back in September, 2012. We received word that the International Board of Directors approved it in December 2012, at their Meeting In Indianapolis. The grant totaled \$37,210. The mission group along with many clubs helped come up with ½ the total, which was \$17,605.

All of the equipment has been ordered, and most of it we have received. Two [2] Plus Optix SO 9 cameras were ordered. One [1] for District F, and one [1] for District A. And a Humphrey FDT vision field instrument used for checking glaucoma in our adult screenings. Also purchased were two [2] auto refractors to replace our old ones. One [1] will be left in Mexico for both Districts A and F to use on our missions. Also Dalia can use it when doing mini missions in Mexico.

Both District A & F decided that one [1] more SO9 needed to be purchased for each District and two [2] more units were ordered at a reduced price. Cost of each camera came to around \$6,000 each with trade in of some old cameras that are not used anymore.

At this time we are waiting on the two [2] auto refractors. Once all the equipment is in our possession a final report will be made out and sent to International and a copy to the District Governor. And a copy kept in the Mission group files for future reference.

The two [2] SO9,s are out in the District and being used. The FDT machine will be used as we start doing adult screenings this spring at health fairs, and at Council on Aging centers that seniors meet.

Mission group and I would like to express our thanks for all the clubs in the District for your contributions and support to make this all possible. Without it a lot of Grants could not be gotten, and much needed equipment could not be purchased to help with the eye screenings.

Thank you District-25-A

Come see the NEW Shirts and Hats

NEW Hats & SHIRTS

INDIANA LIONS

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
COMMITTEE**

SHIRTS

**Men's M, L, XL \$30.00 Each
2X, 3X, 4X \$35.00 Each**

**Women's S, M L, XL \$30.00 Each
2X, 3X, 4X \$35.00 Each**

HATS

\$12.00 Each

Available at the

25A's District Convention



The Artwork above is artwork submitted
Exact detailing may differ a little.

H A P P E N I N G S

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

ZONE 1B MEETING - Monday, February 18th, 6:30 p.m. at Gelsosomo's Restaurant. 113th & Broadway, Crown Point. Contact ZC Lion Charmaine 219-661-8616

Zone 1C MEETING - Thursday, February 28th at 7:00 pm, Jedi's Garden Restaurant, 444 W Ridge Rd, Griffith, IN 46319 (corner of Cline and Ridge Rd) Hosted by the Griffith Lions. Contact ZC Patty Cook, 219-671-4668

Zone 4A MEETING, Wednesday, February 27, in Morocco at 6:30 P.M. CDT. The Morocco Lions will provide a chili dinner at their Morocco Club House, 405 N Polk Street. Please check with Lion Dan Blaney, bcwlaw@ffni.com if you need directions.

March 14 – **South Haven Lion Chili Dinner**, American Legion, 429 W CR 750 N, Valparaiso, contact President Judith Shaffer, 219-762-9577

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

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.

April 7th – **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 14, – **Kouts Lions Pancake Breakfast**, contact PDG Dennis Brown 219-766-3770

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

2013 MD 25 District Conventions

February 23	District C Convention and Cabinet Meeting
March 1-3	District E2 Convention
8-9	District G Convention
8-10	District A Convention - Merrillville
15-16	District B Convention
16	District D Convention
16-17	District F Convention
23	District E1 Convention/Cabinet Meeting



Indiana Lions State Convention, May 3 - 5, 2013

Hosted by District 25B - Grand Wayne Convention Center - 120 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN

Logo onto www.indianalions.org for links to all District Websites & State Convention Forms

State Convention Registration Form will be in March's 25A Newsletter

OUR NEW MEMBERS

Let us remember



Data is not available from LCI at this time.
Name will be included in the March Newsletter.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



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DREAM IT



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