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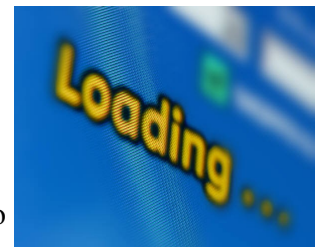
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Lions are Loaded!

What do Lions do? Well, that is a loaded question and I am sure all of us have been asked that at one time or another, especially when asking a prospective member to join. I thought it would be fun to see what was on the internet pertaining to this subject that did not come from Lions Club International or other clubs. You know, get a different perspective from other sources as it were.

Here is what I found first crack off the bat. A picture of an aluminum food can of some sort, with the label removed and a slit made in the top to drop in money. There was a lovely well manicured human hand depositing some money in the can and a caption that read something to the affect that *Lions Collect Money*. That was picture number one of three pictures total. However, just to keep the suspense going, you had to click on an arrow to get to the other two pictures. But wait! An entire page of advertisements from various companies trying to sell you something started loading and I could not get to the 2nd picture until that page was done. While waiting for all the first page ads to get done loading, I went through two cups of coffee, and repeated finger tapping. And no; I do not have dial up! But, by this point I was on a quest. I just *had* to know what was going to show behind door number two and three. I mean, pictures two and three.



Ahhh yesss, picture number two now coming into view and *then....*Wow! Huh? Well, I'll be Monkey's Uncle. It was the same picture! But, at least the caption was different and it said something generic like *Lions Serve their Communities*. Oh, okay; no new news there. Let us see what is behind door number three; I mean picture number three. This should be the grand-daddy of them all.

Picture number three, here it comes *...Loading...Loading...Loading...*Yep, there it is half the can and half a hand and still *Loading...Loading...Wait!* What? Whooh! Huh? No. No. No! Your crashing? Unbelievable! My internet crashed! Obviously too many ads to load. System overload! Not even a 'to be continued' or even a 'please wait while your page reloads' message. Bummer. How are we ever going to know what the third page said that Lions do?

The answer to what do Lions do is simple. You name it, we probably do it. As my mother always said, "Can't never done a thing." We Can. We Will. We Are! This could easily be our new slogan. As International President Barry Palmer said, "Find out what your community wants and then deliver it to them! That way you will keep your club alive and vibrant." All you have to do is the community needs assessment or simply-just ask-reach. Contact your schools, fire departments, health centers, other service organizations, businesses, 4-H leaders, Boy and Girl Scout Troops, churches, Chamber of Commerce, etc. Then, get loaded! Load your web and/or *facebook* page, local news media and club brochures with all the things you do and have done for your community and the world! That is how people will really know what you do. Congratulations and *Thank You* to all the clubs that are already loaded! I am presenting a seminar at the Mid Winter Conference in January on creating a FREE club website and brochure and I hope to see you there!

As this is the month of Thanksgiving, let us also remember to give thanks for family, friends, Veterans our fellow Lions and all those who help make this a wondrous world. Thank you fellow Lions and load your hearts with joy as we continue our journey being Angels of Service and fly with Vision for the World!

DG Connie



'Tis The Season Of Giving... A Few Words from 2nd VDG Randy

The holidays are amongst us, everybody is extremely busy at this time. Halloween is a time for kids big & small to dress up as a character and pretending to be this character for a while. Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to get together with family and friends and be thankful for all we have. At Christmas we put up the tree, Decorate the house inside & out, exchange presents, go shopping and see the smiles on children's faces on Christmas morning.

Even though, we are so busy Lions are at their best during the holidays. Taking time out to make sure the less fortunate in their communities have a moment to smile. It could be providing a safer Halloween, giving out Turkeys for Thanksgiving, or buying Christmas presents and food baskets for those in need.

Lions Clubs in District 25A put in many hours and spend thousands of dollars to make the holidays better for families in need. This is something we should all be proud of about being a Lion.

2ndVDG Randy Greer



Important Change

New secretary of Michiana Lions Club
Lion Johnie Skeen jskeen@comcast.net

*Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more.
If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough.*
~Oprah Winfrey



Hobart
LIONS CLUB
Hobart, Indiana 46342

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

NOVEMBER 17TH

7AM - 11AM

Trinity Lutheran School

891 Linda Street, Hobart

ADULTS - \$6 CHILDREN \$4

PANCAKES
SAUSAGE
Biscuits & gravy



EYE SCREENING HELP NEEDED!!!

Hello Lions all,

Enclosed is a number of students and their respective grades for vision screening for the Lighthouse Charter School.

Two schools are in Gary, one is in East Chicago. I need help with respects to the proper eye-screening equipment (titmus machines or eye charts) and Lion volunteers. We will be doing just visual acuity testing.

There are 119, 3rd grader and 98, 5th graders at 1775 W 41st Ave, Gary, IN scheduled for Nov. 12th, 2012

There are 112, 1st graders at 3201 Pierce St, Gary, IN scheduled for Nov. 14th, 2013

There are 50, 1st graders, 54, 3rd graders and 56, 5th grader at 3916 Pulaski St., East Chicago, IN scheduled for Nov. 18th, 2013

PDG Patrick Rodriguez, Indiana Harbor - East Chicago

Who are the Lions? What do they do? Where do they come from?

The best place to start in answering these questions, is to make sure your club is holding a Lions Orientation for new members. Haven't had new members in a while? No problem. Hold an orientation anyway! Have everyone come. There are always questions that come up that some of your existing members can answer or expand on. You can also use this as a way to motivate, refresh, renew, and revitalize your long standing members.



Here's your Chance! Lion Al Konieczka will be providing a new member orientation session for any clubs in the district who wish to send their new members to participate. The meeting room will comfortably handle 30 people and is available to the first 30 people who respond as those attending. Please let Lion Al know if you have members who wish to attend. This will also be posted to the district website calendar. Details regarding the session can be found below:

What: Lions New Member Orientation/Training

When: Monday, November 18, 2013

Where: Lake County Public Library - 1919 W 81st Avenue, Merrillville, IN - Meeting Room B (downstairs)

District Website: WWW.LIONS25A.ORG

The session will begin promptly at 7:00pm CT and will be concluded by 8pm CT. Please have club presidents (or some other club officer) email me (info@stjohnlions.com) with the names of the people attending.

Phone: 219-365-1091





Lions Environmental PHOTO CONTEST

As the District's Environmental Chair, I would like to challenge each club to join with me in taking part in the International Lions Clubs Environmental Photo Contest. The rules are quite simple and the subject matter for the photos is quite liberal.

Lions from clubs in good standing can enter an original, unaltered, black and white or color photo of the environment of their Lions club in the 2013-2014 Lions Environmental Photo Contest. Photos cannot include people. Lion photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photos. The five photo categories are Animal Life, Landscape (Urban or natural) Plant Life, Weather Phenomenon, and one to be announced. The impartial judging of photos will focus on originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the environmental theme. Each Lions club may submit one 8"x10" photo to the district. For more detailed information go to lionsclubs.org. Please send all entries to:

Lion Paul R. Freeland, PDG, Environmental Chair
2331 Starlight Drive
Schererville, Indiana 46375



Entries must be postmarked no later than December 20, 2013

LIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

2013 - 14 MULTIPLE DISTRICT ENTRY FORM

Multiple District _____

Name of Lion Photographer _____

Lions Club of Photographer _____

E-mail Address of Photographer _____

Please enter this photo into the following category (select one):

- Animal Life
- Landscape (urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon
- A dream for a healthy environment:
Seeing the beauty and value of our
Environment for today and tomorrow.*



Lions Clubs International

INVOLVE A U.S. VETERAN PROGRAM

Involve a veteran today and build a better world for people in need.

U.S. veterans have made so many great contributions and sacrificed so much to serve our country. With many service members being honorably discharged from the military, this is a good time to provide them with an opportunity to get involved in their communities. The Involve a U.S. Veteran Program provides qualifying veterans the opportunity to continue serving in a different way as Lions.

Benefits of Involving Veterans

Many veterans want to find a way to give back, and they have a lot to offer your Lions club, including:

- The ability to turn plans into action and get the job done
- Practical skills and leadership skills
- Innovative ideas
- Dedication, loyalty and commitment
- Understanding the importance of teamwork

How Serving with Lions Benefits Veterans

By providing opportunities for veterans, Lions can help get them involved in their communities. Consider adopting new projects in your community that appeal to veterans:

- Making and sending care packages overseas
- Organizing a book drive for military children with the USO
- Reading to patients at a local VA Hospital
- Donating backpacks and school supplies to military families
- Fundraising for wounded warriors

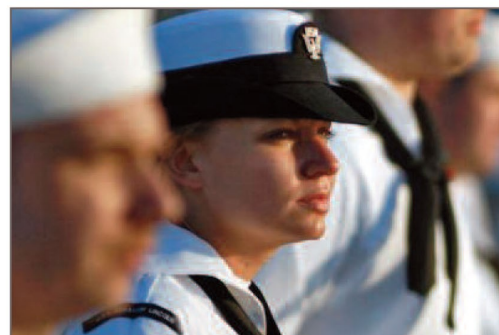
Involve a U.S. Veteran Program Qualifications

Ask now! The program is available to the first 5,000 certified U.S. veterans and runs from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015.

Qualifying veterans receive an entrance or charter fee waiver when joining a Lions club. Qualifying veterans include retired U.S. military personnel (i.e. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard Services, Marines, National Guard, Navy or Reserves) or those honorably-discharged from these services. Eligible persons may still be enlisted in the National Guard or Reserves.

Veterans can be certified by completion of the Involve a U.S. Veteran Program Certification Form.

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Fax: 630.571.1691
Email: memberprog@lionsclubs.org





Welcome New Members!

LaCrosse Lions

Member: Lion Cory Simic
Sponsor: Lion Leonard Lustgarten

Member: Lion Kristy Simic
Sponsor: Leonard Lustgarten

Member: Lion Curt Simac
Sponsor: Lion Tim Earle

Member: Lion Lisa Simic
Sponsor: Lion Tim Earle

Lakes of the Four Seasons Lions

Member: Lion Carl Cooper
Sponsor: Lion Jeanne De Las Casas

Lowell Lions

Member: Lion Clifford Tetrault
Sponsor: Lion John Piper

Mill Creek Community Lions

Member: Lion Eva Olson
Sponsor: Lion Shirley Doms

Member: Lion Shelley Riggs
Sponsor: Lion Shirley Doms

Member: Lion John Riggs
Sponsor: Lion Shirley Doms

Ogden Dunes Lions

Member: Lion Christime Biraatz
Sponsor: Lion Barbara Homme

Member: Lion Gerald Scheff
Sponsor: Lion John Whillhelm

South Haven Lions

Member: Lion Peggy Boos
Sponsor: Lion Jackie Smith

Member: LionLeigh Coffey
Sponsor: Lion Edward Piontek

Member: Lion Marjorie Schultz
Sponsor: Lion Jackie Smith

Member: Lion Jeannie Fingar
Sponsor: Lion Jacie Smith

Member: Lion Fayettea Reed
Sponsor: Lion Jackie Smith

Wanatah Lions

Member: Lion William Jessen
Sponsor: Lion Natalie Jessen

Winamac Lions

Member: Lion Micah Combs
Sponsor: PDG Kevin Roe



We Remember...

*Lion Beverly Brewer
Shelby Lions*

*Lion Charles Duke Kalina
South Haven Lions*

“The angels are always near to those who are grieving, to whisper to them that their loved ones are safe in the hand of God.”

- Eileen Elias Freeman -

My Members		
	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	1,455	1,424
Added Members	7	77
Dropped Members	2	41
Closing Balance	1,460	1,460
Net Gain/Loss	5	36
Worldwide	1,367,374	

My Service Activities		
	This Month	This Year
Clubs with Activities	0	20
Clubs without Activities	53	33
2013-2014 Summary		
Number of Lion Hours		0
Funds Raised (USD)		72807.00
Funds Donated (USD)		33263.00
Number of People Served		5036





LaPorte



Lions Rita Mrozinski, Tom Ruda and Sandra Provan are pictured with a third-grade teacher and her class after La Porte Lions donated a dictionary to every student.

Lions Paul Marsh, (from left) Doug Buell, Lincoln Elementary School principal and librarian and Lion Oscar Ryl-Kuchar are pictured after La Porte Lions donated \$250 to the school's library. The club gave the same amount to the other seven elementary schools.



Lion Susan Westerfield from Highland Lions –picture of her daughter Lexi that attends ISBVI. Susan is also on the 25A Trustee Board of the School. Taken at Brian’s Trike Race at ISBVI 2013.

Brian's Trike Race

Right is DG Connie and Lexi Westerfield practicing for the first heat at the 2013 Brian’s Trike Race. Lexi’s team sponsored by the Highland Lions went on to grab a second heat . Sadly, the 25A Eye Candy Team, Sponsored by PDG Bob Morgan, did manage to finish the first round with only one person falling off their trike!



Pictured left to R is: DG Connie Roe, Joe Clark, Tess Martinez and Lion Arcides Santiago.

25A “Eye Candy”
They didn’t win, but they had fun!



MILL CREEK COMMUNITY



In concert with the Fish Lake American Legion Post 400 and LaPorte American Legion Post 83 the Mill Creek Community Lions Club is sponsoring a community wide Support Our Troops program for our armed forces personnel in Afghanistan. This is being done as a show of appreciation by our community to the service men and women who are sacrificing so much for us and is our small way of saying THANK YOU for their service.

Items will be delivered in time for the Christmas Holidays. Various collection sites in the communities of Fish Lake and Mill Creek feature collection boxes for non-perishable items such as:

Hard Candy - Hand Lotion - Cosmetics - Nuts -
 Playing Cards - Boards Games - Socks
 T-Shirts - Health Bars - Chapstick - Magazines
 Cereal

Collections sites are;
Mill Creek Post Office - Fish Lake Library - Fish Lake Market
Fish Lake American Legion - McFalls Restaurant(Fish Lake)
Come On In Restaurant(Fish Lake)
Collection boxes will be available until November 20.

Photo left to right:

Ben Danielson, Post Commander LaPorte American Legion
Lion Don Long, Chairman of Support Our Troops committee
Ann Burdine, Treasurer Fish Lake American Legion
Dick Burdine, Post Commander Fish Lake American Legion



The Mill Creek Community Lions Club hosted a District 25 A Zone 3 meeting at the Lincoln Township Community Building. Lions from the various area clubs attended.

Lion Dottie Flack, Lions Liaison/Patient Advocate Indiana University Department of Radiation Oncology School of Medicine was the guest speaker. She reviewed the 68 year history of the Lions involvement with cancer treatment and research.

The Mill Creek Community Lions Club made a cash donation to the Indiana Cancer Control which is an Indiana State Lions Project. Presenting the monetary gift was Lion President Dave Labiak.

Members enjoyed a meal which had been prepared by McFall's Café in Fish Lake.



HIGHLAND



On Friday, November 11th members of the Highland Lions Club screened 26 preschoolers at Kinder Care, daycare school. This was in conjunction with the Lions Operation KidSight Program. Everything went well and the school and parents will be notified of their child's results. Highland President, Lion Dennis Simala, wishes to thank Joan Sherrington from the Crown Point Club for bringing the equipment and teaching our members how to use it. Thanks also goes to Lions: Laurel Roach, Karen Ziants and Mark Herak for their participation.

Left: Lions Karen & Mark being instructed by Lion Joan

An eye screening is a wonderful service to the community. Want to host a KidSight screening in your area? Contact:

Lion Joan Sherrington at 219-663-6152 joanrons@sbcglobal.net or PDG Kevin Roe at 219-863-2556 kroegwen@embarqmail.com

For more information!



OneSight Regional Chicago Mission



Club Activities

Bass Lake: 23 November 7PM-11PM CT Feather Party at Bass Lake Pub and Restaurante

Hanna: Dec. 3 at 6:30 pm CT Hanna Community Christmas Party 6:30 pm at Hanna United Center Food & Entertainment

Hebron: Pancake Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus Dec 8th 7-11ct Hebron High School

Hobart: November 17th 7AM-11AM Pancake Breakfast @ Trinity Lutheran School

Rensselaer: Cheese is in!

Winamac: Dec 7th Serving Chili and hot dogs at Christmas Wonderland 11-2 pm et Donating toys to toy closet.

YOUR CLUB HAVE AN ACTIVITY COMING UP?

Make sure to email your information to Lion Karlene Roe
witchywillow@hotmail.com
Feel free to email full flyers or just small blurbs like those to the left!
Lions love coming to each others functions, so make sure we know about them so we can come and support your club!

You may also send pictures with descriptions and names, as well as articles to me of past events or activities your club has participated in, we'd love to see & hear about them!



2014 Mid Winter Conference Silent Auction

Again this year there will be a silent auction at the Indiana Lions Mid Winter Conference on January 4th, 2014 at Plainfield Middle School in Plainfield, IN.

Each Indiana Lions District is anticipated to donate at least 3 items worth \$20 or more for the auction.

Last year every district made an outstanding effort to make the auction a great success and over \$1,000 was raised for the Leo program.

If you have items to donate, please contact District Governor Connie Roe.
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Fun Fact

This Lions Pez Dispenser was Produced for the International Lions Club convention. Stem marked "Lions International Convention 1962. District 114 Austria Osterreich."



- Circa: 1962
- Condition: Near Mint
- Rarity: Extremely Rare
- Pre-auction estimate: \$2,500. - \$3,500.

- Auction Date: Dec. 2009
End Auction Price: \$2,070. *

MY TRAVEL PLANS FOR 2013-2014

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Kahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Kahoots with someone. I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore. I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often. I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older. One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get! I may have been in Continent, and I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.

PLEASE DO YOUR PART!

You can do your bit by remembering to send this to at least one unstable person.

My job is done! Life is too short for negative drama and petty things. So laugh insanely, love truly and forgive quickly!

If you want to make it in the newsletter, please have information to Karlene no later than the 25th of each month!



November 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Mission Meeting
3 LaCrosse 55th Griffith Pancake	4	5 Union Mills-OV	6 Bass Lake-OV	7 Hebron-OV	8 Council Mtg	9 Council Mtg Bear & Wine-LOFS
10 Eyebank Mtg.	11	12 Kentland-OV	13 Monterey-OV	14 Francesville-OV	15	16
17 Budget Mtg	18 Wanatah-OV	19	20	21 Appt-Out of town	22	23
24	25 Ogden Dunes-OV	26	27	28	29	30

See an open date? Contact DG Connie to schedule your clubs official visit:
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Indiana Lions Calendar of Events

- 2 Foundation meeting at St. Office
- 9 Council Meeting - Columbus, In
- 9 Leader Dog Trustee Meeting - TBD
- 10 Cancer Control Indiana Cancer Pavilion
9:45am, Sunday service, 10:30 meeting;
Room RT101, 535 Barnhill Dr
Indianapolis, IN & Eye Bank Mtg.
- 16 25G Cabinet Meeting, Rochester
- 16 Dist "B" 2nd Cabinet Meeting
- 16 MD 25-C District Meeting - Frankfort
- 16 Dist "E" 2nd Cabinet Meeting,
Hardinsburg
- 23 - 24 1st VDG Training - Baymont - Plainfield
- 28-29 State Office Closed - Holiday

November 2013	
Membership Focus: Family	
Lions Diabetes Awareness Month	
November 4-7:	Faculty Development Institute – Constitutional Area IV: Europe (Istanbul, Turkey)
November 7-10:	OSEAL Forum (Singapore, Singapore)
November 14:	World Diabetes Day
November 15:	Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning Peace Poster (per contest) to the district governor
November 15:	Top Ten Youth Camp and Exchange Chairperson Award applications (YCE-110) due
November 15:	Annual District/Multiple District Youth Camp and Exchange Activity Report (YCE-1450) due
November 15:	Leo October Membership Growth Award nominations due
November 15-17:	Emerging Lions Leadership Institute – Constitutional Area VII: Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and Islands of the Pacific Ocean (Wellington, New Zealand)
November 22:	Application deadline for Lions Quest grants to be reviewed at the January 2014 LAC meeting
November 30:	Deadline for Family Membership Certification Forms





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