





# Roars from A



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## Comments from DG Glenn

By GOV. GLENN SWANSON

Wow, can you believe the Holiday Season is upon us already? The year is flying by as Lion Karen and I crisscross the District visiting Clubs and attending meetings and sharing ideas with terrific Lions in every community. It truly takes a team to accomplish everything expected during the year in a District.

Just a month ago, we held our second District/Cabinet Meeting. The Lions of District 25-A had 40 Lions representing 16 clubs in attendance. With October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, it only seemed appropriate that we have Lion Dottie Flack visit our meeting, with a presentation about our oldest state project, Cancer Control. We are so proud that District A "Set the Pace," leading the Multiple District in contributions this past year.

We are excited that our membership is at a plus 10. At our meeting, Lion Jeanne DeLas-Casas reported that the Lakes of Four Seasons Club purchased ASK1 pins from International for members to wear. This is a great and inexpensive way to approach new prospective members as they ask you about the pin you are wearing. The LOFS club has inducted 24 plus members in the past year!

The greatest part of being Governor is visiting and meeting all the wonderful Lions in our District. Last week Lion Karen and I attended a Zone 3B meeting in Michigan City and listened to four clubs share 30 projects they have completed or are working on for the year. There were 18 of the greatest Lions in the world out on a Wednesday night talking about and planning projects, convention, mission trip, Mid-Winter Conference and the next District Meeting. It makes me so proud to be Governor of such a great District.

We do need to be more boastful about what we are doing. Vice District Governor Lion Randy mentioned that many Clubs are not listing service projects when doing reports to International. They want to know what we are doing in our District. So please send complete information on what your Club is doing, so we can be recognized for the wonderful projects we are completing.

I'm so humbled by what is happening in every little town and all communities. Even in the smallest Clubs, we are doing great things and helping and serving those who are less fortunate. I am more convinced than ever that we are entering a new era of service in this country. There

are a lot of people who want to help us and all we need to do is get out there and ask them to join the World's Largest Service Organization.

Finally, let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas as we help and serve those who are less fortunate. As your ringing a bell, filling a Christmas basket, putting food in the church pantry or just assisting a needy family, take a moment and look into the eyes of those your helping. We can all do a little more to make it a better world. It is amazing what we can accomplish when we work as a team and nobody cares who gets the credit. The 25-A Lions continue to serve and "SET THE PACE."

**AWARDS** — The Door Village Club members have for the past 38 years celebrated the anniversary of having received their charter. At their 2014 gathering they awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Carol Pahs, left, a member since 1996. Lion Catherine Veach, right, was voted Lion of the Year for 2013-14 by her peers.



**CHECK FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT** — Hebron Lions present a check for \$2,000.93, the proceeds of their fish fry, to the volunteer fire department. From left in front are Lion Co-Chairman Care Thalmann, Lion Treasurer Lyn Fisel, Fire Chief Chad Franzman, Lion Co-Chairman Amy Thalmann.

## Time to reflect

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with our Mid-Winter Conference. This is the best single day of training and learning opportunities offered in Indiana. This year will be no exception as some dynamic and new seminars are on the schedule - see the registration form in the October edition or visit the state Website at [www.Indianalions.org](http://www.Indianalions.org).

We had fantastic results last year with new members and first time attendees experiencing the wide range of seminars and workshops. The evaluations continue to confirm that the topics are addressing the needs of our members - strengthening the skills they use know, teaching new ideals that have been successful in other Clubs and providing information on all things Lions. Invite your newest members or

those who haven't attended in awhile to join you in this great opportunity to learn, make friends and reconnect with other Lions!

The following is a Lion's themed rendition altered from a story read by Paul Harvey at a farmer's convention honoring the farmers of our country. It takes a special person to be a Lion and I am thankful that each and everyone of you are a member and make us a better organization. Please enjoy this version honoring our Association.

On the 8th day God looked down at his planned paradise and said "I need individuals who can offer needed services" so, he made the Lions!

God said he needed someone to be Knights of the Blind, who would develop a program that



**BLOOD DRIVE** — From left are Dawn Duty, account manager for the American Red Cross; Larry Long, 1,000th donor; Paul Tuszynski, Mill Creek Community Lions Club Blood Drive Chairman; Wendy Glaser, account manager for the American Red Cross and Lori Caputo, donor recruitment district manager Indiana Ohio North.

## Mill Creek Community Lions Club has 1,000 blood unit donor

The Mill Creek Community Lions Club recently achieved their 1000th unit donation.

The blood drives started in 2010 as a community service by the

Club. Their efforts have been recognized by the Fort Wayne Regional Blood District Office. Each unit of blood saves three lives.



**MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP** — A Melvin Jones Fellow Award was presented at a recent Hebron Lions Club meeting. From left are First

Vice Governor Kevin Greer, recipient Lion Rick Steinhilber and PDG Dennis Brown.



**NUT AND FRUIT SALE** — Michiana Lions Club members, spouses, and friends filled orders for 3,712 items during their annual nut and fruit fundraiser recently.

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would raise service dogs and partner them with people with visual impairments, who would pioneer eye banks, lead the campaign in educating the public in donating corneas and lend financial assistance to those needing treatment to improve their sight - so, God made the Lions!

I need someone with a compassionate heart! Compassionate enough that they put the needs of others often before theirs, that can extend the love of humanity to the new born or child, to the elder or young adult. Someone who feels the joy when they realize a stranger cares about them and offer the help that they need. So, God made the Lions

God said "I need someone who can look at the worst problems, find the impossible solution and

then make it happen. Someone who can turn despair into hope, futility into success - whether it is one person or a whole community. One who may have never felt the pain of want but knows what it feels like." So, God made the Lions!

God said he needed someone who would end his day at work at 5 p.m. - then meet with others at 7 p.m. to set up for a project, get home two hours later and have a cold dinner. Then get up at 6 a.m. to begin fixing breakfast for the community and serve until noon, clean up and then go to their paying job and work until 8 p.m. ... but knowing their sacrifice has helped so many others. So, God made the Lions!

It had to be someone who did all

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## Supporting the pride during the holidays

By GOV. STEVE HANAN

Many of our Clubs are very busy during the holiday season. Major fundraising projects and many direct service projects, several of which focus on helping families have a joyous family celebration.

With all of the hustle and bustle our Clubs sometimes allow our administrative tasks to take a back seat until the holiday season is over. I would encourage your leadership teams to take time to spend together and evaluate the first half progress and goals. I must confess that some of my goals have not been realized and it would be easy to say "we will take care of this after the first of the year" but this would be a strategic mistake.

With the New Year comes the surge of special meetings and events that take up much of your schedule and can place you racing to get everything accom-

plished. That being said I would like to challenge our Club presidents to go over their goals for the upcoming year and to move forward with them or adjust them.

We know that some things should never be put on the back burner such as membership and leadership. I have two wonderful Lions serving as GMT and GLT who keep encouraging our Clubs to make leadership and membership the foundational elements of their Club's focus.

PID Dave Fiandt has stated more than once that our Clubs should have a good idea at this time who the Club's next President and Vice Presidents will be. This will keep a Club from rushing to fill a void come election day and having to sometimes "settle." These identified leaders should be looking for opportunities to receive leadership training. Closely related to this has been the District's encourage-

ment for every Club to work through the Club Excellence process and this is an important time for clubs to evaluate what they need to work on to receive this prestigious award.

GMT PDG Kaylene Souers has been busy encouraging Cubs to Ask 1 and to keep this a central focus for a Club's life. She has been a key person to go to when a Club is hurting and needs some help from the District to look at what needs to be done to help bring in new members. She has a good sense of the strength of the Clubs in the District and who may need some special attention.

I am very proud of the Clubs in my District for the hard work and dedication they have shown to Sharing the Pride and Asking 1. We have had a positive net gain in membership and are very excited that we are seeing growth. It is important to keep up the momentum and to continue to build on the success of this campaign. In keeping with the focus of this article ... now is the time for a Club to look at where it has been successful and where it has been struggling.

This December of 2014 we are asking our Club leadership to look the health of their Club and to set appropriate goals to finish strong and help their new leaders become prepared for their year. Those of us who have "been there done that" know that July 1 comes very fast.

I would like to congratulate my fellow Governors who also won their "pin and paw" from International President Joe Preston for positive membership growth and keep up the good work. I would ask all of great Lions from our state to help us receive our second paw for the next quarter. I am sure all of my Council would agree that it is the efforts of the Lions in our Districts that got us our first recognition.

To the Lions of District 25-B and the state thanks for all you do! Bite Em!!!



**CHECK PRESENTED** — From left are Past International Director David Fiandt; Judy Stoops, representing Matthew 25 Vision Services; and Immediate Past President Linda Garfield. Stoops is receiving a \$4,000 check.

In addition, Central presented \$4,000 awards to three other vision-related charities: Northeast Indiana Radio Reading Service, League for the Blind and Disabled and Leader Dogs for the Blind. The awards are the proceeds from the annual Bill Smith Better Vision Golf Outing, chaired by PID Fiandt.

**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR** — Linda Garfield, Immediate Past President is shown with Rich Poncin, recipient of the Frank Celarek Volunteer of the Year Award for services to the League for the Blind and Disabled at Fort Wayne Central Lions Club Appreciation Awards Banquet, Oct. 29. The \$1,000 award to Poncin is for the charity of his choice.



**CERTIFICATE PRESENTED** — PDG Paul Brumbaugh, left, was presented a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation from PID Jerry Smith for his 65 years of serving his community of Arcola. He is a Charter Member of the Arcola Lions Club with perfect attendance. The presentation was made at Arcola Lions Clubs 65th anniversary celebration.



**DONATION** — Kendallville Lions Club made a sizable contribution for painting and redecorating the East Noble High School marching band's semi. At the time of picture submission the band was headed for ISSMA semi-state, holding hopes for state finals.



**NEW MEMBER** — From left are Lion Caroljean Abraham, sponsor; new member Lion Janie Copeland; and District Governor Steve Hanan. Lion Janie became a member of the Hamilton Lions Club during DG Steve's official visit on Oct. 2.



**MORE NEW MEMBERS** — From left are sponsor Lion Mike Bennett, new Lion Gene Thimlar, new Lion Dick Barber, sponsor Lion Keith Scrimshaw and District Governor Steve Hanan. The picture was taken at the Auburn Lion's Club meeting Nov. 3.

## Merry Christmas

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our Convention attendance also slides. Last year, there were less than 250 lions at the All-State Banquet to hear our International President. As Indiana Lions, we can do better than that! Having a sitting President attend our Convention should not be taken for granted. We NEED

400 Lions to attend the Saturday Banquet to honor the attendance of President Preston. WE CAN DO THIS! We have seven Districts and most have between 50 and 60 Clubs. If only one or two Lions attend from every Club, we could easily have 400 plus in attendance. Start planning now to send your Club officers or a member to represent your Club

at our 2015 State Convention. It is important to know how our State Lions Organization works! The Convention committee has worked to keep prices low and still provide good meals. If you register before April 1, 2015, the

Saturday night banquet will cost only \$15. It hasn't been that inexpensive in years. A block of rooms at the Clarion Hotel are being saved only until April 10, at \$89 and even includes a free breakfast.

care! "Celebrate the Pride" with President Joe Preston, in Columbus on April 25, 2015. I am certain that you will be inspired by the enthusiasm of President Preston and will leave prepared to work towards our Centennial Celebration in 2017.

## Don't miss

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**Hotel**  
For those spending the night, the official Mid Winter hotel is the Baymont Inn and Suites in Plainfield at 6010 Gateway Drive, Plainfield. The phone number is (317) 837-9000. Rooms are \$60 plus

tax. Mention Indiana Lions for the special rate.  
The hotel is simple to locate. Coming off I 70 you can see the hotel from 267. Go north to the first light and turn left (west). Then make another left at Gate-


**Sign Up Today  
And Attend  
The 26th  
Mid Winter  
Conference**

This is the year! Show you


## Time to reflect

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of this with humility and not wanting recognition, who may be rich in a materialistic manner but richer in a spiritual way. Someone who gives of themselves in countless ways - who gives to those they may never meet or even know how many it has helped. Someone who call their fellow members not only friends

but family - who sees the satisfaction of their collective efforts to help others in the smiles that are contagious. Someone who shares this experience with our youth and others - and then welcomes them to join them as a member so that they too can help others. So, God made the Lions!  
Thank you Lions! My best to you and thanks for all you do!



# Roars from C



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## Lions of C are busy

By GOV. CHARLES ROTH

Someone asked, "What's going on in District C?" Do you have an hour or two? Or I could just write a novel for you to read.

Lafayette's Bob Hrdy and his campaign for helping to update the Leader Dog Kennels is in full swing. Bob is visional impaired and has a Leader Dog named Alex. For years, Bob and Alex sat in the back of the room during meetings and said very little. This year he was asked to be President and at the same time Leader Dog announced the need for kennel restoration. Bob became a walking talking dynamo! He challenged his Club to help with updating of the kennels at the Leader Dog training site. Through his enthusiasm and contacts over \$30,000 was raised.

Now Bob is challenging all the Districts (including District C) to match this amount in the next three years. That breaks down to about \$165 extra per club per year. Wouldn't it be great if Indiana was the major contributor to the restoration of the kennels?

One of the exciting things is the Peace Poster Contest, which was filled with beautiful and creative art work by our young people. Out of the 57 Clubs, Zhifei Wu from Lafayette Lions Club was the first place winner and will represent District C in the state competition. Bailey Woods from Morgantown Lions Club was the second place winner, with Alyson Kniola from the Zionsville Lions Club and Brenna Frost from the Brookston Lions Club tying for third place.

All of the entries were presented with certificates announcing their achievement and a monetary award from the District was given for first place. If you think the Peace Poster Contest doesn't

spread the word of Lionism, think about this: I talked to the mother of our local winner as she hugged her daughter's award and found out grandparents drove for an hour and a half just to see their granddaughter receive her award.

New Goshen West Vigo Lions Club has taken on an unusual Lions project. Their den is right next to the last standing two-room brick school house in Indiana. The building includes original desks, blackboards and a 48-star American flag.

It took them several years to halt the demolition of the building and to buy the surrounding land, which has been turned into a Lion Park for the community. They have decided to restore this building as a historical location. New Goshen members have been busy doing most of the work themselves as time and money allows. When they are not hammering and sawing they're raising funds with spaghetti dinners and fundraising projects. This unincorporated town has rallied around the Lions Club by supporting all the efforts and even lending a hand now and then. Writing of grants to LCIF will give them the opportunity to finish the project, which has increased community pride.

Cloverdale Lions Club has solved a problem many Clubs are facing and that is competition from other service organizations. As a poet once said, "We had love and wit to win. We drew a circle that took them in."

Instead of competing with these groups Cloverdale gathered them. They asked 17 groups and three high school service groups to work together on projects under the umbrella leadership of Lions. This way similar projects are worked on at the same time

by everyone. Everyone is learning that working together is a lot of fun and you can belong to your group and the Lions Club, too.

Brookston Lions Club has also solved a similar problem. Instead of competing with the failing American Legion Post, they adopted the post as one of their projects. The Lions provide the manpower and the Legion provides the building and desserts for by-monthly steak or fish fries. This allows both groups to enjoy each other and earn a bit of funds.

It is truly amazing the passion Lions have for serving their community.

One of the joys of being a District Governor is to celebrate the recognition of service to Lions Club by presenting chevrons for every five years of service to their members. It is amazing the longevity of the dedication of service Lions produce. It's not unusual to present chevrons for 30, 35, or 40 years but, recently, Robert Quinn, a charter member of the Delphi Lions Club, received a charter chevron for 65 years of service! Think about all the hours spent in serving others, all the changes he has seen, and all that he has been a part of. It makes you proud to see that Lions have such dedicated people. It makes you proud to be a Lion!

I don't have the copy space to tell you about the Clubs that are working on their Club Excellence Award and those who are working on the Centennial Service Challenge. Now it's time for a short commercial. District C's District Convention is coming Feb. 28 and will feature ID Steven Tremaroli from MD 20 and PDG "Buzz" Melton from MD 1, you are all welcomed.

I do have one last word — or two, Merry Christmas to all!



**GOLF OUTING** — Lion Bob Hrdy with Leader Dog Alex, Lion Vicky Hrdy and Lion Bob Goldberg are helping at the Hole-In-One portion of a golf outing sponsored by the Lafayette Lions Club.

**SPECIAL LION** — Charter Member Lion Robert Quinn of the Delphi Lions Club received his 65-year Milestone Chevron Award from District Governor Charles Roth on Nov. 5.



**BEING RESTORED** — Two members of the New Goshen West Vigo Lions Club are standing in front of the last standing two-room brick school house in Indiana. This school house, located next door to the Lions Den in New Goshen, is being restored by the New Goshen West Vigo Lions Club for use by the community.

## PDG notes

### Death claims PDG Leon Ridenour

PDG Lewis Leon Ridenour, 90, (25-G 1990-91) of Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester, died Monday, Oct. 13, at Peabody Healthcare Center. He was born Dec. 6, 1923, in Wabash County to J. Sherman and Lola (Durnbaugh) Ridenour.



**PDG LEON RIDENOUR**

He married Phoebe J. Roser in Wabash on Feb. 24, 1948. Ridenour was a high school math teacher and was a charter tour bus driver for 30 years. He was a 40-year member of the Wabash County Council, a member of Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, a lifetime member of the National Educators Association and a 72-year Lions member.

He is survived by his wife,

Phoebe J. Ridenour of North Manchester; daughter, Marcia L. (David) Heaps of Chatham, Ill.; two granddaughters, Manning Heaps of Greenville, Ill., and Kelsey (Dalton) Lee of Riverton, Ill.; and a brother-in-law, Phil (Trula) Cramer of Wabash. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Carol Ridenour; brother, Rex Ridenour; and his sister, Sherman Cramer.

Graveside services were held Saturday, Oct. 18, at Roann Community Cemetery, Roann with Ken Goble officiating.

Preferred memorial is Lions Eye Bank.

### PDG Bob Price dies

PDG Robert Allen Price, 74, (25-F 1999-00 and 2007-08) passed away on Monday, Oct. 20, after a long illness.

He was born June 10, 1940, in Indianapolis, and preceded in death by his parents, Robert Morris Price and Maxine Fox Price.

He graduated from Ben Davis High School, Valparaiso Techni-

cal Institute and attended Butler University. He served in the U.S. Army from 1963-67.

He was a member Pike Township Lions Club for 27 years, serving is a number of Club offices. Besides service as District Governor twice, he served as Lions State Youth Exchange Chairperson, Region and Zone chairperson and personally hosted 16 exchange students. He was awarded Lions Presidential Leadership Award 2008. In addition he was presented the Indiana Lions W. P. Woods Award in 2008 and 2014, the highest award given to an Indiana Lion member and was a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and Pike Lion of the Year in 1996-97. He participated in the Lions District 25-F Mexico Eye Glass Mission Trips for five years.



**PDG BOB PRICE**

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Patricia. He is survived by three children, Christopher (Beverly), Michael, Lori (Jason); grandchildren, Brennan, Jaxon and Caden; two step-grandchildren, Stephanie (Randy) and great-grandchild, Emma, and Brandon (Stephanie).

Family and Friends may call on Sunday, October 26 in Trinity Episcopal Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 27.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lions Cancer Control Fund C/O Pike Township Lions Club, 7775 Melbourne Road, Indianapolis IN 46268.

### PDG Larry Bradtmiller dies

PDG Larry Bradtmiller, 74, (25-B 1997-98) passed away Saturday, Oct. 18, at Parkview Hospital Randallia in Fort Wayne. Born in Fort Wayne, Larry was a facility maintainer with GTE for 29 years. He was a member of Foster Park Lions Club.

Surviving are his mother,

Lillian M. Crosley; two sons, Brett (Jill) Bradtmiller and Jeffrey (Susan) Bradtmiller; and two granddaughters, all of Fort Wayne. He was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine R. Bradtmiller and father, Robert Bradtmiller.

Funeral Service were held Oct. 24. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Indiana 25-B Lions Diabetes Program or Fort Wayne Turners.

### Father of PDG Nick Xinopoulos dies

We have been informed that George Xinopoulos, father of PDG Nick Xinopoulos (25-C 2009-10) passed away at his home in the village of Emborio, Greece, on Tuesday, Nov. 18.



**PDG LARRY BRADTMILLER**



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**FOUR NEW MEMBERS** — Westfield Lions inducted four new members Nov. 6. In front, from left, are Randy Picek, Al Fennewald, Don Collins and Susan Clark. In back are their sponsors, Ted Engelbrecht, Brian Abraham, Ron Perkins and Jeff Larrison.

## The blessings of being a Lion

By GOV. KATHY LOZIER

Two weeks ago I had major surgery. I had a full-knee replacement in the right leg. I cannot believe the outpouring of cards, e-mails, post to Facebook, prayers and love that has come my way during this time of recuperation and rehabilitation.

The offers of assistance to run errands, pick-up groceries or to bring in food have also been amazing. These "BLESSINGS" are so greatly appreciated and FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, I SAY THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SENT

(you know who you are) GET-WELL WISHES AND THE WONDERFUL WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT!!

All of this leads me to better understand how thankful the people are who we, as Lions, help not only during the holidays, but every day of the year.

As we work together within our own Lions Clubs, with other Clubs in our District, with other organizations within our town or community - we all get to share in the pleasure and that "warm, fuzzy feeling," that comes from helping others.

Over the years I have had

many chances to hear the stories of how thankful the recipients are of our help. I am now a recipient of that "help." No, I wasn't in need of food to feed my family, or help with utility bills or help with other work around my home - many of the ways Lions help those in need. However, my Lions Family supported me with Love and Compassion, and yes, the traditional ways in which we help those in need are in fact, founded with Love and Compassion.

We, as Lions, are so "Blessed" that we get to share the passion, the love and the compassion that we have deep inside of us with the less fortunate people of the world and with each other.

It's what helps make us a family and to my way of thinking it "Strengthens the Pride" all over the World! I pray we continue to share that Love and Compassion and someday maybe we can reach - "Peace thru Service" Until next time - May God Bless Each and Every One of You!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!!!!

## Upland has been busy ...

**MASTER KEY** — Lion Cindy Wright, Upland Lions, is receiving a Senior Master Builder Key Award for sponsoring 25 new members.



**KIDSIGHT SCREENING** — Upland Lions Club held KidSight Vision Screening at Upland Kiddie Kampus Nov. 17. Of the 49 students at the school 30 were tested. (61 percent of the enrollment). Pictured are Lion VP Rick Wright giving a sticker to one of the students and Lion President Harold Sargent conducting a test.



**NEW MEMBERS** — Two new members of the Upland Lions are being initiated by District Governor Kathy Lozier.

**DICTIONARIES** — Lion Jeff Larrison, Westfield Lions, distributes dictionaries to Washington Woods Elementary School third-graders.



**THREE NEW MEMBERS** — Three new members were inducted into Lapel Lions Club by PDG Jack and First VDG Betty Weist on Oct. 28. From left are Jack, Betty, Catherine Callahan, Cindy Harper Dr. Stephen Wright, and sponsor Sam Swadley. In front is Miss Candy Corn Carolyn.



**CHRISTMAS BAGS** — Markleville Lions John Holmes, Wayne Fox and Bob Burgette are filling Christmas bags to be given out at Christmas to kids in the Markleville area.

# Not News to Us

By SECOND VDG J. ROSS DRAPALIK  
Chairman Indiana Lions Eye Bank Inc

At the USA/Canada Forum in Puerto Rico this past September, Lions Clubs International unveiled a new initiative called "Lions KidSight USA." This nationwide program is designed to vision screen children 6 months through 6 years of age. The goal: to get every Club involved in vision screening.

So what does this program mean for the Lions of Indiana? Well other than promoting an awareness of the need for Lions to get involved with the screening of pre-school age children, Lions KidSight USA is nothing different from what the Lions of Indiana have been doing since 2003.

With the support of the Lions of Indiana and the Indiana Lions Eye Bank Inc., the Operation KidSight staff and volunteers have screened over 115,000 children in Indiana since 2003. As great as this sounds

though, there are a total of 440,000 children in Indiana between the ages of 6 months and 6 years as this article is being written.

Last year, Operation KidSight screened 17,091 children with 1,168 of those children being referred for a complete eye examination with an eye care professional. We must, we can, and we are doing better this year.

Now here is the best part . . . there is no cost to your Club or the families of the children that we screen. To start screening, all you need to do is contact Lion Janice Chapman by visiting the Operation KidSight website at <http://www.indianalionseyebank.org/operationkidsight.html> or by contacting any of the Indiana Lions Eye Bank Inc. trustees within the District. While visiting the website you will find information about our program, consent forms, brochures, media releases and announcements, as

well as ways that you can help.

The main thing that an Operation KidSight screening is trying to detect is "lazy eye." This is not as much a vision issue, but rather a communication issue between the eyes and the brain. A lazy eye can be a completely normal eye, but the eye and brain are not working together. Eventually the brain may simply shut off images being sent from the lazy eye. Treatment of this condition is as easy as patching the good eye and forcing the child to use and retrain the lazy eye to respond to the impulses of the brain.

How do I know? Well my 6-year-old daughter is an Operation KidSight child. Through patching, her eyesight has so far been corrected from being 20/85 to 20/55. Will we get to 20/20? Well probably not, but we have prevented her from becoming blind in her left eye. For that, our family says "Thank you Lions!" You've served and we will continue to serve together.



**A LION FOR 71 YEARS** — Lion Stanley Jeffries, Montpelier Lions, with District Governor Kathy. Lion Stanley has been a Lion for 71 years.

**See You At  
Mid Winter**



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## Relieve hunger, benefit others

By GOV. JEFF SCHAFER

The month of December is all about families and relieving the hunger. During December and January, the Lions Club International will be challenging our Lion Clubs to be part of the Centennial Service Challenge to help relieve hunger to benefit 25 million people.

We can play our part in LCI's goal by organizing projects to help those folks that don't have enough food to eat, volunteer and support your local food bank or help prepare and deliver food baskets to families in need or plan to help plant a community vegetable garden in the spring. Remember, one in five children in America lives in households that struggle to put food on the table. That equates to 16 million children struggling with hunger! In addition, 62 percent of America's teachers regularly see kids who come to school hungry because they aren't getting enough to eat at home! Be part of the Centennial Service Challenge to fight against hunger!

Dec. 5 we'll also celebrate International Leo Day. This is an annual occasion to commemorate the organization of the first Leo Club on Dec. 5, 1957, and to applaud Leos for their dedicated service in the community, and to recognize their commitment to the Leo Club Program. The Dugger Lions Club (our newest Club) has sponsored our newest Leo Club at the Dugger Union School back in August. They had over 30 charter members and had a wonderful Charter Night raising funds to help them get started supporting their community.

We'll be celebrating the "Lions Worldwide Week of Service Jan. 10-16. This week will bring together Lions across the world for a special week of celebration and service to showcase the birthday of our founder, Melvin Jones.

Finally, during this week it would be a great opportunity for us as Lions to showcase our Clubs and what we do in our communities. Our Clubs could host a

project that benefits youth, vision, hunger or the environment; find new members by inviting family and friends to serve with them (Ask 1); or increase Club visibility by promoting your service projects in the media.

One last event in January is the Mid Winter Conference, which will be held on Jan. 9-10 at the Plainfield Middle School. Please plan to join us for the Friday night dinner and a day full of training on Saturday. The guest speaker will be Justice Steven H. David. The application is in the October Hoosier Lion, in our newsletter and on our website at [www.lions25e.org](http://www.lions25e.org).

What a wonderful year we have had in the District of 25-E! I've completed nearly 50 percent of my official visits and we have had two District Team Meetings, one in Bedford and the other in Chandler.

All of the Clubs that I have visited thus far have been doing outstanding community service and supporting Lionism according to our goals and objectives. We have also chartered one new Leo Club out of Dugger Union High School. In addition, we have made significant strides towards increasing our membership and retaining our current members. As of this writing, we were a -22 for the year as compared to last year when we were a -38. Also, through November we have logged in over 18,300 Lion hours and have served over 72,900 people served!

I would like to Acknowledge those Clubs that have added members to our District during October and November (since the October Hoosier Lion). The Bedford Lions added two new members (congrats to Lion Philip Mitchell for sponsoring both), Crandall Lions added two (congrats to Lion Beverly Watala for sponsoring both), and Jasper Lions added two. The Campbellsburg, Corydon, Francisco, Fredericksburg, Georgetown, Martinsburg, New Albany, Oakland City and Worthington each added one new member.

Let's continue showing strong membership and retaining current members through December and post a strong first half for the year. Again, congratulations to everyone who has sponsored a new member this year and let's keep "Strengthening the Pride?"

If you recall I returned FLD Shadow to Leader Dogs for the Blind at the end of October and picked up our new Leader Dog puppy Molly. A quick update on FLD Shadow from their staff has indicated that he has been running with his new friends 3-4 times a day. They have been working with him on petting, grooming, touch and giving him some loving time and attention.

They have indicated he is a beautiful male and has such an expressive face. He has been playing well with his new friends and likes to play keep away with his toys in a fun way. They have also indicated he has some very good patience's while he waits for his food and treats.

FLD Shadow began his foundation training the week after Thanksgiving. There are a few photos of Shadow in the district's December newsletter.

FLD Molly has been a hand full thus far and has been busy making her rounds to various club meetings and the District Team Meeting. She is learning her basic obedience training along with her potty training.

I would like to encourage everyone to attend our District's Convention planned for March 20-21, 2015, at the Brown County Abe Martin Lodge. International Director John Pettis, Jr. from Massachusetts will be our guest speaker.

I have details on our website concerning lodging and meals along with information on the Brown County State Park. It would be great if we could have 100+ during our convention on Saturday along with our banquet dinner on Saturday night. This event and more can be found on our website at [www.lions25e.org](http://www.lions25e.org)

It's not too early to start plan-

ning for the Indiana State Convention planned for April 24-25 in Columbus, at the Clarion Hotel Convention Center (same location as last year). Let's show International President Joe Preston a huge Hoosier hospitality and have a good showing during the Convention and at the banquet on Saturday night. The goal for our District is to have 60 plus

members in attendance for the banquet.

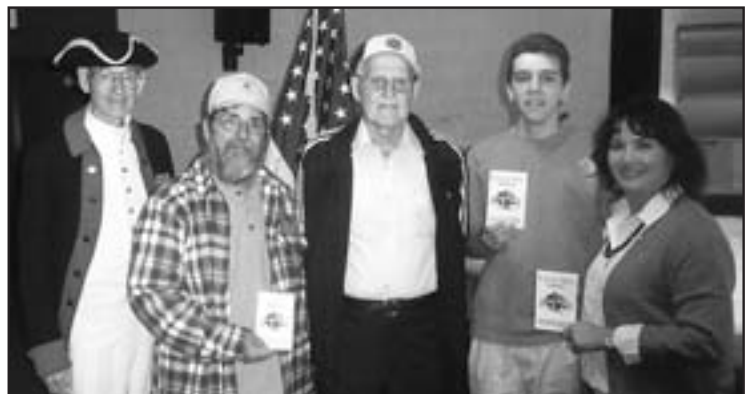
Keep up the great work in Lionism and serving your communities. Remember IP Joe Preston's membership initiative "Ask One" and make a commitment to ask someone you think has the desire and passion to be a Lion - To Serve. "Sail with Pride and Together We'll Grow Stronger."



**COOKIN' FLAPJACKS** — Lion Don Allen is cooking flapjacks at the Bedford Lions Club 23rd annual Fall Flapjack Feast on a new 48-inch electric griddle that was partially purchased with a \$750 grant from the Indiana Lions Foundation. This year's project was a great success with approximately 2,400 people being served flapjacks and enjoying the semiannual community breakfast.



**DICTIONARIES** — Lion Judy Heichelbech with a third-grade class at Shawsick Elementary School after they received their dictionaries. A total of 408 third-grade students in the nine North Lawrence Elementary Schools, the St. Vincent de Paul School and the Stone City Christian Academy recently were presented new dictionaries from the Bedford Lions Club. This is the ninth consecutive year the Lions have participated in this Dictionary Project, presenting a total of 3,830 dictionaries according to Lion Ken Brumbaugh, chairman of the local program since it originated. Inside the cover of each book is a Lion label where each pupil can write in his or her name. The dictionaries are used to assist students in improving their reading ability and comprehension. Lion Brumbaugh stated, "It is a chance for them to expand their vocabulary and to have their very own dictionary."



**LIBERTY DAY** — Pictured from the Nov. 10 Liberty Day Constitution program at Bloomington South High School are PDG Bill Willis, Liberty Day State Chairman; Lion Wally Myers of the Ellettsville Lions; Lion Ed Hitchcock of the Bloomington Lions; Abraham Leite, a member of the junior class; and speaker State Representative Peggy Mayfield.

## Seal the deal with a test drive

By PDG PAUL RUSSELL  
State GMT Chairperson

A few weeks ago, my wife and I decided that it was time to replace our 20-year-old minivan. We did some research online, then visited a nearby dealership.

The salesman who came out to meet us engaged us in conversation about our needs, and identified a vehicle that he thought might meet our needs. But he didn't just tell us about the features, he encouraged us to get in and take a test drive, because he

knows that the hands-on experience of a test drive is his best sales tool. Later, as I thought about our experience at the auto dealership, I realized that it was applicable to our efforts to recruit new members for our Lions Clubs.

In many cases, our individual recruiting efforts take the form of a simple question: "Would you like to come to a Lions Club meeting?" or "Would you like to join our Lions Club?". These questions often result in a negative response. And after we've been turned down by several people, we get discouraged and quit asking.

Perhaps we need to rethink our approach. Instead of simply asking someone to come to a meeting or join our Club, perhaps we should request their assistance

on one of our community service projects, particularly when they have skills we need to complete that project. Ask an educator or librarian to help with a literacy project, such as the Dictionary Project. Ask an eye care professional to help with a vision-related project, such as Operation KidSight. Ask someone who enjoys woodworking to help build a ramp for someone with mobility problems. In essence, identify our prospect's interests, match those interests with the "features" of one of our community service projects, then offer our prospect a "test drive".

Hands-on experience with Lions community service is our best sales tool, so let's take a lesson from that salesman at the auto dealership and seal the deal with a test drive.

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**MEET THE COUNT** — Speedway Lions President Vince Noblet poses as Count Dracula while Lion Elizabeth Breen keeps law and order as a Speedway Police Officer. The Speedway Lions have presented their Halloween Party for Speedway kids since 1946.



## Life cycle LIFE CYCLE

By GOV. BILL UHRIG

“Mighty oaks from tiny acorns grow.” It’s hard to imagine how such a small seed can grow into a large sturdy tree. The seed is planted and then nature takes its course. Moisture in the form of rain or snow, sunshine and wind come together to feed the seedling promoting growth. Years later we find our self raking the leaves that fall from this mighty fortress.

In 1917 Melvin Jones had an idea. Like the acorn his idea became a reality when he called together a group of like minded businessmen and they decided they could make the world a better place by serving their fellow man. Now approaching 100 years

later we are looking at the mighty oak tree they planted and over the years Lions have nurtured those thoughts and actions into where we are today.

In MD 25 look at the five projects we support. At some point a Lion had an idea. It was planted, like the acorn, and it grew through the work of Lions who saw that a need existed and worked to cultivate it. It grew and continues to grow through the efforts and hard work we exhibit. We “rake the leaves” in the form of funds raised to assist those in need. The same held true for Lions at the Club level who had an idea on how to raise funds or initiate a new project. They planted that idea with their fellow Club members, saw that with

work they could grow into the fund raisers and projects we have today. As such we are capable of assisting those “We Serve.”

New acorns continue to be planted. They recently introduced Centennial Challenge Lions worldwide are undertaking is one example. Lions International has planted the seed that will grow into our helping 100 million people by the end of 2017. That makes one large oak tree. Also another seed we will water and spread with sunshine (hard work) is Lions Kids Sight USA. This program also formerly known as Operation Kid Sight is to provide vision screening to children from six months to six years. While it has been in use for several years, in some areas, the charge now is that within the next five years all Clubs within all Districts will embrace this effort. That is by utilizing equipment to do screenings or arranging screening in their areas.

All Clubs can look at how their existing “trees” (efforts) are being cared for and maybe even plant new seeds that will turn into a profitable fundraiser or project. Think about it if you still find yourself out in your yard, or as some did last month at Camp Woodsmoke, “raking leaves.”

**BEST OF FRIENDS** — Leader Dog puppy in training Rocket is at the Hope Lions Cabinet Meeting with his new best friend PDG Peg Dawson.



**READY FOR EYEGLOSS MISSION** — District sA and F Lions prepared 59,800 pairs of eyeglasses for shipment to Mexico in support of F's Mission in January 2015.

**ASK 1** — Chapel Hill Lion Tracy Clayton distributes Membership Applications as part of the Club's Ask 1 undertaking.



**W.P. WOODS FELLOW** — From left are First VDG John Brown, DG Bill Uhrig, PCC Sue Topf, Lion David Straughn, Lion Fay Bunker and CC Reed Fish all were present when Lion Fay received a W. P. Woods Fellowship during Region One proceedings. Lion David sponsored her award through his efforts working for the Foundation at the state fair.



**WINNING POSTER** — The winning Peace Poster is the work of Madeline Randolph, age 11, of Newby Elementary School, Speedway. It was entered by the Speedway Lions Club and was selected from 21 other renderings from that Club. Final District judging consisted of entries submitted by the Osgood Lions Club and Indianapolis Franklin Township Lions Club. Thanks to all students participating at the Club level and those advancing to the District competition.

### Administrative Secretary needed

The Indiana Lions 2014-15 Council of Governors is seeking applications for the position of Multiple District Administrative Secretary. The Administrative Secretary serves as State Council Secretary, MD Convention Secretary and is responsible for making the Secretary reports required by the Constitution of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

A qualified candidate is a Lion in good standing with their Club who possesses leadership skills and supervisory experience to carry out the duties assigned. The Administrative Secretary reports directly and only to the Council Chairperson.

Duties include, but are not limited to: liaison with the State Office Holding Corp., maintain office hours in the State Office, serve as resource person for special projects, attend all Council Meetings as Administrative Advisor and Recording Secretary, develop and reproduce the Indiana Lions State Directory, as well as duties relating to State and International Lions Conventions. A complete listing of duties can be found in the Indiana Lions Policy Manual, Article X.

To apply for this position, please submit a resume, along with your letter of intent to seek the position of Indiana MD-25 Administrative Secretary to: Council Chairperson Reed Fish, 8344 W. 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46234. Applications may also be sent via email to rfish@amfam.com. All applications need to be received by Dec. 31, 2014.

**CERTIFICATE** — Sue Topf is shown receiving President Barry Palmer's Certificate of Appreciation at the November Council Meeting for her service as Council Chairperson during the last Lions year. Making the presentation is Council Chairperson Reed Fish.





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## Lions and social media

By GOV. MARTY JUEL

“Beam me up, Scotty.” The catchphrase that made its way into popular culture from the 1966 science fiction television series, “Star Trek” comes from the command that Captain Kirk gives his chief engineer “Scotty, when he needed to be transported back to the Starship Enterprise. As District Governor, I often wish I could be transported back after an official visitation or other Lions function by this simple command.

While the Sci-Fi teleport method has not been created (yet!), there are other components from earlier TV series upon us. The picture phone is here, so is the telephone watch, and from a store close to us all might come the shoe phone from the “Get

Smart” series. Along with these physical tools of wonderment, ‘apps’ proliferate to make our lives easier.

As Lions, if our Clubs are too slow to adapt to them, and the phrase I continue to here is “I don’t do computers- never have, never will,” the future might leave many behind. Today people, especially NON-Lions, are used to having news and other information come to them. People no longer have to go out and search for news. Eons ago, we had to go to the street corner and purchase an actual printed newspaper. Every morning I open my phone and today’s news is one click away. Coupon clipping is also digital, and we never have to clutter purses and pockets with paper discount passes.

The social media outlets avail-

able allow us to target messages to individuals more efficiently than any direct mail or any other promotional effort in the past. The key is for Clubs to have trained members direct a Lions’ Club social media effort, including posting photos of events, promoting future events and keeping a constant and fresh presence throughout the Internet. The most obvious is Facebook, but there are other social media outlets worth pursuing, such as LinkedIn, Pinterest, Google Plus, just to name a few.

If you haven’t kept up on your District’s efforts, visit our website ([www.Lions25g.org](http://www.Lions25g.org)) and our Facebook page at Lions District 25-G. Please ‘Like’ our page and share posts to your page. The more people see news about Lions and perhaps your Club in particular, the easier it is for them to ‘reach out’ to you and become a part of your Club. I attempt to put information from Clubs whenever somebody sends it to me, including photos and articles on our website and Facebook page. The South Tuscon Lions Club ‘borrowed’ a post from our Facebook page and used it as its cover photo for a while. Scroll down our FB page and see the post we did on the sign along US Hwy. 31 north of Peru. During my official visit to the Mexico Lions Club, I put the photo and a short story about the sign on our website and Facebook page, and our friends in Arizona ‘borrowed’ the post. Being about 110 miles from Nogales, Mexico, it seemed appropriate!

What’s the future for us? Talk to most newspaper publishers and they’re already trying to figure out a use for their printing presses. Local radio stations have all but disappeared. The amount of actual commercial time in a 30-minute television program is about 36 percent. As DG, I have probably only received 4-5 mailed (USPS) communications from LCI. Times are indeed changing, and as Lions, we must make sure our messages are being received.



**LEESBURG TURNS 70** —The Leesburg Lions Club observed the 70th anniversary of the Club’s Charter on Sept. 11 at a banquet held at Maple Leaf Farms headquarters. Guest speaker for the evening was Dean Huppert, sports news director from WSJV, South Bend.

PDG Paul Russell gave a short history of Lionism, President Scott Kammerer talked about 70 years of Leesburg Lionism, 50-year Lions member Jerry Kammerer talked about changes over the years and 30-year Lions member Robert Bishop talked about his father being a Charter Member and what the Club has done for the community.



**DONATION** — The Wakarusa Lions Club has made a donation to the local Boys & Girls Club to provide after school snacks at Wakarusa Elementary School. This program was started during the month of October.

Shown are Wakarusa Elementary students who will participate in the program and Lamar Pippenger, treasurer of the Wakarusa Club.



**‘SHOWER’ HELD** — The Elkhart Community Lions held their annual “shower” for Beds and Britches Etc., donating clothing, hat, gloves, coats, socks, booties, diapers and money, etc. Pictured, from left, are Maria Toombs from the Women’s Care Center; Margaret McVeigh, director of the Elkhart Women’s Care Center; Margaret Miller from B.A.B.E.s; and Lion Diann Hoy

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**MEXICO HAS HOG ROAST FOR SCHOLARSHIPS** — The Mexico Lions held at hog roast Sept. 11 as a fundraiser for the Club’s Donald (Pete) Linn Memorial Scholarship Fund. The 2015 scholarships for North Miami graduating students will be \$500 each. The Club considers this its most important fundraiser of the year.



**PIERCETON CELEBRATES 85TH** — The Pierceton Lions Club held a private party Nov 11 at Millers Merry Manor in Warsaw to celebrate the Club’s 85th anniversary. Shown is one of the tables of Lions who joined in the celebration.

## Maddens welcomed home

A dinner was held at the Fort Wayne Hotel Nov. 1 to welcome Past International President Wayne Madden and Lion Linda back to the Hoosier State.

The event was hosted by the Past District Governors of 25-B with Zone Chairperson Keith Hansen serving as master of ceremonies.

Following the buffet style dinner, a number of presentations were made and questions were asked of the Maddens by Lion David McCants. The family response was given by the couple’s daughter Lion Julie Babcock. Earlier in the evening the Maddens had surprised their daughter with a Melvin Jones Award.

Gift presentations were made by PDG Dave Fiandt and PDG Ed Souers. These included a lifetime membership to the Auburn Cord Museum in Auburn, a photo that will hang in the state office with photos of PIP W. P. Woods and PIP Ed Payne and a wooden plaque created by First Vice District Governor Ken Krauter of 25-B. The plaque, in the shape of the state of

Indiana, featured a photo of PIP Madden.

During the evening slides and videos of the Maddens’ travels were shown. The event closed with PIP Gene Rice singing “Back Home Again in Indiana.”

**MELVIN JONES FELLOW** — PIP Wayne Madden presented his daughter, Julie Babcock, with a Melvin Jones Fellowship during the evening’s festivities.



**HONORS FOR MADDEN** — Lion Linda and PIP Wayne Madden stand beside a wooden plaque created by First Vice District Governor Ken Krauter of 25-B in honor of PIP Wayne’s service to the International Lions as the Association’s President.