

District 25F Newsletter



May 2022



Early Spring Reflections

District Governor Jeffrey Locke

Welcome to May! As I sit in the man cave today, I have the windows open having just returned from the State Lions 101st Convention in Indy. But more on that later. After our District Convention our travels took us to Beech Grove on the 7th where we presented 2020-2021 Club President Mike Pence with the Club Excellence Award earned during his year. Congrats Lion Mike! April 11th found us in Vevay at the Vevay/Switzerland County Lions Club where we had the honor to present Lion Matt Schmitt with a Melvin Jones Fellow. It was a night for the Schmitt Family as I presented Paul Schmitt, Matt's father with his 30-year Chevron Award. April 12th, we visited the Versailles Lions Club which included Lions from the Osgood and Milan Lions Clubs. I was honored to present Versailles Club President Roberta Everage with a Club Patch recognizing their 80th Club Anniversary. Service Chevrons were also presented to Versailles Lions, please see picture in this newsletter. On April 16th we attended the Charlottesville Lions Club Fish and Tenderloin dinner, the food was great. April 19th, we traveled to McCordsville and visited with the Fortville and Indy Warren Township Lions Club. I was honored on behalf of IPDG Ken Faulkner to present Lion Lee Guthrie with a Presidential Leadership Medal. Congratulations Lion Lee! I made my last visit to the Indy area on April 21st to meet with the Indy Downtown Club. We finished the month at the Ben Davis Pancake Breakfast. I still think Williamsburg's Pancakes are better! We ended April back in Indy for the 101st Indiana Lions State Convention. During the Convention the Council of Governor's meet twice and several sessions of business was held during the convention. I was honored to lead the first business session on Friday night. Several wonderful speakers addressed the convention and the Saturday Night All State Banquet featured PIP Lion Clem Kusiak. But the highlight for District 25F at the All-State Banquet was Indy Center Township President Lion Brenda Wilson being awarded a Presidential Leadership Medal from IP Douglas Alexander by PIP Kusiak. This is the third highest award given in Lionism. Congratulations Lion Brenda!

As we head into the last two months of this Lions year remember the entrance fee for new Lions is waived through June 30th so now is the time to bring in that new Lion. If your club is interested in becoming a LCIF Model Club, there is time to do that past the end of the Campaign 100 deadline, see Lion IPDG Ken Faulkner

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or ZC Charlie Coombs of Decatur Central for more info. New Officers must be reported to LCI by May 15th. We appreciate your assistance in this. Also, please continue to report your Monthly Membership Reports and all service activities.

I still have a few visits scheduled and hope to add a few more before my term ends. I'll be happy to hear from you if we haven't scheduled a date yet! So, until next month I wish everyone a wonderful start to warmer weather, outdoor activities, and Lions meetings and projects as we "Tee Up To Serve".

Racing into May

1st VDG Linda Scott

We are racing into May! The State Convention is coming up as I write this. I am looking forward to seeing a lot of Lions at the Convention.

The weather is improving, and I know it is now easier to get out. I hope your club service projects are keeping you busy! As you do your projects be sure to report them. If you need help reporting them, let me know. We can help with that. Speaking of reporting, also be sure to report your new officers for the year. I want to enter them correctly in the directory for next year.

I am working on my trip to Montreal! If you have not attended an International Convention, this is one to think about! Lots of interesting and fun things are happening there!

This year is going by quickly! Mark your calendars for July 16, 2022. That will be Organization Day at Camp Woodsmoke. We will have training in the morning. We will enjoy a pitch in lunchtime and then conduct some business after lunch. The camp is beautiful place to meet and enjoy fellowship with other Lions. It should be a fun day. Plan now to attend.

Happy Mother's Day!

Get Well Wishes



**Articles for 2nd
VDG Ed Harper
will return in June.
Please wish 2VDG
Ed well as he
recovers from a
recent surgery.**



Club Officer Training

The first club officer training & rejuvenation session for the upcoming 2022 -2023 Lion's year will take place at the Clermont Lion's Club Park on Tuesday, May 17th at 6pm. It is located at 3201 Tansel Rd.

All Lions are invited – current, new or prospective officers are the target audiences. The positions that will be focused on are President, Secretary and Treasurer and we will have a new segment on Marketing Your Club.

The main responsibilities of each office will be covered and any changes that have been recently made will be discussed. Plan now on joining your fellow Lions on this important step on starting the New Year.

Hope to see you there!

PCC Reed Fish

International Convention



There is still time to register for the biggest event of the Lion year—the 104th Lions Clubs International Convention in Montreal. Canada, our host nation, has opened its borders and is ready to keep visitors safe while enjoying the beauty of this historic city.

I am looking forward to visiting the many beautiful churches—including Notre-Dame Basilica, touring Montmorency Falls—they are higher than the Niagara Falls, and tasting the wonderful food.

So go to <https://lcicon.lionsclubs.org/> to **Register** and find out more information about **Entry Requirements** and other travel information.

There will be sessions with great opportunities to learn more about Lions — ideas to take home to your clubs and communities. There will also be multiple service events to do what we do best—Serve. Then there will be the International Show with Smokey Robinson and my favorite — the Parade of Nations.

Make sure to purchase your new **BLUE** Indiana Lions parade shirt if you plan to attend.

Will be sending out more information as it becomes available concerning the Indiana Lions Dinner and the Midwest Breakfast.

See you in Montreal!

Lion Patty Cooke, PDG

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DG Photo Favorites



DG Jeff Recognizing Lion Richard Garst who received his 10 year Chevron Award



DG Jeff Celebrated with the Indianapolis-Downtown Lions and photographed their banner memorializing their many years of service



DG Jeff presented Lion Lee Guthrie with his Presidential Leadership Medal from PIP Yin Yul Choi on behalf of IPDG Ken Faulkner



Indy-Warren Township President Marie Choppening presented DG Jeff with a check for \$1,500 towards Lions State Projects



Vevay –Switzerland Lions Club President Jarod Shroeder presented DG Jeff with a check for \$2,000 towards State Lions Projects



Versailles President Roberta Everage receiving an 80th Anniversary Banner Patch



Versailles Lions receiving Service Chevron Awards. Lion Paul Sipples was recognize for 10 years of service, Lion Shirley Pavey was recognized for 10 years of service, Lion Kenny Sheets recognized for 50 years of service and Lion Doug Daggy recognized for 45 years of service



Lion Matt Schmitt of the Vevay Switzerland Lions Club was awarded at Melvin Jones Fellowship

Camp Woodsmoke

There have been several new things that has happened around the Camp since last newsletter.

Nick and Steph Coley left the Camp and have moved to Florida for advancement in their careers.

Our new Caretakers are Adam Eisert and Belinda Flaspohler, they are engaged, and will be taking on the work of operating and maintaining the campgrounds and scheduling groups that wish to use the Camp. Please greet and welcome them when you visit Camp Woodsmoke. If you want to schedule usage of the Camp, please contact the Camp as soon as possible. The Camp is already booked well into summer. It is good to see campers are coming back from the Covid issue and enjoying the outdoors of the Camp again.

Many thanks to everyone who helped the Camp replace the older UTV. We located a used 2019 Polaris Ranger 900 which had low hours and in very good condition. This should be a great unit to support the maintenance needs of the Camp for several years to come.

Now is the time to plan for Pork Chop Sunday, which is being held on Sunday, September 25. We will be selling advance sell tickets with no tickets being sold at the door. Picnic tables will be set up to dine at the Camp after driving through to pick up your meals. Each Club will receive their tickets to purchase in their Organizational Day club packets. Menu will be the same as last year.

We are still looking for Lions to be part of the Board of Trustees at Camp Woodsmoke “The Best”. The more Lions who participate as a Trustee, the more diverse of ideas and plans for the future of the camp, the better.

As always, many thanks to the Clubs and individual Lions who continue to support Camp Woodsmoke “The Best” both financially as well as participation in the Camp events. Without you, we could not do all that we do at the Camp.

Be safe in your travels, count your blessings each day, be grateful for your friends and family, continue to serve when you can and thank all Veterans and First Responders you meet for all they have done for our freedoms and safety.

Yours In Lionism,

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Indiana Law Camp

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LAW CAMP

INDIANA STATE POLICE

Law camps give students entering the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades a behind the scenes look at the criminal justice system. The four-day co-ed camps offer a more advanced look at law enforcement through field trips, exciting demonstrations and motivating programs. There are physical activities that take place during the week along with hands-on programs. Campers meet peers from around the state, participate in recreational activities and leave with a greater understanding of the police field. Lions clubs of Indiana have tirelessly co-sponsored Law Camps for many years. Lions will continue to provide special meals for the kids and troopers, along with snacks and water and other things as needed.

The 2022 camps are fast approaching. The two camps scheduled this year will be held at Anderson University June 26-29 and Columbus Youth Camp Grounds July 19-13.

Registration is \$150.00. We will offer scholarships again this year for kids sponsored by our Lions Clubs or Lions members. The completed applications for scholarships must be sent to either PDG Betty Weist or PID Linda Tincher so we can indorse and send them on. Applications can be found on Indiana Troopers Youth Service website www.trooper.org.

Betty Weist, 765-623-3553 bettyweist@aol.com PO Box 41, Markleville, IN 46056

Linda Tincher, 812-240-0545 linda.tincher@ma.rr.com PO Box 158, Riley, IN 47871

Disaster Response Training

For those that may be interested and available there will be Disaster Response-Early Response Training hosted by the United Methodist ERT on Saturday June 18th in Floyd Knob, Indiana. This training will allow us 'Lions' to deploy when we are available with either the UMCOR or KofC Disaster Response Teams.

I would highly recommend if you have any inkling of volunteering for a disaster response mission anytime in the future you take advantage of this training.

UMCOR is considered to one of the best in this field.

Please share this information to anyone you feel would be interested and let me know if you plan to attend.

Thanks,

Lion Bill McDonald

Indiana K of C Disaster Response Coordinator

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Switzerland County Lions Club



35th Annual Golf Scramble September 10th 2022

Vineyard Golf Course
16022 Hwy 250
Rising Sun IN 47040
Ph. 812-594-2627

Tee Off: 8:30am

Format: 2 (4) person teams per hole
(Limit 36 teams)

Prizes: 1st - \$400, 2nd - \$300, 3rd - \$200, 4th 5th & 6th - \$100ea

Closest to the Pin: Each Par 3 - \$50

Entry fee: \$240 per team, includes all Golf fees.
(Skins Jackpot an additional \$20 per team, optional)

Our Sausage sandwiches, Hot Dogs & soft drinks provided as you play

-----Cut here and return bottom of entry form with payment please-----

Team Registration: Deadline Sept. 5th, 2022

Payment must accompany registration, Lions TID #46-2299188

Entry Fee: \$240 _____ Skins: \$20 _____ Total: \$260.00

Contact Name: _____ Phone _____ Address _____

Players: 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____

Payable: Switzerland Co. Lions Club

c/o Paul Schmitt
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“Golf’s pretty easy. You just hit the ball, then lean to the side and say ‘FORE!’”



Club Officer Elections need entered into LCI ASAP!

State Convention Reflections



Thank you to all who attend!



DG Jeff lead the first business session at the Lions State Convention



PIP Clem Kusiak speaking at the Lions State Convention