



Paw Prints

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Nelson Nix, Governor

What's Happening

April 27-30

State Convention - Evansville

FUTURE EVENTS

May 4

LaPaz Lions Special Visit

May 13

Cabinet Meeting - Warsaw

June 7

Syracuse Lions Install Officers

June 11

Eye & Tissue Bank Board Meeting
Indianapolis

June 20

Official Visit - Peru

June 29 - July 5

International Convention - Boston

STATE CHOIR

Participants and anyone else who sings that is interested, when you sign in at the State Convention Registration desk ask where and when the Choir is practicing. They will be singing at the Saturday noon luncheon and at the Sunday Necrology service.

Lions Efforts in Photoscreening Recognized, Appreciated

Lions,

I saw the article in *The Elkhart Truth*. It was a very nice article. I also wanted to let you know I received a thank you note from a mom that had her daughter screened at Dunlap United Methodist Church. She was referred for anisometropia. She wrote, "I had to write and tell you how grateful my husband and I are for your wonderful program: Operation KidsSight. You found a potential problem with my daughter, Kyra's

Governor's Growls

Thanks to all the club's and Lion members whom attended the district convention on Saturday, March 4th in Plymouth. We had an excellent turnout and an exciting time. Lion Dee & I enjoyed hosting International Director Maynard Rucks and his wife, Eunice. Director Rucks informed those in attendance concerning recent developments regarding the international board and also hosted a question and answer session with no holds barred. Presentations were given on LCI insurance, club incorporation, LCIF Campaign Sight-First II and club constitution and by-laws. We found the banquet facilities at Christo's to be excellent for handling our convention.

In a separate article please take note of the need to report the club election results on your official PU-101 forms as quickly as possible. Speaking from experience, I found the toughest part of being District Governor was creating the district directory and constantly having to chase down club office information. It is critical that this be done as soon as the elections are concluded so that Lions International can prepare and mail the new officer kits to your incoming club leaders.

Is your club going to qualify for a membership growth patch this year? Remember "Plus One" is the goal for every club in the district. I am dismayed at the large number of clubs that are satisfied maintaining the status quo on membership. If your club is standing still you really are moving backwards. With spring upon us, now is the time to hustle up some new blood, with strong hands & hearts, new ideas and enthusiasm.

If Not Now, WHEN?

Those at the convention were overwhelmed at the announcement of the District Lion of the Year; Luella Karey from the Elkhart Community Lions Club. Luella is one of the most dedicated and hard working Lions I have known and never seeks recognition; but rather service to others is her mantra for life. Congratulations again Luella and thank you for all you do for your community and for Lions everywhere.

Hope to see many of you in Evansville for the state convention of April 28, 29, 30th; and let's cheer on our racing Lions team.

Governor Nelson



eyes. I took her to an eye doctor and the problem was confirmed. I almost did not have her checked by you, thank God I did. Had it not been for you I would never have known the problems she was having. Although she does not like it, she wears her patch everyday. Her new glasses came in today, so she is on her way to correcting the problem. I can not express my gratitude to you enough. I will definitely recommend others

have their children's eyes checked as well. Thank you again so much. It's signed Wilson and Sara Irizarry.

Keep up all the good work! We have screened close to 12,000 children so far!

Janice Chapman

State Program Coordinator

Indiana Lions Comprehensive Vision
Photoscreening Program for Children

Peru Lions Club Local and District "Peace Poster" Winners



Harold Jones announces first and second place winners L. to R. Art teacher. Mrs. Katy Gray, Charles Dunlap, 1st place, Harold Jones, Chairman, Tori True, 2nd place.



Proud Mom, Myeca displays Charlie's winning poster with Charlie and his certificate and \$75.00 check.

Laketon Lions Announces Events

April 8, 2006: Second annual Sausage & Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at the Laketon Firestation with proceeds to the Manchester Elementary School PTO Playground Equipment Fund.

DGE: Thank you!

Our district convention is history and thanks to all that attended. The initials that follow my name have changed again. I hope I can serve our district in a positive manner. I intend to be part of a great team promoting Lionism every day.

I'm looking forward to a busy year ahead. LCI has some great challenges for us to consider for Campaign Sight First II. Our state

and district continue to work toward increasing membership and retaining our less active members. During the months ahead we will do new projects and share ideas that will benefit Lionism.

The message center of an organization must function with an efficient two-way chain of communications. We all must make the effort to communicate clearly with each other. Misunderstanding and failure to keep these communications (i.e. reports) from clubs to any designated place makes Lionism suffer. From club members to LCI we are dependent upon each other. Please help us keep communications open both ways.

Election of officers should be taking place in our clubs very soon. Please submit your PU 101's as soon as possible – **Do not wait** for the deadline. Also check that all information is correct and easy to read.

Special thanks to every Lion that has said yes to a year of service on the district cabinet. Your dedication to your position is and will be greatly appreciated. A few vacant places need you to complete our team. So, if you would like to serve please contact me or VDGE David Eisen.

Looking ahead — Mark your calendars — August 19, 2006 will be our 50th Anniversary Banner Night, at Christos' Banquet Center in Plymouth. More information will follow in future newsletters. Save this date for this very special event. Please be sure to send your club history for "The Celebration Book".

We will be sending to each club a letter for ads for the District Directory. Advertise your clubs fundraisers.

Lions, we are in the last quarter of this Lions year. Time is getting short for us to all pull together. Let's give Governor Nelson our support in the plus one for every club. We made the plan — then worked the plan. NOW let's complete the plan. **Share the Pride, Show the Pride Strengthen the Pride.** Give Lionism the gift of a new member — before the 2 minute buzzer.

Thank you, Governor Nelson, and all Lions for making this a **Great year!!!** Thank you for your vote of confidence'

In Lionism,
DGE Pat

RACE WORK DATES

Listed below are the race work days at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Those who wish to work any day should let me know at least 30 days before the date desired.

PDG Charlie Haffner
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ahaffner@kconline.com

INDIANAPOLIS 500

Sat., May 13 1st Day Qualifying

Sun., May 14 2nd Day

Qualifying

Sat., May 20 3rd Day

Qualifying

Sun., May 21 Bump Day

Qualifying

Fri., May 26 Carburetion Day

Sun., May 28 Race Day

U.S. GRAND PRIX

Fri., June 30 Practice

Sat., July 1 Practice

& Qualifications

ALLSTATE BRIDGYARD 400

Fri., August 4 Practice

Sat., August 5 Practice &

Qualifications

Wanted:

Advertising giveaways for District G's Hospitality Room at the State Convention. If you can acquire any items in any amount, please send e-mail to iambirk@culcom.net or call (574) 842-3690 to let us know.

ELECTION RESULTS

It is imperative that all club secretaries report promptly the names and contact information for the newly elected club officers to Lions Clubs International, District Governor Nelson, and Vice District Governor Pat Birk. This information should be submitted on the official PU-101 Forms found in your Club Secretary Kit or you can download the form from the LCI website. This information should be provided so that LCI can mail the new officer information to the respective individuals and the incoming Governor can complete the District Directory accurately and in a timely manner. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Campaign SightFirst II Moves Forward



Campaign SightFirst II is making great progress. More than 7,000 Lion leaders have been recruited, 31 lead gifts made and 600 clubs applied to be model clubs. US\$11.9 million has been raised to date for Campaign SightFirst II, even though intensive fund-raising by clubs does not begin until 2006-2007 and continues in 2007-2008. The US\$150 million campaign will allow Lions to continue and expand the remarkable work of SightFirst.

LCIF, Lions Build Homes for Tsunami Victims

LCIF and Lions are making great progress in helping victims of the tsunami in South Asia. Hundreds of homes have been built or are being built in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Thailand.

Melvin Jones Fellowships

The Melvin Jones Fellowship is the backbone of LCIF, providing 70 percent of its revenues. More than 234,000 individuals have been named Melvin Jones Fellows, the primary source of support for LCIF. A recognition of humanitarian work, an MJF is given to those who give US\$1,000 to LCIF or to people for whom a donation was made by others. Contributions can be made by individuals (including non-Lions), clubs, or districts. Contributions can be made in one sum, or in installments of a minimum of US\$100 over a five-year period.

In 2003-04, District 25-G added 15 new Melvin Jones Fellows; 19 in

2004-05. To date, there are 318 Fellows in our district, third only to District 25-F's 454 and 25-D's 374.

LCIF, Lions Provide Katrina Relief



LCIF is providing funds for Lions of Mississippi and Louisiana to continue important service projects. Due to the hurricane, Lions otherwise would not be able to continue such projects as sight screenings, an eye bank and eye care services for the poor. LCIF also facilitated twinning between clubs in the Gulf Coast and clubs elsewhere, the distribution of UNICEF's "school-in-box" for children at destroyed schools and a mobile eye van that provided free glasses.

Dear Fellow Lions:

These are very busy and productive days at LCIF. Supported by LCIF, Lions in the Gulf Coast are helping victims of Hurricane Katrina. In South Asia, Lions and LCIF are rebuilding homes in communities devastated by the tsunami. Throughout the world, Lions are volunteering and gearing up for Campaign SightFirst II.

Please take a few moments from your busy day to read this LCIF e-newsletter. Your pride in being a Lion can only increase. Service is what Lions are all about, and LCIF enables Lions to take their service to new levels.

This newsletter also includes information about your district's recent grants and donations. As this data clearly shows, LCIF enjoys a thriving partnership with Lions to help their own communities and to help the world community.

In closing, please consider supporting the foundation either through your club or individually. A world of need calls Lions to action. Working together, we can bring help, hope and healing to children and adults who so desperately need it.

Yours in Service,
Dr. Clement F. Kusiak
LCIF Chairperson for 2005-2006

LCIF OKs US\$3.3 Million in Grants

The LCIF Board of Trustees approved US\$3.3 million in November for Lions' projects. The 81 projects will enable Lions worldwide to preserve sight and assist the blind, promote health, counter disability, nurture youth, serve the elderly and otherwise address vital humanitarian needs.

PCC Tom Flack Candidate for International Convention Committee

PCC Tom is looking forward to this opportunity of service for the Lions of Indiana.

Indiana Lions State Convention
April 28 – 30, 2006
Evansville

District 25-G Annual Convention, March 3-5, 2006



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