



Paw Prints

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Nelson Nix, Governor

What's Happening

- July 31 - Aug. 1**
Gov. Council Mtg, Merrillville
- July 31**
District A Banner Night
- Aug. 3**
District 25-G Golf Outing - Syracuse
- Aug. 7**
Cabinet Mtg. (Syracuse Com. Ctr.
1 p.m)
- Aug. 10**
Official Visit - South Bend Lions
- Aug. 12**
Leader Dog School, Rochester, MI
- Aug. 16**
Official Visit - Converse Lions
- Aug. 20**
Millersburg Parade
Franklin, IN Parade
District D Banner Night
- Aug. 24**
Official Visit - Culver Lions
- Aug. 29**
PDG Mtg. - Elkhart

FUTURE EVENTS

- Sept. 1**
Official Visit - Dunlap
- Sept. 6**
Official Visit - Centre Township
- Sept. 10**
District E-2 Banner Night
- Sept. 10**
District 25-G Banner Night, Elkhart
- September 22-24, 2005**
USA/Canada Forum, Peoria, Illinois
- November 12, 2005**
Cabinet Meeting, Culver RR Depot
Building
- February 12, 2006**
Cabinet Meeting, Elkhart
- March 3-4, 2006**
District Convention, Christo's
Banquet Hall, Plymouth, IN
- May 13, 2006**
Cabinet Meeting, Warsaw

Governor's Growls

Well we're back from the International Convention in Hong Kong, and it was a great convention and trip. However, the travel was a killer. I was one who also thought that jet lag was a figment of people's imagination; believe me it's not. It took Lion Dee and I had a good week to get over the return trip. I learned many wonderful things that we Lions are doing throughout the world and many new programs planned. Our new International President Ashok Mehta from India is a dynamic leader with a world vision for our Lions missions. I will be presenting many of his thoughts and passions regarding service and membership as I visit the clubs throughout our district in the coming months. President Mehta's theme is Passion to Excel; Excel through service, promotion, recognition, membership and growth. All of the areas we think of, but rarely achieve. I know that the many Lions members from our district whom were at the convention thrilled with meeting Lions from around the world who have the same passion to serve as we do here in Northern Indiana. It also was great to be traveling with so many friends from our district both at the convention and the mainland tour afterwards. Thanks for making the trip such a pleasant experience.



I am trying to fill up my schedule of official visits prior to the bad weather we all know is coming and I would appreciate a phone call or e-mail from each club to set my date..Please call me @ 574-862-1410 or e-mail me at nnix@shultzinsurance.com

This year I am going to do something a little different regarding membership and that is that the one Lion in the district who personally signs up the most members will be awarded a William Woods Fellowship given by the district. Ineligible for the contest will be any district membership director except as it applies to membership in his/her own club. I will be giving more details about the contest at the cabinet meeting in Syracuse on Aug. 7th.

The new district directories will be available for distribution at the 1st cabinet meeting on Aug. 7th. I certainly hope that each club is represented so that we don't have to undergo the expense of mailing the directories. Hope to see you there!!!

I would like to Personally thank the Elkhart Lions Club for their donation to the district of the international flag set which will be proudly displayed for years to come at each district function.

Improving your club and your district is my #1 goal this year.
See you around the district and at the cabinet meeting.

Gov. Nelson

Campaign Sightfirst II

Some simple facts concerning Campaign Sightfirst II- An estimated 37 million people are blind today and at least 80% of blindness is reversible or could have been prevented. Lions Clubs International and its 1.4 million members are now engaged in a global campaign to eliminate preventable blindness. Sightfirst grants are considered for projects that (1) result in a significant and measurable reduction in blindness in a specified region; (2) target the leading blindness diseases and/or address crucial un-met eye care delivery needs at regional and national levels; and (3) use cost effective and sustainable strategies.

Lions have saved the sight of 24 million people worldwide through the Sightfirst Program. More than \$175 million US in Sightfirst grants have been awarded by LCIF.

North Manchester Lions To Host 'Lil' Lions Rodeo

On Sunday, August 14, 2005, the North Manchester Lions Club will be presenting the 2nd Annual Lil' Lions Rodeo! This is the ending day of North Manchester's FunFest. The Club is putting on a Muttin' Bustin' & Calf Scramble with children as participants. The Lions will be providing a large concession stand with all proceeds going to the Leader Dog program. We are very excited about this event becoming larger each year and more people realizing that the North Manchester Lions Club is back in action and is very much alive with excitement! The Muttin' Bustin' is were children 70 lbs & lighter get to actually ride a sheep (just like a bullrider) w/ the help of the Lions. Each rider will be equipped with a helmet & vest for safety & each sheep will be in a chute w/ a helper. When the buzzer goes off, the children hold onto the wool for as long as possible, at least 8 seconds. All participants will receive a ribbon but the top 3 riders will place 1, 2, & 3. As for the Calf Scramble, we will have 3 separate age groups of participants: 3-5, 6-8, 9-12. The calf will be placed inside a chute and a red ribbon will be tied to their tail. The children will be at the opposite end of the arena, once the buzzer goes off, the calf is released and the children are let go as well. The object of this event is to pull the red ribbon off the tail off the calf as it's trying to get away from the crowd of children. The child who gets the ribbon will receive a ribbon & a gift certificate to one of the fast food restaurants in the area. This event is not only fun for the participants but definitely for the spectators as well! The event will be held this year at the Learn More Center (f/k/a Thomas Marshall School) on the East lot.

Any questions concerning this event, please direct to Kathy Roberts at (260) 723-4225.

South Bend Children's Vision Screening

Thanks to all who helped and supported this event. Please pass this on to your team members, we will give you a more complete report next week (We start screenings to day at Black Expo). Bottom Line - total time spent

Throughout District 25-G

The Mexico Lions Club will be in Denver Indiana at Denver days August 11th through the 14th. We will have a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on the Saturday the 13th. Denver Days is put on by the Denver Lions Club. It is a community festival with many things for everyone.

Lion Betty Stickel, a member of the Elkhart Community Lions Club, has suffered the death of her husband, Devon. He was a Lion in a different club. It would be nice to let the other lions in the district know so they can pray for Betty.

*Pat Clemons, Secretary
Elkhart Community Lions*

Operation KidSight Training

Saturday, ~~August 13~~, 2005
DATE CHANGED TO: AUGUST 20
9-11 a.m..

Hubbard Hill Estates

Sailor Center

(South of Elkhart on SR 19)

Refreshments will be provided.

Additional team members are needed because we are going to test all Elkhart County Head Start students this fall. There are a variety of responsi-

bilities from taking the photographs to escorting the children. Please plan to attend the training session even if you only want to learn about the program.

Experienced team members are asked to attend for a refresher course since we haven't done any screenings for several months.

If you have questions about KidSight, please call Ann Kalman, Nelson Nix, or Chet Nunan. Questions about the training session can be directed to our project chairperson, Lion Judy Wells from the Dunlap club. Her number is 875-8468.

screening on Tuesday and Wednesday was 6 1/2 hours with 835 Children from PK

(pre-kindergarten) to 11th grade being screened, 158 were referred for professional eye exams (18.9%) - most were given a certificate on the spot to pay for the cost of the eye exam and glasses if needed, the balance will be mailed to the schools as soon as some of the information required can be supplied. Other than time and the cost for gas to get to and from the event there was no cost involved for the Lions or clubs who were apart of this event. I can not begin to express the gratitude of the schools, kids, parents and the staff of Prevent Blindness Indiana for the great job done by all. It was an experience to watch Lions from District G, A, F and members of the RSVP team come together with such dedication and caring to serve the children and adults screened.

Tom Flack, State Program Director
Prevent Blindness Indiana

Talma - Newcastle

Congratulations to The Talma-Newcastle Lions Club. After the tragic loss of long time member and backbone of the club, Dick Gelbaugh; the club considered shutting down, but instead decided that they were too valuable to the



Front Row (L-R) Nancy Vance, Ruth Gelbaugh, Annabelle Hart. Back Row: John Beery, Talma President Claude Vance, PDG Rev. Will Lawson, GOV. Nelson Nix Community and signed up 6 new members in late June and early July. Shown in the above photo are 4 of the new members who were inducted on Wednesday evening July 20th. The inducting officer was Past District Governor Rev. Will Lawson, a Guiding Lion for the Talma club for a number of years. However, they're not thru yet with applications in hand they have vowed to double their size before the dust settles. It was great meeting with these wonderful Lions and to observe firsthand their dedication to Lionism and serving their Community. Welcome new Lions Ruth Gelbaugh, John Beery, Annabelle Hart and Nancy Vance. I know I will be seeing you around the District for years to come..

District Governor Nelson

**USA Canada Forum
Sept. 22-24, 2005
Peoria, Illinois**

This is your chance to attend one of Lions International Premier events with the USA/Canada Forum. Seminars, exhibits, tours, speakers, friends and fun. All of this within a 2 hour drive from District 25-G. Honorary Chairman is Lions International 1st Vice-president Jimmy Ross of Texas and a number of your fellow District 25-G Lions will be in attendance or hosting seminars. Why not join us? Brouchures and registration information will be available at our 1st Cabinet meeting scheduled for August 7th at Syracuse; or you can call or e-mail Governor Nelson.

In conjunction with the USA Canada Forum, Lions International is hosting a Senior Leadership Institute September 25-29, 2005 at Peoria. This Institute is for Lions whom have already served as a club president but not yet as a Vice District governor. LCI will provide meals and lodging but not transportation and the delegates must be recommended by their sitting District Governor. If you are qualified and interested, please call District Governor Nelson Nix at 574-862-1410.



**STATE FAIR
WORKERS
NEEDED!**

Lions are needed to work at the State Fair again this year Wednesday, August 10 through Sunday, August 21. Ticket seller shifts each day are from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please contact your District 25-G Indiana Lions Foundation Trustees responsible for getting workers for these days:

Sat. Aug. 13

PDG Charlie Haffner (574) 457-3054 ahaffner@kconline.com

Wed. Aug. 17

PID Jim Cameron..... (574) 528-5001

Sun. Aug 21

PDG Bud Seely (574) 658-4842 jseely@the-papers.com

Please plan now to bring a carload of Lions from your club to support your INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION in raising funds for its grant program to Lions Clubs while making the presence of the Lions known to those attending the Indiana State Fair. Wear your Lions shirts, vests, and/or hats!

Where are You???As of July 20th only Clay Township, LaFontaine, Milford, Mishawaka, Elkhart, and Syracuse Lions have made reservations for the Aug. 7th Cabinet Mtg...I need your help..please send your reservation to PDG Lion Ann Haffner...See reservation form below...DG Nelson

August Cabinet Meeting Reservation Form

August 7, 2005

1 p.m. (doors open at 12:30)

Syracuse Community Building - Located 3-1/2 blocks east of downtown Syracuse on SR 13

Lunch served at 1 p.m. Meeting to follow at 2:00

Menu: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, coleslaw, Jello salad, assorted pies.

Cost \$8.50; After July 25 - \$9; at the door, \$9.50

Lions Club _____

The following Lions will be attending the Cabinet Meeting:

Mail this form and your check, payable to District 25-G Lions, to: PDG Ann Haffner, 11268 N. State Rd. 13, Syracuse, IN 46567 (ahaffner@kconline.com). Deadline for reservations: July 30.

ATTENTION ALL CLUBS!

Each district now has its own Sight Conservation Fund to assist clubs with vision needs. Each club should send a minimum of \$25 to the District Cabinet Treasurer as soon as possible so that the fund has enough money to assist when problems arise.

Every club is also reminded that free White Cane Fundraiser materials are available from the District Governor for any club who does not have them.

Free stickers are also available to those clubs that have been doing the White Cane Fundraiser and have used up all their stickers. To obtain the free stickers you must give the District Governor a report on your last collection results.

Last year eleven Indiana Lions Clubs collected over \$1000 in a single day using the program. All clubs that have a desirable location for a White Cane Day should be using the program. Already this year over 70 clubs have used the program to collect a total of over \$40,000. Contact District Sight Conservation Chairperson Charlie Haffner (574) 457-3054 or email him at ahaffner@kconline.com if your club would like a program on the White Cane Fundraiser.

Worthwhile..... A Club Goal

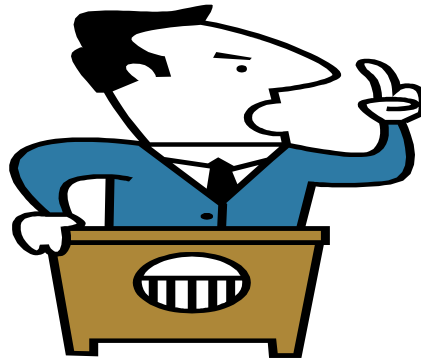
A conversation repeated to me goes like this. "Oh, I know what Lions do – they sell brooms, light bulbs, pictures, raffle tickets and they have great breakfasts and fish fries."

The reply to this statement was, "Oh no, what we do is buy eyeglasses, check children's vision, local scholarships, support cancer research, cornea & tissue transplants, Leader Dogs for the blind, Speech and Hearing for adults & children. But that's not all – we do so much more everyday in our community. Selling things is HOW we raise money to DO all the worthwhile projects that aid and meet community & worldwide needs.

Do you wonder why our communities know more about how we raise money than how we spend that money? It sounds like a good club goal is to promote the need and then how we intend to do that task.

Maybe we need more workers to help us – (there is that word again – membership) ask a friend to help get those new band uniforms or scholarships. Let's keep striving for that success that matters.....being WORTH-WHILE in our community.

VDG Pat



District Podium

In an effort to improve the professionalism of District Presentations and meetings, I am asking each club in our District to consider donating \$25.00 towards the purchase of a portable, electronic amplified podium to be utilized by the District Governor and other District Officers when making Club presentations. I do believe that this will enhance the presentations given and make it easier on the presenter and the audience. If you and your club are willing to assist with this endeavor, please send your donation to District Treasurer –

Marty Juel, 3204 Village CT., Goshen, Indiana 46528...

Thank You.
Gov. Nelson

Osceola Lions Honor "BUD"

The Osceola Lions club honored long time club member Carl "Bud" Biggs with a surprise presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship at their monthly social meeting held at the Atlantis restaurant in Mishawaka on Thursday evening July 21, 2005. Lion Bud has been a member of the club for over 34 years and was stunned by the proceedings, and all were in awe that he has been held speechless for the first time in his illustrious Lion Career. Many stories were passed around about Lion Bud's achievements and misdeeds over the years..The event was attended by a large contingent of Bud's family with his granddaughter pinning Bud with his Melvin Jones lapel pin. Club Secretary Bob Marks stated it was a very proud moment for all the members of the Osceola Club. Governor Nelson in making the presentation stressed the important worldwide charitable works done through LCIF and briefly touched on the upcoming Sightfirst II campaign from LCIF. It was rumored that Zone Chairman extraordinaire- David Eisen developed a case of the Hives from some shrimp, but certain Lions in the Mishawaka club believed he just didn't want to park cars in 90+ heat during the Clubs annual fish fry.

District 25-G Lions at International Convention



Attending were (L-R) Lions: Fran Thursby, Gov. Nelson Nix, Luella Karay, Dee Nix and Rosemary Miller.