



# Paw Prints

June, 2006



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Nelson Nix, Governor

## What's Happening

- May 22  
KidsSight Photoscreening Board Mtg.
- May 24  
Officer Training - Mishawaka
- May 30  
Officer Training - Milford
- June 2  
Officer Installation - Elkhart Lions
- June 3  
Grass Creek Fish/Chicken Supper
- June 7  
Officer Installation - Syracuse
- June 8  
LaPaz Lions - Special Meeting
- June 8  
Bremen Lions Steak Dinner, 6:30 at Sunnyside Park, Bremen
- June 9  
Green Township - Lions Strawberry Festival
- June 12  
Officer Training - Denver
- June 20  
Officer Installation - Peru

## FUTURE EVENTS

- June 29 - July 5  
International Convention - Boston
- July 22  
1st Cabinet Meeting - Culver
- July 29  
'Slim' Sherland Golf Tournament at Sprig O' Mint Golf Course, Bremen
- Aug. 19  
50th Anniversary/Banner Night Plymouth
- Sept. 14-16  
USA/Canada Forum - Columbus, OH
- Nov. 4  
2nd Cabinet Meeting - Pierceton
- Feb. 3  
3rd Cabinet Meeting - New Paris
- March 16-17  
District Convention - Plymouth
- April 27-30  
State Convention - Indianapolis
- May 5  
4th Cabinet Meeting - Lydick (Reins of Life)

## Governor's Growls

Well troops, this is it- my last district newsletter. I trust that over the past year, you found our monthly mailings both informative and educational regarding programs and events in Lionism. I certainly appreciate all the support from the clubs, officers and Lions throughout the district. Particularly, regarding the Paw Prints my sincere thanks go out to Lion District Treasurer Marty Juel from the Elkhart Lions Club for doing such a great job with the newsletter; thanks again, Marty.



There are still 30 days to take your club and the district over the top regarding membership. It would be almost sinful to miss out on a positive year regarding membership by less than 10 new members; especially when you just need to make a little effort. After the June membership reports are issued, I will make the determination as to whom will be awarded the William P. Woods Fellowship for sponsoring the most members this past service year. This will be awarded at DGE Pat's first cabinet meeting.

Now, let's talk LCIF and campaign Sightfirst II. During Campaign Sightfirst, our state had 3 model clubs. I am proud to tell you that in Campaign Sightfirst II your district has 3 model clubs; Mishawaka, Elkhart, and Elkhart Community. Each of these clubs has made the pledge to raise an average of over \$400 per member during the campaign. You club Sightfirst II coordinator will be scheduling a visit shortly to chart your club's goals and participation in this wonderful experience of helping to eradicate preventable blindness from the face of the earth. Are you willing to help? If not you, WHO? If not now, WHEN? I want to emphasize that charity begins at Home. Remember to consider a personal pledge for Campaign Sightfirst II. Just 60 cents a day over 5 years will award you with your own Melvin Jones Fellowship. Every penny counts.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you and I'll be seeing you down the road of service.

**Governor Nelson J. Nix**

## RACE WORK DATES

Here are the remaining 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, (574) 457-3054, ahaffner@kconline.com

### U.S. GRAND PRIX

Fri., June 30 & Sat., July 1

### ALLSTATE BRIDGKYARD 400

Fri., Aug. 4 & Sat., Aug. 5

## Blinding Accomplishment

It is with great pleasure that we can share with you the outstanding accomplishment of one of our Mishawaka Lions Club members. Kane Brolin, who is blind and a Financial Advisor, recently took the certification exam for Certified Financial Planners. He passed the exam and it was announced that he is the first blind person in the US to achieve this honor. We are proud that he is, first of all, a Lion and secondly, that he is a member of our Mishawaka club.

## **NOW is the TIME!!!!**

The two minute buzzer was our warning. To be plus one in our clubs and our district we must welcome new members before the end of June. But it doesn't stop there! Adding new members all the time brings new ideas and more help for the projects that make our communities better.

It has been a great year. All of you have much to be proud of – you have served your communities well. You are great Lions and have also served your district with great joy and humility. Thank you – for everything you do! Your efforts are greatly appreciated and do not go unnoticed.

I am looking forward to many new experiences. All of the district cabinet officers have pledged to do their best. That is all I, (or any governor) can ask of a Lion. We will need the help of a faithful crew.

We will try some new things and I'm waiting for your opinions as well as suggestions. Please mark your calendars of the important upcoming meetings. You'll find them listed elsewhere in the newsletter. Directory ads need to be in by June 1. Your club history – (26 are still needed) will be in our District 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book. We encourage every club to participate in this once in a lifetime event. This celebration will be special and you won't want to miss any part.

VDGE Dave Eisen, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Ann Haffner and I will do our best to keep communications open & clear to all district cabinet members, so that every Lion knows what's happening in "G".

Knowing that together, "we can do great things", I leave you the following quote.

"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded." (From: Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Thank you, in Lionism

**DGE Pat**



donated by Merck & Co. Besides helping to establish a drug distribution program, Lions provide monitoring teams to ensure that those who are at risk are not infected and to control the disease in those already infected.

Africans fearful of becoming blind often abandon fertile lands near rivers. Thus another consequence of onchocerciasis is a severe drop in agricultural production in areas where resources already are few and income is low. Communities treated for river blindness have seen a doubling or tripling of economic production as people move back to fertile strips of land. The value of the treatments to family bonds, to the vibrancy of communities and to the human spirit, is, of course, incalculably high.

## **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.

## **South Bend Screening**

The South Bend Vision Screening will once again be working with the Lions of District 25-G in a screening on July 20 & July 21st in the South Bend Summer School program. If you are interested in helping or would like additional information, contact Lion John Krzyzanowski, (574) 272-9492 (H); (574) 233-3183 (W); or [jkrzyzanowski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jkrzyzanowski@sbcglobal.net).

## **Two Popular Events**

**GRASS CREEK LIONS-** Fish & Chicken Supper, Saturday, June 3, 4:30 - 7:30, Grass Creek Fire Station. Adults \$7, children 6-12 \$3.50, under 6 free.

**BREMEN LIONS-** Steak Dinner, June 8, 6:30 at Sunnyside Park in Bremen. Many door prizes, including \$1000 CASH. Tickets are \$25. Call Paul Rowe (546-2698) or Don Nunemaker (546-5132).

## **Fighting a Tiny But Devastating Enemy**

Multiplied many times over, the tiny bite of a black fly is powerful enough to topple the traditional social order in village after village in Africa and on other developing continents. The blindness eventually caused by the bite results in young adults, normally the caretakers of their parents, relying on their mothers and fathers to survive. Children whose parents lose their sight must drop out of school to support the family. The elderly who are blind, instead of serving as models of grace and dignity to the generations that follow, are led around by long sticks by children as young as three years old.

Onchocerciasis, or river blindness, has devastated river areas in Africa. More than 18 million people have the disease, which causes severe itching and rashes before

blindness sets in. The bite of the fly unleashes worms inside the body. The worms lay eggs. An infected person may be plagued by as many 150 million first-stage larvae inside his body.

Through SightFirst, LCIF has helped to greatly reduce river blindness. Two years ago LCIF donated US\$16 million and entered into a partnership with the Carter Center on a five-year initiative to control river blindness in Africa and Latin America. (About US\$7 million of the grant was to combat trachoma, another frequent cause of blindness in developing nations.) In 2001, US\$2.6 million was approved to control river blindness in Cameroon. So far, 40 million treatments have been delivered in 12 nations.

The disease is controlled by annual doses of ivermectin (Mectizan®),

## Setting the Campaign pace as District Governor

When Past International President and Campaign Chairperson Dr. Tae-Sup Lee sounded the gong at the 2005 International Convention, no one could have anticipated the kind of welcome Campaign SightFirst II would receive. To date, 1,130 Model Clubs have stepped forward to challenge and inspire Lions within their district and around the world.

Without your passionate support, CSFII and the clubs within your district would not have progressed as they have this year. The pace you maintain will set the bar for the incoming District Governor. Therefore, as your term comes to a close, remember there is still time for one more fund-raising event for the clubs in your district. This time is also an opportunity to ensure that your district's Model Clubs receive both your special attention and proper recognition for their CSFII achievements.

**In addition to recognition for your clubs, District Governors will be honored with CSFII Leadership Recognition Awards. They include:**



**CSFII International Award:**  
*for District Governors whose districts have the highest per-capita giving to CSFII, association-wide.*

**CSFII Constitutional Area Award:**  
*for District Governors whose districts have the highest per-capita giving to CSFII in the constitutional area.*



**CSFII National/Multi-National Award:**  
*for District Governors with the highest per-capita giving to CSFII within their national/multi-national area.*

Be sure to designate  
**"Campaign SightFirst II"**  
when sending in funds raised.

## Campaign Update

- Nearly US\$38 million raised to date
- 33 Lead Gifts of US\$100,000 or more
- More than 1,130 Clubs have volunteered to lead the way as Model Clubs
- Nearly 6,700 District and Group Coordinators have been recruited and are being trained

## How You Can Help

- Make sure the incoming District Governor is aware of CSFII status and maintains the momentum built during your term
- Be sure to designate "Campaign SightFirst II" when sending in funds raised
- Provide guidance and encouragement to CSFII SCs, DCs, and GCs
- Encourage your Model Clubs to continue raising funds in support of CSFII

## Global Leaders join CSFII Endorsement List

More and more global and opinion leaders are recognizing the extraordinary cause of Campaign SightFirst II. Those who have sent messages of support to International President Dr. Ashok Mehta are Manmohan Singh, prime minister of India; John Howard, prime minister of Australia; Dr. Jan Peter Balkenende, prime minister of the Netherlands; Michael Jeffery, governor general of Australia; and Donald Tsang, chief executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. They are joined by media celebrities including former CBS Evening News anchorman Walter Cronkite and Dr. Mehmet Oz, noted heart surgeon and best-selling author.



April 25, 2006

Dear Participant,

Thank you for attending the *Indiana Prepares: Pandemic Influenza State Summit* on March 23 at Purdue University. Your participation is extremely important and helps to foster partnerships and cooperation among Indiana agencies and organizations to better prepare Hoosiers for an influenza pandemic.

As mentioned during the Summit, an influenza pandemic will be widespread, long-term, with up to one-third of the workforce absent due to illness at any given time. Therefore, the local response will be critical, with little, if any, direct federal or state support. The purpose of the Summit was not only to provide information relating to pandemic influenza, but also to enable participants to learn what preparedness measures they can take within their organizations and to network with others. In essence, the Summit served as a springboard for participants to use the information they gained to continue planning at the local level.

No one knows when the next influenza pandemic will occur, so the time to partner and plan is **now**. Whether you are affiliated with a school, business, faith-based organization, hospital, medical practice, or first-responder agency, you have a role in pandemic influenza preparedness.

By direction of Governor Mitch Daniels, we have charged all Indiana counties to hold town hall meetings to discuss local pandemic influenza preparedness. Participation in these town hall meetings will allow further networking opportunities with organizations in the local community, as well as private citizens. Some sectors, such as schools and businesses, are forming local planning groups tailored to those organizations. Participation in these planning groups can identify specific needs and strategies, particularly continuation of operations, before a pandemic strikes.

Please visit [www.in.gov/isdh/bioterrorism/PandemicFlu/Summit/summit.htm](http://www.in.gov/isdh/bioterrorism/PandemicFlu/Summit/summit.htm) to obtain various town hall and Summit resources, as well as continuing information.

Thank you again for your participation at the Indiana Pandemic Influenza Summit. Your involvement in the Summit and with pandemic preparedness activities in your community is vital to mitigating the effects of an influenza pandemic in Indiana.

Sincerely,

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# Women's Membership Development and Participation News



May 2006



## Passion to Excel

At the beginning of this fiscal year International President Mehta set a goal as part of his Passion To Excel Program to gain 50,000 new women members. Currently, there are over 28,400 new women Lions this fiscal year. Based on past fiscal years, LCI expects that the goal of 50,000 new women is achievable. Your efforts in the April, May and June will produce 40 to 50 percent of new women members that will join a Lions Club this fiscal year. Keep up the great work!



## Family Dues Amendment at Convention

To take the family friendly initiative a step further convention delegates will be voting on the Family Dues Amendment at the 2006 International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. If approved, the Family Dues Amendment will not only provide discounted fees for family members in the same household but it will also allow the opportunity for families to volunteer together.

For more information please review the [Family Dues Amendment & FAQ's](#). If you will be attending the Boston Convention visit the *Passion to Grow Family Friendly Club* seminar at the 2006 Boston Convention on Monday, July 3, 2006 from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm in the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center.



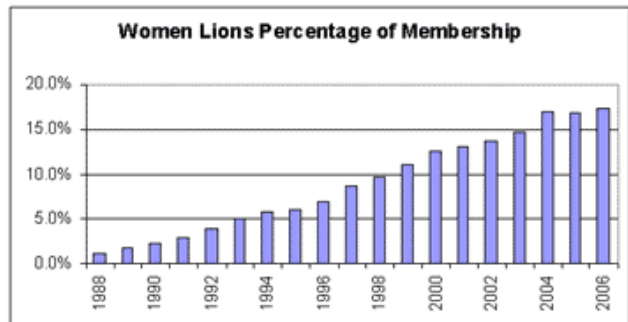
## United in Service Award

As the end of the fiscal year approaches many of you are trying to reach goals you have set for yourself this year, including the United in Service Award. Based on the February Cumulative Report an estimated 86 districts are currently qualified for this award. To qualify your district must have a net gain of 25 or more members at the end of the fiscal year. This means, even if a district currently has 25 or more new women members their membership needs to be retained to receive the award. Along with the monthly GN1569 report(s) for your district you will also receive the Women/Men Gain/Loss report by district. This will easily show you the gain or loss of women members in your district or multiple district.

## End of three-year term

This June is the end to the introduction of the three-year term of the Women's Membership Development and Participation Chairperson. LCI would like to thank all of the women chairs for their efforts in making women known in Lionism. Your hard work has increased women members by 13.8% over the last three years.

The chart below shows the growth of women members since first introduced to the organization in 1987.



## Women's Chair Position Continues

Emails are being sent to the District Governor Elects informing them that the Women's Membership Development and Participation Chairperson position will continue for another three year term and as DGE it is his/her responsibility to appoint someone for this position. If you are interested in serving another term or know of a qualified individual please contact the DGE in your area. For multiple district positions please contact the incoming Council Chairperson.

## Women's Symposium Seminar at Convention

The Worldwide Women's Symposium Program is entering its third year as a pilot program. Learn from symposium organizers more about how they developed their topic, planned and implemented their symposium. The Passion to Excel – Women's Symposium Seminar will be held on Sunday, July 2, from 1:30 to 3 pm in the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center room 156B.

ONE GENERATION PLANTS THE TREES; ANOTHER GETS THE SHADE  
-CHINESE PROVERB

## Portion of Lioness Service to Count Towards Life Membership

Beginning in 2006 and continuing through 2012, a former Lioness who is an Active member of a Lions club, may apply portions of their prior Lioness service toward Life membership eligibility.

Under the program, Lioness years of service will apply as follows:

2006-2007:	Former Lioness may apply 6 years of service
2007-2008:	Former Lioness may apply 5 years of service
2008-2009:	Former Lioness may apply 4 years of service
2009-2010:	Former Lioness may apply 3 years of service
2010-2011:	Former Lioness may apply 2 years of service
2011-2012:	Former Lioness may apply 1 year of service

## From the Chairs

Lions District 410A Cape Town South Africa held a Lions Worldwide Symposium on the 23rd March 2006 our Theme was "Children our Concern" We addressed child abuse and highlighting how women can play a major role in protecting our children by getting involved with community projects. We held the symposium at the Tygerbear social Work Unit for Traumatized children. The rate of Child abuse in South Africa is alarming and through this symposium we were able to highlight how Women can play a major role in protecting our children and also attract women into Lionism.

*-Paula Lang, 410A*

District 1-A just completed a Women's Health Symposium on March 25, 2006. This was a half day symposium with 1 physician talking about women's eye care issues, 1 physician talking about women's heart care issues, 1 physician talking about women's general health care issues and our final guest for the day was Seattle Sutton who talked about healthy eating at all stages of your life. Some of the men lions of the District helped by doing registration, and serving breakfast and anything else we asked them to do. It was a real team effort. I have some of the women lions ready to volunteer to return the favor next year if we can get the man's health symposium up and ready to go. We already have one speaker!

The response to the four presenters was absolutely amazing! There were vendors, a Lions Table and a lot of information presented to those in attendance.

We will see where we go with this! All in all, it was an amazing day!

*-Judy Toft, 1-A*

Lions Melissa Washburn and Gemma Ferguson wanted to do something big to finish their terms as Women's Membership Development and Participation in 40S and MD 40. They never dreamed that on April 1, 64 Lions from all around New Mexico would gather for a day of inspiration and fun at Inn of the Mountain Gods in Ruidoso.

Men and women Lions attended from small clubs, like Melrose, to the largest club, Gallup. Eleven percent of MD 40 women Lions were there. The keynote speaker was PDG Joan Williamson from Peoria, Arizona. The day was planned as "hands on" to keep attendees assisting with different projects throughout the day.

The most heart-warming part of the day was when we were able to present Darlene Fierro with a motorized wheel chair. Darlene is a young mother with three small children and is paralyzed from the waist down. Watching her being able to carry her children in her lap while she moved her chair effortlessly brought tears to many eyes.

*-Gemma Ferguson MD40 & Melissa Washburn 40-S*

I am just completing my first year as Women's Initiative Chair for Dist. 1-CN of Illinois - it has been an interesting year. I held a seminar for Ladies in Lions at our District Convention. The subject was Ladies in Lions How do we get them and How do we keep them? Several women attended and have become very interested in Lionism. One woman stated to the group "you have opened my eyes to what the Lions are all about".

If I gained one new member for our district I feel it was worth the effort to do the seminar. I challenged the ladies who attended to return to our District Convention next year and to bring one more with them. I plan to promote it throughout the year.

*-Lydia Ellis, 1-CN*

## Quarterly Question



Would a Women's Membership Development and Participation Chairperson Manual/Guide provide more direction for new women chairs?

Email your answer to [memberprog@lionsclubs.org](mailto:memberprog@lionsclubs.org) and reference the subject line Quarterly Question.

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