



Paw Prints

Official Publication of Indiana Lions District 25-G
Nelson Nix, Governor

What's Happening

- March 3-5
District Convention - Plymouth
- March 12
Eye & Tissue Bank Board Meeting
- March 18
Dunlap Lions 50th Anniversary
- March 23
Official Visit - Greene Township
- March 25
International Convention Planning Session - Carmel

FUTURE EVENTS

- April 27-30
State Convention - Evansville
- 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

SignFirst II Update

You will be pleased to know that Campaign SightFirst II is making great progress. The campaign was launched a little more than six months ago at the international convention in Hong Kong, yet in that short time Lions worldwide have responded with great enthusiasm and commitment.

<http://www.lions-csfii.org/home.html>

I am happy to report that more than 7,000 Lion leaders have been recruited for the campaign. CSFII has received thirty-one Lead Gifts, and more than 600 clubs have applied to

be Model Clubs. To date, more than US\$11.9 million has been raised for CSFII, even though intensive fund-raising by clubs is not scheduled to begin until 2006-2007 and continue through 2007-2008.

The US\$150 million campaign (with a stretch goal of US\$200 million) will allow Lions to continue and expand the remarkable work of SightFirst, which prevented serious vision loss for 24 million people and restored the sight of 4.6 million people through cataract surgery. As you may know, the funds donated by Lions in

the original SightFirst campaign are nearly exhausted, and blindness remains a terrible threat primarily because of the aging and growth of the world's population. The success of the campaign is absolutely critical; without Lions, millions will lose their sight unnecessarily.

The campaign's donor recognition program will thank donors with a truly wonderful array of awards. The Helen Keller Knights of Sight will recognize gifts and pledges of individuals, as well as those from foundations,

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Governor's Growls

My thanks to all the great and dedicated Lions whom attended the cabinet meeting held on February 11th in Elkhart. There was a wealth of Information shared and the district portable sound system was unveiled. What an improvement it will make in the future years for all of the governor's during their official visits and various meetings. To those clubs that have donated to the podium fund, a 'Great Hoosier Thank You'. If your club hasn't donated yet, there is still time. Send in your check to district treasurer, Marty Juel, today.



Our District Convention will be held on Saturday March 4th in Plymouth at Christo's Banquet Hall. Come and hear International Director Maynard D. Rucks from Minnesota and let your club's vote be counted. A registration form is available in this issue of Paw Prints.

I am definitely on the downward slide regarding official visits. If I haven't been to your club yet; please call me at (574) 862-1410 and we'll get you scheduled. Those of you that missed the information on incorporation that was presented at the cabinet meeting will get a second chance at the district convention. This is very important to do both from a personal liability standpoint and the ability to get a tax exempt certificate from the state of Indiana.

Make your plans now to attend the Lions State Convention to be held in Evansville on April 28-30th, 2006. See your Indiana Racing Lions in action during the Saturday morning parade. Many informative seminars are planned including retention, membership ideas, fund raising projects; LCIF Campaign SightFirst II; and lots of others. See the next issue of Hoosier Lion for a registration blank or go to the Indiana Lions website, www.indianalions.org or our own district website.

Now is the time to really be pushing to increase your membership with the weather getting ready to break and strong hands needed for your many spring projects. If you want to finish up the 'Year Plus One' and earn your club the membership patch Now is the time.

DG Nelson

207 Indiana Lions Clubs Add Members

Thus far this year 207 of our Indiana Lions Clubs have added members. Of those who added new members 101 of the clubs added enough to exceed the number of members they had at the beginning of the year. Thirty-two Lions Clubs added five or more members. The Crandall Lions Club (E-2) added twenty-four members and Talma (G) added eighteen members. Those clubs listed below all added 5 or more members. Those listed in capital letters are also currently positive in membership for the year:

CRANDALL 24, TALMA 18, EMINENCE 12, CLINTON 12, ZIONSVILLE 10, GREENTOWN 9, Oxford 8, UNIV. SO. IN 7, BOONVILLE 7, SWEETSER 7, Westville 7, DECATUR CENTRAL 7, Culver 7, LAKEVILLE 7, NEW HAVEN 6, OAKLAND CITY 6, LACONIA 6, FT. WAYNE CENTRAL 6, Mexico 6, New Albany 6, EAST CHICAGO 6, WHEATFIELD 5, CROWN POINT 5, Hamilton 5, ROSSVILLE AREA 5, Carmel 5, KEMPTON 5, MATTHEWS 5, WINCHESTER 5, CHARLESTOWN 5, CLERMONT 5, Connersville 5.

Membership Report by District

Listed below are the membership statistics for each Indiana Lions District as of December, 2005. District E-1 is the leader as they brought in two new clubs which added a total of 69 new members enabling them to be +59 in membership. Districts C, E-2, and G are very close to being positive in membership.

The membership results thus far this year are en-couraging. Those clubs that are using membership plans are attracting new members. Many of them have improved the meeting enjoyment of their members. They are also getting their new members involved in club activities.

<u>District</u>	<u># of Clubs</u>	<u>Present Status</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>
A	56	-39	26	14	30
B	62	-48	22	16	40
C	48	-2	21	11	27
D	61	-51	25	9	27
E-1	39	+59	20	7	17
E-2	46	-4	27	17	18
F	70	-52	35	13	34
<u>G</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>-12</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>26</u>
Total	440	-149	208	101	228

A # of clubs adding members

B # of clubs positive in growth

C # of clubs NOT ADDING NEW MEMBERS

Unfortunately, 228, or more than half of our 440 clubs have not brought in any new members. Those clubs that are serious about continuing

to serve their communities will make every effort to finish positive in membership this year.

For the Want of a Nail

Many of us have heard the saying...

For the want of a nail- the shoe was lost.

It goes on to say:

For the want of the shoe – the race was lost

For the loss of the race – the horse was shot

For the loss of the horse – the farm was lost

For the loss of the farm – the farmer died.

We chuckle – it is just an exaggerated quote, right!!!! ?

Lions, maybe it is not far from the blunt truth.

We celebrate the many things our clubs do well. Congratulations and Thank You should be given often to working Lions. Your clubs will grow with new members and new ideas for service to future generations.

Not all our clubs are that solid and thriving. Shouldn't we nurture and help these clubs? Sometimes just sharing ideas and showing support makes another club receptive to guiding help. Understand the loss of a club leaves that community in need of the services Lions have to offer.

Isn't each one of us as a Lion a nail? What do we hold together that makes this a better place to live? Does it matter if we are the nail or the person pounding the nail in the right place? We are a team and to be a successful team we must all work together. Each Lion has a talent and skill to share. (Each piece of a puzzle is needed to complete a puzzle). Great

and small things are lost one piece at a time.

Wouldn't a new member be another nail?

Don't be the lost nail – we need you!!!

VDG Pat

Laketon Lions Announces Events

March 11, 2006: Second annual Spaghetti Dinner & Chinese Auction to benefit the Laketon Lions Youth League Baseball Team.

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.

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

Parade Information for the 85th State Convention of Indiana Lions

This year's state convention, scheduled for April 27-30, 2006 in Evansville, will feature a parade on Saturday, April 29 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. The theme is, "We Serve our Communities".

The proposed route will have participants lining up at the Civic Center parking lot, travelling down Locust Street and turning onto Fourth St. to Sycamore St. and back to the Civic Center.

In addition to Lions clubs, other not-for-profit organizations will be asked to participate.

Applications for those clubs interested in being a part of this parade are available online at the Indiana Lions website at www.indianalions.org, and then clicking on the link on the left side of the page. The Evansville Eastside Lions Club, celebrating 50 years, is coordinating this project.

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
(574) 457-3054
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

A message from the International Leader

Dear Lion Leader:

The start of a new calendar year gives pause to a moment to reflect on the previous year and holds hope for a better coming year. It is also the mid point of the Lions fiscal year, and provides a moment to look at what has been achieved and to evaluate the district's direction for the balance of the Lion year.

In evaluating the first half of this year and setting course adjustments for the balance of the year it is important to note the following: This year we are well on our way to achieving many of the goals set in Hong Kong.

200 countries and geographic areas: The Board has approved three additional countries: Somalia, the Republic of Kazakhstan, and the Republic of Maldives. The first club in Maldives will be chartered on February 13, 2006 and is sponsored by District 306-B2. This means that Lions Clubs are making a difference in 198 countries and geographic areas.

Plus One Growth of districts and clubs: Compared to previous years, the number of new clubs formed in the first half of the fiscal year is up. Another sign that the organization is becoming stronger is member drops per club is decreasing and less clubs are on status quo.

As you plan for the next six months of activities, what will you do differently or the same? Where are you leading your district? Just as yesterday's actions shaped today, your actions today shape the world tomorrow. Keep up the good work.

With thanks and gratitude, yours truly,

Dr. Ashok Mehta

International President

Lions Clubs International

Plymouth Lions to host Cornbeef & Cabbage Dinner

As you know, our club has scheduled an all you care to eat "corn beef and cabbage dinner" coming up on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2006, from 5:00 to 9:00

p.m., at Christo's Banquet Center. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 6-12, and children under 6 are free.

PLYMOUTH LIONS CLUB

Kenneth H. Lukenbill, President



Lucky Lion!

You are cordially invited to a celebration honoring
50 Years of the Dunlap Lions Club



Saturday, March 18, 2006
Concord High School Cafeteria
6:00 Social
7:00 Dinner

8:00-10:00 Program and Entertainment

Guests will get a choice of chicken, turkey, or roast beef.

Tickets are \$20 and can be reserved by calling Lion Ron Dean
at 574-295-0039. This event is business casual.



SightFirst II Update
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corporations and governments. The Visionary Society will recognize gifts and pledges from clubs. LCIF will begin to acknowledge our donors soon, and provide them with the proper recognition they so richly deserve.

Please support the campaign. At stake is the sight of millions. Lions have always risen to the occasion when faced with a great challenge. Our rapid progress in the campaign so far provides hope and confidence that our efforts will be a resounding success.

Yours in Lionism,
Dr. Tae Sup Lee
Past International President
International Chairperson of
Campaign SightFirst

**Indiana
Lions**



**District
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DISTRICT CONVENTION

Saturday - March 4, 2006

Christo's Banquet Hall
830 E. Lincolnway, Plymouth, IN

- 9-10 Registration & Social Period
- 10:00 Opening Session
- 10:10 Necrology Service
- 11:00 Informational Sessions
- 11:30 Committee Reports
- 12:00 Election Proceedings
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 Program
Maynard Rucks, International Director
- 2:30 Election Results / Reports
- 2:45 Door Prizes, 50/50
- 3:00 District Lion of the Year
- 3:15 Adjournment

Menu

Beef Sirloin Tips - Roasted Chicken
Rice Pilaf, Mashed Potatoes, California Blend, Corn-O-Brian, Salads, Desserts

\$20 per person (registration & check received by March 1)
Late registration: \$22

Your Vote -- Your Voice -- Your District -- ATTEND !

**Over 70 Attend
Cabinet Meeting
in Elkhart**



Over 70 members from District 25-G were at the Cabinet Meeting Feb. 11. Following a lunch that we bet the Northside Middle School kids only wished they had, Lions and guests

got an update on many projects, heard from Lions International Convention Candidate, Herb Stevens, and learned about the importance of incorporating by local Lions clubs. Once again, we are indebted to Bud Seely for providing photos to the now 'Award Winning' Paw Prints newsletter !!!

Include this form with your check payable to District 25-G.

Lions Club _____

Names of those Lions attending: _____

Mail this form and payment to:
Marty Juel, Dist. 25-G Treasurer
3204 Village Ct.
Goshen, IN 46528

Total Enclosed (\$20 per meal) \$ _____