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DISTRICT 25 G

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With many THANKS to New Paris Lion Dave Smoker

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Knights for the Blind and Deaf

**The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
(Eleanor Roosevelt quoted in "Lift Every Voice" Don Zadra)**

As Lions, every day we see opportunities, it is what we do to expand those opportunities that matters.

The Rochester Lions Club has built over 200 ramps during their existence. They have all of the specifications on building ramps that will meet the American with Disabilities Act. I mentioned that to one of the clubs I visited and they thought that was a good idea. How many of your ideas/dreams become

a reality? All it takes is an imagination and the will to accomplish what you dream. Isn't it interesting that Melvin Jones started the Lions Clubs with the simple idea that a lunch club could help his community and now that idea is flourishing around the world?

Lions Clubs in this district from small communities to the very largest communities are willing to help. Sometimes it seems that the small communities do better than the larger because they can communicate better to the people where they live. That is a shame because the larger communities have so much more to offer and such a larger pool of professionals from which to choose. Has your club tried to work with people to grow projects which will attract people? Has your club taken a survey of your community to determine what might be needed?

How about a door to door program to sell the latest energy saving light bulb or to sell an inexpensive but proper smoke detector. With all of information available at your local fire department, smoke detectors should be easy to obtain and a check with the town hall should determine a source of excellent

energy saving light bulbs. That is what our Lions Clubs did many years ago when Lions first started growing.

I am aware that it takes a certain amount of “moxie” to sell items door to door, but it should not be too hard to give 3rd grade students dictionaries and that is a good way to attract attention to Lions. When Imagination is where we live we can accomplish many things. Just as Eleanor Roosevelt said over 50 years ago, the future belongs to our dreams and the willingness to live those dreams is still with us.

From the Desk of CST PDG Ann Haffner

THE IMPORTANCE OF CLUB REPORTS

CLUB SECRETARIES: I hope you are aware of the important position you hold in your club. You are the liaison officer between your club and both District 25-G and Lions Clubs International. Your promptness in submitting reports on time is one of the determining factors in whether your club president is eligible to receive the Club President Excellence Award.

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT: The MMR is used to report membership changes: new, transfer and reinstated members, dropped members, address and name changes, corrections and additions. Several club presidents, secretaries and treasurers did not receive WMMR passwords from LCI in July because their e-mail addresses were not on record at LCI. No passwords were mailed this year, only sent by e-mail. Please note that no changes or additions can be made unless the Lion's birth year is recorded with their information. That must be added first. The MMR can still be mailed in paper form to LCI and the district governor but, if mailed, is due the 20th of the month; i.e., the November report is due on November 20th. The electronic version must be filed by the last day of the month; i.e., the November report must be filed by November 30th. Filing online with LCI does not mean that DG Bill will receive a copy. It must be viewed and saved to your computer and then sent as an attachment to him at wjwallace1@embargmail.com. It is a nice gesture to also send it to your zone chairperson and VDG Paul Russell at prussell@lakevillelions.org.

New Lions will not receive the HOOSIER LION or LION magazine until their membership is recorded at LCI. Several clubs have members on the rolls at LCI with no addresses or incorrect addresses. Hence, they do not receive these publications. If your club has members on record that are deceased or have dropped your club is liable for paying LCI, district and state dues for them.

FAMILY UNIT CERTIFICATION: Several club secretaries have not filed Family Unit Certification with LCI. Therefore, they are being charged full international dues (\$19.50 semi-annually) for the second, third, etc. family members living at the same address and belonging to the same club. When submitted correctly, your club will only be charged \$9.75 semi-annually for those members. Several clubs' Family Unit Certification has been filed incorrectly. There cannot be more Family Units than the number of Family Unit Members. A few clubs have not reported all that they are eligible to report. In some cases that may be because husbands and wives are not listed at LCI with the same address. If you need to file or correct your club's Family Certification it must be submitted by November 30, 2009 in order for it to take effect on the LCI January 1, 2010 dues billing.

CLUB ACTIVITIES REPORT: This may be submitted online monthly or periodically to report completed service activities, donations, and service hours. This will create an online end-of-the-year cumulative Annual Activities Report. A year end report can still be filed online by recording all of the year's activities prior to July 15th. Activities reports can no longer be mailed to LCI.

INSTRUCTIONS: If you need directions for filing reports there are instructions online. Before entering your username and password on the WMMR login page read the information available there.

Secretaries, Presidents and Treasurers will find a wealth of information available on the WMMR website—club rosters with or without addresses, attendance sheet, membership reporting history, membership directory, previous MMR's filed, and data download. Membership cards are no longer mailed but can be easily printed from the WMMR website. If you have difficulty filing your reports, making changes, or need your password contact me at ahaffner@kconline.com or 574-457-3054 and I will assist you.

FROM VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR PAUL RUSSELL

We're all familiar with the story of the stereotypical family vacation – Mom and Dad load the suitcases into the trunk, the kids pile into the back seat, and the family sets off down the road. Just beyond the edge of town, the kids start asking "Are we there yet?" No matter how often I see this scenario re-enacted in a TV sitcom or a movie, I never hear a parent say "I have no idea, because I don't know where we're going". It never happened on our family trips, and I doubt that it happened on yours, either.

Few of us would ever set off on a family vacation without a destination in mind, and a route map showing us how to get from our starting point to our destination. The destination is our goal, and the route map is our plan to reach that goal. As we travel down the road, we compare the signposts along the way with the information on our route map, so we can measure our progress towards our goal.

We set personal goals and make personal plans to achieve those goals: we set up savings plans to pay for our children's college education, or our retirement; we go (back) to school to qualify for a better job; we start diets and exercise programs to improve our health and well-being.

We need to set goals for our Lions Club, too, and make plans to achieve those goals. If we fail to do so, we may find our club going around in circles like that Merry-Go-Round Lion that I wrote about last month.

When I was a club president, I set the following goals for my club during my year as president:

- Continue our tradition of community service through our local signature projects, and contributions to state projects and LCIF.
- Find new ways to serve our community.
- Implement a membership recruitment program, and a membership orientation program, and achieve a net increase of at least 6 new members during this program year.
- Increase attendance at board meetings and dinner meetings, and participation in club projects.
- Increase our club's participation in district and state Lions events.

We achieved all of those goals, and we did it because we made a plan, we worked the plan, we periodically checked our progress towards our goals, and we made adjustments in our plan, as needed, to meet our goals.

If you've never set goals for your Lions Club and you're not sure where to start, get a copy of the application for the Club President's Excellence Award from the LCI web site. The requirements for this award provide an excellent framework for setting goals for your club.

Are we there yet? How can we tell, if we don't know where we're going?

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE 2010 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Make plans today to attend the 2010 Mid-Winter Conference at Lawrence Central High School in Indianapolis. You will be glad you did.

The conference cost is only \$25 if you register prior to Nov. 30. After that the cost goes to \$30. It's a bargain. It includes a light breakfast when you arrive plus lunch, the commemorative souvenir conference pin, proceedings CD.

There are five two-hour workshops and 25 one-hour seminars to pick from — Something for everyone. A number of 25-G Lions will be presenting seminars:

Seminar No. 7 — Zone Chairperson Doris Yoder — **Unique and Exciting Approaches to Lions Orientation.** "Has your club gotten lackadaisical about who we are as Lions? Come and learn enjoyable strategies for Lions orientation. This session is designed to assist orientation chairs as well as individual Lions who wish to provide Lionistic information to their own clubs."

Seminar No. 9 — PDG Jeri Seely — **Growing PR.** "In keeping with our International President's theme of 'Move to Grow,' we cover many different ways a club can reach out to its community through effective public relations."

Seminar No. 12 — PDG Bud Seely — **Growing Excitement and Motivation in your Lions Club.** "This seminar will focus on making Lions meetings more exciting. Knowing the right combination of business and fun can motivate members and help clubs grow."

Seminar No. 14 — PDG Charles Haffner — **Seven New Ideas to Bring Magic Results into your Lions Club.** "Ideas on how to increase your effectiveness as a Lion and really help your Lions Club."

Seminar No. 17 — PCC David Eisen — **To Be or Not to Be: a District Governor.** "What does it take to be a DG? Why is it such a rewarding job? Why being a DG might just be your best year ever as a Lion. Come to this seminar to see how you can lead the Lions of your District by being a District Governor."

Seminar No. 20 — VDG Paul Russell — **Are We There Yet? Goal-Setting and Planning for Club Presidents.** "Are We There Yet? Goal-Setting and Planning for Club Presidents."

Seminar No. 24 — PCC David Eisen — **Growing Region Chairs and Zone Chairs.** "Come to this seminar to learn how to become a Region Chair and/or Zone Chair and learn how to find Region Chairs and Zone Chairs for your district."

Seminar No. 25 — VDG Paul Russell — **Be Proud You are a Lion – Sharing Success (Personal Experiences) Stories.** “Come to this seminar to see and hear what Lions are doing every day in their clubs to make their activities successful and helping those whom WE SERVE.”

And, these are just the presenters from our district. Check out your October Hoosier Lion for a complete list. Make your choices and register. You will be glad you did.

PDG Jeri Seely

Bring your items for the Silent Auction. They should appeal to Lions and generate a bid of at least \$20 each. The Silent Auction funds raised will again go to support the Leo Club Program.

Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc.
and
Indiana University Radiation Oncology Department
Present
Physician’s Seminars
Sunday, November 8, 2009
1:30 p.m.

Physicians from the Department of Radiation Oncology, Indiana University School of Medicine in partnership with the Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund, Inc. are sponsoring educational seminars for the Lions of Indiana and their guests. Featured speakers will be Indra Das, Ph.D. presenting “Techniques for whole breast and partial breast radiation therapy,” Marc Mendonca, Ph.D. discussing, “Are endothelial stem cells that supply tumors with their blood supply radiation sensitive?” Markus Fitzek, M.D. will present “Particle Radiotherapy and the Midwest Proton Radiotherapy Institute,” and Ronald Shapiro, M.D. will present a pediatric case study.

**Indiana Cancer Pavilion,
1st Floor, Room RT 101
535 Barnhill Drive,
Indianapolis, IN 46202**

Parking is available in Vermont Street Garage, one block south of Michigan Street, (Turn Left at Michigan and Barnhill and Left again on Vermont Street to enter). **This event is provided exclusively for the Lions of Indiana.** It is an excellent opportunity to learn about the latest in cancer treatment and research. Please plan to attend and bring a friend. It will be a relaxed atmosphere with ample opportunities for questions after each presentation. This event

promises to be a very interesting. **All Lions and guests are welcome.** For questions, please contact Lion Dottie Flack, Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund. [317-274-4059](tel:317-274-4059), dflack@iupui.edu.

Lion Presidents please read this newsletter and distribute it to your club members

EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT

Lakeville Lions Spaghetti dinner at Newton Center; 4 to 7p.m. Friday November 6; Adults & Carryouts \$7; Children 4-12 \$3

Elkhart Community Lions Premium Quality Nut Sale: \$9 per pound; 5 varieties; available now

Pierceton Lions 80th Anniversary; Sunday, November 15; doors open at 4 p.m.; dinner at 5:30 p.m.; \$12.50; featuring 2nd IVP Candidate PID Wayne Madden & other entertainment; reservations due October 29

Dunlap Lions Bust Trip to Leader Dogs for the Blind May 13, 2010; 8 seats available

Elkhart Lions Midwest Regional Dodge Ball Tournament April 10, 2010 North Side Gym; 32 team limit

LCI Violin Music Contest; information in the latest LIONS magazine

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

This is the time of year that our thoughts turn to giving thanks for all that we've been able to accomplish during the previous year. As Lions in District 25-G we need to review what our clubs have done and give thanks to all the members who have made it possible. It takes all of us working together, each member doing his or her own part of a project, to bring about the good works that help to improve life in our communities.

Often we hear reports at our meetings about the projects that we are working on and the results when they are completed. But do we thank the individual Lions that worked on the project? I believe each Lion gets a sense of satisfaction and joy in knowing that the projects we work on do make a difference in the lives other people in our local communities and around the world. While we don't necessarily expect to receive a formal "thank you," words of appreciation and affirmation can help boost morale among club members.

The first line of a song that reminds us to "give thanks with a grateful heart." When your club meets this month, be sure that someone acknowledges the efforts of individual Lions and says "Thank you" for your work in carrying out our motto, "Together We Serve."

Together in Service,
Lion Pastor Karen Ottjes
Chaplain pro tem

Madden 2012

Campaign Kickoff

***The Two Auburn Lions Clubs Invite You To Join Them
In Auburn "The Home of the Classics"***

Saturday November 14th 2009

Kickoff at 6:00 p.m.

VICTORY Museum

I-69 Exit 126

(West Side of I-69)

\$10 Minimum Donation per Person

Kickoff/Tailgate Theme:

Chili/Brats/Dogs

Homemade Amish Ice Cream

Cash Bar

Cheerleaders/Pep Band/Entertainment/Cornhole Tournament

Dress in Your Favorite Team's Gear

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David Smoker
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Bring the entire club for a night of fun and what promises to be the start of an exciting four years for the Indiana Lions!!

Reservations to Campaign Treasurer Ed Souers: 17002 Darling Rd;

Woodburn IN 46797; esouers@consideritsolved.com

Names of those attending:

1.	_____	2.	_____	3.	_____
4.	_____	5.	_____	6.	_____
7.	_____	8.	_____	9.	_____
10.	_____	11.	_____	12.	_____

Total Enclosed \$ _____ (Checks payable to Madden 2012)