



# The Lion Lines

Together We Serve

District 25-G

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## District Governor's Message

### Lions Spread Christmas Cheer

"We Serve" in many ways throughout the year, but we seem to be particularly busy during the holidays. Our projects have many names – Adopt-A-Family, Christmas Food Basket, Clothe-A-Child, Coats for Kids, Toys for Tots – but a single purpose: make the holidays brighter for individuals and families who are struggling to deal with the challenges that life throws at them. Lion Rose and I worked on our club's Christmas projects and reaped the personal rewards – we saw tears of gratitude in the eyes of parents, we saw expressions of wonder and excitement on the faces of children, and we heard the joy of sharing in the voices of Lions and other community volunteers who worked with us on the project. Thank you, Lions, for all you do.

### New Year's Resolutions

Have you made your Lions New Year's Resolutions yet? If not, I have a few suggestions.

- Rekindle the enthusiasm you had when you joined Lions.
- Explore new ideas for service projects and fundraisers.
- Offer someone the opportunity to make a difference – invite them to join your Lions Club.

### Mid-Year Review

At the mid-point of the Lions' year, it is appropriate to assess our progress towards the goals we set at the beginning of the year.

- Operation KidSight – Since July 1, Lions Clubs in District 25-G have provided vision screenings for more than 1200 children. We are half-way through the year and more than 60% of the way to our goal of providing vision screenings for at least 2000 children.
- Dictionary Project – So far this year, at least 60% of the clubs in our district have reported that they are participating in this project, up from 20% last year. In a few cases, schools have responded that they have needs which are more pressing than providing personal dictionaries for third-graders, and the Lions Clubs have initiated projects to address those needs. Our goal was to provide dictionaries for 8000 students; perhaps our goal should have been based on the number of clubs participating in the project.
- Membership – We were positive through the first four months of the year, but slipped a little in November and December. As of December 31, district membership has declined by 4. Our goal is to increase membership by 30 by the end of this Lions year.

### Thought for the Month

You must have long-range goals to keep from being frustrated by short-range failures. – Charles Noble



# Wanted

VDG Lana Wilson is looking for a few good people to fill positions at the district level. Be the first on your block to volunteer!! She needs a 1st VDG, 2nd VDG and various committee positions.

To be eligible for the 1st VDG position you must have been a club president and zone chairman. During your VDG year your primary responsibility is to get ready to be District Governor. The state provides 3 weekend training sessions in Indianapolis, usually held between October and March of your VDG year. You will be required to attend four Council meetings with your District Governor. At these meetings your primary responsibility is to listen and learn. Only on rare occasions will you be asked for your opinion. You may visit as many of the clubs in your district during this year as you choose; although it is not a requirement, it is good training. Your District Governor may ask you to provide an article for the monthly district newsletter. You will be invited for an overnight visit to the Leader Dog School. You will be given the opportunity to attend District Governors School which begins about five days prior to the International Convention. LCI covers the VDG costs for both the DG school and the convention, and pays \$500 towards your spouse's costs.

The 2nd VDG must also have been a club president and a zone chairman. This is really a year of learning and observing. The 2nd VDG may attend Council meetings, but it is not required. The District Governor may assign other tasks to the 2nd VDG.

For more information about the 1st VDG, 2nd VDG or any of the committee positions, contact 1st VDG Lana Wilson.

## Address Changes

Lion Don Gilpin has a new e-mail address:  
[DEG1930@webtv.net](mailto:DEG1930@webtv.net)

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## Keeping Is Just As Important As Getting

By: PDG Ann Haffner,  
District 25-G Membership Chairperson

A couple of years ago I was invited to induct a new member into a Lions Club. The induction went poorly from start to finish. I had carefully prepared my talk, but that was the only part that went well.

His sponsor was poorly dressed and treated the occasion almost as a joke. The club secretary had no new member packet to give the new member. They did not have his pin there for the ceremony or a signed and prepared new member certificate to present. And when the meeting was over very few members congratulated and welcomed him to the club. He left the meeting by himself. A few months later he stopped attending and later dropped from the club.

The strength of Lionism is service AND FRIENDSHIP. The joy of serving humanity brings us in but developing friendships is what keeps us there. New members that are welcomed sincerely and given a meaningful part in the club's activities will not leave.

## Reminder for those running for District Officer or State Project Trustees

Please remember if you are running for election for District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, 2nd Vice District Governor, State Project Trustee, or Indiana Lions Foundation Trustee you need to have your club's endorsement. Your club president or secretary then must send a letter of endorsement to the chairperson of the Nominations and Elections Committee by January 22, 2011. Please have the endorsement letter sent to:

PDG Pat Birk  
614 N. Plymouth Street  
Culver, IN 46511

## Anna Weeks of Peru is MD-25 Peace Poster Contest Winner



Indiana's entry in the Lions Club International Peace Poster contest was drawn by Anna Weeks, 11, of Peru. Her "Vision of Peace" was selected by the Council of Governors at the Council Christmas Dinner on December 4th. Anna was one of more than 60 students who participated in the Peru Lions Club's local Peace Poster Contest. Her poster will compete with others from around the world and will be displayed and judged at the Lions International Convention to be held in July of 2011. Congratulations and Good Luck Anna.

### Information about 2011-2012 Peace Poster Contest

For more than 20 years, the Lions International Peace Poster Contest has given young people a chance to express their visions of peace. And now, we're excited to announce the theme for our 2011-2012 Contest - "Children Know Peace." If your club would like to sponsor a contest in a local school or youth group, Peace Poster Contest Kits will go on sale on January 15, 2011 from Club Supplies. Learn more about the 2011-2012 Peace Poster Contest, including how to order a kit on the LCI website at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

## Upcoming Events

Please plan to join us at Milford on January 22nd for the Cabinet Meeting. The registration form is on page 11 of this newsletter.

The District Convention will be held on March 5th at the Ramada Plaza in Warsaw. A flyer with information is on page 8 and the registration form is on page 9 of this newsletter. The Keynote Speaker is ID Jerry Smith from Ohio. DG Paul and I met him at the International Convention last year and again at USA/ Canada Forum in Milwaukee last fall. We very much look forward to getting to know him and his wife better, and I know you're going to enjoy meeting them too. Please register early so we can plan for you.

It is not too early to begin planning to attend the State Convention that will be held in Bloomington this year on April 29-30th & May 1st. The Convention Committee has been working hard to plan an enjoyable and informative convention. The registration form is on page 9.

The International Convention will be held in Seattle, Washington this year from July 4th—July 8th. It would make a fabulous vacation to plan to attend the convention and be a tourist in Seattle. Many people around the state plan to combine a cruise to Alaska with their Seattle vacation. Come join us. More information may be found on the website at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

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### Completion of Service

According to the Lions Club International website, the following Lions were reported as deceased in the second quarter of the 2010-2011 year.

Row Bower—Baugo Township L. C.  
James Kobold, Sr.—Greene Township L. C.  
George Airgood—Laketon L.C.  
Clarice Balmer—Lakeville L. C.  
Loren Geyer—Lakeville L.C.  
Stan Smith—Peru L. C.  
Frank Deisch—South Bend L.C.  
R.E. Wilkins—South Bend L. C.  
Warren R. Campbell—Warsaw L. C.

**They will be missed!**

# Here We Grow Again

During the month of Nov, 5 clubs in our district added 8 new members. We welcome these new Lions and commend their sponsors for inviting them to join the GREATEST SERVICE ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD. Sponsors, remember this is only the first step in your responsibility. Please be sure to involve your new Lion in all club activities.

## Akron Lions Club

Member: Larry D. Simpson  
Sponsor: Harvey Arthur

Member: Charles Alan Sterk  
Sponsor: Brian Potter

## Elkhart Lions Club

Member: David Britzke  
Sponsor: Diane E. Parker

Member: Roscoe L. Enfield  
Sponsor: Raymond L. Enfield

Member: Richard H. Rossow  
Sponsor: Clifford O. Yehle

## Goshen Lions Club

Member: Steven Coyne  
Sponsor: Frank Coyne

## Mentone Lions Club

Member: Jeremy T. Eppelmann  
Sponsor: Forrest Kantner

## Silver Lake Lions Club

Member: David Dickey  
Sponsor: Ralph L. Dickey

## Dictionary Project still Growing

Howard Heines, Dictionary Project Chairperson, reports that to his knowledge the following clubs are participating in the Dictionary Project. If your club is participating, but is not on the list, please contact either DG Paul or Lion Howard so your name may be added.

Atwood LC  
Bourbon LC  
Bristol LC  
Centre Township LC  
Claypool LC  
Culver LC  
Denver LC  
Dunlap LC  
Elkhart LC

Elkhart Community LC  
Etna Green LC  
Fulton Liberty LC  
Greene Township LC  
Grass Creek LC  
Lake City LC  
Laketon LC  
Lakeville LC  
LaPaz LC

Leesburg LC  
Lydick LC  
Mentone LC  
Mid-Lakes LC  
Mishawaka LC  
Milford LC  
New Carlisle LC  
New Paris LC  
N. Webster Lioness Club

North Webster LC  
Pierceton LC  
Plymouth LC  
Sidney LC  
Silver Lake LC  
Syracuse LC  
Warsaw LC

Save the Date

State Convention April 29th—May 1st

# Announcements

Clubs — Please send announcements of your upcoming events to be included in the newsletter. It's free advertising, so take advantage of it! Send your E-mails to [RoseWRussell@gmail.com](mailto:RoseWRussell@gmail.com) (please specify in the subject line that it's for the newsletter) or mail your announcements to Rose Russell, PO BOX 31, Lakeville, IN 46536

## Spaghetti Supper

Sponsored by:

New Carlisle Lions Club

When: Saturday Feb 19, 2011

Time: 4 to 7 PM

Cost: \$7.00 adults

\$4.00 5-10 and under 4 free

Items offered: Includes salad, spaghetti, garlic bread, coffee, lemonade and dessert

## Spaghetti Dinner

Sponsored by:

Lakeville Lions Club

Serving:

All you care to Eat  
Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, bread sticks, dessert and drinks

Friday, January 28, 2010

4:00pm—7:00 pm

Located at:

The Newton Center  
Lakeville, Indiana

Cost:

Adults: \$7.00  
Children \$3.00  
Carry Out: \$7.00

## Reminder:

Cabinet Meeting at  
Milford, IN

January 22, 2011

## Greene Township Lions Present Community Breakfasts 2010-2011

3rd Saturday of the Month

Jan. 15, Feb. 19, and Mar. 19

Breakfast Buffet

Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Pancakes, Biscuits and Gravy, Potatoes, and Beverage

Adults \$ 7.00 Children \$3.50 (5 & Under Free)

Serving 7:00 am to 10:30 am

At the Greene Twp. Community Building, Roosevelt Road

Please join us and support the Greene Township Lions  
Community Fund and

State Projects: Indiana School for the Blind, Cancer Control,  
Leader Dogs, Speech & Hearing, Eye Bank

See a Greene Township Lion for Tickets or Call 574-289-9942



# State Project Profile

## Indiana Lions Eye and Tissue Transplant Bank

By: Nelson Nix, Trustee

For over 50 years the Indiana Lions Eye & Tissue Transplant Bank has been assisting those individuals throughout Indiana and the world with corneal related issues that have led them to a potential life without vision. Your Eye Bank has assisted over 22,000 persons with the restoration of damaged or diseased corneas enabling them to return from the dark to a life in the light.

Located in our state-of-the-art facility at 727 E. 86<sup>th</sup> Street in Indianapolis, the eye bank employs a total of 33 Hoosiers full and part time. Our Eye Bank is one of only two facilities in the nation that has the ability to custom cut corneal tissue to exact specifications required by the ophthalmic surgeon. This procedure has once again put your Eye Bank at the forefront in corneal surgery.

One of our ways of giving back to the Hoosiers of Indiana is our Surgical Assistance Program whereby an Indiana resident that is threatened with impending blindness can receive up to \$5,000.00 in direct aid to offset the cost of sight saving surgery. This Surgical Assistance Grant Program is designed to assist those

individuals who have fallen through the cracks of our health care systems with no insurance or government aid available and the lack of personal finances to afford the costly procedures involved in sight saving surgery. One of the requirements of this grant program is the sponsorship by a local Lions Club of the recipient requesting aid. Further information can be requested from one of your District Eye Bank Trustees or you may download a grant application from the Indiana Lions Eye Bank website @ [www.indianalionseyebank.org](http://www.indianalionseyebank.org).

Operation Kidsight is another of our ongoing projects which the Eye Bank took over in 2008. This program utilizes special computerized eye testing equipment to test the visual acuity of children from 1 to 6 years of age. The testing is done by members of the local Lions Club at pre-schools and kindergartens throughout the state. To date, over 12,000 children have been tested, with an average referral rate of 8%. If your club is not involved with Operation Kidsight contact an Eye Bank Trustee or your District Governor on how to really help the children of your community.

If you would like a program for your club meeting about your Indiana Lions Eye Bank contact Bob Myers, Carole Huffer or Nelson Nix your District 25-G Eye Bank Trustees.

Remember, you may be on the right track, but if you're not moving forward you may still get run over.

# District Convention

**Saturday,  
March 5, 2011**

**At**

**Warsaw Ramada Plaza  
2521 E. Center St., Warsaw, IN**

**Registration: 8:30am—9:15am**

**Opening Session: 9:15am      Closing: 3:00pm**

**Keynote Speaker: ID Jerry Smith**

**Menu:** Herb Roasted Chicken or Spiced Apple Glazed Ham, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Assorted Cakes, Soda, & Iced Tea

**Cost:** \$16.00 per person      \$19.00 after 2/24/11

**Send \$ to:** Make your check payable to DISTRICT 25-G and mail to PDG Robert D. Myers, 2507 East 225 South, Warsaw, IN 46580

**Complete Registration Form on Page 9 **

# Message from 1st VDG Lana Wilson

So you want to know what it takes to be a District Governor. I have been in training since November and having a lot of information given to me. I have a book that is very detailed in the understanding of the goings on at the top level of our states leadership. Membership is the #1 priority and the retention of all lions in the state and the organization. Keeping up with the clubs and their every day tasks and the insides of clubs to keep them on track and running efficiently. Just being there if there is a need I could help with.

I have very much enjoyed visiting all the different clubs in my role as 1st Vice District Governor. If I have not visited your club this year, I hope to visit next year. I do need to get all the district projects chairpersons on board and making sure the zone persons are in place and visiting clubs and having zone meetings. These are not just one more meeting. It is to foster better understanding of all of you working together and getting to know each other a little better. You could ask different clubs in our zones to help with fund raiser helping hand for service that spaghetti dinner or helping with carpentry work if you know some one in a different club who is handy with a screwdriver or hammer.

The different project committees needing chairpersons are Activities, Campus Club, Environmental, Peace Poster, Law Camp,

The Activities chairperson is responsible for coordinating a contest of a project your club did and documented it with pictures and newspaper articles stating what you actually did to accomplish this. An award is given by judging you against other club project.

The Campus Club Chairperson would help foster

understanding in the club and encourage these Lions in their activities as Lions.

The Environmental Chairperson would promote Green Ideas and encourage the clubs to participate in The Photo Contest.

The Peace Poster Contest Chairperson is responsible for coordinating the efforts of the district for this contest that challenges young people to think about peace and express what it means to them in drawings or art.

The Law Camp Chairperson would encourage clubs to provide names to go to camp and explain what the children would learn in their time there. Troopers from the Indiana State Police are the directors at the Anderson and the Vincennes Law Camps.

Leo Club Chairperson would be to help organize Leo Clubs and mentor these clubs as to their part in the bigger understanding of Lions and their projects that they take on.

Youth Camp and Exchange Chairperson is to become familiar with youth camps and organize camps and accommodations and activities with camp leaders. Help with exchanges with host families from different countries. Making sure all the travelers are adequately insured and documents in order.

Song Leader is to promote fellowship at the cabinet meetings with singing and to get us all revved up for a great meeting and at other meetings with an appropriate singing is to be done.

So I hope you are having a Happy New Year that lasts all year long and you are now more informed as to some of the District Governor's list of the things he needs to keep track of. "Keep Getting Fired up for Lions" as we should all be doing.

## District Convention Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken or Ham (Circle)

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# Does your club have a brochure or club fact sheet?

PDG Jeri Seely, PR Chairperson 25-G

Lions Clubs International joins me in encouraging every club in 25-G to have a club brochure or a club fact sheet. Either will serve the purpose.

Whichever you choose, the following information should be included.

A short club history and information on membership.

Projects that your club is involved in ... our "Best Kept Secret" is just that in many communities and people don't have the slightest idea how many service projects a Lions Club is involved in. International recommends that youth programs be listed separately.

Information on how to contact someone in the club. Be sure to include a phone number, e-mail address and

the club's Web site.

List place, day and time of meetings

Brochures — Brochures are more formal and usually contain more information than fact sheets. They can be four-color brochures with photos or simple black and white computer generated ones, they should be eye catchers so people will want to look at them. They can be handed out to prospective members, given out at service projects or left on display boards or tables for people to pick up.

Fact sheets — Fact sheets are less formal than brochures but can be used in much the same way as brochures. They are usually less expensive and easier to copy than their big brother — the brochure.

## 2011 Indiana Lions State Convention

Bloomington – Monroe County Convention Center

### 2011 Exhibits Form

**April 29, 30 and May 1, 2011**

If you would like to have an exhibit during the 2011 Indiana Lions State Convention in Bloomington, please contact PDG Gary Ochs to reserve your 8' table and chairs. You can reach his email address at [gochsinlions@att.net](mailto:gochsinlions@att.net) and/or complete the Exhibits Form below ASAP. There is NO cost for an 8' table(s) and (2) chairs for Lions and their local or Indiana state projects. But, for all non-Lion exhibits there is a \$50.00 fee. We are hoping that all Indiana Lions Clubs with outstanding community projects will have an exhibit display. There will be NO charge for your wireless or electrical hook-up. All displays/exhibits and the silent auction will be from 9:00 – 5:00 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday, April 29 & 30, 2011.

*PDG Gary Ochs; 106 Edgewood Drive; Bedford, Indiana 47421*

Exhibitor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club/District: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions: \_\_\_\_\_

# Cabinet Meeting

**All Lions are encouraged to attend**

**Our Hosts: Milford Lions Club**

Where: Milford Community Building, 103 S. Main St., Milford, IN

When: Saturday, January 22, 2011 — Registration starts at 11:15 AM. We Eat at 12:00

Menu: Roast beef, fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, buttered corn, baby carrots, fruit tray, cole slaw, mixed greens with three dressings, fruit pie, cookies, brownies, iced tea, lemonade and coffee

Price: \$ 9.00

Send \$ to: Make your check payable to DISTRICT 25-G and mail to PDG Robert D. Myers, 2507 East 225 South, Warsaw, IN 46580 **by Jan 15, 2011**

**Silent Auction: Please bring an item for the action. This helps raise dollars for the District and offsets costs. Your help is always appreciated!!!!**

Reservations for \_\_\_\_\_ Lions from \_\_\_\_\_ Clubs

Names of those attending:

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# District Calendar

Sat. Jan. 8, 2011	All Day	Mid-Winter Conference	Indianapolis
Sat. Jan 22, 2011	11:15am	Cabinet Meeting	Milford
Sat. Mar. 5, 2011	All Day	District Convention	Ramada Plaza, Warsaw
Apr 28—May 1, 2011		State Convention	Bloomington
Sat. May 21, 2011	11:15am	Cabinet Meeting	Potato Creek State Park
Jul 4—8, 2011		International Convention	Seattle, WA

## District Governor's Visits Scheduled

Mon., Jan. 17	Milford Lions Club	Thu., Mar. 10	Bremen Lions Club
Wed., Jan. 19	South Bend LC	Mon., Mar. 21	Somerset Lions Club
Mon., Jan. 24	Etna Green Lions Club	Tue., Mar. 22	Warsaw Lions Club
Tue., Jan. 25	Lakeville Lions Club	Thu., Mar. 24	Greene Township Lions Club
Thu., Jan. 27	Osceola Lions Club	Mon., Apr. 4	Silver Lake Lions Club
Tue., Feb. 1	Goshen Lions Club	Mon., Apr. 11	Millersburg Lions Club
Tue., Mar. 2	Sidney Lions Club	Tue., Jun. 21	Peru Lions Club
Tue., Mar. 8	Pierceton Lions Club		

Don't forget to call to arrange for a club visit

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