



# The Lion Lines

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## District Governor's Message

Happy New Year 2012, Lions All! We started the year with the Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference. What a big weekend of seminars and fellowship with keynote speaker PID Joe Preston from Arizona, and Lion Joni. This weekend just gets me all revved up to continue working on the thing we do best: Service. Our Lions year is half over, but we have lots of work to do yet.

- Distributing Dictionaries: 1,475 children have received dictionaries as of this month
- Planting trees: Over 2,000 have been planted in our district.
- Photo screening: We have screened 3,593 children in our District, but there are more to be screened.
- Asking new members to become part of our Lions family: We have 43 new members as of today; many more are needed.

Have you invited State Project or Foundation Trustees or district Committee Chairpersons in to talk to your club and let you know what is happening with the projects and committees? I need to visit several Clubs yet for the Governor's Official Visitation, as my duty requires. The third District Cabinet meeting will be held in Rochester on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January. I am looking forward to March 3<sup>rd</sup> for the District Convention at the Akron Community Building on SR 14. Our special guests will be ID Bob Smith and Lion Vicki from Sacramento, California. Your many MMR reports show that you are all very busy with your activities and service projects, so I know you are not just sitting around and talking about what needs to be done; you are Doing It. Get out there and "See the World" as only you can



Mid -Winter Conference. Pictured Left-Lion Bev Reed, DG Lana & Lion Ken Wilson at the general session. Pictured right-Participants share their thoughts during the Q&A portion of a seminar for Club Presidents

# Welcome New Members

During the month of November 10 clubs in our district added 16 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.

## Argos Lions Club

Member: Melinda Overmyer  
Sponsor: Jean Coby

## Baugo Township Lions Club

Member: Bruce Perry  
Sponsor: Jim Eggleston

Member: Chris Scaff  
Sponsor: Bruce Cogswell

## Culver Lions Club

Member: Joseph Baughn  
Sponsor: Frederick Lintner

Member: Deborah Foersch  
Sponsor: Kathleen Lintner

Member: Warren Foersch  
Sponsor: Stephen McDaniel

## LaFontaine Lions Club

Member: Andred Kirk

## Lapaz Lions Club

Member: Wyatt Smith  
Sponsor: Stephen Cox

## Peru Lions Club

Member: Mike Gatliff  
Sponsor: Paul Hayden

Member: Mike Zielinski  
Sponsor: Tom Languell

## Pierceton Lions Club

Member: Johanna Silveus  
Sponsor: Beverly Reid

## Plymouth Lions Club

Member: Michael borth  
Sponsor: Devon Stull

Member: Deb Griewant  
Sponsor: Judith Stone

Member: Roswitha Loew  
Sponsor: William Wallace

## Rich Valley Lions Club

Member: B. Douglas Simons  
Sponsor: James Dyson

## Wakarusa Lions Club

Member: Shane Weldy  
Sponsor: Troy Schwartz

## Lion Don Crawford is presented a Senior Key

In recognition of his recruiting 25 new members, Mishawaka Lion Don Crawford was awarded the Senior Key award at the December 15 meeting. CONGRATULATIONS LION DON!!!

## Silent Auction at Mid-winter Conference sets new record.

The Silent Auction at the Mid-Winter Conference raised a record setting \$1,545.27. The funds raised will go to support the Leo program. Thanks to all who donated to the auction and Thanks to auction committee chairman PDG Charlie Haffner for a job well done.

## Culver Lions Club Organizes Liberty Day Event



The purpose of Liberty Day Indiana is to make Hoosiers familiar with the U.S. Constitution, the oldest instrument of nation government in the world. A copy of the U.S. Constitution is given to each eighth grade student and to each Junior in high school. The copies of the U. S. Constitution are funded by patriotic businesses paying for printing and distribution to the Indiana Lions Clubs. It is non-partisan. An elected official talks to the students to tell how his office upholds the U.S. Constitution.

Marshall County Sheriff Tom Chamberlin, an experienced law enforcement leader, first spoke to the Culver Community Middle School students and teachers. He spoke about the U.S. Constitution and how the Sheriff's office

must protect U.S. citizens against unlawfulness. He provided insight into how far-reaching the Sheriff's authority is, and pointed out that the Sheriff is the only law enforcement officer elected by the people. Pat Lancet provided the signage for the students.

Sheriff Chamberlin then went over to the Culver Community High School and spoke to the Junior Class. Once again he spoke of his responsibility to the people of this nation as well as to the people of the county. Every State but two have counties and a County Sheriff; the exceptions are Alaska and Connecticut where there are no counties so the duties of law enforcement go to the State. Sheriff Chamberlin talked about the Marshall County jail and how State law determines inmate care. He said that even the amount of bail is influenced by the U.S. Constitution.

Sheriff Chamberlin's informative talk was well received by both the students and the Lions Club members who were present. The Sheriff encouraged the students as well as others to re-read the U. S. Constitution, advice we should all heed.

Lions Club members present were Pat Birk, Bill Birk, Jim Harper, Fred Lintner, Charlotte Hahn, Lynn Davis, Jim Sawhook, Pastor Larry Saunders, and Barbara Winters

### Kids-Sight Vision Screening

Janice Chapman reports that in the calendar year 2011, 16,426 children were screened in the State of Indiana. District G screened 3,593.

The following is a note forwarded from Janice Chapman regarding a note she received from a mother whose child was screened at Walkerton Elementary School by the Lakeville and Greene Township Clubs:

***I would like to say a huge thank you to the Lions. Because of your test, we were made aware of possible eye concerns with our almost 5 year old. I took him to the eye doctor and he does indeed need glasses. Without treatment his eyesight would have gotten much worse. I cannot thank your program enough.***

***With full gratitude,  
Kelli Craft***

## Announcements from Ann



By the time you receive this newsletter, PDG Charlie and I may have already spent Friday evening and Saturday at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Conference. I'm sure those of you who attend will come away as enlightened and enthusiastic as we will. If you aren't there this year I hope you will plan now to be there next year as this is a weekend well spent learning about many topics vital to the preservation and enhancement of Lionism in our clubs, our district, Indiana, and the world.

Equally as important are our district cabinet meetings and district convention. I hope to see all of you at the Rochester Community Center on Saturday, January 28, for DG Lana's third cabinet meeting. Also, be sure your calendar is marked for our district convention Saturday, March 3. International Director Robert Smith and his wife, Lion Vickie, from Sacramento, CA will be our guests and should have many inspiring words for us that day. DG Lana, Lion Ken, and I have met them and assure you they will be delightful guests. If you are interested in running for a district position or trustee for one of our 5 state projects or Indiana Lions Foundation, your letter of endorsement from your club should be sent to PDG Patricia Birk by our district cabinet meeting on January 28.

As we begin 2012 we should resolve to build on our strengths making an impact on every person in Indiana by the time they reach adulthood. We hold the future of the Lions of Indiana and the world in our hands. What we do or what we choose not to do is our choice. With the tools and training offered here in Indiana and our district you and your club can make a difference in the quality of life for people less fortunate than we are. This is your opportunity. Don't let it pass you by! Step up now to SERVE and make a difference.

Every Lion in District 25-G and Indiana should be very excited about the upcoming 2012-2013 Lions Year. It will have been 70 years since the President of Lions Clubs International has been an Indiana Lion. I am extremely proud and honored that I will be one of 2<sup>nd</sup> IVP Wayne Madden's district governors next year. I hope you will be just as excited and do all in your power to make Lion Wayne's year as International President one of outstanding success. Step up now in your club and our district to see that this is a reality.

Happy New Year and best wishes to each of you and your clubs for a most successful final 6 months of this Lions year and a commitment to the future of Lions Clubs International in our district, Indiana, and the world.

Yours in Lionism,  
1<sup>st</sup> VDG PDG Ann Haffner

**If your club has not scheduled your official visit from the District Governor, please contact DG Lana as soon as possible.**

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# 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 (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

## North Webster Lions Club

### Dan's Fish & Tenderloin Fry

Dine In (All You Can Eat)  
Carryouts Available

Saturday, January 28th  
4:00pm—7:00pm

Old Community Building  
(EMS Building)

*\$8.00 Adult Advance Sale Tickets*

*\$9.00 Adult at the Door Price*

*\$5.00 Children*

*Kids under 5 eat FREE*

## Lydick Lions Club

### All You Can Eat Breakfast

(Pancakes, sausages, scrambled  
eggs, biscuits and gravy, &  
beverages)

at

Lydick Lions Den  
26206 W. Edison Road  
South Bend, IN

1st Saturday of every month

7:30am—11:00am

Adults \$6.00  
Children \$4.00

***The District will be collecting “Keys for Cancer” and  
“used ink cartridges”***

***“Pop Tabs” are the next thing we are collecting. We will  
get credit from Riley Children’s Hospital for the benefit  
of someone in our district.***

***Please bring all items to the District Cabinet meetings***

# Cabinet Meeting

*All Lions are encouraged to attend*

**Our Hosts: Rochester Lions Club**

Where: Rochester Community Center  
625 Pontiac St. (Across from the Library)  
Rochester, IN

When: Saturday, January 28, 2012  
Registration starts at 11:15 AM. We Eat at 12:00

Menu: Smoked pork chops, cheese potatoes, 7 layer salad,  
green beans, cookies and drink

Cost: \$11.00

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

Reservation

Deadline: January 20, 2012 ,

**Change: DG Lana has decided to do a regular silent  
auction/bake sale at the cabinet meeting. Please bring  
items for sale.**

## **If We Build It, They Will Come**

by PDG Paul Russell

In the 1989 film "Field of Dreams", struggling Iowa farmer Ray Kinsella heard a voice in his cornfield telling him, "If you build it, he will come". But what, Kinsella wondered, was he supposed to build, and who would come after he built it? Kinsella soon came to the realization that he was supposed to mow down a cornfield and build a baseball diamond. Despite opposition from his wife, who feared that the loss of the crop could result in the loss of the farm, Kinsella built the diamond, and when the project was complete, he found the answer to the second question, in the team of ghostly players who came to play on his field of dreams, and the long line of travelers who came to watch the games and recapture pieces of the past.

The story is a fantasy, but the message of the voice is relevant to us as Lions: If we build it, they will come. If we build our local Lions Club to be a visible and relevant force for good in our local community, like-minded individuals who want to make a difference in the community will seek us out. This is not a fantasy; I see it happening in clubs in this district today.

How do we make our Lions Club a visible and relevant force for good in our local community? We need to build relationships with local school officials, local government officials, local churches, and other organizations in our community, then leverage those relationships to identify current community needs and develop new projects to meet those needs. Examples abound in our district: the Mishawaka Lions Club supports a fine arts program in the Mishawaka schools; the Akron Lions Club spearheaded a campaign to build a community center in the town park; the Lakeville Lions Club partners with a local church to feed the hungry.

The benefits to our community should be obvious; the benefits to our club are less obvious, but just as important. As we build these relationships and work with individuals in other organizations, we provide them with opportunities to learn about the vision, mission, goals, and accomplishments of our local Lions Club and Lions Clubs International. And when they learn about the many ways we serve, some will choose to become a part of the greatest service organization in the world.

If we build it, they will come.

This article was originally published in the December 2009 district newsletter. I am recycling it, because I believe that the message is still relevant to all of us. – pdr

## **You're Invited to Celebrate 60 years of Service with the Laketon Lions.**

I am Diane (Hauptert) Binkerd and I am Secretary/Treasurer of the Laketon Lions Club, Laketon, Indiana. We will be celebrating 60 years of service to Lionism on March 11, 2012 at the Laketon Fire Station in Laketon, Indiana from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Please get a group together and come and celebrate with us. Refreshments will be served and a few surprises are in store!! The Laketon Fire Station is on the north edge of Laketon at 10459 N Ogden Road.

## **District 25-G Convention Keynote Speaker International Director, Robert G Smith**

Robert G. Smith, from Sacramento, California, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 93rd International Convention, held in Sydney, Australia, June 28 to July 2, 2010.



Director Smith is a retired law enforcement official.

A member of the Sacramento Embarcadero Lions Club, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, vice district governor, district governor, council chair, cabinet secretary, cabinet treasurer, multiple district leadership chair and membership chair. He also served as a member of the District 4-C5 convention committee and the international convention nomination and sergeant of arms committees.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including Club Lion of the Year, three District Governor Appreciation Awards, the Multiple District 4 Excellence Award, the Multiple District 4 Kay and Denise Fukushima Couple of the Year Award, four International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Leadership Award and an International President's Medal. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Smith is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Fraternal Order of Police in Sacramento County, California. He also served in the California Peace Officer Association and the California Narcotic Peace Officers Association and he received three Unit Citations from the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department.

Director Smith and his wife, Vickie, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have one daughter.

## **Save the Date**

It's not too early to plan to attend the 2012 Indiana Lions State Convention hosted by District 25-A to be held on April 27th, 28th and 29th.

See the February newsletter for further details.

# District Convention

**Saturday, March 3, 2011**

**At**

Akron Community Building  
815 E. Rural Street, Akron, IN

Registration: 8:30am—9:15am

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

Keynote Speaker: ID Bob Smith

Menu: TBA

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

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

**(Menu and Registration Form will be in  
February Newsletter)**

# The Search for Next Year

By: 2nd VDG Dave Eisen

Yes, you read that right. I'm already looking forward to next year, and so should you. Christmas is past now. New Year's Day has passed as well, and according to my calendar, there are only 347 (or less by now) shopping days until Christmas 2012.

But there's only 171 days (or less by now) left before the new Lions year starts on July 1<sup>st</sup>. I'm really concerned that we start thinking now about celebrating that new year. I know, you are rolling your eyes and thinking there's plenty of time left, but that's not necessarily true.

Each Club needs to get its Nominating Committee formed now to start thinking about new Club officers for the next year. Elections must take place by April 15<sup>th</sup> so that Club Secretaries have plenty of time to turn in their PU-101s to DG Lana and to Lions International by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Club Secretaries must notify Club members at least 14 days in advance of the election date who the candidates for office will be. So counting backward from your Club's projected election date, the lead time is getting shorter and shorter. Hopefully your Club Directors have been watching and considering which Club members would make good officers for next year or the year thereafter. If you haven't already approached potential officers, please don't wait until April 1<sup>st</sup>.

For those Lions seeking District-level office as an officer or a Trustee, your letter of intent has to be sent to PDG Pat Birk by January 28<sup>th</sup>, the date of our Rochester Cabinet Meeting. If you have wanted to serve the District, get that letter sent now. VDG Ann Haffner has 40 Committee Chairs to appoint, not counting the 10 Zone Chairs. Avoid the rush, volunteer now. She needs to have all your PU-101 information, her 40 Committee Chairs, the 10 Zone Chairs, and the trustees in her finished district directory before she leaves for Busan, Korea, in mid-June. Let's make her work easier by getting your information to her as soon as possible.

It seems like I've been hearing more and more stories from Clubs where no one wants to take on a leadership position. Reasons given are fairly typical: family, time, energy, health, jobs, or condos in Florida. I'm certainly not going to disparage these reasons, but we need to remember that just by joining a Lions Club, we accepted a leadership position in the community, a community which looks to us to resolve some of its urgent needs. How can we be in a leadership Club but not be a leader?

We also need to remember that officer positions typically are not solo acts. Being a Club President, for instance, does not mean you carry the whole Club on your own shoulders. The President has vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, committee chairs and project chairs to help ease the load. DG Ann will have two Vice District Governors, 10 Zone Chairs, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and the 40 Committee Chairs to help ease her load and allow her to enjoy her year and accomplish her goals. Consider how you might accept a position and share the load. After all, that's what Club members are for.

This year we lost two Clubs due to membership (or the lack thereof). Let's not make next year the year we lose Clubs due to lack of leadership. Our communities need us, just like we need them. And both communities and Clubs need leadership. Who's going to step forward?



## **PDG David Court Retiring as Speech and Hearing Trustee**

**PDG Dave will not be running for reelection as Trustee for The Speech and Hearing Board leaving a vacancy to be filled. Those interested in running for this seat need to have their club endorsement and the club secretary or president needs to send a letter of recommendation to PDG Pat Birk, 614 Plymouth Street, Culver, IN 46511. The election will be held at the District Convention in March.**





Wash-a-thon Report! On Saturday, December 3, twenty-six Lions met at the Concord Fire Station #1 to wash eyeglasses! There were 17 from Dunlap club, 2 from Elkhart City, 6 from Elkhart Community and 1 from Clay-Granger. It was estimated that 5,000+ glasses were washed during the three hour project! Thanks to the Elkhart City Club for providing donuts, coffee and juice. There was consensus that another Wash-a-thon be scheduled in spring! It was a great way to get to know our Elkhart Lions!



PDG Dave Court, Chairman of the Lakeville Lions Club Toys-for-Tots and Food Drive, and Lion Vic Fischer, project Vice Chairman, are pictured with some of the toys collected on Blitz Day held at Lion Dave Grenert's garage. In all over 1,200 toys and food for 65 boxes of food were collected and distributed to families in the Lakeville Community.

# District Calendar

Saturday	Jan. 28, 2012	Third Cabinet Meeting, Rochester, IN
Saturday	March 3, 2012	District Convention, Akron, IN
	April 26-29, 2012	State Convention, Merrillville, IN
Saturday	May 19, 2012	Fourth Cabinet Meeting, Elkhart, IN
	June 22-26, 2012	International Convention, Busan, Korea

## District Governor Schedule

Jan. 16, 2012	Somerset Lions Club	Mar. 22, 2012	Greene Twp., Lions Club
Jan. 21, 2012	Sidney Lions Club	May. 15, 2012	Elkhart Comm. Lions Club
Jan. 26, 2012	Argos Lions Club		
Feb. 09, 2012	Bremen Lions Club		
Feb. 16, 2012	Clay-Granger Lions Club		
Mar. 12, 2012	Claypool Lions Club		

Check out the District Governor's schedule at the following URL to find her available times and call to schedule a visit  
[https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=lmw5148%40gmail.com&ctz=America/New\\_York](https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=lmw5148%40gmail.com&ctz=America/New_York)

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