



# The Lion Lines

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District 25-G

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## District Governor's Message

School has started and now is the time to get back into the everyday grind of Lions doing our everyday thing. With the children reading their new books and blackboards they may need their eyes checked. Have a Photo Screening to help them out. There may be some children that need extra attention. Noon Lunch

volunteers at schools are needed to help with homework or just some one to listen to them. Quest Programs are another way to help out. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to come to your Club and let you know what they are doing. That helps build up their confidence in themselves. Has your club thought about a Leo Club from your school district? An afternoon school Club would be great! Have you thought about teaming up with an Adventure Group? With 13 new Lions in our district and there new ideas I am sure all of us can come up with new ideas for helping our youth grow. Tree planting is good this time of year and the scouts love to be out doors and helping do thing also.

Going to Leader Dog was like going back to school. I learned how the puppies are raised and how it takes self control and self-confidence to walk with a Leader Dog. Every 26 days a new class of humans begins to learn how to let the Leader Dog teach a person how to conquer the world with out sight. The dogshave been in training for 4 months to learn this themselves. I think this is a wonderful program that the Lion of Indiana and the world help. We are blessed to have them so close to our area and to be able to go and see what it really is all about.

It time also to start thinking about that first Zone meeting. Presidents, Vice -Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and all interested Lions should attend. They are informative and address all sorts of ideas and problems your clubs may be having. The zone meetings are here to help or inform and a little fellowship, to get to know the other Lions in our family not just another meeting to attend.

Banner night is in October so have your Banner ready to display at this event with your club members attending. Have fun with your clubs and let me know what you are doing. "See the World" as only you have seen.



## Welcome New Members

During the month of July, 4 clubs in our district added 6 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.

### Grasscreek Lions Club

Member: Leah Hinderlider  
Sponsor: Dan Walsh

### North Webster Lions Club

Member: Gene Walda

### Millersburg Lions Club

Member: Larry W. Yoder  
Sponsor: Paul E. Miller

### New Carlisle Lions Club

Member: John W. Cosman  
Sponsor: Christy I. Ebersole

Member: Pamela K. Cosman  
Sponsor: James W. Ebersole

Member: Jim Dermody  
Sponsor: Diane Richardson

## Corrections to the District Directory

Robin and Keith Claassen E-mail change: [krclaassen@gmail.com](mailto:krclaassen@gmail.com)

Goshen Lions club President Jerold Smith E-mail change: [jihbsmith@frontier.com](mailto:jihbsmith@frontier.com)

## Meet your 2nd VICE District Governor



2VDG PCC David Eisen has been a member of the Mishawaka Lions Club since 1982, serving his Club as Secretary, Tail Twister, Director, and twice as President. He has chaired the Club's annual citrus/chocolate sale for 20 years and the Club's Membership and Awards Committees. A Melvin Jones and W. P. Woods Fellow, he recently received a 28-year pin for 100 percent attendance, has sponsored six new members, and has been chosen "Lion of the Year" twice.

Lion Dave has served District 25-G as Zone Chairperson for 11 years, Tail Twister, and has chaired the District's Membership, Retention, Leadership, Long Range Planning, and LCIF Committees. Lion Dave served as District Governor in 2007-2008 and as MD-25 Council Chairperson for 2008-2009. He continues to serve on the MD-25 Long Range Planning Committee and on the Mid-winter Conference Planning Committee. He is a graduate of the MD-25 Leadership Workshop and the Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute. He has received two International President's Certificates of Appreciation and the International President's Leadership Medal. Lion Dave has presented at Mid-winter five times, and will be serving as the District's GLT Coordinator.

Lion Dave and Barbara have been married for 39 years and have one daughter, Deanne, a social worker. He has been the Director of the Mishawaka-Penn-Harris

Public Library since 1980 and has served on numerous local committees and boards, as well as being his church's librarian.

Lion Dave has a B.A. in History from Calvin College, a M.A. in 19<sup>th</sup> Century German and Russian History from the University of Virginia, and a M.A. in Library Science from the University of Michigan.

When he is not at the library or involved with Lions activities, Lion Dave enjoys spending time with his draft horses, his toy tractor collection, reading, and working on his genealogical indexes.

***USA /Canada Lions Leadership Forum***

***September 22-24, 2011***

***Anchorage, Alaska***

***For more Information: <http://usacanadaforum.org>***

## **Don't forget to tell your community what your club is doing**

By: PDG Jeri Seely

Public Relations tells your community what the Lions are doing. This includes everything from writing news releases to distributing promotional flyers, to PSAs for the local radio and television stations. It also means wearing a vest, hat or pin and it means marching in parades.

Does your community have a Web site? Use it. Don't forget your district's Web site. Use the calendar. It is ideal for listing events and projects.

Hand out balloons with the Lions logo on them at community events. Be prepared to talk about Lionism. Gain recognition in your community by purchasing advertisements in support of school events and in the local newspaper.

Do you have husband/wife teams in your club? Take their extra copies of The Hoosier Lion and The Lion magazine to your local library or doctor's office.

Create a display at the local library showing some of the work your club does in the community or highlight a state project.

Make sure your club is listed with the local chamber of commerce. And, make sure the information that organization has is up-to-date.

When your club does a major community project do you mark it with a Lions sign?

Does your club offer a community sign? One with the logo on it where community organizations can post their announcements and know this is a Lions community service project.

What about highway signs? Does your club have them? If so, what shape are they in?

The above list is just a sample of different ways your club can promote itself in the community. The actual list is endless. Hold a brainstorming session during one of your club meetings and my guess is your members can think of countless additions.

***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***

# 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

## Laketon Lions Club

### Fish Fry

September 15, 2011

Serving from 4:30 to 7:30 PM

At

Warvel Park Pavilion  
North Manchester, IN

(Located on North Market Street)

## 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

## Madison Township Lions Club

Annual Fall Pork Chop Dinner  
September 24th  
11:00 AM—2:00 PM

At

Madison Twp. Fire Station In Wyatt  
State Road 331

Dine in or Carry out

Price: \$ 6.50 for a dinner  
\$ 4.50 for single pork chop

## PLAN TO ATTEND

### Banner Night October 22nd

### See flyer on page 8 for more information

## Announcements from Ann

The kids are back in school; the days are getting shorter; clubs who are dark in the summer are meeting again; and we're all looking forward to cooler weather and the beautiful autumn colors in northern Indiana. I hope you have your fall calendars marked for DG Lana's Banner Night at Camp Mack, Syracuse, IN on Saturday, October 22, and our next Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, November 12, in LaFontaine.

On September 21<sup>st</sup>, I fly to Anchorage, Alaska for the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. I'm looking forward to hearing the professional motivational speakers and dynamic experienced Lions who will inspire and give us new ideas we can use in our clubs and districts. Hopefully, I will see some of you there. Understandably, distance, expense, and schedules will not allow as many 25-G Lions to attend as were in Milwaukee last September.

However, each one of you has the opportunity to attend our own Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at Lawrence Central High School just east of Indianapolis in Lawrence, Indiana. A variety of displays, seminars, workshops and the always popular silent auction will provide topics of interest for Lions of all ages and years of experience. Plan now to attend! It's affordable and just an easy drive away. Bring a carload from your club and you'll go home rejuvenated and inspired.

Now that our clubs' summer activities are completed and we are again meeting regularly it's time to seriously think about our future. Without growth—new members, new ideas, and new activities—our future is in jeopardy.

Lions Clubs International Membership Operations Department has a number of colorful, glossy membership recruitment brochures, as well as Orientation, Membership, Retention and Mentoring Guides, all free for the asking. Send me an e-mail and I'll forward the order form to you. I recently ordered some brochures for our club to use at our Syracuse Street Festival this month and they're beautiful!

If you have a club newsletter please put me on your e-mail distribution list and also send me your monthly activities reports. I look forward to hearing about your clubs' projects and activities as together "We Serve" in our communities and make a difference to those less fortunate in the world around us. Best wishes in all of your efforts.

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

## Leader Dog Trustee Needed

25-G Needs a Leader Dog Trustee to serve with PDG Jeri Seely and Lion Robin Claassen. If you would be interested in this position, please let DG Lana know.

# Club Project Profile

## Season 7 Mishawaka Lions Club Fine Arts Concert Series

Six years ago the Lions Club Fine Arts Concert Series was born. It was the brain child of Lion Don Crawford: a means to show Mishawaka students and residents music excellence in a wonderful setting. It was also a way to raise funds for an endowment fund that was set up at the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County. This endowment was started with a \$10,000 contribution by our club. That fund has grown to over \$130,000 now, and this year will provide over \$5,000 to the music and art departments of the Mishawaka public schools for programming that would otherwise be unfunded. The proceeds from the Concert Series go to the endowment fund.

This past school year the fund provided for the following programs:

A trip to Chicago for orchestra students to attend a concert by the Chicago Symphony

Completion of the Art Gallery Project (Stan Ross and Ray Chamberlin) and a new project to purchase display easels and prints of masterworks for display in each of the schools.

The FACES Program which brought special instruction and participation in dance, painting, musical instrument demonstration and explanation, and singing. Junior Lion Kelsey Regina taught Readers Theater. DVD's of their performances were provided.

Susan Favorite May, assisted by Taylor Calderone, introduced Beiger elementary students to singing. They became the Treble Clefs, who performed for our Club meeting. Mrs. May started a chamber music ensemble, the Fiddlin Jags who also performed for us.

Lions Stan Ross and Jan Barcus chaperoned MHS music students to two South Bend Symphony performances.

A cooperative effort by our Club, represented by Stan Ross, Andrea Natali and others, with the Mishawaka Education Foundation, held a drive for used cameras and musical instruments. The donations appraised at \$7,000.

The Concert Series is integral to the success of the fund raising for the Lions Endowment Fund. It is a face for the Mishawaka Lions Club to the public and an introduction to our belief that the Arts are vital to the education of our young people.

The programs for 2011-2012 are:

- September 8, 2011 Patron Party with Jessica Risinger, harpist
- September 22, 2011 Kennedy's Kitchen
- October 20, 2011 Southold Dance
- November 10, 2011 Bethel College Percussion and Piano Duo
- February 9, 2012 South Bend Symphony String Quintet
- March 2012 TBA
- April 9, 2012 IUSB Guitar and Flute Ensembles

Patron ticket sales are the most important part of funding the Concert Series. A ticket purchase sheet will be passed around at club meetings. Please bring a check if you can afford \$100 to be a patron for this program. Or order direct from Jon Kintner at the address below. That will provide you with 4 tickets per concert which we hope will encourage you to bring guests. If that is too large a contribution, buy a Season Ticket for \$20, which will provide you with one ticket for each concert.

Please be a Patron and please attend. It will help demonstrate the spirit of Lionism.

Jonathan Kintner, Chairman  
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# Banner Night 25-G

*District Governor Lana Wilson + Lion Ken*

*When : October the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. Saturday night*

*Where : Camp Mack, 1150 N., Milford, Indiana*

*What : Social Hour 5:15 p.m.*

*Dinner : 6:30 p.m.*

*Menu: Pork Roast with Bread Dressing or Roast Turkey with Bread Dressing  
Whipped Butternut Squash Casserole  
Salad Bar with Cottage Cheese, Applesauce, Pea Salad  
Fruit Pies, Coffee, Tea, Lemonaid*

*Come and enjoy the evening with the 4 O'clock Shadow Quartet,  
In Lions Dress or Formal wear.*

*Remember to bring your Banner.*

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*Send payment to : Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Robert Myers  
2507 East 225 South ; Warsaw, Ind. 46580  
\$18.00 by October the 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Please specify your choice:*

*Pork : \_\_\_\_\_*

*Turkey : \_\_\_\_\_*

## Recruiting and Retaining Young Adults

by PDG Paul Russell, District GMT Coordinator

Last month, I wrote that we need to recruit young adults to ensure that our club remains a vital force for good in our community for decades into the future. I identified some of the obstacles to Lions Club membership faced by young adults, and offered a few suggestions for things we can do in our Lions Club to eliminate some of those obstacles. In this column, I want to offer another suggestion in that vein, and discuss how to find young adults who might be interested in joining our Lions Club.

Some Lions Clubs have policies which set requirements for attendance at club meetings and participation in club projects, and members who fail to meet these requirements are dropped. These policies might be appropriate in a club where the majority of members have the flexibility to set their own schedules, however, they may make it difficult for us to recruit and retain young adults whose schedules are already nearly filled with school, work, and family obligations. If we are serious about recruiting young adults, we should review our club's policies to see whether changes might be needed to accommodate new members from a broader demographic group.

Where can we find young adults who might be interested in joining our Lions Club? Presumably, we are already recruiting the obvious candidates: family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Where else should we be looking? We are a service club; perhaps we should talk to individuals who have already demonstrated an interest in community service, or who have benefited from our club's community service projects.

- Does your Lions Club sponsor a Leo Club in the local school? Current and former Leos are already familiar with the principles of Lionism. Contact former Leos and graduating seniors, and encourage them to continue their commitment to service by joining your Lions Club. Make them aware of the Leo Lion Program, which is available to any former Leo between the ages of 18 and 30. Former Leos pay one-half of the standard LCI dues and are exempt from entrance fees.
- Does your Lions Club sponsor a Cub Scout Pack or Boy Scout Troop? Is there a Scout unit in your community sponsored by some other organization? One of the basic tenets of Scouting is "service to others", and Lions and Scouts have a long history of working together. Contact the unit leader and ask for an opportunity to speak to a unit leaders meeting or a parents meeting about opportunities for service in your Lions Club.
- Does your Lions Club maintain a park or other recreational facility, or sponsor a youth sports program? Promote your Lions Club to parents, grandparents, and other adult family members of children who use the facility or participate in the program. Remind them that volunteers are needed to ensure that the facility or program remains available for current users and future generations. Be sure to make them aware of your club's other community service projects.

Next month: Some ideas on how to use social media, such as Facebook and Twitter, to promote your Lions Club to young adults in your community.

## Save the Date

2nd Cabinet Meeting—November 12, 2011

Lafontaine, IN

## Dictionary Project: School's Started

Following our Indiana theme for the International Convention in Seattle, "IN THE RACE SERVING MANKIND", I hope all Lions Clubs are now RACING to be involved in the Dictionary Project for the school year 2011-2012. There is a new class of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to be served, dictionaries to be presented, new lessons to be learned, and smiles to be garnered by the sponsors as the students are presented their very own books, maybe even a "thank you" note or letter to be read at the next club meeting. For many of these children, it will be the first thing, other than a toy, that they can say is truly their own.

We, as LIONS, need to be aware of ALL the children that we can serve: church and parochial schools, home school groups, Amish schools, and even children in homeless shelters, as well as the children in our public schools. All of these children will grow up to be citizens of our country, and they need to be literate and educated adults. That's where "SERVING MANKIND": gets involved.

On the DICTIONARY PROJECT web site last year, I saw where several states and territories had 100% of all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders receiving dictionaries: Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Montana, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Utah, Virgin Islands, and Wyoming. Wouldn't it be great if the LIONS of 25-G could say all the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in our district have received dictionaries? How about all of Indiana? WE SERVE!

Please let DG Lana Wilson or me know how many dictionaries your club gives out. I hope we can surpass the estimated 4400 of last year.

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## Indiana Racing Lions Update

For more information call PDG Rev. Will Lawson,  
574-223-2646 or 574-835-1359.

### Schedule of Events

Sep. 23 — WALKERTON  
Line up at 4:50 pm

Sep. 24 — KEWANNA  
1:00 pm

May 28 — MILFORD  
9:00 am unload

June 15 — LAFONTAINE  
Details to follow

Jul 21 or 28 — PERU  
Line up 10:00 am

# BRIAN'S TRIKE RACE APPLICATION

## October 9, 2011



**ENTRY DEADLINE (postmarked) = Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Registration & Practice = 12:00 noon**

**Races held 1:00-4:00 pm (rain or shine)\* at the  
Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired  
7725 North College Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Students and Leos' minimal age must be 14 years by race day.**

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Captain's Name, Phone #, & Email \_\_\_\_\_

Team category that best describes 4 team members: (circle) Lions Studefits Adults Leos Mixed Ages

List (print):	Name	Phone #	Lion? Y/N	T-Shirt Size
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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* For safety purposes, participants must wear closed-toe shoes**

Please send a \$50 check, payable to *Indiana Lions for the ISBVI*, along with this form to Pat Henninger, 8447 Stones Ferry Road, Indianapolis IN 46278.

Questions? Call Pat at 317-908-8884 or e-mail at [pat.henninger@gmail.com](mailto:pat.henninger@gmail.com)

Coordinated by the Indiana Lions for the ISBVI, Inc., the Indianapolis Washington Township Lions Club, and the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.



Trike Race T-shirts will be given to each team member and four trophies will be awarded in the winning categories. Shown on the left is a Trike Race Team receiving their trophies.

Please help the children at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired by participating in Brian's Trike Race. Four-person team categories are "Lions," "Other Adults," "Student." Students will receive 4 hours service credit for doing a service activity.



# District Calendar

	Sept. 22-24, 2011	U.S.A. Canada Forum, Anchorage Ak
Saturday	Oct. 22, 2011	Banner Night, Camp Mack, Syracuse, IN (NOTE CHANGE)
Saturday	Nov. 12, 2011	Second Cabinet Meeting, La Fontaine, IN
Saturday	Jan. 7, 2012	Mid Winter Conference, Indianapolis, IN
Saturday	Jan. 28, 2012	Third Cabinet Meeting, Rochester, IN
Saturday	March 3, 2012	District Convention, Ramada Inn, Warsaw, 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

Sep. 10, 2011	Banner Night 25-F	Oct. 3, 2011	Milford Lions Club
Sep. 13, 2011	Akron Lions Club	Oct. 4, 2011	Bristol Lions Club
Sep. 16, 2011	Banner Night 25-B	Oct. 17, 2011	Baugo Twp. Lions Club
Sep. 17, 2011	Banner Night 25-E2	Oct. 25, 2011	Rochester Lions Club
Sep. 19, 2011	Silver Lake Lions Club	Nov. 3, 2011	Lapaz Lions Club
Sep. 20, 2011	Peru Lions Club	Dec. 12, 2011	Etna Green Lions Club
Sep. 27, 2011	Lakeville 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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