



Indiana District 25G News

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“Share the Pride”

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Indiana md25 Lions
State Convention
April 29 – May 1,
2005

Recycling Project award will be given at the cabinet meeting. You still have plenty of time to turn in ink jet and laser jet cartridges for recycling. Bring them with you May 21st. Final report on the project will be in the June Newsletter.

Greetings from DG Buddy

Thank you for making our District Convention a successful one. Special thanks to PID Jim and Lion Fran Cameron, PDG'd Bud and Jeri Seely for acting as hosts to our ID Randy Heitmann and his wife Lion Linda.

ID Randy presented Presidential Awards to PDG, CT Jeri Seely, PDG Charlie Haffner and ZC David Eisen for their outstanding work in service to 25G. Congratulations to all!

If you have not heard by now, Nelson Nix was elected to be District Governor next year. Lion Pat Birk was elected to be Vice District Governor. Best wishes to both of them.

Please let them know that you are proud of them by stepping up to serve on a district committee.

The last cabinet meeting will be May 21 in Warsaw. Plan now to attend.

Which club will win the award for the greatest percentage membership gain? What does the District Governor have “cooked” up for the winning club? Come to the cabinet meeting May 21st and find out.



Vibes from the Vice Governor

Here it is the Middle of March and it still feels like it's the middle of January. Where is Spring? I'm tired of it, you're tired of it and the rest of our great Hoosier State is tired of it. I look out the window right now and the perma-cloud is still hanging around, the temperature is 18 degrees and the wind is blowing at 20 mph...Ouch, that's cold enough...However we all know Spring will be here on Mar 20th @ 7:38 PM and along with the weather change Spring will bring all of us the prospects of a bright future. Does your lions club have a bright future? It should and it can, furthermore it will with your help and Guidance. All you need to do is bring in one new member this year. A friend; a neighbor; a fellow employee; a face at church. Each of them is interested in helping you strengthen and insure the future of your Lions Club through service to others.

The District convention was held in Wabash on Saturday March 5th at the Honeywell Center and those in attendance had a great time. Wish you were there, you certainly were missed. I would like to extend my appreciation to all of the voting delegates for showing their confidence in me by anointing me as the Governor Elect for 25-G. I pledge that I will service the District Effectively and efficiently. Again I will need your club's support and assistance. Your Club elections will be held soon and it is imperative that your club Secretary Mail in your **PU-101** forms to International and the Governor and Cabinet Secretary so that the information we put out is mailed accurately and timely. **HELP...**

I would be greatly remiss if I didn't extend my appreciation and happiness that Lion Pat Burke from the Culver Lions Club has accepted the challenge put forth and has been elected Vice District Governor for 2005-2006. Lion pat is a Great Lion, Great Leader and a dedicated worker whom will bring enthusiasm and knowledge to the District Leadership group. I will be relying on her knowledge of the opportunities that await us, as she is a seasoned veteran of the Campaign Trails. Thanks Pat; and thanks Art for pushing Pat to spread her wings.

I will be seeing many of you at the State Convention in Lafayette in April and look forward to renewing old and new friendships.

Lion Nelson

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM LIONS INTERNATIONAL

By now each club secretary should have received a PU101 and PU101A. We have been told that you may submit the information by paper or online. Please do one or the other, but not both. If you have not received the PU101 and PU101A by the time you receive this news letter, call DG Buddy to have one sent to you.

PLEASE NOTE: These forms are due at International May 31st. The District copies are needed as soon as you have held your club elections. The information on the PU101 is used to put together the District Directory, and is needed as soon as possible.

REMINDER: The Constitution of Lions Clubs states that club elections are to be held by the 15th of April.

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The final Cabinet Meeting of the 2004 – 2005 year will be held in Warsaw on May 21. It is being hosted by the Warsaw Lions. Details, including cost and directions will be in the May News Letter. There will be several special recognitions and awards, including a Melvin Jones presentation. There will also be a few surprises. Make your calendar and plan to attend.

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Dunlap Lions Club
Nelson's Pork Chop Fundraiser
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 16
Concord Junior High School
\$5 per chop; carryout-only
prepaid tickets will be honored until 12:30 p.m. the day of the event.

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Urbana Lions club
NELSON'S CHICKEN BAR-B-Q
at the Wal-Mart parking lot, Wabash
Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
\$4.50 for half chicken.

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Somerset Lions Car Show, May 14th 9am – 3pm, Somerset, Indiana

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LaFontaine Lions Tractor Show and Car Show at the LaFontaine Festival June 18th.
Festival parade will feature the 25G Indy Car team



ALL STAR CLUB MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Last year 118 Indiana Lions Clubs finished the Lions year with more members than they started the year. Almost every one of them was using a membership plan that motivated their members to seek out potential Lions in their community.

Your club's membership project is no different than any of your service or fundraising projects. It requires planning and effort on the part of your members. And it is more important than any other project your club does. Without a definite membership plan that works with your members each year, your Lions Club will eventually dwindle to so few members that it will disappear.

During the last 15 years over 60 Indiana Lions Clubs have disappeared. Last year over 300 Indiana Lions Clubs finished the year with fewer members than they started the year. **BUT THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN!**

The difference between being a WINNER or being a LOSER is:

WINNERS NEVER GIVE UP TRYING UNTIL THEY SUCCEED.

Losers just make up excuses and don't keep trying to succeed.

By the end of the year over 200 Indiana Lions Clubs will have used membership programs and have more members than when they started the year. **WILL YOUR CLUB BE ONE OF THEM? DOES YOUR CLUB HAVE THE COURAGE AND DETERMINATION TO USE A MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM TO BE A WINNER?**

Successful Lionism does not require the skills of a scientist. A successful Lions Club understands that it must have:

GOOD FUN

GOOD MEALS

GOOD MEETING PLACE

GOOD SERVICE PROJECTS

GOOD FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

AND A GOOD MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM!

Your District Governor has a **BANNER MEMBERSHIP PATCH** available for every Lions Club in your district. But only you can be a **WINNER** and earn it. You have 3 months to join the 200 clubs that will succeed. **START YOUR MEMBERSHIP PLAN TODAY!** (Last month's newsletter listed 8 membership plans which successful Lions Clubs use.)



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Indiana 25-G Welcomes new members:

Brandon Gall – Milford

Ed Barrett – Etna Green

Patricia Soorholtz – Elkhart

Traci Porter – Elkhart

Karin Frey – Elkhart

David Dufour - Elkhart



SHARE THE PRIDE!!!

Attention District G Lions:

Your assistance is needed to help sell tickets at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the events leading up to the Indianapolis 500 Race. Working at the track supports the Indiana Lions Foundation earning funds that enable the foundation to provide grants to club projects, provide funding to Operation KidSight and other Lions' programs in Indiana, and build the permanent endowment. Additionally, you will get to designate your Lions Club or a Lions project of your choice to receive \$ 5.00 per shift that you work from the Foundation.

The dates and times to check-in are:

Friday	May 13	7 am	
Saturday	May 14	6 am	First Qualifying Day
Sunday	May 15	7 am	
Saturday	May 21	7 am	
Sunday	May 22	7 am	
Friday	May 27	7 am	
Sunday	May 29	4 am	Race Day



You need to park in the 30th Street employee lot at the north end off the track and arrive there **15-30 minutes BEFORE the times listed above** to pick up the shuttle bus to the Admin Building to check-in.

Also, new **DRESS CODE** this year. In addition to their rule of **no short pants**, you must also wear khaki tan or black slacks or skirts. Blue jeans are **NOT going to be acceptable**.

Every worker **MUST have a Speedway-issued, day-specific admission ticket** to enter the facility including the employee parking lot. These will be mailed to you directly by the Speedway. In order to do this, PDG Peg Dawson must have your name, address, telephone, and e-mail for all Lions working and what date you are going to work. Her e-mail is PegLDawson@aol.com or you may call her with the information at 317-248-1554. If you are leaving a voice message, please provide her with the information listed above.

If your club has benefited from the Indiana Lions Foundation by receiving a grant or participated in a foundation supported program such as extension, photoscreening, etc. this would be a way of helping further those programs and "paying forward" to continue the Foundation's support of them.

If you have questions or want to register your self or club members to work one or more days at the track, please contact Peg Dawson at the address and telephone above or one of your district trustees below:

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