



Indiana District 25G News

Volume 2 August 2004-2005

“Share the Pride”

D Governor:



DG Buddy Mancha
bandmancha@earthlink.net
765-981-4114

VD Governor:



VDG Nelson Nix
nnix@shultzinsurance.com
574-293-9571

Secretary:



Deborah Mancha
bandmancha@earthlink.net
765-981-4114

Treasurer:



PDG Jeri Seely
jseely@the-papers.com
574-658-4842

Complaint Department:



Greetings from DG Buddy

“Back Home Again in Indiana”

While our family enjoyed the 9 day stay in Detroit, it is truly good to be back home to 25G. It was a joy to see so many Lions from Indiana, especially 25G at the convention. Makes me feel real proud to be a part of your team. We are ready to “Share “with you. Thanks to all the clubs who have already invited us. We are looking forward to spending time with you. There is still time to request a special date for the official visit.

Don't forget: The first Cabinet Meeting is August 7th at Lakeville Elementary School. Reservations must be to Jeri Seely by August 1st if you plan to eat. Sign in at 11:30am, meal at 12:00 noon. Don't miss out on the fun.

“Share the Pride”

2004-2005 Goals

- #1 5% increase in membership
- #2 5% of the district membership in attendance at cabinet meetings
- #3 1 new youth /children service project per club

News from the Vice district governor:

IT CERTAINLY WAS GREAT SEEING SO MANY LIONS AT THE INTERNATIONAL COVENTION IN DETROIT LAST WEEK. DEE & I HAD A WONDERFUL TIME VISITING WITH LIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD...I CERTAINLY WOULD RECOMMEND THE EXPERIENCE TO EVERY LION AT LEAST ONE TIME...IF YOU GO ONCE , YOU'LL BE BACK AGAIN & AGAIN...IT'S VERY ENCOURAGING TO SEE HOW OUR INTERNATIONAL BROTHERS & SISTERS TAKE THE LION MESSAGE OF SERVICE SO"TO HEART"..OUR NEW YEAR OF SERVICE IS ON AND LION GOVERNOR BUDDY AND DEBORAH ARE OFF AND RUNNING AT A FRENETIC PACE. IF YOU WANT TO KEEP UP PLAN ON WEARING YOUR TRACK SPIKES...OUR FIRST CABINET MEETING IS COMING UP IN EARLY AUGUST; SURE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE...I'LL BE OFF TO INDIANAPOLIS THE WEEKEND OF JULY 18TH FOR SOME MORE LIONS INDOCTRINATION...NOW IS THE TIME TO BE DOING SOME SERIOUS PLANNING FOR KIDSIGHT PHOTOSCREENING FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR...SCHOOL IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER AND LIKE EVERYTHING THAT IS WORTHWHILE IN LIFE THIS TAKES SOME SERIOUS PLANNING...DOES YOUR CLUB HAVE AN APPROVED PHOTOSCREENING TEAM YET...LION PDG ART BIRK AND PDG CHARLIE HAFFNER WILL BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE A TRAINING SESSION FOR YOUR CLUB OR A GROUP OF CLUBS IN A CENTRAL SETTING..LET'S GET THINKING KIDSIGHT IN YOUR COMMUNITY....ANOTHER THOUGHT IS HAVE YOU ASKED A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR TO VISIT YOUR CLUB...THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS OUT THERE JUST WAITING TO BE ASKED...PERHAPS TODAY IS YOUR TURN TO DO THE ASKING...SEE YOU AROUND THE DISTRICT...VDG NELSON

Notes from the Secretary:

A big thanks to the clubs who are "on vacation" in July for sending in their July MMRS before they left.

Club Secretaries – make sure you register at the cabinet meeting for the special secretaries' door prize.

From the desk of . . . Cabinet Treasurer PDG Jeri Seely

Another year is underway. District Governor Buddy has requested I keep the Cabinet Treasurer's job for another year. This is a privilege.

Statements for the July/December dues have been mailed to club secretaries. A breakdown of what the dues are for is listed on each statement. If for some reason your club did not receive a statement please let me know . . . call (574) 658-4842 and leave a message.

Also, the billing figures may need to be adjusted. The proper figure is \$6.45 times the total membership in your club on **June 30, 2004** . . . this is the number that should have been reported on your June report. In many cases PDG Ann had not received June club reports prior to billing.

If you have questions on your statement please do not hesitate to call me.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Last month we gave you a list of the Project Committee Chairpersons. This month's list gives you the contact information for the chairpersons who can help you with issues such as growth, membership development, membership retention, planning for your clubs future, and issues related to basic club operations.

Audit: PDG Robert Meyers, 2507 East 225 South, Warsaw, IN 46580, 574-267-3756

Budget & Finance: Gary Buday, 107 N, Thompson St., Bourbon, IN 46504, 574-342-0230

Campus Clubs and International Understanding: PID Jim Cameron, 4640 East Shady Lane, Syracuse, IN 46567, 574-28-5001

Convention: Beverly Reid, 501 N, Second Street, Pierceton, IN 46562, 574-594-5220

Extension: PDG Glenn Yoder, 68501 CR 37, Millersburg, IN 46543, 574-642-3547

LCIF and Honorary Committees: PDG Ann Haffner, 11268 N. State Rd 13, Syracuse, IN 46567, 574-457-3054

Leadership Development PDG Charlie Haffner, 11268 N. State Rd 13, Syracuse, IN 46567, 574-457-3054

Leos Clubs: Eric Carson, 1318 Bridgeton, Dr. Mishawaka, IN 46544, 574-524-1946

Long Range Planning: PDG Joe Grolimund, 212 W. Jefferson, Elkhart, IN 46516, 574-295-5701

Membership Development: PDG Art Birk, 614 N Plymouth St., Culver, IN 46511, 574-842-3690

Orientation: Doris Yoder, 68501 CR 37, Millersburg, IN 46543, 574-642-3547; and Fran Cameron, 4640 East Shady Lane, Syracuse, IN 46567, 574-28-5001

PR and Protocol: PDG Jeri Seely, PO Box 567 Milford, IN 46542, 574-658-4842

Resolutions: PDG Jerry Higginbotham, 2408 Sally St. Warsaw, In 46580, 574-269-9700

Retention: David Eisen, 1112 E thirds Street, Mishawaka, IN 46544, 574-255-5613

Rules and Parliamentary Procedure (Parliamentarian): PDG Bud Seely, PO Box 567 Milford, IN 46542, 574-658-4842



Did you Know: Americans use 2-7 gallons of water to flush a toilet, yet more than 1 billion people don't have clean water to drink. Find out how you can help. Info at the Cabinet meeting.

Project Focus:

Lions Environmental Programs

Officially adopted in 1972, Lions have a distinguished record in the area of environmental service. Clubs and districts have organized projects that aim to preserve the quality of the air, water and land. Projects that save endangered flora and fauna have also been implemented.

Lions are encouraged to adopt a local park and to organize environment projects in their communities. These efforts can range from creating local recycling centers to planting new trees.

For other ideas and/or help in organizing an environmental project in your club contact:

Larry McCleary, 574-594-3934



Lions Services for Children

Millions of children in the world suffer from poverty, homelessness, abuse, neglect, disease, and disabilities.

The **Lions Services for Children Program** (adopted in 2003) aims to improve the lives of children and young adolescents in adverse circumstances through health and education services, locally and internationally.

Lions' participation in the program can begin by assessing the needs of children in the community. Possible Lions Services for Children projects include:

- Participate in officially recognized projects such as photo screening, SODIS, and School in a box.
- Collect food, clothing or books to distribute to kids in shelters, foster care, and other crisis situations.
- Work with the literacy council or your school to promote reading. Volunteer to tutor kids at risk.
- Help Big Brothers/Big Sisters as volunteers or with their programs.
- Find a need in your community and fill it.

Another goal of services for children is for Lions to be aware of the services available in their community and help support the existing services, as well as developing projects to fill unmet needs. Lions Clubs International wants Lions to be a catalyst for improving the lives of children in their communities as well as around the world.

Additional Information about Lions Services for Children and related projects will be made available on a regular basis as this program is developed.

For ideas and information contact: Deborah Mancha, bandmancha@earthlink.net

EVENTS

INDIANA 25 G BANNER NIGHT

Saturday, October 2, 2004

Place: The Honeywell Center, Highway 15 and Market Street, Wabash, Indiana

Registration: 6:00pm

Dinner: 6:45pm

Cost: \$16 (Until September 15th)

Send reservations to: Cabinet Treasurer PDG Jeri Seely PO Box 567 Milford, IN 46542

Name: _____ club _____

Name: _____ club _____

Name: _____ club _____

#attending: x \$16 = total enclosed: _____

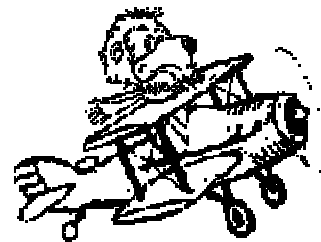
\$20 after September 15th. No reservations accepted after September 25th.

Mark your calendar for the November 6th cabinet meeting in New Paris. Details next month.

Get you clubs upcoming events listed in the news letter. Send the information by August 15th to appear in the September News Letter.

Pierceton Lions Planned activities:

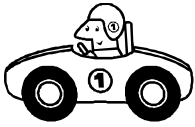
- Sept 14,15,16 Photo Screening
- Sept 21,22,23 , Photo Screening
- Sept 24 First Mission Team leaves for Mexico
- Oct 5, 6, 7,Photo Screening
- Oct 15 Second Mission Team leaves for Mexico



WAY TO GO LIONS!

Mid-Lakes Lions Club Fish Fries!

Oswego Community Building 4:00 – 7:00pm
August 21 September 18 October 16



Pierceton Lions Club – Pierceton Days Events

August 6, 2004 chicken BBQ 4pm - 7pm ??? Dine in /Carry out
August 7, 2004 Corn roast 10am to ????
August 7, 2004 Parade Float plus Race Cars will be there

34th Annual District 25-G Golf Tournament

Wednesday, August 4 at Maxwellton Golf Club in Syracuse
Individual and Team Prizes and Trophies for Gross and Net
Tee times 8:00 am to 1:00pm

Contact Lion Gus Duehmig 574-457-8414 dueh@kconline.com

Denver Lions Club 15th Annual Car, Truck and Bike Show

Saturday, August 14 Registration 1:00 gates close at 5:00
\$8 Pre-registration \$10 Day of Show

Best of show Car, Truck and Bike; Best Paint; Engine and Interior; Long Distance; Top 35 cars; Top 10 trucks; Top 5 Bikes

All proceeds go to Denver Lions Club Service Projects

Bring your pop tabs, eye glasses and Hearing aids

Contact Person: Lion Lyle Davis 765-985-9425

LaFontaine Lions Bar-B-Q for Books Hog Roast

August 14, 2004 4:00pm

Adults \$5 Children under 10 \$2.50 Pre-school kids free

This event is 100% under written, all ticket sales go to support the LaFontaine Elementary School Library Reading Programs

2d Annual Eyeglass Recycling Appreciation Golf Outing

Tuesday, October 5th at South-Shore Golf Club south of Syracuse

Contact Person: PID Jim Cameron 574-528-501

Elkhart Lions are off to a great start... we have plans under way for our kickoff picnic in September that starts our weekly meetings, are participating with Speech and Hearing, and Eye Bank displays at the "first ever" Health and Wellness Fair on opening day at Elkhart 4H Fair (Senior Citizens and Veterans day), are continuing with our Eye glass program for kids, are applying for our first ever hearing aid loaner, have activated our New Membership Committee, Pulled in our Roster creation Committee, worked to create a sound budget for this year, started pulling together all our committee chairman and getting them active. We are working hard to bring our 11 new members into active participation along with continuing interest from our existing membership.. I'm looking for a great year 2004-2005!.

Lion President Paul Camiller...

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO PLAN HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

PDG Rev. Will Lawson is planning to take some of our Indiana Racing Team Cars to the Hong Kong parade in June, 2005. He is hosting a trip and you may accompany the Drivers and the Indiana International Convention Committee members.

The basic plan is to meet in Chicago (we can arrange leaving for Chicago from other cities for a few dollars more) and travel together non stop to Hong Kong where we will board a bus to the Royal Pacific Hotel. (Indiana's Official Hotel). The cost is about \$900.00 which includes round trip Air Fare, Transfers, and 1/2 day tour of Hong Kong to see several sights such as Victoria Peak and cruising among the house boats in the harbor.

Plans are to leave June 23rd and return July 2nd; unless you wish to extend your trip and accompany PDG Will to visit Beijing to see The Wall, The Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and several other adventures.

It is not too early to let PDG Will know if you are interested. Call (574) 223-2646 or email lawsonfamily@rtcol.com



PLEASE CHECK THIS OUT

It appears that all corporations in the State of Indiana are faced with a serious problem. The Secretary of State has discontinued mailing "Business Entity Report" forms as they have done for many years. A Secretary of State employee advised that they were sending notification cards in the place of the forms. As a banker, I check the Secretaries of State's web site for the corporate status of all new and renewal loan customers. Lately I have been finding a large number that owe reports. None had seen any type of notification. I then checked my lions club (Anderson Noon Lions Club, Inc.) status and found we owed a report. I am the club treasurer, collect all mail for the club and never received a card from the Secretary of State.

On the 8th of July I checked the Secretary of States web site for each of our district club's status and found that 38% owe reports, 23% have lost their corporate status, 18% are OK (for the time being) and 21% have never been a corporation. Also two of our state projects owe reports and Lions of Indiana, Inc also show owing. **If you think you are a corporation I would suggest that you go to Secretary of State's web site, www.in.gov/sos, to check your status. Click on "Business Entity Report Filing (center right), click the web site link on line 2, then type "lions" & your abbreviated club or community name such as "lions Anderson". If your club name appears click it and check your status.**

Not for Profit corporations must file annually & For Profit every two years. If you can use a credit card you can file your report on line at a reduced price or your can print a form and mail it in with \$10.00. It is expensive and time consuming to re-establish your corporate entity. From David Bates, 25D

THIS IS AN EASY PROCESS. PLEASE CHECK OUT YOUR CLUB. Loosing your Not for Profit Corporation status could cost you a great deal in taxes.

Here are the Zones within our district and the zone chairpersons. Be sure to attend your zone meetings, this is where you will get to meet your Vice-District Governor. Zone meetings are also the best place to share ideas and get new information on Lionism.

Region I – Zone A: Center Township, Greene Township, Lydick, New Carlisle, South Bend. Zone Chair vacant. (If you are willing to serve please call DG Buddy.)

Zone B: Baugo Township, Clay Township, Granger, Mishawaka, Osceola, Bethel College Leos: Zone Chair, David Eisen (574)-225-5613.

Region II – Zone A: Bristol, Dunlap, Elkhart, Elkhart Community, Wakarusa, Middlebury Branch. Zone Chair, Jon Hagstuen. (574) 293-6704

Zone B: Goshen, Leesburg, Milford, Millersburg, New Paris, Syracuse, North Webster, North Webster Lioness. Zone chair, Samuel P Fryback (574) 457-2384.

Region III-Zone A: Bremen, Lakeville, Lapaz, Madison Township, Plymouth, LaCasa Branch. Zone Chair, Stephen Cox (574) 936-5166

Zone B: Akron, Argos, Culver, Mentone, Rochester, Talma Newcastle, Zone chair, vacant. (If you are willing to serve please call DG Buddy)

Region IV – Zone A: Atwood, Bourbon, Etna Green, Mid-lakes, Warsaw, Talma Newcastle. Zone Chair Gary Buday (574) 342-0230.

Zone B: Claypool, Laketon, North Manchester, Pierceton, Sidney, Silver Lake. Zone chair, Don Reid (574) 594-5220

Region V – Zone A: Bunker Hill South Miami County, Fulton Liberty, Mexico, Grass Creek, Peru. Zone Chair, Peter Speth (765) 473-3209

Zone B: Converse, LaFontaine, Lagro, Rich Valley, Roann Covered Bridge, Urbana, Somerset. Zone Chair, Forest Bowers (260) 563-1033

There several other district officers who you may not know, but are very important to the operation of 25G. They are very important to the operation of the Cabinet meetings and to the PR of our district. Thanks for your service:

David Smoker – Information Technology
PDG Bud Seely, Photographer
Jerry Wright – Sergeant at Arms
PDG Gene Downhour – Song Leader
Kevin Finley – Tail Twister
Ed Napier – Race Cars
Jean Rakich – Raffle Sales
Glenn Yoder – Pin Design

WHERE TO FIND THE GOVERNOR:

August 2, 2004 Marshall County Lions Joint Meeting, Plymouth
August 7, 2004 Cabinet Meeting, Lakeville
August 9, 2004 Madison Township Official Visit
August 21, 2004 District F Banner Night
August 25, 2004 Culver Official Visit
August 28, 2004 District D Banner Night
September 2, 2004 Dunlap Official Visit
September 9, 2004 Leesburg Official Visit
September 16, 2004 Mishawaka Official Visit
September 18, 2004 District E2 Banner Night
September 24, 2004 Kosciusko Days
September 27, 2004 Lydick Official Visit
September 28, 2004 Lakeville Official Visit
October 2, 2004. Banner Night, Honeywell Center, Wabash IN
October 5, 2004. Centre Township Official Visit
October 8 – 10, 2004 Council Meeting, Kendallville
October 13, 2004 Elkhart Official Visit
October 16, 2004 District E1 Banner Night
October 19, 2004 Elkhart Community Official Visit
October 23, 2004 District C Banner Night
October 28, 2004 Oswego Official Visit
November 1, 2004 Milford Official Visit
November 4, 2004 Lapel Official Visit
November 6, 2004. Cabinet Meeting (place to be announced)
November 9, 2004 Pierceton Official Visit
November 11, 2004 Clay Township Official Visit
December 13, 2004 Etna Green Official Visit
January 8, 2005 Mid-winter conference
January 13, 2005 Bremen Official Visit
January 21-23 , 2005 Council Meeting
January 27, 2004 LaFontaine Official Visit
February 5, 2005 Cabinet Meeting, LaFontaine, IN
March 5, 2005 25G Convention, Honeywell Center, Wabash IN
April 29 – May 1, 2005 State Convention, West Lafayette, IN
May 13-15, 2005 Oswego Days
May 21, 2005 Cabinet Meeting, Warsaw IN

Have you sent in your visit request form yet?

When you send in requests for visits by the Governor, give a choice of two or three dates. All requests will be confirmed as received, with dates assigned on a first come first serve basis. Email requests will be acknowledged ahead of snail mail.

Request for Governors Official Visit:

Club name:

Contact person:

phone:

e-mail:

Requested date choices: 1.

2.

3.

Send to: District Secretary, PO Box 343, LaFontaine, IN 46940 or bandmancha@earthlink.net

DG Buddy Mancha
PO Box 343
LaFontaine, IN 46940

Snail mail label goes here

Indiana 25-G Welcomes new members:

Andrew Wallach – Syracuse
Li Zhou – Syracuse
Kim Johnson – Zhou – Syracuse
Karen Edgir – Oswego
Lola Barnes – Oswego
Phyllis Schultz – Oswego
Connie Frank – Oswego
Dennis Edwin – Culver
Charles Henley - Culver
Ralph Kaser – New Carlisle



Governor's Official Visit Request

As District Governor I am to visit all of the Lions Clubs in 25G. Please give this form to the appropriate officer and return it to me as soon as possible. Reservations can also be made by email at bandmancha@earthlink.net. Your early response will greatly increase the odds of your first choice being honored, as all dates will be assigned on a first come first serve basis.

Club name: _____

Contact lion: _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

1st choice: Date: _____ Time: _____

2nd Choice: Date: _____ Time: _____

3rd Choice: Date: _____ Time: _____

Place of meeting: _____

If there are any awards to be presented or new members to induct please notify the DG in advance. Thank You for your assistance.

DG Buddy Mancha
PO Box 343
LaFontaine, IN 46940

bandmancha@earthlink.net