



Indiana District 25G News

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“Share the Pride”

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Sat u r d a y
Febr u a r y 5th, 2005
Cabinet Meet ing
LaFont aine, IN
PLAN TO BE THERE



Greetings from DG Buddy

The Christmas Season is upon us Time to ring the bells. Have you bought all the gifts for your loved ones?

Speaking of Gifts: Lions provide the gift of sight year round. The Eye Glass Mission Teams fro 25 G are a fine example of the caring individuals that commit time and effort to such places as Mexico.

The clubs who donate to LCIF also provide funding for Sight First Projects, which work to eradicate blindness around the world. Photo screening teams from 25G are leading the state is services to prevent blindness in children.

Thank you to all Lions who have gone before us and to those who will come after. Our communities will be better for your efforts.

Our family wishes you a Happy and Safe Christmas Holiday. Thank you for being our extended family.

Please keep the Faulkner family in your prayers. Lion Bill Faulkner passed away November 16th.

Please don't forget

Candidates for District Governor, Vice District Governor, Eye Bank Trustee, Cancer Control Trustee, Speech and Hearing Trustee, Leader Dog Trustee, and Indiana Lions Foundation must have a letter of nomination from their home club submitted to PDG Gene Downhour, 23640 SR 23, South Bend, IN 46614, before the February 5th Cabinet meeting.



Indiana 25 G
Cabinet Meeting, November 6th, 2004
New Paris, Indiana
Minutes

The cabinet meeting began at 11:35 with a welcome and pledge of Allegiance led by DG Buddy. PDG Rev. Will Lawson gave the invocation. DG Buddy gave instructions for the serving line and lunch was served.

The business meeting began with a thank you to the cooks.

27 clubs responded to roll call.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented by the secretary. Motion to accept given by Lion Eric Carson and Seconded by Lion Jeff Gillaspy.

Cabinet Treasurer PDG Jeri Seely gave the treasurers report. Call for approval was made. Motion to accept by Bev Reid and seconded by Lloyd Deardorff.

Audit report was given by PDG Meyers. Motion to accept made by Lloyd Deardorff and seconded by Don Reid. PDG Jeri Seely gave a report on midwinter conference, and shared a picture of the pin design. The Public Relations report was also given at this time.

The cabinet secretary gave a report on the recycling project and a reminder that Activity reports may now be made on line.

DG Buddy thanked those who had set up displays and reminded attendees to check them out before leaving.

PDG Rev, Will Lawson gave a report on the 2005 convention trip and the Caner Control report. (PDG Ann was in Indianapolis conducting VDG Training).

DG Buddy gave a call for reports:

PDG Dave Court reported on Speech and Hearing and introduced ZC Don Reid as replacement for PDG Jerry Higginbotham, who has moved to Florida. Dave says that the Alternative Communications Project is going "full tilt".

Lion Pat Birk reminded clubs to sign up for Liberty Day.

PID Jim Cameron gave a quick report on Foundation activities and reminded people to get Lions license plates. He reported that Kid Sight is going great with 25 G leading the state. Rural carries collected over 30,000 pairs of glasses and expect to do more next year. Lens crafter vouchers can be purchased by clubs to provide glasses for 50 dollars per pair. Lions Foundation Grants are available. Applications can be obtained from PDG Cameron.

PDG Dave Court added that Elkhart/St Joe County Head Starts had been screened. (Over 600 children serviced) Lion Luella Karay stated that they have 6-8 schools lined up for screenings.

ZC Don reported that he was back in action after his illness. He has visited all his clubs and had his zone meetings scheduled.

Lion Donna Varner reported that she needs host homes for over the Christmas holidays and during January.

Lion Eric Carson reported that Bethel College Club is gearing up to do an eyeglass mission to Quito Equator and needs a few sponsors.

Lion Bev Reid presented the diabetes display for use by clubs and reminded all that she is available for programs. She has scheduled one. She also invited all attending to the Pierceton Lions 75th Anniversary on December 14th,

DG Buddy recognized the clubs who received the Club President Excellence Award. They were Centre Township, Dunlap, Elkhart Community, Etna Green, Laketon, Peru, Pierceton, and Syracuse,

Elkhart Community presented three new members for induction.

DG Buddy presented information on East Fork Ranch with flyers to be picked up after the meeting.

ZC Dave Eisen acted as Tail Twister.

Lion Jean Rakich conducted the 50/50 which was won by PDG Bob Meyers.

Door Prizes were distributed and it was announced that 65 dollars toward the convention was collected from pin sales.

ZC Rev. Forrest Bowers introduced himself and gave the benediction.

NOTICE TO CLUB SECRETARIES

During fiscal year 2004-2005, club secretaries will be able to submit the A-1 (activities report) Form every month through the Lions Web site (www.lionsclub.org). The A-1 Form appears on the Member and Officer Reports/ Directory Information web page. The MMR also appears on this page. Secretaries will use their club password and membership number to submit these forms on line.

- ü The form includes space for written explanation of club activities.
- ü Doing monthly forms will automatically generate a year end report.
- ü Secretaries may use this site to simultaneously submit reports to the district governor and vice district governor.
- ü Secretaries can print a copy of the report for the club records.
- ü Governors will be able to download a summary of all reports submitted.

Club secretaries for the 2005 – 2006 year will not receive paper versions of the reports. The A-1 and MMR will be on line only.

To access the web site:

- ü In the address bar type in www.lionsclubs.org and enter.
- ü On the first page, click on English
- ü Click on the box that says to transmit membership and officer reports click here.
- ü Click on the box that says new WMMR site.
- ü Enter your member number and club password. Click go.
- ü Find your club and click
- ü On the club administration home page click on reports
- ü Click on the form and fill out
- ü Follow directions to submit.

NOTE: If you are behind on the MMR's please submit paper copies to catch up. Once you are current you can continue to submit on line. Secretaries who are still having problem getting on line will be able to get a demonstration of the process immediately after the February cabinet meeting. (You will need to come to the meeting)

Congratulations to the 2003-2004 Club President Excellence Award winners:

Dennis Leyes	Centre Township
Randy Wilson	Dunlap
Luella Karay	Elkhart Community
Ron York	Etna Green
Mary Rohrer	Laketon
Annie Speth	Peru
Cornell Vlot	Pierceton
Samuel Fryback	Syracuse

LIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

'Sharing Our World'

- ü The contest is open to all lions and lion clubs in good standing. Lions should submit their original photo to the district for judging.
- ü Photos should show some part of the environment that needs to be protected, preserved, or improved. Photos must be original, unaltered, and have been taken for this contest. Pictures containing people will be disqualified.
- ü Photos should fit one of the following categories:
 - Landscapes (urban or rural)
 - Animal Life
 - Plant life
 - Weather
 - Sharing our World
- ü Anyone wishing to enter the contest should submit their photo to the District Governor by January 1st to allow time to enter them in the Multiple District Judging,

Details can be obtained by email: executiveservices@lionsclubs.org

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

I encourage all clubs to contact their local newspaper when they have special events planned. See what you can do to obtain publicity. Radio and television stations often offer free service project calendars. Take advantage of them. Please send me your news and photos for The Hoosier Lion. Thus far this year in the August and October issues we have printed photos for 10 different Lions Clubs . . . that means there are a number of clubs that haven't been represented on these pages yet. PDG Jeri Seely, PR Chairperson

Cabinet Meeting
February 5th, 2005

Community Building, LaFontaine, IN
Registration 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Meeting to begin at 11:30 lunch at Noon

Join the fun. Bring your inkjet cartridges to be recycled.
Find out what's new in 25G

To reserve your place send:

your name _____

club name _____ and \$8 dollars per person to:

PDG Jeri Seely, PO Box 567 Milford, IN 46542

VOICE FROM THE VICE

Fellow **Lions** , the election season is over and the Holiday Season is upon us; as I pen these words of wit Turkey Day is around the corner and round ball is on the tube...Bowl Game Lineups will be announced soon and the **LIONS** throughout 25-G are gearing up for a number of Service Projects. Christmas Tree sales; dinner's for the needy and community parties; Salvation Army Bell ringing; Coat and toy collections for needy children; nursing home visits to the elderly and confined; and the list goes on and on.

The great thing about being a **LION** is the dedication you present to assisting those in need. But let us also remember that a great part of our gatherings in for fun and fellowship. Many of our Clubs will host Holiday dinners and parties for Club members and families, just to enjoy each other's company, and well it should be.

Let us remember also to continue our responsibility to bring the joy of being a member of the World's largest service organization to our friends, neighbors and relatives. Just relate how empty your community would be without the many services your club provides. So once again I ask you, have you asked someone to join with us on our vision of Service. Each and every club truly has a responsibility to add 2 new members to its roster by June 30, 2005. That is 2 additional members, after any drops. If each club can accomplish this seemingly easy task; our district would increase by over 120 members and our state rolls would increase by over 1200. One small step at a time; one new member at a time. Does your club have a membership plan? Recruitment Team? A retention Committee? If Not, why not?

Enough rambling, have a great holiday season and I'll be seeing you around the District.

Yours in **Lionism** - **Nelson J.**

Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana Update:

PDG Rev. Lawson reported that a special presentation will be made at the State Convention this spring to finish payment of the Gamma Knife.

Your club may send in old keys to be recycled. Money will fund further research for Cancer Control.

Caner Control knives are available for \$10 each from any trustee.

You can schedule a display or a talk for your club or community organization by contacting any District 25 G Trustee: PDG Ann Haffner, PDG Joe Grolimund or PDG Rev Will Lawson.

Congratulations to Lion Jim Dyson, Lion of the Year at Rich Valley. Lion Jim was presented the award at the club's 30th anniversary celebration. Lion Jim was the club's Charter President. PDG Dave Fiandt was the special speaker at the event.





Thanks to all the Lions Clubs who are providing Christmas parties, baskets and other assistance to families over the Christmas season.

The governor would like to recognize clubs for efforts in specific areas. However, many of you are not turning in monthly activity reports.

Please fill in the following and return it to the governor, by mail or at the next cabinet meeting.

Club name _____

Youth related projects completed:

Youth related projects planned:

Diabetes awareness project:

Kid Sight/Photo screening participation:

Eye glass mission participation:

Recycling project participation:

Eye glasses collected:

Ink cartridges turned in:

Community/ Cultural Activities:

Any NEW or expanded projects related to serving children in the community:

Club events you would like advertised (free) in the news letter:

Elkhart Community Lions have moved their meeting place to the New MCL Cafeteria on Highway 33 in front of the Concord Mall. Also, they have a Low Vision Machine available for sale to another Lions club. Please contact Elkhart Community Lions for information. Pres. Luella Karay – lkaray@aol.com or 574-293-0254

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

Please share this column with your club's Board of Directors.

MERRY CHRISTMAS . . . GOD BLESS US EVERYONE

I cannot think about the Christmas holidays and Lions without hearing Tiny Tim say, "God Bless Us Everyone." As we serve during the year we are blessed and so are those we serve.

Bud and I pray that God will bless all of our Lion friends during this special time of the year. We hope each club in the district does something special for its community this year. And, I hope those clubs that have not yet done so will consider contributing to the four state projects, LCIF and the state committees that need funds to operate — diabetes, sight conservation, Indiana School for the Blind and the others. I can think of no better way to say, "Merry Christmas."

Fellow Lions, please don't say, "We only give to projects in our own community." Every community has residents who are battling cancer; who have hearing problems and need help obtaining hearing aids; those with special eye problems, be they needs for corneal transplants or Leader Dogs to offer independence. The cost of many of these items is prohibitive for the average Lions club. However, working together through our state projects it is possible to help many.

Please consider donating to these four state projects — Indiana Lions Cancer Control Fund, Indiana Lions Eye and Tissue Bank, Indiana Lions Speech & Hearing, Indiana Lions for Leader Dogs for the Blind. White Cane money can be used for three of the four projects or money earned during a special fund raising-project could go to support these projects. Remember this will help the people of your community.

Send project money to me. One check is enough. Just list the money is for state projects and tell me how much goes to each project. Acknowledgement should be received from the secretary or treasurer of each individual state project or committee.



GIVE YOURSELF A GIFT THIS YEAR

Don't forget to give yourself a gift this year . . . attend the Mid-Winter Conference and become a better informed Lion.

My suggestion . . . each club member should attend different workshops and seminars and then report back to your club what you learned.

Registration deadline is Christmas Eve — Dec. 24. The cost is \$17. This not only includes the conference but a buffet lunch. You can also spend the night by making reservations at the Four Points Sheraton (317) 894-4000. Be sure and tell them you are with the Lions to receive a reduced rate. And, the Friday night meal is only \$15 and offers great fun and fellowship for all who attend.

Reservation blanks are in The Hoosier Lion and in Gov. Buddy's Newsletter.

If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact me at (574) 658-4842 or jseely@the-papers.com.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank You Lions of 25-G

Thank you so much to each of the clubs who so generously donated toward an appreciation gift for me at the close of my term as district governor. I was overwhelmed with the beautiful gifts that I received. I am enjoying so much the painted canvas tote and snuggling up with the pillow, throw, and the books I have purchased with the gift card from Waldenbooks. The beautiful engraved footed bowl from Warsaw Cut Glass has a special place in my dining room where it will always remind me of the wonderful Lions and clubs in our district that supported me so well last year. God bless you all at this holiday season and coming year as you serve your communities in the true spirit of Lionism.

PDG Ann



Indiana Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference Saturday, January 8, 2005

Do you want to know more about Lionism and the things that are happening in Lions programs and clubs in Indiana? Most are designed to provide tools to make us more effective in serving our club and our community. Reservation forms were in the last news letter and the Hoosier Lion.

25 G District Convention

Saturday March 5th, 2005
Honeywell Center, Wabash, Indiana

Speaker ID Randy L. Heitmann

8:00 – 9:00 Registration/ Delegate Certification
Breakfast bar with muffins, pastries, coffee and juice
9:00 Convention opening
10:30 Memorial Service
12:00 Dinner
1:15 Keynote Speaker
2:15 Election Results, special presentations and closing remarks

Complete details (and Friday Dinner information) in the January District News Letter.

Registration is \$22 dollars until February 5th. \$25 from February 6th to the 26th.
Payment needs to accompany registration, and should be sent to:
PDG Jeri Seely, Box 567, Milford, IN 46940

Space for displays is limited. If you intend to bring a display please request space when sending your PAID reservation for the convention.

Name: _____

Club: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

I wish to reserve display space for: _____ (project name)

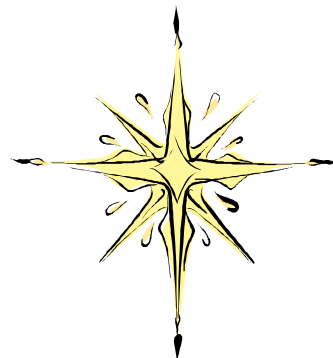
WHERE TO FIND THE GOVERNOR:

Dec 1, 2004 SHS Choir Concert	Feb 9, 2005 Fulton Liberty Official Visit
Dec 4, 2004 Council Christmas	Feb 10, 2005 . . . Argos Official Visit
Dec 5, 2004 Speech and Hearing Mtg	Feb 20, 2005 . . . Argos Official Visit
Dec 6, 2004 Silver Lake Official Visit	Feb 28, 2005 . . . Urbana Official Visit
Dec 9, 2004 LaFontaine Club Christmas	March 1, 2025 . . . Bristol Official Visit
Dec 11, 204 LaFontaine Santa Breakfast	March 3, 2005 . . . Spring Band Concert
Dec 13, 2004 . . . Etna Green Official Visit	March 4, 2005 . . . pre-convention dinner
Dec 14, 2004 . . . Pierceton 75 th anniversary	March 5, 2005. . . 25G Convention, Wabash IN
Dec 16, 2004 . . . SHS Band Concert	March 24, 2004. . Greene Township Official Visit
Dec. 22 – Jan 1, 2005 District Office CLOSED	March 26, 2004. . Easter Egg Hunt, LaFontaine
Jan 3, 2004 . . . North Manchester Official Visit	March 30, 2004. . Zone meeting at Honkers
Jan 7-8, 2005 Mid-winter conference	April 28 – May 1, 2005. . State Convention, West Lafayette, IN
Jan 13, 2005 . . . Bremen Official Visit	May 13-15, 2005. . Oswego Trader Days
Jan 21-23, 2005. Council Meeting	May 21, 2005 . . . Cabinet Meeting, Warsaw IN
Jan 25, 2005 . . . Denver Official Visit	June 18 2005 . . . LaFontaine Festival
Jan 27, 2005 Lafontaine Official Visit	
Feb 5, 2005 Cabinet Meeting, LaFontaine, IN	

Please send in your club activities calendar for publication in the news letter.

Dear Lions of MD-25:

Indiana Lions State Committee
for the
Indiana School for the Blind



Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be blind and the many difficulties you would face?

Lion Al Lovati, a teacher at the Indiana School for the Blind, is bringing several of his students to participate in Seminar #5 at our Mid-Winter Conference. Over a year ago, our Hoosier Lions (along with the Indiana Blind Children's Foundation and LCIF) purchased 100 computers and assistive technology to help students at the School for the Blind. Lion Al and these students will demonstrate how the computers help the blind children by providing an alternative method to learning other than by sight. We invite you to be part of that seminar.

Helen Keller challenged all Lions to be "Knights for the Blind" in 1925 and Lions, internationally, accepted the challenge to help those who are blind. At our upcoming State Convention, support the School for the Blind and make it a State Project of the Lions of Indiana.

PDG Fran Shaul, State Chair
Indiana Lions State Committee for the Indiana School for the Blind



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Indiana 25-G Welcomes new members:

Jennifer Davis	Lakeville
John Ort	Lakeville
Marcia Wells	Mishawaka
Judith Liszewski	Centre Township
Jeanie Boyer	Elkhart Community
Tamera Jimenez	Elkhart Community
Juan Jimenez	Elkhart Community
Mark Mow	Elkhart
Jeannie Valencourt	Elkhart
Kevin Hohman	Silver Lake
Larry Smith	Lagro



KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!