



Indiana District 25G News

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“Share the Pride”

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District
convention
March 5th, 2005
Honeywell Center
Wabash, IN

Register Now!

Deadline for
Registration is
February 27th

Greetings from DG Buddy

February 2005! Are we there yet? When I look back at the first 7 months of this Lion's year, I am proud of all that District 25G has accomplished. You make me proud to be your District Governor. Keep up the good work; we still have 5 months to go.

Now to the bad news: Membership is down. We are losing members at a rate of two to one. Yes, we are losing two for every one we gain. 17 clubs have gained members. Hoorah! 23 clubs have lost members, ouch!

If those clubs which have lost members will get busy and replace the lost members we'll come out of the slump. If you need help with recruitment, contact me. PDG Charlie Haffner has some great ideas and with his help we can make it work.

Don't forget the cabinet meeting on February 5th. If you hurry you can make it.

Our District Convention is March 5th at the Honeywell Center in Wabash. Get your reservations in before February 26th.

Share the pride. Invite someone to join your club. Share your success with your community and your district.

Vibes from the Vice-governor

In case you haven't noticed it's a full blown Northern Indiana winter around here and the southern part of the state is getting socked with rain and floods. If you're starting to get cabin fever, then begin to dwell on all of the good things you can be doing for yourself and your community thru Lionism. I'll just mention it once this time, but have you proposed a new member for your club this month? This year? You haven't, why not? As popular as you are, and with as many people as you know, bringing in one new Lion a year for you should be as easy as water flowing off a ducks back.

Governor Buddy has already mentioned and I'll remind you that the February Cabinet meeting is just around the corner; plan on seeing me at the Great Metropolis of LaFontaine, Indiana. Before you know it, it will be District Convention time and I have a ton of positions to fill on the District Level for next year. I have to admit, no one has been ringing the phone off the wall with volunteering to fill some of those positions. We certainly would like to see some new Blood as Region and Zone chairs, extension and retention committee members; help with planning and many others. Call me at 574-862-1410 or e-mail me @ nix@shultzinsurance.com. We also need a candidate for **Vice District Governor**. HELP!!! Keep up the good work and we'll be seeing you around the District.

Lion Nelson



From the Secretary:

Colonel Harland Sanders tried a number of unsuccessful business ventures. At the age of sixty-five, he decided his fried chicken with its secret blend of eleven herbs and spices was the right idea. He refused to give up in spite of 1,008 sales calls to restaurants owners that ended in rejection. Prospect number 1,009 was the first to say yes. Colonel Sanders' viewed his "failures" as simply a chance to try again in a new way and his persistence ultimately resulted in his running Kentucky Fried Chicken, a \$285 billion company.

Are you as dedicated to your local Lions Club? How many friends, relatives or acquaintances have you invited to become Lions? If they said no or said maybe later, have you invited them again?

In my job I am often asked by frantic mothers how to get their child to eat vegetables. I have to remind them that first they have to model what they want the child to do. (Are you active in your club? Do you attend meetings regularly?) I also remind them that a child has to be offered a new food an average of six times before they will eat it. Don't expect adults to try something new any faster. Keep inviting. A new member worth having is a new member worth working for.

REMINDER The Club with the largest percentage increase in membership will receive special recognition. The award will be based on April MMR information.

From the desk of . . .

Cabinet Treasurer PDG Jeri Seely

The information below is for Club Secretaries and Treasurers

IF MEMBERSHIP IS NOT WHAT IS SHOWN ON YOUR BOOKS FOR JANUARY 1, 2005, PLEASE MAKE ADJUSTMENTS WHEN PAYING DUES

The above appears on the dues notices that were sent to every club the first week of January. Why? Because while many of the secretaries in 25-G send their MMRs in by the first of the month the rest do not. Some secretaries have not filed MMRs for several months. They feel it is not important. They are wrong. MMRs are very helpful to both Lions Clubs International and to the District and it is important that they be filed on time.

Because many MMRs are late, neither Governor Buddy nor I know how many members there are in some clubs. When we send out statements we must use the last figure reported but, feeling we should be fair to the clubs, we have added the line used by many governors in the past to remind secretaries and treasurers to make the proper adjustments. The constitution states January statements are based on the December MMR figures.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE LION SECRETARY file your MMR on time each month. Your promptness makes life easier for others.

While I am on the subject of dues . . . delegates will not be allowed to vote at the March 5 District Convention or at the State Convention unless their club's dues are paid. Therefore, it is import that the board of directors makes sure the secretary has presented the dues notice for payment and the treasurer has mailed the check. Except for a few cases where I was instructed to do otherwise, all statements were mailed to club secretaries.

"Doesn't affect my club," you say. "We never send delegates to the convention anyway." You should. The convention is where officers are elected (Lions Clubs International says the governor and vice governor must be elected via paper ballot) and where changes are made in the operation of the district. It is only fair to the members of your club that they be represented. One or more Lions should attend the convention and report back to the club on the events of the day.

If for some reason you club has not received a dues notice by now please contact me at (574) 658-4842. If you leave a message please be sure to not only leave your club name but also a telephone number or the address where the notice should be mailed.

25 G District Convention

Friday, March 4th, 2005

Welcome Dinner with ID Randy Heitmann

6:30 pm at the Asian Buffet, Wabash Indiana

\$9.00 PER PERSON, you may pay at the door, but reservations are required as seating is limited to the first 50,

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

9:30 Memorial Service

10:00 Business Session

11:00 Voting / break

12:00 Dinner and Keynote Speaker

2:15 Election Results, special presentations and closing remarks

Registration is \$22 dollars until February 5th. \$25 from February 6th to the 26th.

Payment must 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: _____

Name: _____

Club: _____

Amount enclosed: _____



INDIANA DEAF CAMPS

Indiana Deaf Camps were founded by Grace Nunery and have been offering camping experiences for deaf and hard-of-hearing people for more than 30 years. In that time, the camps have grown from a week-end outing for any family with a deaf member, to the current schedule of three camps each year. We continue to offer the week-end Family Camp and have added a week long bus trip for deaf adults and a week long residential camp for kids 4 through 15 with a counselor-in-training program for 16 to 18 year olds.

The residential camp is now held at Camp Alexander Mack in Milford IN and has been greatly supported by the IN Lions Speech and Hearing, and by many Lions Clubs. Each year we welcome several Lions as visitors to our camp. At camp 2003, the Lions sponsored a film which was made at camp by a professional television filming crew and was shown on TV in the Munster area. If you would like a copy of this film to show at one of your meetings, please contact the IN Lions Speech and Hearing. A representative from that group is always on our board. Lion Ken Myers from Angola, was on our original board when we became an official not-for-profit organization a few years ago. Currently, Lion Tom Jones from Greentown sits on our board.

Indiana Deaf Camps offer camperships to campers who otherwise could not afford to attend. No deaf or hard-of-hearing child, nor child with deaf parents, is refused admission to camp because of inability to pay. We rely heavily on donations from service organizations to fund these camperships. We also offer a top notch schedule including swimming, canoeing, crafts, bowling, horseback riding (about every 3rd year), drama, hikes, games, and this year, for the first time, SCUBA. Each evening we have a program. We attempt to have many programs which feature Deaf adults (for example, magicians, mimes) as these are great role models for our kids.

All of the staff for Indiana Deaf Camps are volunteers. There are no paid positions in our organization. Please visit our web site at www.deafcamps.org.

I hope that you will consider making a donation from your club to help our camping program. If you would like for someone from our camp to speak at your club meeting, please contact me. It is only through the generosity of service clubs, like the Lions, that we can continue to offer a top quality camping experience for our kids.

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Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) Recognition

LCIF's normal policy is that MJF recognition is not allowed for designated donations. To encourage donations for tsunami victims, the LCIF board of trustees temporarily has amended this policy. Donations for tsunami relief from Dec. 26, 2004, to March 31, 2005, are eligible for MJF recognition. These must be donations that fully provide for an MJF through a US\$1,000 donation. The Melvin Jones Fellow does not have to be named at the time the donation is made. Using tsunami relief donations to provide for MJF recognition is an option for clubs and districts. Be sure to indicate whether you want MJF recognition when sending in the donation.

Whether or not MJF recognition is obtained, donations for tsunami relief count toward an individual's and a club's cumulative giving totals to LCIF, which help qualify an individual and club for various award programs.

**Amendments to the District 25-G Constitution and By-Laws
to be Presented for Vote at the District 25-G Sub-District Convention
Saturday, March 5, 2005**

Amendment II

Amendment I

OLD

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ARTICLE V - DISTRICT CONVENTION

SECT. 3. Each chartered Club in good standing in Lions Clubs International and the District shall be represented by one or more delegates at the annual Convention of the District and shall be entitled in the Convention to one voting delegate and one alternate for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, of said ~~Clubs~~ as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the Convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Each certified delegate present in person may cast one (1) vote only for each office to be filled and one (1) vote only on each issue to be voted on by the members of said Convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the Convention.

SECT. 4. A majority of the delegates in attendance at any session of the District shall constitute a quorum.

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SECT. 4. A majority of the delegates in attendance at any session of the District **Convention** shall constitute a quorum.

Reasoning: SECT. 3. This brings our constitution in line with the International and State Constitutions.

Reasoning: SECT. 4. Word omitted

ARTICLE VI - DISTRICT CONVENTION FUNDS

SECT. 1. The Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer shall charge against and collect ~~\$10~~ per member per year from each Club in District for the purpose of offsetting some of the operating costs of the Annual District Convention.

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ARTICLE VI - DISTRICT CONVENTION FUNDS

SECT. 1. The Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer shall charge against and collect **\$.20** per member per _____ year from each Club in District for the purpose of offsetting some of the operating costs of the Annual District Convention.

Reasoning: The current assessment is not nearly enough to cover the expenses involved in hosting an International guest at our sub-district convention.

Amendment III

OLD

ARTICLE VII - DISTRICT CABINET MEETINGS

SECT. 2. SPECIAL. Special meetings of the Cabinet may be called by the District Governor at his/her discretion, and shall be called upon written request made to the District Governor or the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer by a majority of the members of the Cabinet. Not less than five (5) nor more than ten (10) days written or telegraphic notice of special meeting, setting forth the purpose thereof and day, time, and place determined by the District Governor, shall be given to each member.

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Reasoning: E-mail is an economic and expedient method of written communication. The State Constitution uses the term "telephonic" rather than "telegraphic."

Amendment IV

OLD

ARTICLE X – FINANCE

SECT. 4. The Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer shall disburse the monies from the District Administration Fund on order of the District Governor, supported by written requisitions, and the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer shall within thirty (30) days after the completion of his/her term, submit a written detailed accounting of all expenditures to the District Governor. All monies collected for district functions such as Banner Night, District Cabinet Meetings, District Convention and ~~Fund raising~~ shall be administered through the Cabinet Secretary.

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Reasoning: Funds are administered through the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer or Cabinet Treasurer rather than the Cabinet Secretary if the position is separated.

Amendment V

OLD

ARTICLE X – FINANCE

SECT. 10. The Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer shall charge ~~\$15~~ per member from each Club in District 25-G ~~semiannually~~ for Youth Exchange.

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SECT. 10. The Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer shall charge **\$20** per member from each Club in District 25-G **annually** for Youth Exchange. **At the end of each Lions year, funds in excess of \$3000.00 in the Youth Exchange Fund will be transferred to the General Fund.**

SECT. 11. The Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer shall not charge dues assessments for student members of Campus Lions Clubs.

Reasoning: SECT. 10. Youth Exchange funds of \$3458.21 were carried forward to the 2004-2005 year and are no longer being used as they were previously.

Reasoning: SECT. 11. Student members of Campus Clubs are no longer assessed state dues following the passage of an amendment to the State Constitution at the 2004 State Convention.

Amendment VI

OLD

ARTICLE I - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS (BY-LAWS)

SECT. 2. Any member of a Club in good standing in the District seeking the office of District Governor or Vice Governor shall file his/her intention to so run in writing with the Election ~~Chairman~~ on or before the last Cabinet meeting held prior to the District Convention, and furnish therewith evidence of his/her compliance with the qualifications for said office set out in the International Constitution and By-Laws.

(a) The nomination is endorsed by a majority of the members in good standing in his/her Club or the majority of the Clubs in his/her District.

(b) The Candidate must have served as Club President of a Lions Club for a full term and a member of the Board of Directors for a Lions Club for no less than two (2) years; and as Zone ~~Chairman~~ or Region ~~Chairman~~, or Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer for a full term; with none being accomplished concurrently. ~~He shall also have served one additional year on the District Cabinet.~~

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(a) The nomination is endorsed by a majority of the members in good standing in his/her Club or the majority of the Clubs in his/her District.

(b) The Candidate must have served as Club President of a Lions Club for a full term **or major portion thereof**, and a member of the Board of Directors for a Lions Club for no less than two (2) **additional** years; and as Zone **Chairperson** or Region **Chairperson**, or Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer for a full term; with none being accomplished concurrently.

Reasoning: This brings our constitution into agreement with requirements in the International Constitution. The sentence requiring an additional year on the District Cabinet is no longer required. Region Chairperson is left there in the event that the position would be utilized in our district in the future or if a candidate might have previously served in that position.

Amendment VII

OLD

ARTICLE II – DUTIES (BY-LAWS)

SECT. 4 ~~ZONE CHAIRMAN~~. Under the ~~control~~ and supervision of the District Governor and ~~his/her Deputy~~ District Governor, he/she shall:

(a) Make a report of each District Governor's Advisory Committee meeting and send copies within five (5) days thereafter to Lions Clubs International, and his/her District Governor and ~~Deputy~~ District Governor;

- (b) Endeavor to have every Club within his/her Zone operating under a duly adopted Club Constitution and by-Laws;
- (c) Arrange, ~~with the cooperation of his/her Region Chairman~~ regularly scheduled Zone Meetings;
- (d) Encourage inter-club meetings and social activities;
- (e) Promote attendance at charter nights of newly organized Clubs;
- (f) Promote representation at International and District Conventions by at least the full quota of delegates to which Clubs in his/her Zone are entitled;
- (g) In the event the Zone ~~Chairman~~ for any reason cannot or, in the judgment of the District Governor, does not perform the duties of his/her office, or in the event the office is for any reason vacated, the District Governor shall appoint a successor to serve for the unexpired term.

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SECT. 4 **ZONE CHAIRPERSON.** Under the **direction** and supervision of the District Governor and **Vice** District Governor, he/she shall:

- (a) Make a report of each District Governor's Advisory Committee meeting and send copies within five (5) days thereafter to Lions Clubs International, and his/her District Governor and **Vice** District Governor;
- (b) Endeavor to have every Club within his/her Zone operating under a duly adopted Club Constitution and by-Laws;
- (c) Arrange regularly scheduled Zone Meetings;
- (d) Encourage inter-club meetings and social activities;
- (e) Promote attendance at charter nights of newly organized Clubs;
- (f) Promote representation at International, **State** and District Conventions by at least the full quota of delegates to which Clubs in his/her Zone are entitled;
- (g) In the event the Zone **Chairperson** for any reason cannot or, in the judgment

of the District Governor, does not perform the duties of his/her office, or in the event the office is for any reason vacated, the District Governor shall appoint a successor to serve for the unexpired term.

Reasoning: The terms “Chairman” and “Deputy District Governor” are no longer used and in this case should be replaced with “Chairperson” and “Vice District Governor.” The word “direction” is a better choice than “control.” Since we not currently using Region Chairpersons the phrase “with the cooperation of his/her Region Chairman” can be omitted. Representation at the State Convention should also be encouraged by Zone Chairpersons.

AMENDMENT VIII

OLD

ARTICLE II – DUTIES (BY-LAWS)

SECT. 5. DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CABINET. The District Governor's Cabinet shall:

- (a) Assist the District Governor in the performance of his/her duties and in the formulation of administrative plans and policies affecting the welfare of Lionism within the District;
- (b) Serve in an advisory and administrative capacity only;

- (c) Receive from the ~~Deputy District Governors~~, reports and recommendations which concern the Clubs and Zones;
- (d) Supervise the collection of all per Capita dues by the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer, designate a depository for said funds and authorize the payment therefore of all legitimate expenses pertaining to the administration of the affairs of the District;
- (e) Secure, semi-annually or more frequently, district financial reports from the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer;
- (f) Provide for an audit as provided in Article X of the Constitution, of the books and accounts of the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer.

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- (d) Supervise the collection of all per Capita dues by the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer, designate a depository for said funds and authorize the payment therefore of all legitimate expenses pertaining to the administration of the affairs of the District;
- (e) Secure, semi-annually or more frequently, district financial reports from the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer;
- (f) Provide for an audit as provided in Article X of the Constitution, of the books and accounts of the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer.

Reasoning: The term “Deputy District Governors” is no longer used, and in this case should be replaced with “Zone Chairpersons.”

AMENDMENT IX

OLD

ARTICLE II – DUTIES (BY-LAWS)

SECT. 7. DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S HONORARY COMMITTEE. It shall act under the direction of the District Governor in the promotion of harmony throughout the District. The Chairman of this Committee shall attend meetings of the Cabinet when requested by the District Governor.

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Reasoning: The added sentence clarifies who may be a part of this committee as set forth in the International and State Constitutions.

AMENDMENT X

OLD

ARTICLE III – COMMITTEES (BY-LAWS)

SECT. 2. Cancer Trustees, Eye Bank Trustees, Leader Dog Trustees, ~~and~~ Speech and Hearing Trustees and Indiana Lions ~~Trust Fund~~ Trustees shall be elected for three-year (3) term; one elected each year with members serving his/her third year as District ~~Chairman~~.

NEW

ARTICLE III – COMMITTEES (BY-LAWS)

SECT. 2. **Lions Cancer Control Fund** Trustees, **Indiana Lions** Eye and **Tissue Bank** Trustees, **Indiana Lions** for Leader Dog Trustees, **Indiana Lions** Speech and Hearing Trustees and Indiana Lions **Foundation** Trustees shall be elected for a three-year (3) term; one elected each year with members serving his/her third year as District **Chairperson**.

Reasoning: This brings our constitution in line with the correct names of the Indiana Lions State Projects and Foundation.

AMENDMENT XI

OLD

ARTICLE III – COMMITTEES (BY-LAWS)

SECT. 1. The District Governor shall appoint not later than ninety (90) days after his/her election to office the following committees: Membership Development, Extension, Public Relations, Lions Information, Activities, Lions Clubs International Foundation, Youth Exchange, International Understanding and Cooperation, Lioness, Sight Conservation, Environmental, Convention, ~~Medical Advisor to the Cancer Board, Auditing, Drug Abuse, Policy Manual, Diabetes Awareness, Care and Helping Hands~~, Budget and Finance, Leadership Training and Development, Constitution and By-Laws, Leo, Resolutions, Rules, ~~Research and~~ Long Range Planning.

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Resolutions, Rules, Long Range Planning, **Credentials, Retention, Honorary, Parliamentarian, Sergeant at Arms, State Pin Design, Nominations and Elections, Lions Law Camp, Youth Outreach, Indiana School for the Blind, Campus Clubs, Peace Poster Contest, Women’s Membership Development and Participation, Information Technology, and other such committees as may be deemed necessary for the transaction of the business of the district.**

Reasoning: This deletes positions and committees no longer required, correctly renames others, adds positions and committees required by Lions Clubs International and the State Constitution, and allows for the District Governor to add others as they may become required or be desired.

AMENDMENT XII

OLD

ARTICLE IV - CONVENTION PROCEDURES (BY-LAWS)

SECT. 2. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Constitution and By-Laws or in the Rules of Procedure adopted for a meeting, all questions on Order and Procedure in any District meeting or Convention, any meeting of the Cabinet, Region, or member Club or at any group or committee of any one of them shall be determined by Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

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Reasoning: The word “Zone” may have been inadvertently omitted, but needs to be included.

AMENDMENT XIII

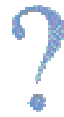
The following terms in the District 25-G Constitution and By-Laws, revised March, 2000 will be changed wherever they appear as follows:

1. “Chairman” to “Chairperson”
2. “Chairmen” to “Chairpersons”
3. “he” to “he/she”
4. “his” to “his/her”

Reasoning: The above changes have been made in the International Constitution and are also consistent with current Indiana Lion thinking and usage.



Just so you'll know



IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

Many of the Lions Clubs in Indiana either are not incorporated or have not updated their incorporation. The State of Indiana no longer sends out renewal notices. Each Club is responsible for taking care of this themselves. You can update on line. Information about incorporation is also available on line. 25G District office has a print out of the status of clubs if you are not sure.

To file the report online requires a listing of the president, secretary and resident agent. You, also, need these individuals' addresses. The way the site is set up if you access and file on line, you become the resident agent. You can access the web site by accessing: www.sos.in.gov Click business services online and follow the procedure for filing business entity reports online. It does require a credit card and a \$7.04 fee. Probably the reason most reports have not been filed is because it required a \$10 check and if the person with the check book did not get a form, then in all likelihood the form was not filed. Electronic Filing: ***The fastest and most accurate way to file.***
<http://in.gov/dor/tax/index.html>

ARE YOU STILL LOOKING FOR PROGRAM IDEAS? Contact the District project chairmen for presentations. Ideas are also available on line at lionsclubs.org

Club Secretaries: Please send a list of those Lions who have passed away since March 5th, 2004. We want to make sure our list is complete when these Lions are honored at the District Convention. We need the names and years of membership no later than February 25th to make the printing deadline. Thank You.

Donations for Sri Lanka from 25G stand at over 1800 dollars with more on the way.



Joke of the month (sort of)

What do you call a group of chess grandmasters bragging about their recent tournaments in the hotel lobby?

Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer. (sorry about that)

We have received our first check for the ink jet cartridges. \$194.75. I heard that Elkhart has 200 to turn in. Remember, not only will you be supporting your district convention with the empty cartridges, but there is a reward for the club with the most turned in by May 21st. It's not too late to start collecting. Boxes will be available at the cabinet meeting. Cartridges can be turned in at the District convention, as well as at the cabinet meetings. Many businesses will give them to you if you ASK. Laser jet cartridges are also recyclable!

Saturday March 19th 4:00pm – 8:00pm Mid-Lakes Lions are having a fish fry with all proceeds going to the Tsunami relief project (LCIF). If you are in the area stop by and enjoy some really good fish.

February 9th Converse Lions are having a Chicken/Fish Fry with the Sweetser Lions to support a community project.

LaFontaine Lions Annual Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt March 26th 7am – 11am. PhotoScreening will be available.

LaPaz Annual Fish Fry
March 6th 4pm – 7pm LaPaz Community Building. Pre sale - Adults \$6, Children ages 6 – 12 \$4
Adults \$6.50 at the door.

GO LIONS!

PERU LIONS made the front page of the Peru Tribune with their fundraiser for the Cardiac Rehab Center at Dukes Hospital. Lions Harold Jones, Bill True, Bob Allen, and Dick Shults of the Peru club are going through the program and became aware of the need for more adequate equipment.

Laketon and Lafontaine Lions received front page attention with their efforts on Tsunami relief projects. Thanks to Laketon for making the public aware that 100 percent of money given through Lions goes to the relief effort.

Mishawaka Lions got half a page plus on their pre-school screening efforts. The article highlighted the cooperative partnership between Optometrist Charles Shearer and Eric Carson of the Mishawaka Lions and Bethel College Leos. Great Publicity!

NOTE: Please send copies of Articles on your club projects. They will be part of a display at both the District and State Conventions.

WHERE TO FIND THE GOVERNOR:

Feb 5, 2005 Cabinet Meeting, LaFontaine, IN
February 7th Milford Lions/Kiwanis meeting
February 8th Rochester Official Visit
February 9th. . . . Fulton Liberty Official Visit
February 10th Argos Official Visit
February 14th Claypool Official Visit
February 15th Goshen Official Visit
February 23rd Zone Meeting Syracuse
February 24th Granger Official Visit
February 28th Urbana Official Visit
March 1st Bristol Official Visit

March 3th Spring Band Concert
March 4th pre-convention dinner
March 5th. . . . 25G Convention, Wabash IN
March 24th. . . . Greene Township Official Visit
March 26th. . . . Easter Egg Hunt, LaFontaine
March 30th. . . . Zone meeting at Honkers
April 28 – May 1, 2005. . . . State Convention, West Lafayette, IN
May 13-15, 2005. . . . Oswego Trader Days
May 21, 2005 Cabinet Meeting, Warsaw IN
June 18 2005 LaFontaine Festival

10 clubs have not confirmed dated for their official visits. If your club is in this list, please contact the governor. Akron, Atwood, Bourbon, Millersburg, North Webster, Peru, Roann, South Bend, Talma New Castle, Wakarusa



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Indiana 25-G Welcomes new members:

Robert Tezich – Green Township

Peter O'Rourke – Argos

Robert Mayfield – Osceola

Patrick Keenan – Mishawaka

Raymond Stull – Mishawaka

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!

