



# Indiana District 25G News

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*“Share the Pride”*

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## Cabinet Meeting

Saturday

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005

LaFontaine, IN

**PLAN TO BE THERE**

See the districts winning Peace Poster entry; Poster by Amanda Byrun, grade 6, Blair Point School, sponsored by Peru. (Amanda was first runner up at the state competition)

## Greetings from DG Buddy

2005 – WOW ! Another Christmas gone, another year gone, Where did 2004 go? Now we are looking at how many New Year’s resolutions we can break without feeling guilty.

I hope one of your resolutions is to attend Mid-Winter conference at Lawrence Central High School on the 8<sup>th</sup>. You still have time to keep that resolution. See you there.

Speaking of resolutions, Give consideration to the following;

- § Shoot for 100% attendance at your own club meetings ( helping at events usually counts as make up for missed business meetings)
- § Support your club and districts activities.
- § Share the Pride with someone this year.

I hope that you have already mailed your paid registration for the February 5<sup>th</sup> cabinet meeting in LaFontaine. Also, that will be the last day for reduced price registration for the District convention. Be sure to register for the District convention March 5<sup>th</sup>. Plan to come hear ID Randy Heitmann and vote in the District Elections. The trip to the Honeywell center in Wabash will be worth the effort.

## 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's 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.**

### Governor's Challenge

There will be a very special award for the club with the largest percentage net gain in membership for the year. The number of members on the April MMR will be used to select the winner. For example: a club with 100 members last July and 105 members at the end of April will have a 5 percent gain. A club with 10 members last July and 15 members at the end of April will have a gain of 50 percent, even though both clubs added 5.

Club Officers Please Note:

Many times it is the duty of the Cabinet Treasurer or Secretary to relay information from Lions International or the State Office that you don't like. Sometime we have news that is good. Some of you will find this message from International good news some won't. Enough clubs have expressed concern over the switch to on line reports that the following memo was issued to the Governors on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Filing of MMR (Monthly Membership Report**

***Lions clubs are encouraged to file the monthly membership report through the association's Web site, and many clubs are doing so throughout the world. All the clubs will receive 10 blank paper copies of the MMR to be used in 2005-2006, but the day will come in the near future when mailing or faxing the MMR to headquarters will be discontinued.***

Hopefully this will give clubs time to figure out access to the system. Additional training will be available to incoming club officers at the spring Officers Training Meetings.

IF YOUR ARE HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THE ON LINE SYSTEM AND WANT HELP NOW – attend the February 5<sup>th</sup> Cabinet meeting. Baring difficulties beyond my control we will have a demonstration of the system available.

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Cabinet Meeting  
February 5<sup>th</sup>, 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:

name \_\_\_\_\_

name \_\_\_\_\_

name \_\_\_\_\_

club name \_\_\_\_\_

send \$8 dollars per person to: PDG Jeri Seely, PO Box 567 Milford, IN 46542

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Attending International convention is fun, educational and a great way to meet new people. While it may not be possible for you to go to the Hong Kong convention, you can learn a lot from PDG Rev. Will Lawson's convention news letters. Following are some excerpts

Thanks to all who volunteered to carry and run our REMOTE CONTROL RACE CARS in the parade but YOU'RE FIRED! The committee thinks it is just too much of a hassle. I sigh in relief. So, we will make a big deal out of all nine Indiana Racing Team Cars running in next year's New Orleans' parade.

**IF YOU TAKE A TAXI** make sure you agree on a price before the cab moves.

There might be some places on tours where you **MIGHT NOT WANT TO WEAR CONVENTION BADGES** like when you go out alone. You might look like a tourist, or an easy con man hit, or maybe someone from another country, or maybe even stand out in a crowd. What a brilliant statement I just made.

**HOW TO DRESS.** Hong Kong has a subtropical climate. When we are there the temperatures may rise to 91 degrees F with humidity around 90 %. Short sleeves, cotton clothing, a sweater for indoors and an umbrella for outside suggested.

How about **ALL THAT WALKING** you ask. There are three places where I watch my step and rest often because I have a hip problem and heart trouble. 1) The International Parade is about a mile long. 2) The Wall outside of Beijing has ramps with 4 X 4 posts anchored across every few feet so I rest between the makeshift steps and take the toboggan part way up and all the ride down. 3) The Forbidden City is really big with lots of buildings. After you have seen about 100 they all look alike. I sit on the steps a lot and ask those more agile to tell me what it looks like in there. Actually, I have had no trouble at all. I didn't have to take a pain pill, didn't take my cane and never popped a nitro.

The **INTERNATIONAL PARADE** is scheduled for Tuesday June 28th with a 6:00 pm step-off time from Hong Kong Island. All participants must be registered for the convention and wear their official convention name badge.

Our group must wear the Indiana **OFFICIAL PARADE UNIFORM**. Namely, new black cap, last year's yellow shirt, black pants/skirts and black shoes. You can buy an official Indiana Lions **PARADE SHIRT** for \$30.00. You might need a couple shirts to save on laundry even though having laundry done at the hotel is simple - expensive but easy. The International Committee has **LIONS UMBRELLAS** for \$10.00. You can also buy an official Indiana Lions **PARADE CAP** for \$10.00 and the cap will be part of the uniform for next year at New Orleans.

By the way our watches will be on a **13 HOUR DIFFERENCE** in Hong Kong and it will take us about 15 hours and 20 minutes in the air to Hong Kong. While you are on the plane get up and **EXERCISE A LOT. But, don't go outside.** We fly over the Gulf of Boothran, Queen Elizabeth Island the Verkhoyanskiy Mountains, Siberia, just south of the Artic Circle, over Russia and Korea and over the Alden Plateau. And speaking of Airline travel I just heard this. The standard series of **CHECK-IN QUESTIONS** that every traveler gets at the airlines counter includes, "Has anyone put anything in your luggage without your knowledge?" What? If anyone put something there without my knowledge, how would I know? Duh!

Be sure to taste the **BAKED BEANS FOR BREAKFAST**. The key word is "taste" or you and your traveling companions will remember your breakfast all day long and might also need to "Sing a Song" several times a day. Sing a Song is slang for needing to use the Happy House. Happy House is slang for - never mind. I have said too much already and I am sure you understand.

All **WATER** from government mains in Hong Kong meets the United Nations World Health Organization standards but I would not take a chance even brushing my teeth in it. Bottle water is widely available in hotels, restaurants and supermarkets. I don't even drink the water that is poured at the restaurant table and never, NEVER drink other than water from a bottle that you open yourself on the airplane. NEVER! The EPA even warns about water on airlines, after finding coliform bacteria on monitored flights. **ALWAYS EVERYWHERE DRINK ONLY BOTTLED WATER THAT YOU OPEN YOURSELF.**

We will be traveling in the **Chinese Year of the Rooster** so rise early and crow to others about our trip.

Here is a tip for carrying a wallet or a purse. **Pick Pockets** love the shoulder bags and can easily work the wallet from a man's hip pocket. Experienced travelers hold their shoulder bags in front of them in a crowd and men put their wallet in a front pocket. Besides that, men should not be sitting on their wallet anyway. It causes your back to get all bent out of shape. We don't want any travelers who are bent out of shape now do we? And, here is another handy idea. I have a Casio watch that does everything. It almost blows my nose on schedule but one handy feature is the "back home time." It sure saves waking friends with a call in the middle of the night

**Another good tip is to never sneeze or spit into the wind.**

Remember that you can always buy toiletries in China and our hotels will have a lot of free stuff. But, you really should take your own small, flat, leak-proof samples. **Yes, they do have Wal-Mart** in China just in case you need them. My dear lady friend in Hong Kong told me to remind you to take along Colgate Toothpaste for problems like skin allergies, etc. and a few sips of Chrysanthemum Tea does wonders too. Both the tea and toothpaste even help with Psoriasis and poison ivy. They work for me. You thought I could not spell Chrysanthemum didn't you. I can not pronounce it but I can spell it in English. You won't believe how it is spelled in Chinese.

Since we are now assured that we have enough travelers to qualify for group discounts we are extending an invitation to more Lions to join us. Now you can travel with our group and sightsee with our District Governors, State Administrative Secretary, State Treasurer, Council Chair, International Convention Chairman, several other Lion officers and of course, me. I will be at your beck and call from the time we leave Indianapolis to our return. Okay, okay, so traveling with our State Officers, or me for that matter, may not be a sales point but you have to admit the list is impressive.

The complete tour cost \$2,100.00 and the price is hundreds of dollars less than we originally announced or any other tours we have found and of course thousands less compared to traveling on your own. Furthermore, we are delighted that almost every week we are able to add more features to the adventure.

## 25 G District Convention

Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 and there are already 7 seats taken.)

Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 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

11:45 Voting / break

12:00 Dinner

1:15 Keynote Speaker

2:15 Election Results, special presentations and closing remarks

Maps in the February News letter

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Congratulations to the Lions of Greene Township, Lakeville, New Carlisle and Center Township who participated in the Strawberry Festival. 11,000 dollars were raised to support camp Millhouse.

Many Thanks to all the Lions Clubs who rang bells, packed boxes, delivered meals, presents and food packages during the holiday season. Nearly every club had some kind of activity to help the less fortunate have a better Christmas. Special recognition goes to Lion Rich Van Osodal and his wife Lois of Silver Lake for the holiday meals they provides to the community.

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 5<sup>th</sup> Cabinet meeting.

An activities information form was included in the December News Letter. That information will be used to issue club awards and recognitions at the May Cabinet meeting. The form must be returned for a club to be recognized.

A needs assessment for our District is gradually being compiled in compliance with the International Lions Services for Children program. Information supplied by the clubs is a very important part of this project.

Thanks to the Lydick Lions for information they recently provided. Did you know that there are over 8000 children living below the poverty level in St Joseph County? That is just one county.

There is a great need for help working with underprivileged kids. They need mentoring, tutoring and sometimes something as simple as someone to fix a leaky pipe or a drafty window. That's right a drafty window, It's hard to sleep in a cold room and landlords don't always respond to the need. Just this week I got a call asking if I new how to get help for a single mom with no heat. The landlord was pretty much refusing to repair the furnace. Referrals were made, and hopefully this need was adequately met.

Lions clubs in many districts around the world provide a handy man service with donated time and materials to provide "emergency" home repairs for the elderly and poor in their communities. Many counties (Wabash is one) don't have a fair housing standard in place and it is almost impossible to force land lords to fix things. Poor people don't always have the option of moving to another location. There isn't always anywhere else to go. Lions can help keep folks in safer housing with a little planning. Consider a Repairs-R-Us project for your club.

Don't forget your inkjet cartridges for recycling. So far Elkhart leads with 61 turned in. Proceeds help fund the district convention.

Speaking of club projects: There is a special banner patch available to the club in this district with the best Community project. The club with the best project can compete at the state level for the best state project. The application is available on the next page.

## INDIAN DISTRICT 25 ACTIVITY AWARD APPLICATION 2004-2005

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Lion \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ -

**Guidelines: Attach a detailed written report with the following information:**

1. Describe the service activity
2. Show the relationship between the determined need and the service activity of the LIONS CLUB.
3. Describe the planning, promotion and involvement of the club members and other volunteers.
4. Describe the execution of the project. Include measurable results if possible.
5. Include photos and or press releases if available.

**RULES;**

1. The activity must be held between March 1 2004 and February 10<sup>th</sup> 2005. If the activity began before March 1 2004 but ended in the above time line it is eligible.
2. The activity must have been held within the community that the club is located in and cannot be funded by Lions International. For example Habitat for Humanity projects or eye glass missions are not qualified.
3. The activity must benefit the local community or families within the community.

**Consideration for the award will be made on the following criteria:**

1. Activity must benefit people in terms of knowledge, attitudes, values, skills or mutual understanding.
2. Activity must show involvement by the local Lions Club in the civic, cultural, social or moral welfare of the community.
3. Originality
4. Measurable outcomes.
5. Public relations opportunities.

**This application form and related information must be returned to the District office by March 4<sup>th</sup>, the district winner will be announced at the District convention and sent on to the state Activities Director for the State competition. The State winner will be given an award at The State Convention in April. For more information contact Susan Robledo, Activities Chairperson, 806 Lake Street, South Bend, IN 46619 (574 -289-8275) or the District Governor.**

January 20<sup>th</sup> Denver Lions have a Fish Fry for 4 – 7pm

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

### WHERE TO FIND THE GOVERNOR:

January 3rd . . . North Manchester Official Visit	March 1 <sup>st</sup> . . . Bristol Official Visit
Jan 7-8 th. . . . Mid-winter conference	March 3th . . . Spring Band Concert
January 13th . . . Bremen Official Visit	March 4th . . . pre-convention dinner
January 17 <sup>th</sup> . . . Somerset Official Visit	March 5th. . . 25G Convention, Wabash IN
Jan 21-23, 2005. Council Meeting	March 24th. . Greene Township Official Visit
January 25 <sup>th</sup> . . . Denver Official Visit	March 26th. . Easter Egg Hunt, LaFontaine
January 27th . . . . Lafontaine Official Visit	March 30th. . Zone meeting at Honkers
Feb 5, 2005 . . . . Cabinet Meeting, LaFontaine, IN	April 28 – May 1, 2005. . State Convention, West Lafayette, IN
February 9th. . . . Fulton Liberty Official Visit	May 13-15, 2005. . Oswego Trader Days
February 10th . . . Argos Official Visit	May 21, 2005 . . . Cabinet Meeting, Warsaw IN
February 15 <sup>th</sup> . . . Goshen Official Visit	June 18 2005 . . . LaFontaine Festival
February 24 <sup>th</sup> . . . Granger Official Visit	
February 28th . . . Urbana Official Visit	

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

Dear Lions of MD-25:

Our School for the Blind Committee has a "Wish List" of items and/or chores that Lions can do for the students at the School. Superintendent Jim Durst and his teaching staff have prepared that list and our School for the Blind Committee members have it to take to our clubs, zones, and regions for clubs that are interested in helping.

Our most important objective this year is for this Committee to become a State Project. We have fulfilled the criteria, according to our State Constitution, to submit a constitutional change to be voted on at the convention in Lafayette. This amendment change has been approved by our Constitution and Bylaws Committee to be voted on at the State Convention.

Helen Keller made Lions "Knights for the Blind" in 1925 and since that time Lions have worked with the blind throughout the world. Our School for the Blind should have become a project at that time. Can our Hoosier Lions, in good conscience, deny these blind children our strongest support?

Yours in Lionism,

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Indiana 25-G Welcomes new members:

Susan Utley – Dunlap  
Shari Clark – Silver Lake  
Dennis Gray – Silver Lake  
Jean Boyer – Elkhart Community  
Tamara Jimenez – Elkhart Community  
Juan Jimenez – Elkhart Community  
Phyllis Harris – Pierceton  
Benny Stage – Claypool  
Jim Glant - Claypool

**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!**

