



# Indiana District 25G News

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*"Share the Pride"*

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

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Information and  
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Hoosier Lion

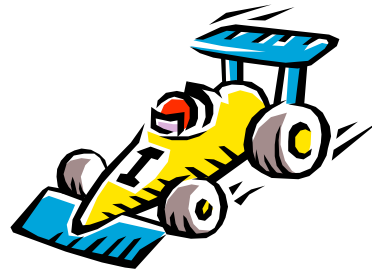
## Greetings from DG Buddy

I hope you are still thinking spring. Good, see you at our district convention Saturday. Hear from ID Randy Heitmann, elect your District Governor, Vice District Governor and trustees. Come and hear what is being planned for 25G in 2004-2005

I hope that your club is busy nominating your officers for next year. Remember that elections should be held before April 28<sup>th</sup>, and the PU101 turned in immediately thereafter.

We have gained over 60 new members since July. Way to go clubs. International says we have lost 200 members. Ouch. There are some great retention programs available. Contact myself, VDG Nelson Nix, ZC Dave Eisen or PDG Charlie Haffner for help.

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



## Vibes from the Vice- Governor

Here it is mid February and March and Spring are just around the corner. It was a pleasure seeing many of my Lion friends and the LaFontaine Cabinet meeting but I certainly was disappointed at missing so many others. Many very good ideas were shared at the cabinet meeting, particularly regarding a new Membership program that every club needs to get involved with. As you all know, the District Convention is coming up on March 5<sup>th</sup> @ the Honeywell Center in Wabash. I sincerely hope that each club will send at least one representative to the convention. I know that having it in the southern part of the District is a great inconvenience but look at it as a good early spring day to take a nice ride to visit with great friends. **The district is still without a candidate for vice governor for the coming year, please don't be bashful; nominations will be accepted from the floor at convention.** Lastly I want to encourage you to attend the Grass Creek Chicken Supper on March 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 7:30 at the Grass Creek Fire station. Adults are 6.75 children 3.00 and that includes pie for all...See you there and at the Convention.

### Lion Nelson

**Notice from the Indiana Council of Governors:** We are approaching the MD-25 State Convention without any candidates for the position of International Convention Committee member.

This must be a PDG who would like to run for the office to be in charge of the activities for the International Convention to be held in 2008 in Bangkok, Thailand. Please refer to Article IV Sections 6 & 7 for information about the position.

Candidates should send their club and district endorsements to PDG Keith Hall, (Nominations and Elections Chair) as soon as possible. His address and e-mail address are: 1875 Forest Lane, Crown Point, IN 46307 ([bosslion@msn.com](mailto:bosslion@msn.com))

Ink jet recycling materials will be available at the District Convention, March 5<sup>th</sup>

### Keys for Cancer

Do you have a box (or a drawer) full of keys that don't seem to belong anywhere? Indiana Lions are recycling keys. Old Keys may be turned in to the cancer trustees for recycling. The proceeds go to cancer research. Contact: PDG Ann Haffner ([ahaffner@kconline](mailto:ahaffner@kconline) 574-457-3054), PDG Joe Grolimund ([jmg@jgrolimund.com](mailto:jmg@jgrolimund.com) 574-295-5701), or PDG Rev. Will Lawson ([lawsonfamily@aol.com](mailto:lawsonfamily@aol.com) 574-223-3646)



25G cabinet meeting minutes  
February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005

The cabinet meeting was called to order with a welcome by DG Buddy Mancha at 11:30 am. Pledge was led by VDG Nelson Nix. PDG Gene Downhour led a verse of America. Chaplain Forest Bowers gave the prayer.

Lunch was served/

The Business meeting began at 12:45.

DG Buddy opened the meeting by recognizing representatives of the LaFontaine Girl Scout Troops, presenting them with a Certificate of Excellence for their efforts on the Tsunami Relief.

Cabinet Secretary Deborah Mancha called roll. 18 clubs were represented with 46 Lions in attendance. There were five guests.

Minutes of the November meeting were presented for approval. Motion to accept as published was made by PDG Downhour and seconded by PDG Deardorff.

PDG Jeri Seely, treasurer gave the financial report. Motion to accept as presented was made by PDG Downhour and seconded by PDG Deardorff.

PDG Jeri Seely gave a brief report on the status of Beverly Higginbotham, who is recovering from a broken arm/ Cabinet Secretary Deborah Mancha reported on a notice of changes on Lions Mints Sales and on the Ink Jet Recycling. Lion Eric Carson gave a report on the Sheerer Vision Screening they are using in the Mishawaka South Bend area. PDG Charlie Haffner pointed out that this program covers a need that Photo Screening does not meet. Details are available from the Mishawaka club.

PDG Ann presented club presidents excellence awards for the 2003-2004 year to those recipients who were present. She then presented the amendments to the District Constitution which will be voted on at the District Convention. Clubs were reminded that the delegate count is based on membership 1 year prior to the convention. PDG Ann reported that the Manchester Campus Club has folded.

The Cancer Control report was submitted in writing, with a verbal note by PDG Ann that there will be a special ceremony at the State convention to celebrate the payoff on the gamma knife.

PDG Dave Court reported that the alternative communication equipment is being 100 percent utilized. 100 hearing aids have been provided to give out as loners. The Lakeville Lions turned in 2139 pairs of glasses to the recycling center.

PDG Charlie Haffner reported on the All Star Membership Program. Indiana is down 190 members so far this year. New Clubs have kept things floating. Over 200 clubs are doing white cane days state wide. PDG Charlie reported that the clubs that are reaching out to the children in their communities are growing. Details of the All Star Program will be in the District News Letters state wide.

License plate applications are available.

DG Buddy presented IOGI Awards to Laketon, Mexico and The Elkhart Community Clubs.

PDG Downhour presented the slate of nominations for the District election. District Governor – Nelson Nix: Cancer Control Trustee = PDG Ann Haffner: Eye Bank Trustee – PDG Art Birk: Leader Dog Trustee – DG Buddy Mancha, Speech and Hearing Trustee – Lion Don Reid: Indiana Lions Foundation = PDG Charlie Haffner.

PDG Downhour called for nominations for Vice District Governor. None was made. A motion was made by PDG Charlie Haffner and seconded by PDG Dave Court to extend the nomination time until the convention.

DG Buddy made a few brief commend, then presented a Melvin Jones award to Lion Gary Nose, LaFontaine.

PDG Rev Will Lawson gave a quick update on the International convention, and reminded Lions that the Indy Cars are available for parades.

ZC Don Reid thanked everyone for their recycling efforts. He brought in 500 glasses and 80 hearing aids.

Lin Bev Reid reminded everyone that she is now giving programs on Diabetes and is available to be scheduled.

PDG Layne Warren reminded the group that Goodwill stores will give the Lions glasses that are turned in to them.

PDG Bud Seely offered left over Mid-Winter pins to anyone interested.

PRD Jeri reminded Lions to get registered for the District Convention.

VDG Nelson Nix made brief comments on the efforts of E2 Extension.

ZC Dave Eisen acting as tail twister assessed fines.

Lion Barb Wright filled in on 50/50 sales, with help from Lion Ethel Eib. PDG Ann Haffner won. She donated the \$85 back to Tsunami relief.

The Last pie from dinner was auctioned off to VDG Nelson Nix for \$10.

PDG Rev Will Lawson gave the benediction. Meeting was dismissed.

## PLUS 40 Report

Lions Clubs International has begun a new program to recognize Lions with 40 or more years of service. Letters from international will arrive during the month of the anniversary. Please join us in congratulating these lions in their years of service.

### Akron

Randall Leininger – 41 years  
Ross Burdge – 40 years  
Dean Baker – 40 years

### Argos

David Scheetz 42 years  
Marvin Snyder – 41 years  
Gordon Taiclet – 40 years

### Atwood

Fred Yohey – 50 years  
Lewis Wray – 49 years  
James Wolf – 44 years  
John Anglin – 40 years  
Glen Grimm -40 years

### Baugo Township

Vernon Sailor – 46 years  
Ronald Bowman – 40 years

### Bourbon

Lewis Mason – 50 years  
James Bowers – 44 years

### Centre Township

James Bowers – 45 years

### Claypool

Jueith Barrett – 40 years

### Clay Township

David Turfler – 49 years  
Lloyd Deardorff – 49 years  
Earl McCune – 42 years  
Wylie Wright – 42 years

### Converse

Richard Lenon – 45 years  
Robert Ramsey – 42 years  
Craig Boyer – 41 years  
Rolla Trent- 40 years

### Culver

Robert Cultice – 49 years  
Andrew Vernum – 45 years  
James Bonine – 43 Years

### Denver Community

Leon Ridenour – 45 years

### Elkhart

James Berkey – 48 years  
Jack Donis – 48 years  
Herbert Bultemeier – 48 years  
Paul Thomas – 45 years

Richard Cocks – 44 years

Robert Homan – 43 years

Glenn Holtz – 43 years

Martin Maloney – 41 years

J. Moritz Grolimund – 41 years

### Etna Green

Allen Sharkey – 40 years

### Laketon

George Airgood – 48 years

### Lakeville

Kenneth Isenberg – 47 years  
Richard Mangus – 47 years

### Lapaz

Dale Cox – 50 years  
Harold Hall – 43 years

### Leesburg

Richard Klopenstein – 49 years  
Ed Charlton- 47 years  
Kenneth Miller – 43 years  
Robert Ferwerda – 42 years  
James Kammerer – 40 years

### Lydick

August Cooremen – 46 years  
Madison Township  
Wendell Suter – 46 years  
George Accoe – 47 years

### Mentone

Waymond Wilson – 44 years  
Forrest Kantner – 43 years  
Forrest Miner – 42 years  
Eldon Horn – 41 years  
Larry Pyle – 40 years  
James Manwaring

### Milford

Durward Seely – 40 years

### Millersburg

Calvin Miller – 45 years  
Theodore Worthman – 45 years  
Richard Groff – 42 years  
Glen Showalter – 40 years  
Paul Whirlledge – 40 years

### Mishawaka

R Wyatt Mick – 43 years  
Donald Crawford – 41 years  
Dean Johnson – 40 years

### New Carlisle

Blaine Gamble – 47 years

### New Paris

W Lamar Reed – 50 years

Robert Lutes – 50 years

James Elliott – 48 years

James Snider – 47 years

Dean Morehouse – 46 years

Richard Johnson – 45 years

### Mid Lakes

Wallace Huffman – 46 years  
C Russell Matthews – 40 years

### Peru

Richard Schultz – 46 years  
Brentis Berkshire – 40 years

### Plymouth

Raymond Borggren – 47 years

### Rochester

Junior Good – 48 years  
Phil Mc Carter – 47 years

### South Bend

Marquis Lake – 50 years  
Louis Seago – 47 years

### Syracuse

James Stucky – 47 years  
Dale Allen – 46 years  
Jim Cameron – 41 years

### Urbana

Ira McClurg – 47 years

### Warsaw

Robert Savage – 42 years  
Richard Carman – 42 years  
James Dougan – 41 years

### Winona Lake

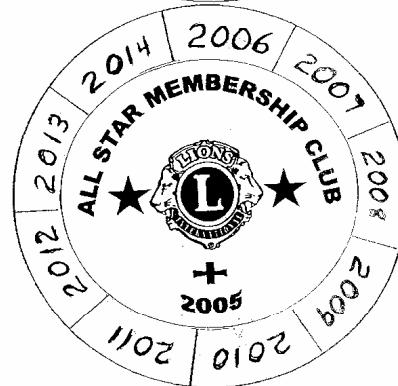
Clarence De Turk – 50 years  
Robert Meyers – 40 years

## Be An ALL STAR MEMBERSHIP CLUB!

How do you know if your Lions Club is an ALL STAR MEMBERSHIP CLUB? It's easy to determine. You will have the patch shown here on your club banner. (Figures are shown one-half actual size.)



This year every club that finishes the year with more members than they started the year with will receive the patch. Each succeeding year, if they finish positive in membership, they will receive a chevron to add around the patch. At the end of ten years a successful Lions Club that grew by at least one member each year will have their banner patch look like this.



And the beautiful part of this is the patch will signify that your Lions Club is really concentrating on being an important part of your community in the future. A Lions Club that continually grows in membership also grows in service.

And the special part of this program is the date will show just how successful your club was in membership gain that year.

- A red year date means + 1 through 4
- A silver year date means +5 through 9
- A GOLD year date means +10 or more

How much pride does your Lions Club have? Will your members have the courage to ask others to join with you in helping your community? Will your club be one of the proud clubs that have earned the ALL STAR Membership patch this year? Only your members can make it happen. Choose a membership program from the enclosed sheet or plan your club's own unique membership program. But do it TODAY! Your club has 4 months to get positive and earn the membership patch this year.



# Membership Programs That Work

If your present club membership is below thirty, or your club is not increasing by at least one member each year, it is essential that you use a membership plan. It makes no difference what plan you use as long as it is effective and understood by all of the members.

Almost every Lions Club whose members agree to a membership plan which motivates them will be successful in getting new members. If you have interesting club meetings, good fundraising and service activities, and welcome these new members, your club will begin to grow.

The following membership plans are ones I've collected from my visits to Lions Clubs. They were all in use by successful clubs who strongly desired to remain successful. Each club used its program every year.

You will have no difficulty with a membership plan after it becomes one of your regularly scheduled yearly activities. When starting a plan some members may grumble, but you have no choice.

## Plan A: Free Dues

Many clubs that build up significant administrative accounts pay LCI's dues for the following year for every member who brings in a new member. This rewards those who are making the effort to keep the club strong. The one condition is that the new member must have paid his/her dues for the next dues period.

## Plan B: No Fine Button

Some clubs exempt a member from all fines for a period of time after bringing in a new member. The period may range from three months to the rest of the Lions year. This is only effective in clubs with an active tail twister.

## Plan C: Tail Twister's Membership Night

Four times a year the tail twister announces that the first meeting of the following month is membership night. Every member must either bring a guest or have talked to someone about joining. On that night, the tail twister has all members stand who brought a guest or talked to someone about joining. The members introduce their guests or tell whom they have talked to about joining. The secretary records the names of the prospective members. All members who are absent or still sitting are fined \$1 by the tail twister's assistant(s) while the introductions and names of those contacted are being given. (Some clubs use this plan along with Plan A.)

## Plan D: Outstanding Women Night

This can be used by clubs who have not had women members before, as well as by clubs who presently have women members. The point of the evening is to make certain that all those women who are active in the community have the opportunity to join your Lions Club. This should be a spouse's night, and you should have a special program that evening. Wives only count as the woman guest if they are serious about joining. Anyone not bringing a guest, or absent, is fined. Many clubs have found that this activity will induce a wife and a friend of hers to join together.

### **Plan E: Friends Night**

Every member asks a friend, coworker, neighbor, or relative to the meeting, which should have a special program. Members without a guest or absent should be fined \$1.

### **Plan F: Guest Lottery**

This should be set up for a specific length of time, such as July 1 to December 1. When your dues are collected, an extra \$10 is collected. When you bring your first guest to a meeting you get \$4 back. For the second guest you bring you get \$6 back. All guest lottery money left at the end of the guest period is split between those members whose guests have joined the club. If both of a member's guests have joined, the member receives a double share. The money is paid out after the next dues collection to all whose guests have remained members.

### **Plan G: Steak or Ham and Beans Dinner**

This can be done as a cookout or at a restaurant. Everyone puts in the cost of a steak dinner for themselves and their spouse. This is also set up for a specific length of time like January 1 to May 1. Everyone who brings in a new member gets steak for themselves and their spouse. Unsuccessful members and their spouses have ham and beans. All new members and their spouses also get steaks. The nice part of this plan is that many times husbands and wives will work together to bring in a new member.

### **Plan H: Instant Reward**

The cost of your meals is raised 50 cents or \$1 depending on the number of members you have. The first person who brings in a new member gets all of the money in the pot, and you begin again. You'll be surprised how actively your members are searching for new members once the pot gets above \$40 or \$50.

Any membership plan that motivates your members will work. Clubs that resist using a membership plan, unless they are constantly seeking new members during their activities, are destined to fail.

When talking to clubs about getting new members I used to ask, "If I promised to give your club \$100,000 if every member brought in a new member within two months, how many could not get a new member?" No hand would go up. That's the power of motivation, and that's why every club not automatically growing in size must use a membership plan.



Mid-Lakes Lions Fish Fry  
Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm – 8:00pm  
Proceeds to the Tsunami relief project (LCIF).  
If you are in the area stop by and enjoy some really good fish.

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

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

**Lakeville Lions Annual Fish Fry, Good Friday, March 25th**

**Grass Creek Lions Club**  
Fish and Chicken Supper (pie included)  
Saturday, March 19, 2005  
4:30 – 7:30 P.M.  
Grass Creek Fire Station  
Adults \$6.55      Children 6-12 \$3.00      Under 6 free

**April 1<sup>st</sup> Pierceton Lions Spring Flower Sales Begins**

If you were arrested for being a Lions, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

### WHERE TO FIND THE GOVERNOR:

March 1<sup>st</sup> . . . Bristol Official Visit  
March 3<sup>th</sup> . . . Spring Band Concert  
March 4<sup>th</sup> . . . pre-convention dinner  
March 5<sup>th</sup> . . . 25G Convention, Wabash IN  
March 15<sup>th</sup> . . . Bourbon Official Visit  
March 24<sup>th</sup> . . . Greene Township Official Visit  
March 26<sup>th</sup> . . . Easter Egg Hunt, LaFontaine  
March 30<sup>th</sup> . . . Zone meeting at Honkers

April 4<sup>th</sup> . . . New Carlisle Official Visit  
April 28 – May 1, 2005. . . State Convention, West  
Lafayette, IN  
May 9<sup>th</sup> . . . Millersburg Official Visit  
May 21<sup>st</sup> . . . Cabinet Meeting, Warsaw IN  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> . . . Oswego Trader Days  
June 18' 2005 . . . LaFontaine Festival  
June 21<sup>st</sup> . . . Peru Official Visit

*6 clubs have not confirmed dated for their official visits.  
If your club is in this list, please contact the governor.  
Akron, Atwood, North Webster, Roann, South Bend, Wakarusa*



**DG Buddy Mancha**

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Indiana 25-G Welcomes new members:

Alma Bolen - Osceola  
Richard Conroy – Syracuse  
Ellen Krulevitch – Elkhart  
Patrick J. Keenan – Mishawaka  
Franklin Mishler – Mid-Lakes  
William Maule II – Mid-Lakes  
Brian Beam – Silver Lake  
Cari Jo McFarren – Silver Lake  
Michael Weller – Silver Lake



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