



Indiana District 25G News

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“Share the Pride”

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Greetings from the Governor

Are we there yet? Our daughter Olivia seems to come up with this question any time we are on our way to an official visit to one of the clubs. Presently she is looking forward to the end of our term as the DG Family, because she was promised a trip to Disney World. The trip is still several months away. The end of the Lions year is only a few weeks away.

I am glad that the year has gone well, but am sad that it has gone so fast. We still have many things to accomplish in 25G.

Every Club still has time to finish positive, and qualify for a new Banner Patch with the year 2005 in gold.

Officer's training for both new and experienced officers is this month. See page two for details.

Share the Pride with a new potential member this month. Come to the cabinet meeting.

Please support your newly elected District and Vice District Governors by expressing your desire to assist them, especially at the district level.

DG Buddy

Cabinet Meeting, Saturday, May 21

Warsaw American Legion Hall
301 N Buffalo St, Warsaw

Registration 11 a.m.

Meal is \$8.

RSVP with your reservation to:
PDG Jeri Seely: jseely@the-papers.com
574-658-4842 by May 12th

There will be special presentations
and some surprises. Come join the fun.



The Indiana 25G racing team is available for parades and other events promoting Lions and Lion Projects. Contact PDG Rev Will Lawson for information. lawsonfamily@rtcol.com

Vibes from the Vice-Governor

How about it, Spring really is here. Flowers are blooming, Motorcycles are roaring and the grass is in need of cutting. However, Membership is still in the winter doldrums in our district and we certainly can use your help. Lions are too good a people to keep the many joys of association to themselves. Have you agreed to share the fun of being a Lion with a neighbor or co-worker? All you need to do is invite them to a meeting and watch them glow in the warmth of new and renewed friendships. Governor Buddy is looking forward to gearing down after his hectic year and I'm charged up about the year ahead. I would like to remind all club secretaries to be certain to file their PU-101 forms as quickly as possible so that I can have the District Directory completed on time. Your help is certainly appreciated.

The end of April will see us all gathering at the University Inn in Lafayette for our annual state convention. Hope to see you there. I also want to remind all Club Presidents and Secretaries to get you MMR's and dues current, you could be in line for a 100% president or Secretaries award. Thanks for all of your encouragement this Lions year and lets close out with a charge for new members.

Lion Nelson J.

CLUB OFFICER TRAINING DATES SET!

It is very important for all incoming club officers to attend Club Officer Training in order to be well prepared for a successful year ahead for your club. Plan now for all officers and any interested Lions to attend one of these training sessions. Drinks and snacks will be provided, and free boxes of napkins and cups will be available for those clubs that need them for their fundraisers. All sessions will begin at 7:00 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 19	TALMA COMMUNITY BUILDING
TUESDAY, MAY 24	RICH VALLEY LIONS DEN
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25	MISHAWAKA PUBLIC LIBRARY
TUESDAY, MAY 31	MILFORD COMMUNITY BUILDING

This year's sessions will include information on:

- New BANNER PATCH MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM**
- INDIANA LIONS FOUNDATION GRANT PROGRAM**
- Exciting new fundraising programs**
- Latest specific information for Secretaries, Treasurers and Presidents**
- Remarks by District Governor Elect Nelson Nix**
- SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR BOARD MEMBERS**
- Free WHITE CANE DAY COLLECTION MATERIALS**
- Successful Photoscreening Program**
- Eyeglasses Mission Trips**
- Glaucoma Screening Program**
- Lions License Plate Program**

PDG Charlie Haffner
Leadership Development Chairperson

International has informed us that paper MMR's will be available for the next three years, due to the number of clubs having problems with making the switch.. The following has been sent by International for your information:

I M P O R T A N T ! ! !

THE A-1 ACTIVITIES FORM IS STILL AVAILABLE FOR ON-LINE SUBMISSION BY USING THE "OLD MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM" WITH YOUR OLD LOGON (6-DIGIT CLUB NUMBER AND PASSWORD). YOU CAN ALSO PRINT A PAPER COPY FROM THE MAIN WEBSITE BY CLICKING RESOURCES, FORMS, ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS.

THE NEW ON-LINE A-1 ACTIVITIES REPORT FORM WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CLUB USE IN EARLY TO MID-MAY 2005 FROM THE NEW WMMR SITE.

Current Lions club secretaries (2004-05) are encouraged to submit their Activities Report through the Lions Web site (www.lionsclubs.org). Electronic filing is easy and saves money.

- § From the home page of the Lions Web site (www.lionsclubs.org), locate the left-hand side banner that reads, *To Transmit Member and Officer Reports Click Here*. **Click into: NEW WMMR SITE.**
- § **Input your member number and club password.** Club secretaries who do not know their club password can get one by sending an e-mail to: wmmr@lionsclubs.org. Include the club number in the e-mail inquiry.
- § Complete the report on the computer screen. Indicate club activities and funds raised during 2004-05.
- § A revision to the Activities Report will soon provide space for adding details about club activities.
- § The revised Activities Report will enable club secretaries to submit information every month - just as on the online Monthly Membership Report (MMR). Monthly Activities Reports will automatically generate year-end report.

Last Form A-1 on paper

This is the last year (2004-05) the hard copy (paper) Form A-1 will be used. If not submitting the report electronically this year (see above), club secretaries may submit the paper report. Instructions are included on the form.

Beginning next year (2005-06), all Activities Reports will need to be submitted electronically through the Lions Web site. Electronic reporting will be far less costly and have many other advantages.

Questions about the report may be directed to executiveservices@lionsclubs.org.

**MICHAEL J. CARROLL, MANAGER
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION**

Lions International 18th Annual Peace Poster Contest

Do you want a project that targets youth, doesn't cost much, and only requires an investment of time from club members? Consider sponsoring a Peace Poster Contest. Now is the time to plan for next fall. School Art teachers are making plans now for their fall classes. Now is the time to approach schools about the contest. The Contest isn't limited to classes in schools. Any youth who are 11 – 13 and wish to participate can. Scout troops and church groups are good possible contestants.

This years contest is Peace without borders. The February Lions magazine has information about the contest. Kits are also available through club supplies. Each kit is \$7.95 plus shipping and handling.

Order by calling 1-800-710-7822 or online at www.lionsclubs.org. You can also download the order form PR-785.

Lions Clubs International and Lion Services for Children

are still asking clubs to do a needs assessment of their community. You can begin this task by asking three questions. What is my club doing to benefit my community's children? Are their un-met needs in my community? What can I do to make a difference?

A detailed Needs Assessment tool is available from Lions Clubs International at www.lionsclubs.org. You can also find it by typing the words "needs assessment, lions" in the search box on your internet home page. This is a very good step by step tool. If you are interested in doing a needs assessment and need help, contact Lions Services for Children Chairperson Deborah Mancha. bandmancha@earthlink.net

The more rural parts of our district are being hit very hard by budget cuts in social services. Many agencies are loosing funding that they have counted on. Smaller schools are experiencing additional cuts is funding for reading enrichment and other similar activities. Helping children with eye care is something Lions have always done. Look at your communities to see what other needs you may be able to meet.

New youth Banner Patch: Share Success Through Service Banner Patch Award. Clubs that initiate a new youth or children's activity or significantly expand an existing activity during 2004-05 can receive International President Clem Kuriak's new youth award. To qualify for the award, clubs can implement youth activities such as sponsoring or supporting any of the following"

- A new Leo club
- A Lions International youth exchanges youth
- A Lions international youth camper
- A Lions Youth Leaders in Service Award
- A Lions Services for Children project
- The Lions International Peace Poster Contest
- A drug awareness program

Club secretaries received information about this in their 2004-05 president/secretary kit. Applications are also available on line at www.lionsclubs.org. To locate the form, click into the resources section, then forms, Leo/youth and Share Success Form.

CUDO'S

The year is coming to an end. It will soon be time for special recognitions and awards. Club secretaries need to be sure their club information is turned in on time. Any club may earn a 100% Presidents banner patch by completing the requirements, but you have to fill out the forma and send it in to receive the recognition for your club. 100% club secretary awards are sent out by international automatically to all club secretaries who get their paperwork in on time (MMR's, PU101's and A1 reports). If your club isn't getting recognized it may be that the reports aren't being done. Fewer that half the clubs in 25G turn in monthly activity reports. Event fewer (less that 1/3) have turned in any events to be advertised in the district news letter. A full 25 percent of the clubs are either behind on MMR's or have failed to turn in one at all for this year.

To those of you who report their activities and advertise events: **THANK –YOU!!**

Kid Sight/Photoscreening, eye glass collection, white cane days, road clean up, Halloween parties, Christmas parties, Easter egg hunts, missions to Mexico, donations to LCIF, Leader dog, Speech and Hearing, support for Girls scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H, Habitat for Humanity, Local Schools, Christmas Baskets, senior dinners, meals on wheels toys for tots, ramps for the handicapped, scholarships and literacy projects are only a part of what the clubs in 25 G do.

The ink jet recycling project has gone well. We have received checks for \$286.50 so far, with another to come shortly. Keep up the good work. These checks help cover convention costs. Don't forget to keep collecting the cartridges, and bring them to the cabinet meetings to be sent in. The "winning club" for this year's collection contest will be announced at the cabinet meeting on May 21st. There will be 24 new collection boxes available that day. First come first serve.

25G has screened 1620 children (as of March 31) of the 5588 done statewide.

25G has raised \$9357 of the 70,675.50 given statewide for Tsunami relief in Sri Lanka.

PU 101's have been received from: Urbana, Mexico, Richvalley, Silver Lake, Talma New Castle, Mentone, Bunker Hill, Converse, La Fontaine, Clay Pool, Denver, Syracuse, Culver, Greene Township, New Paris, and Bremen. Thank you!

Remember the PU101's are due May 31st.

Mark your calendar now for the 2005 - 2006 District Events

Cabinet Meeting @ Syracuse - August 7, 2005

Cabinet Meeting @ Culver - November 12, 2005

Cabinet Meeting @ TBD - February 13, 2006

Cabinet Meeting @ Elkhart - May 13, 2006

District Convention @ Plymouth (Christo's Banquet Center) - March 18, 2006

Banner Night - September 10, 2005 @ Elcona Country Club - Elkhart

Greene Township Lions Club
Strawberry Festival

Friday, June 10, 2005 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Saturday, June 11, 2005 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Friday 2 – 8 Pork Chop and Chicken Dinner by the Lakeville Lions’
Saturday 7:30 – 10:30 am Pancake Breakfast by the New Carlisle Lions
Greene Township Lions Build your own Strawberry Short Cake, Friday and Saturday

Elephant ears, Sandwiches, snacks water and pop also available.
Iron Show, Quilt Show. Garden Railway and Miniature steam trains, raffles, prizes, games and music.

Proceeds to benefit Camp Millhouse

1st Annual District 25 D Golf Tournament
Hosted by the Tipton Lions Club
Saturday, June 4, 2005



Limited to first 100 Golfers (Cutoff Date: May 21st)

at the beautiful Tipton Golf Course

Proceeds go toward Youth Programs

4 person “Captains Choice / Florida Scramble”

Shotgun start promptly at 10:00 am

\$ 50.00 per person (Includes fees, cart, and meal)

Goodie Bags, Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle, & Many More Prizes

Questions? Contact: District Governor Lee Flower 317-848-6904 leejane@indy.rr.com

or

Tom Miller, President, Tipton Lions Club 765-675-3380 hstc2000@hotmail.com

Name	Phone	Golf & Meal	Meal Only \$ 7.50

Please make checks payable to:

District 25 D Golf Tourney
c/o Tipton Lions Club, Ron Hinshaw
1003 N. East Street
Tipton, IN 46072

Complete & return Registration to above address



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Indiana 25-G Welcomes new members:

Larry Morr – Elkhart
Duane Klein – Elkhart
Lynn Fall – Elkhart
Aaron Cooreman – Greene Township
Donald Knowlton – Greene Township
Douglas Knowlton – Greene Township
Matt Meert – Greene Township
Carol Baxter – New Carlisle
Mark Cottrill – Bourbon
Jane Cottrill – Bourbon
Brandon Gall – Milford
Steve Harrell - LaFontaine



SHARE THE PRIDE!!!